



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Time of Services:

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

Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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His Image in You

(Malachi 3:3) And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study, and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about her reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says, "*He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.*" She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh that's easy – when I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

The person who angers you, controls you!

"Trust"

Written by Tim Archer

In modern society, we put a lot of trust in strangers. We take public transportation, trusting that the driver or pilot or engineer is capable of taking us safely to our destination. We purchase food in stores and restaurants, believing that none of the food handlers have poisoned it. We go to doctors and dentists, trusting that these professionals will do their best to protect our health.

The list goes on and on: maintenance crews, security personnel, water treatment workers. We even put a certain amount of trust in the average people who walk and drive where we live.

We do that even though we know that there are bad people out there. We trust even though we know that good people sometimes make mistakes. We want to believe in other people.

We've seen those that don't, the people who live in a state of constant paranoia. I don't know about you, but I don't want to live that way. I prefer to live my life with a certain amount of trust.

I trust in God above all, trusting in three basic facts:

(1) God is good, (2) God knows best, and (3) God is able.

I don't always understand what God is doing. Sometimes I don't agree. There are even moments where I think that I know better than He does, that my way is the best way.

Sometimes I doubt. Times when it seems like chaos has won and evil will triumph. But then I fall back on trust. He is good. He knows best. He is able.

People will fail me. I've learned that. I know that because I'm well aware of my own shortcomings. I'm not perfect, and others aren't either. I'm not always good, and others aren't either. But God is. He is good. He knows best. And He is able. I just need to trust.

Family News

- We extend our condolences to **Pat Slone** and **Betty Berry** in the death of their mother. Visitation will be at Sam Harvey Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon with the funeral at 3:00 p.m.
- We also extend our condolences to **Rebecca Scott** in the death of Brad.
- **Jimmy Jones** is in the TRMC rehab facility and is much improved.
- **Darlene Caldwell** continues to struggle with her health.
- Next Sunday is our covered-dish luncheon.
- **David Ballard** will be here Wednesday night to give us a mission report.
- **Marvin Whitt** of the Cherokee Home for Children is scheduled to be here Wednesday, Oct. 4 to give us a status update and to present us with a token of appreciation.
- HRR pantry item for October is Kool-Aid.

DID YOU KNOW:

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

Words Say a Lot

The story is told about a bus driver who had a bus load of passengers toward the end of a long hot miserable day. As he looked into his rear view mirror, he saw a young lady stand up for some unknown reason and in a loud voice began to shout a long line of profane and explicit words that seemed to shock all those around her. As the bus approached and made its next stop, the young lady got up to get off. Just as she was getting off the driver said, "Young lady, you are leaving something." She stopped and looked back toward the back of the bus as she asked, "What is it?" To which the driver said, "A very bad impression of who you are." *James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.*