



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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It Was an Earthquake" by Steve Ridgell

I was sitting on the porch in Mexico when it happened. One minute I was calmly talking on the phone and the next I was wondering where the train tracks were. Well, I thought it must be a train. After all, first the porch started shaking so badly that I was bouncing. And there was a rumbling sound I had never heard before. Then debris and tiles started sliding off the roof. That's when it finally dawned on me that it was an earthquake. I found out later that we were experiencing the effects of an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale.

In the area where we were, we heard of no serious injuries and most of the damage was relatively minor. The house where I was had roof damage and some cracks in the walls but no lasting structural damage. Once it was over and everyone was fine, it became the subject of thankfulness, teasing, and relief. But it did remind me of some important lessons.

1. The unexpected happens. Life can change in an instant. A car runs a stop sign and lives are changed forever. A natural disaster occurs that you never could have imagined. A routine visit to the doctor reveals a disease you never dreamed you had. You receive a phone call that changes everything. There are things in this life that are out of our control.

2. It could always be worse...and sometimes is. We were all relieved, but it could have been so much worse. If the earthquake had been a little more severe, and if we had been a little closer to the epicenter, I would be writing a different article...or someone else would.

3. You think about what matters. The phone calls among my friends in Mexico all started the same way: Is everyone OK? The first concern was for people, not things.

4. But this whole experience made me realize one thing above all others. I

am so thankful to be a Christian. If the damage had been worse, Christians would have taken care of each other. If I had died, my wife would have taken comfort in the fact that we would be together again in heaven.

Life is full of earthquakes: real ones, emotional ones, financial ones, horrible ones. What do you do in those times if this life is all you have?

If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you'd like to win but think you can't, it's almost certain you won't.

*Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man,
but sooner or later the one who wins is the one who thinks he can."*

By: Arnold Palmer- pro golfer

Baptism Is a Burial

The story is told that when the Gospel was first preached on the island of Barbados, several accepted the invitation to be baptized. When they arrived at the water for the baptismal service, the women were dressed in nightgowns and the men in striped pajamas. The missionaries were afraid this might be misunderstood and urged the candidates to change their clothes. They refused. The missionaries allowed it reluctantly and decided to be sure this didn't happen the next time. Before the next baptisms, the missionaries attended a funeral and noticed the corpse was dressed in pajamas. It was explained, "*We believe when a person dies, he goes to sleep, so we are buried in our sleep wear.*" Then the missionary understood. The baptism had been explained as a burial and the candidates wore their burial clothes.

DON'T PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY.

CONFUSION

We have noses that run and feet that smell.

We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.

And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same,

While a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

Family News

- **Sharon Fields** continues to have severe sciatic nerve pain. She had some nerve burning procedures last week, but it did not alleviate the pain. She hopes to see another doctor this week.
- **Patty Lopez, Vicki Dodson** and **Darlene Caldwell** have all been sick.
- Next Sunday **Larry Black** and family will be out of town to attend a service for Johnny Roberts. **Randy Ballard** will fill in his absence.
- Tonight's service will begin at 5:00 pm.

Sissy Has It Made

Most mornings I get up and begin my morning checking my email. Often Sissy, our house (and want-to-be outside) cat jumps up on the desk and lays in front of the terminal and blocks my view. Sometimes I give Sissy special attention and then there are other times I shoo her away. But regardless of my reaction to Sissy intrusion, she really has it made.

Sissy has it made in a lot of different ways. She lives in a controlled environment where her climate is always comfortable. She doesn't have to worry about getting too hot or too cold. She always has food and water at his disposal without having to look and/or fight for it. Neither is she threatened by any kind of enemy or predator. She can sleep at peace without having to worry about becoming something's supper. She is living in a place where she is loved and not mistreated, which means that Sissy really does not experience hurt and pain. Things are good for Sissy. To the old timers, you might say, "Sissy is living the life of Riley." Sissy really does have it made.

When you think about how good the life of Sissy it can be likened to heaven. For the faithful, heaven will be a place like the home for Sissy. It will be a place where all our needs will be provided. There will be protection from the enemy-no more sin or sinful influence (Rev. 21:27). In heaven, we will have all the food/water that we want – all our needs will be provided (Rev. 22:1-3). Our heavenly home will be a place where we will be well treated – there will be no hurting, suffering, or crying (Rev. 21:4). In heaven we will be loved by a loving Father who will insure that things are good for us. Like Sissy, we in heaven will have it made. Heaven is a marvelous place promised to the faithful. (Rev. 2:10 KJV) *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.***