



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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"Nothing Significant?"

"I just don't feel like I've done anything important for God. I've tried to live a good life, but I just don't see how it matters. I've done nothing important for Jesus."

At times you hear these words or words like them that are often spoken by people who are precious. They do things that are sweet, sacrificial, serving, and tender for people when they need it most. Yet because their acts of service are done quietly or don't seem to be a big deal to them, they think they don't matter that much to God.

Some of the most important people in any story go unnoticed and under-appreciated. Yet these people are vital to the story unfolding in the way it does. Without them, the most important things would never happen. This is true whether the story is a movie or a novel or our own personal story. This is quite often true of God's story in the Bible.

One of the most amazing stories in Scripture is the conversion of Saul, the fiercest and most passionate persecutor of the early followers of Jesus (Acts 8:3; Acts 9:1-2; Acts 26:10-11; Galatians 1:13; Philippians 3:6). Of all the early problems Jesus' followers had to overcome, Saul was one of the biggest and most troubling one.

Yet in one event, Jesus turns Saul from his biggest problem into his greatest spokesman! While it took fourteen years for all the details to get completely sorted out (Galatians 2:1), the threat of Saul's violent persecutions were immediately solved, and he was on his way to being perhaps the most influential follower of Jesus to have ever lived!

However, there is a behind the scene character whose name might escape many that played a significant role in the conversion of Saul, known later as the apostle Paul.

Saul of Tarsus was struck blind after an amazing encounter with Jesus on the road from Jerusalem to Damascus (Acts 9:3-9). Jesus tells him to go to the city, and he will be told what to do to be saved and to receive his sight again.

Meanwhile, a well-known follower of Jesus from Damascus named Ananias is

told to find Saul and share the message of Jesus with him. Ananias is reluctant to go because he knows Saul's mission in Damascus is to arrest and persecute people like himself (Acts 9:15-16). Ananias is assured that Saul is repentant and has been spending the last three days fasting from food and water, blindly praying for God's messenger to come share what he needed to do (Acts 22:10). So Ananias risks his life and safety to share Jesus, baptize Saul, and help Saul regain his sight (Acts 22:14-16).

So who is the unknown and important player in this story? The man who opened his house for the blinded Saul to wait, pray and fast; the man who was greeted at the door by Jewish Temple soldiers and a blind Jewish man looking for a place to stay in Damascus; the man who welcomed Ananias into his home to speak with Saul and to lead him to Christ. Without this man's hospitality, none of this would have happened in the beautiful way that it occurred. His name is Judas. Unfortunately, his name is not remembered with fondness because of the other Judas, but Judas was a player behind the scenes that helped change the course of Biblical history.

We have people at Blodgett that go about doing things behind the scenes that are important yet are deeds that most do not know about. At the risk of overlooking some, let me mention a few. **Mike Fields** hauls off the trash every week. **Dwayne Porter** opens the building and turns on the AC/heater. **Sharon Fields** proofs and corrects the bulletin each week. **Linda Black** takes care of the House of Blessings. **John D. and Shana Porter** maintains the food pantry. **Darlene Caldwell** is been busy sending birthday and get well cards. **Larry Reynolds** pays the bills. **Mel Carpenter** writes cards to visitors.

The point is that many do things that may go unnoticed unless they were not done. Truly the church at Blodgett is one body with many functioning members. I for one want to say "Thank you." ~ Larry

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. (1 Cor. 12:12-14)

ASAP MEANS: ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

Family News

- **Sharon Fields** is still awaiting the results from tests on her back.
- Last Sunday **Robert Slone** announced his decision to make Blodgett his church home. All of us know and love Robert and Pat as they have and will continue to be an asset to the church here.
- **Dalton Davis**, Toby and Rhonda's son, lost several fingers in a farming accident. The doctors were able to re-attach them with the loss of only a tip of one finger.
- July pantry item for HRR is potato soup.

**God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead.
So why should we?**

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID OR WHAT YOU SAID; BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

Bragging Rights

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.00." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and people give him \$100.00." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

The Innocence of Children

A couple invited some people for dinner, and at the table, the mother turned and asked her young son if he would like to say the blessing. "I don't know what to say?" the young boy replied. "Just say what you hear Daddy say," said the mother. The son bowed his head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did we invite all these people to dinner."