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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p
Tuesday 10:30a
Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

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What God Joined Together

by Robert Notgrass

When two people come together under the idea of marriage, they stand before a man to recite wedding vows to each other. But, what does this mean? Consider if you will, the words both the male and female make: "Will you take this woman/man to be thy wedded wife/husband, to live together in holy matrimony? Will you love her/him, comfort her/him, honour her/him, and keep her/him in sickness and in health, forsaking all others for as long as you both shall live? Will you take thee to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, and to love and cherish each other till death do you part?"

Your marriage vows are before God, do you mean it? When a marriage comes together, those involved in that marriage make this promise to each other and to God. They believe that they will be together forever. However, many times, this is far from the truth. Separations occur and eventually divorce comes (annulments included). But, what is divorce? Divorce is a legal dissolution of a marriage. It is a ceasing, a breaking, to let go, or to release from bonds that terminates a marriage. But what is ceasing? What are things that break in divorce? Could we say that we are breaking two hearts in a marriage or breaking a family into jagged pieces? What are we letting go? Could it be the bond that was first made on the wedding day between each other and between God? But, why the release? (continue over...)



His Shoes. Her Shoes.

Marriage Seminar

(continued) Did not Jesus say to the Pharisees who came tempting Him with questions on divorce that, "... a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh" (Matt. 19:5)? Two lives join into one. This is why the bond of husband and wife is stronger than that between children and parents. And, to be as one means that they are to be the only ones together. Yet, if this is true, then what comes in between them? It should be said that when something comes in between the one flesh, it must be a painful experience seeing as how pain always comes when something is inserted between flesh. With a marriage, this insertion is planned and cannot happen by accident and once it is between flesh, it separates it and divorce is seen shortly down the road.

Jesus said, "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:6). Now, what could be so forceful that it could separate flesh? Perhaps a friend? Maybe they just drive each other crazy. Could it be that they are just not compatible? Jesus again speaking said to the Pharisees, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery . . ." (Matt. 19:9). What is fornication? It is illicit sexual intercourse. It is sexual intercourse whether it is with a man, woman,

homosexual, lesbian, animal, etc . . . Jesus said that for this reason only can one divorce. Why? It is because sexual intercourse breaks the one flesh into two. It is because there is a foreign flesh attempting to rip part of the flesh from the rest. It is because it breaks the covenant relationship between man and woman. It is because it breaks the covenant relationship with God because once you are in a marriage, you are commanded by God to keep it (Rom. 7:2). Men can attempt to justify this by saying that the laws of the land permit other actions. Well, so did the laws of the land in Jesus' day (Matt. 19:1-9). But, just because it is a law of the land, does not give us a right to violate God's law. The apostles, which were led directly by the Holy Spirit said, "... We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Therefore, if God defines what a marriage is and what it is not and also defines the reason to end a marriage, we must obey God rather than man for only God can dissolve a marriage.

Divorce that comes outside of fornication, happens when men forget God (Rom. 1:18-32), when they forget His word (Psa. 119:11), and when they want to do what is right in their own eyes (Jdgs. 17:6). May we each do the will of the Father (Matt. 7:21-23).



Let's build together on May 5, 8a-3p.

*** Upcoming Youth Activities ***

* **VBS** 6/18-6/21

* **Summer Youth Series** - Every Tues.
 - 7/12 Begins @ Mesquite COC
 - 7/26 @ Westhill

* **Summer Camp** 7/8-7/13

* **Leadership Initiative**
 - 7/27 & 7/28 (Girls)
 - 8/10 & 8/11 (Boys)

WesthillWORKS! Leadership

Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
 Habitat for Humanity
 Food for Fitness

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
 In Search of the Lord's Way
 Southwest School of Preaching
 Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching
 The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*
 WVBS Online School
school.wvbs.org
 La Poynor Prison Ministry
 (Steve & Carrie Handley)

Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program
 New Zealand Harvest Missions

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Prayer List

George Schmidt's nephew, Phil Rizzo, is having his funeral service today in Corpus Christi, TX.

Sandra McCullough's grandson, Dalton, is still in ICU, but is improving and no longer needs a ventilator.

Mary Johnson was hospitalized last week in Dallas Baylor.

Melinda Zolace came forward last Sunday asking for our prayers for her family during a difficult situation.

Lydia Judson, great granddaughter of Willie Winters, is hospitalized in Medical City Children's and having a very difficult time being treated for Ecoli.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Billie Thomas, John Sehon, Mary Crews, Kay Donahoe, Kenneth Southard, Brian Beamon, Jerry Archer, & Brody Brunton

Announcements

Today 5th Sunday 4/29 - Speaker Wayne Roberts will be teaching morning Bible Class. The Jr. High, High School and adult classes meet in auditorium. After morning worship please plan to stay for a potluck lunch immediately followed by an afternoon service led by our young men.

Cherokee Children's Home Food Drive - 4/29
Last day to pack the pews is today.

Spring Senior Seminar - 5/4

Habitat for Humanity - 5/5 (sign-up on back table).

High School Graduation Banquet - 5/10
Thurs. @ 6.30pm in the Outreach Center. **If you plan to attend please sign-up on back table.** This year's seniors are Luke Baumgartner, Faith Beamon, Addie Shastid, Hannah Smith, & Jennifer Sosa. Parents please get their pics in asap.

WOW Ladies Retreat Registration - 5/2-5/30
Go to: "westhillchurchofchrist.org", click on "Events", and then click on "[WOW Ladies Retreat](#)" or register in person at the registration table in the foyer.

VBS will be here before we know it! We are extending it to four evenings instead of three (**June 18-21**). If you are interested in helping, please contact Justin Williams for details (jmwilliams@harding.edu or 903.875.8288).
We want to GO BIG this year!

Teachers, please start locking-up your classroom doors after Bible classes are over. This will serve us better in optimal building security.

Birthdays This Week

April 29 - Barbara Moore
April 30 - Jamie Humann & Kolby Kinkade
May 2 - Luke Baumgarnter
May 4 - James Ainsworth
May 5 - Eric Olsen

Records for April 22, 2018

Bible Class 215
AM Worship.....287
PM Worship..... 153
Wednesday..... 169
Contribution \$7,951.75



Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Brody Owens
Opening Prayer	Jose Sosa
Communion Leader	Mark McWherter
Communion Servers	
Clay Jackson	Millard Dowdle
Andy Parrish	David Shastid
Danny Driskell	Rick Newton
Darrell Olsen	Bronny Watson
Josh Newman	Don Ivy
Joshua Haden	David Baumgartner
Dan Gibson	
Scripture Reading	Justin Williams
Closing Prayer	James Olsen
Nursery	Kerri Barham & Claire Barham
PM Song Leader	Young Men
PM Opening Prayer	Young Men
PM Closing Prayer	Young Men
Wed. Song Leader	Nicholas Tooley
Wed. Invitation	Brent Stewart
April Contact Elder	Percell Milton