



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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An Open Letter From Nadab And Abihu

Many of you are familiar with the events in Leviticus 10 where Nadab and Abihu, Aaron's sons, were destroyed for offering "strange fire" to God. The following article modernizes this story with a fictional letter that might depict such an occurrence if it were to happen today. Larry

Brethren,

It is with the utmost humility that we inform you of a change of worship practices in your normal sacrificing. Be assured that we are bringing about this change only after much prayer and study. We have recently concluded an in-depth study of the Law as delivered by our brother Moses that covered 400 days. (We might note that is ten times the length of time it took the Lord to impart this Law). We have decided to bring about a change in the type of fire used in worship. We are aware that there is a standing tradition of using only one source of fire, but we, as holy priests, do not feel obligated to blindly follow tradition. Numerous polls of our worshipping clientele indicate the overwhelming opinion that they do not care where we get the fire used for their sacrifices as long as the service is conducted in a respectful and meaningful way.

We are in agreement with this growing majority as we cannot see how a change in fire will affect anything in the least concerning our sacrifices. The animal is still properly cooked; the incense burned. We are of the mind that were we to secretly substitute a different fire, it would be impossible for any of the worshippers to know a change had taken place.

Besides all this, we became aware of the fact that nowhere in the Law does the Lord forbid the use of what some of our detractors have referred to as "strange fire." We feel that the lack of such a restriction was meant to give us freedom. For those who disagree, we would ask you to show us any place in the Law that tells us we cannot do something the Lord has not seen fit to condemn. We are simply asking, "Where does it say we cannot do this?" We also wish to point out that the congregation of Israel is the only religious group in the known world that willingly limits itself to only one kind of fire. We have become the laughingstock of the land of Canaan and have been ridiculed openly by many groups. This "only-one-fire" self-righteous policy has alienated us from

everyone else. We believe this change will open up many fellowship opportunities.

Now, to set the minds of some of you at ease, we will continue to offer a traditional service using the old-fashioned fire as well as this progressive service with the new fire. As a matter of fact, we may occasionally use the old fire in our progressive service for special feast days. In this way we hope that our older citizens are still comfortable even though they dogmatically insist on a worship style which is declining, and we believe to be stunting our growth. Consider the freedom this new practice affords us! We will no longer have the expense of maintaining a constant fire in one location. This will also make it possible to appeal to a younger audience as we discover more entertaining ways to “light the fire” of our assemblies.

For those that still oppose the use of new fire, we ask you not to be judgmental of new ideas. We also hope you will not use this change as an excuse to divide our people or stir up trouble within the congregation. We remind you that this has been well thought out and the majority of elders have signed on with us. It is true we have not included our father Aaron in this deliberation; but we were well aware of his tradition-bound views and still plan to leave him in charge of doing the traditional service. We also have not consulted Moses, but his humility is well known, and we are confident he will want to uphold the majority decision in this effort to improve our worship.

We are very much looking forward to our first new fire service. We hope you will make a special effort to be present to witness a new age of enlightenment in the church of Israel. We know God will be watching, and we anticipate that His joy over seeing his people take a great step toward throwing off the burden of binding tradition will be an electrifying experience. See you there. Bring some extra barbecue sauce, for we think this new practice is going to spread like wildfire! For freedom’s sake!

Nadab & Abihu, DDLP (Doctors of Divine Law and Progress)

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. (2) And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. Leviticus 10:1-2

I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older.....younger!

Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Family News

- We rejoice in the baptism of **Lisa (McManus) Porter** last Sunday. She and Dwayne have moved to Georgia.
- There is a bridal shower planned for **Casey Vandiver** next Sunday (Nov. 12) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the fellowship building.

Upcoming Events

- **Chris McElyea** of Mt. Vernon will be here Wednesday to give us a report on the Academy (preacher school) in Winnsboro.
- The Southside congregation is having a gospel meeting Nov. 5–8 with **Tyler Sams** of San Antonio doing the speaking.
- Our ladies have been invited to a “ladies’ day” on Nov. 11 at North Jefferson.
- The Sheppard Street congregation is having a gospel meeting Nov. 12–15 with **Billy Moore** doing the speaking.
- Blodgett will have a thanksgiving meal for the community on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the fellowship building. Everyone is invited.

Don't Tell Me What I Can't Do!

Some folks get upset when you tell them what they cannot do; however, the following are some things that none of us can do.

1. We cannot live wrong and die right.
2. We cannot do Satan's work and draw God's pay.
3. We cannot sow to the flesh and reap spiritual things.
4. We cannot be a friend to the world and to God at the same time.
5. We cannot think wrong and live right.

In his book, *Train Up A Child*, Bill E. Smith wrote, “You can never be much of a Christian if you neglect to study the word of God. Can you imagine someone saying, ‘He is a good lawyer, he just doesn’t know law.’ Or, ‘She is a good doctor, but she doesn’t know anything about medicine.’ The only way you become good at your profession is to study for it. Christianity is our profession. We must study the text if we ever hope to qualify for the position.”