

Focusing Illusion

This is a phenomenon psychologists describe as misjudging how you relate to something based on a disproportioned attention to the factor's importance. In other words, our perception of something makes it feel more important than it actually is. For example, when a group of students were asked "how happy are you?" they answered, then they were asked "How has your dating life being the past few months?" The answers for both questions followed a pattern. But when the order of the questions was reversed, the number of students who claimed to be unhappy increased tremendously. This happened because the order of the questions made the students focus on their dating lives before answering how happy they were. In the first situation, the two questions weren't related, but in the second, the illusion of unhappiness was created because the order of the questions changed where the focus was placed!

No wonder Christ said "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Mat. 6:33). If we put the wrong thing first, if we choose to ask the wrong question first, we will definitely develop the wrong perspective on our endeavors in life. Similar to the "happiness and dating" questions, we could be asked, "Are you afraid of dying?" and "What's your reward in heaven?" If we focus on the wrong thing, we will create the illusion that dying is the worst that could happen to us. But Paul said that for him "to die is gain" (Phi 1:21). So I suggest that we should "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Co 4:18). "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2) in order to have a clear perspective of what lies ahead.

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Overland church of Christ



February 21, 2010

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:30 a.m.

Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.

Bible Class.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Goodtimers.....10:00 a.m.

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

Elders...David Bradley, David Moon,
Tal Sims

Minister....Anderson Maestri
Youth MinisterDarren Wisor

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Our Faith In Action!

Sunday Bible Class_____	58
AM Worship_____	90
Evening Bible Class_____	NC
Goodtimers_____	14
Wed. Bible Class_____	54
Contribution_____	\$3,011
Budget Amount_____	\$3,318
Mission Contribution_____	\$11,312

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This Weeks Sermon Title:
**"What Is Hurting Us: Our Shortage of
Personal Evangelism"**

Family News

Art Tucker's sister, Phyllis Raymo passed away Thursday morning. No details at this time.

There is a box available in the back of the auditorium for the Wyland **winter coat drive**. Just a reminder of sizes that are needed 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10.

Children's Bible Hour is available for Ages 2 - 2nd grade. This weeks teachers are ~ Chris & Julie Tucker

Mark Your Calendars

Young Adults: Devo @ Sims' house Sunday February 28th after evening services.

Dinner and a Concert March 5th, 6:00 pm, in the fellowship area. Sign up sheet is available 50 spots available, \$10.00 per person. Ask Anderson or Pam for more information.

CA Sports Trivia Night: Saturday March 6th, 6:00 pm. To register call 314-429-7070 ext. 221 or email tyler.babbit@cagsl.net. Deadline to register is 3/1/10.

Overland Ladies Day: Perfection....1 Day at a Time, 1 Verse at a Time. Saturday March 13, at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. Speakers: Melissa Wilfong and Kathy Wisor. R.S.V.P. to Kathy by March 7th.

Church of Christ Day @ Busch Stadium

Cardinals vs Mets ~ Saturday April 17th @ 12:10 pm
Tickets will be \$20.00 ~ There is a sign up sheet available on the table, deadline to have money turned in is March 22nd.

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Calendar of Events

February

26th ~ Area Wide Singing @ Collinsville

27th ~ Showers of Blessings Dinner @ CA - 6:00 pm

28th ~ Devo @ Sims' house after evening services

March

5th ~ Dinner and a Concert, 6:00 pm

6th ~ CA Sports Trivia Night

7th ~ Congregational Potluck evening services to follow at 1:00

13th ~ Ladies Day

April

17th ~ Church of Christ Day @ Busch Stadium 12:10 pm

Youth

February

19th ~ Youth Rally @ Center Hill church of Christ, Paragould, AR

March

5th & 6th ~ Dexter Youth Rally

13th & 14th ~ Youth Rally @ Greenmount Road church of Christ

There is a staffed nursery for children up to age 2. Nursery Attendants for today: Doris C & Karen H February 28th Attendants ~ Karen T & Julie T

Prayer Requests

Members

Ethel Bales,
Nancy Douglas,
Cary Evans,
Walter Hampton & Family,
Nate Hardy,
Lenwood & Mary Hodges,
Ann Knight, Elmer McRoy,
Tommy Peterson,
Gordon & Tammy Phelps,
Karen Stephens,
Karen Thoele,
Chris Tucker, Art Tucker,
Roger Walters & Family,
Darren & Kathy Wisor

Family & Friends

Kay South Engler
(Andy & June's daughter)

Howard Evans
(Linda Tippett's dad)

Juanita Hampton
(Walter's mom)

James Fisher
(Brandi Grimes' grandpa)

LeGrand Strickland

Martin Family
Mrs. White
(retired voice teacher for Harding)

Shut-Ins

Ethel Bales,
Connie Ruth Brittain,
Nancy Douglas,
Sue Graham,
Ralph & Dee Loyd
Rosemary Rios
Reta Youngblood

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With: Mack Lyon
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Those Serving in the Military

Sloan Bain ~ Tommy's friend
Brett Campbell
Lt. Kevin Canning, USMC ~ Karen Stephens' grandson
Tim Davis ~ Thoele's nephew
Rammon Macon ~ friend of Brandi Grimes
Don Rude ~ Brandi Grimes' uncle
If you know of someone serving in the military and would like their name on our prayer list, please let the office know.