

CAMPUS CHURCH *of Christ*

LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS
through a growing relationship with Christ
Mark 12:28-31

March 28, 2010

Why A Father Chose to Cause His Son Pain

Chaim Potok writes a story about a boy who was raised from the age of 4 on without his father, a Rabbi, speaking to him. Here the father explains why he raised his son "in silence" as painful as that was for him. He begins by telling the story of his son at the age of 4 devouring a historical book about people who were suffering. He realized two things while watching his son read, one was that his son was a genius who would turn out to have a photographic memory. The second was that his son was not able to feel empathy and would in fact despise others who he considered ignorant. Here is the father's explanation of why he raised his son in silence:



Better I should have had no son at all than to have a brilliant son who had no soul. I looked at my Daniel when he was four years old, and I said to myself, How will I teach this mind what it is to have a soul? How will I teach this mind to understand pain? How will I teach it to want to take on another person's suffering? How will I do this and not lose my son, my precious son whom I love as I love the Master of the Universe Himself? How will I do this and not cause my son, God forbid, to abandon the Master of the Universe and His Commandments? How could I teach my son the way I was taught by my father and not drive him away from Torah?.....

I knew already when he was a boy that I could not prevent his mind from going to the world for knowledge. I knew in my heart that it might prevent him from taking my place [as Rabbi]. But I had to prevent it from driving him away completely from the Master of the Universe. And I had to make certain his soul would be the soul of a *tzaddik* [righteous man] no matter what he did with his life."

He closed his eyes and seemed to shrink into himself. His hands trembled. He was silent for a long time. Tears rolled slowly down the bridge of his nose and disappeared into his beard. A shuddering sigh filled the room. Then he opened his eyes and stared down at the closed Talmud on the desk. "Ah, what a price to pay.....The years when he was a child and I loved him and talked with him and held him under my tallis when he prayed.... 'Why do you cry, Father?' he asked me once under the tallis. 'Because people are suffering,' I told him. He could not understand. Ah, what it is to be a mind without a soul, what ugliness it is....Those were the years he learned to trust me and love me...And when he was older, the years I drew myself away from him.... 'Why have you stopped answering my questions, Father?' he asked me once. 'You are old enough to look into your own soul for the answer,' I told him. He laughed once and said, 'That man is such an ignorant, Father.' I was angry. 'Look into his soul,' I said. 'Stand inside his soul and see the world through his eyes. You will know the pain he feels because of his ignorance, and you will not laugh.' He was bewildered and hurt. The nightmares he began to have... But he learned to find answers for himself. He suffered and learned to listen to the suffering of others. In the silence between us, he began to hear the world crying."

—Chaim Potok, *The Chosen*, Ballantine Books, 1967

Just for Visitors...

We're so delighted to have you with us today—it is a blessing from God and an answer to our prayers. We have asked and continue to ask God to bring us special people. We know you are not here by accident. We hope you'll come again! Please pick up a free **cassette or CD of today's lesson**, in the Family Resource Center located in the foyer. *May God bless your week!*

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 am
Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Wednesday Praise	7:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:30 pm

Important Calendar Dates

Be sure to check specific ministry sections for more details on upcoming events.

MARCH

Sun 28 Summer Rozear bridal shower 2-4
@ Marie Wilson's home

APRIL

Thur 1 Men's Night Out, 6:30pm @ BJs

Sun 4 Easter, brunch & candy hunt

Mon 5 Alachua Cty schools Spring break begins

Sun 11 St Francis House mission

Sun 18 Student meal team #6

Wed 21 UF last day of classes Spring term

- Elders/Deacons meeting @ 5:30pm

Sat 24 Ladies Day @ CCC

MAY

Sun 2 Ukraine Mission fund raiser meal, immediately after morning worship

Mon 3 Medical screening available @ CCC

Sun 9 Mother's Day

Pastoral Counseling Available

by appointment with Bill Wharton; for scheduling call his home (372-9202), cell (359-4222), or the church office (378-1471).

TEENMINISTRY

For more information contact Paul Runnestrand: 352 328-7846
Felicia Blocker: 352 682-4594 or Jarad Johnson: 352 284-6720

Sunday's Bible Class at 9:30 AM meet in Youth room

Combined classes: "Learning from Mark"

Wednesday's Bible Class at 7:30 PM in Youth Room

Combined classes: "Topical discussions"

IMPACT 2010 deposit \$50 —Past-Due

Total cost \$150 due by April 21

www.campusyouth.wordpress.com

**Miami Mission**

April 29—May 4, 2010

Seniors participating in UF Spring's Commencement to join group a.s.a.p.

The mission goals are:

- working on Habitat for Humanity House
- working with the Inner City Mission and
- distributing food to the homeless

*Campus*Christians, our college ministry, will work jointly along side college groups from

Sunset Church in Miami, and University City Church, Gainesville.



Saturday, April 24, *Ladies Day* at Campus Church

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid - Psalm 118:6

Guest speaker Bonnie Carr

Check-in @ 8:45a — concludes at 1:30p

Registration \$15, includes lunch, morning coffee & snacks

Watch for registration sign-up

Children's Ministry

9:30 AM Bible Study Nursery: S. Chelf & I. Mazon

10:30 AM Worship workers:

Babies: Sun: Kathryn Collins Wed: Ann Horton

Toddler Nursery: Today, March 28 - Cherise

Next Week, April 4 - Ann & Joyce

Your LifeGroup discussion notes

1. Why was Pilate so amazed at the silence of Jesus? Can you think of a time when have you suffered from the silence of God?
2. What disturbs you the most in this story of Jesus' trial, abuse, and crucifixion?
3. What do you find most significant in this narratives relation to Psalm 22?
4. What one thing will you do differently this week in remembrance of Christ's death on the cross?

Campus Church sermons are available: www.campuscofc.org
and
iTunes > *podcast* > *religion & spirituality* > *Campus Church of Christ*

Men's Night Out — Thursday, April 1 — 6 PM @
B.J.'s, 7720 W. University Ave. (near Oaks Mall)



←—————→

We can use a few more committed Prayer Warriors to join the team that meets in the library Sundays at 9AM. There are always many critical needs within the Campus Body and this is a great time to join together to bring these requests before God. The session ends promptly at 9:25am in order to get to morning Bible class. ~Don Price

CampusChristians Spring 2010 Calendar

COLLEGE Spring On-campus Bible Studies

Sundays @ College Cross Chat Group @ 8 PM
Meet March 28 at Campus Church of Christ

Tuesdays @ SFC Library @ 12:20 PM

Wednesdays @ UF Reitz Food Court @ 10:40 AM

Thursdays @ church building @ 10:30 AM

Fridays @ UF Hub @ 2:00 PM

Ask one of our college students or text
Kevin (college minister) for more details: 352-284-2827
Interested in running the stadium??....contact Kevin

Sundays! • **Worship 10:28 AM and Student Lunches after worship on first and third Sundays**

Wednesdays • **7P Christians Engaging With Culture with Eric B**



Interested in a Sunday Bible Study? You'll love our Sunday night group listed above

Upcoming

- Mon./Wed. @ 8:00 AM and
- Fri. @ 7:30 AM Work out @ SFC weight room with SFC Crew

worship today

welcome & family matters

communion thoughts

Shepherd's prayer Leroy

message Eric

Singing in the Silence
Mark 15: 1-41

prayer cards

offering

benediction

Last Week's Statistics

Sunday Attendance.....	225
Sunday Contribution.....	\$4,329
Wednesday Care fund	\$229

Meditative Commentary on
Mark, Jesus Is God's Son

The son of God crucified

Mark 15: 25-47

Day 1: Mark 15: 25 - 32

Day 2: Mark 15: 33 - 37

Day 3: Mark 15: 38 - 41

Day 4: Mark 15: 42 - 47

Day 5: Mark 15: 25 - 47



Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for

Summer Rozear
Today, March 28, 2-4p
at the home of
Marie Wilson
5501 SW 88 Ct.
Gainesville. Ph. 332-6196

Summer & Kevin are
Registered at
Disney Honeymoon Registry
<http://honeymoonregistry.disney.go.com>
and
Bed, Bath & Beyond

Prayer List

Please pray for our families & friends:

Deni Breckenridge in passing of her mother
Ed Parker in the passing of his mother
Jonathan Smith, Lovetta's brother, cancer
Jerome Williams, severe case of shingles
For those seeking employment

Ongoing:

Faye Blanks, health

Jan Barber, Ann Horton's mom, health

Deborah Daniels, health & other issues

Jonathan Bartley

Kellam Bartley, Navy boot camp

Dennis Bell, friend of Bill Braun, health

Ciara, pregnant w/ twins, friend of C. Rogers

Alexis Collins

Robin Callens, chemo & radiation

Jimmy Callens, recurrence of Leukemia

Liz Comor, leukemia (friend of Maxine)

Burt Farley, Gi's son's father in law, health

Pat Detweiler, health

Linda Ferriel; cancer

Valeri Frees, hospitalized (September)

Brad Gamble & family—lung cancer

Jean, Jim Hester's sister, health

Haiti & Chile earthquake victims

Solomon & Joshua Henderson, health

Ed & Bettye Jennings, health.

Byron Jennings, son of Ed & Bettye, health

T.L. Latson, health

Frank Lauro; health

George Reynolds' dad, G. Reynolds health

Bennilene Pennisi, health

James Price, Hospice care

Mamie Roberson, health

Janel, B, cancer, Becky Runnestrand's sister.

Bertis Mackey, health

Vivian McElderry, chronic pain.

William Oliver, Marilyn's father

Ivera & Otis Mazon

Jimmy Miller; health

Houston & Dot Mims, health

Umberto "Jerry" Ortiz, health

Edna Poling

Olive Scott

Byron Scott, serious injury, M. Oliver's friend

Georgia Wolfe, health, Carol Rozear's mom

Roger Sedlacek, health and employment.

Janice, Maxine's sister, health

Quinn Waters, chronic pain

Tamarra Welch & Mamie Welch; health

Percy Wheat—cancer, friend of M. Stallings

B.J. Whitehead; serving in Military

Jackie, friend of Julie Wilson, please continue

to pray: lost one twin ...one baby still in utero

lifeGROUP ministry

Alachua Group—Sun 6 pm

Mark & Sue Apple — 332-2506

Ben & Chong Ingram — 386 418-0806

Braun/Conser Group—Sun 12N

Bill & Terry Braun—332-0270

Dave & Dorita Conser—332-7004

College Prayer/Life Group

Kevin Bird—284-2827

Eastside Life Group—Sun 5 pm

Clarence & Jackie Collins—372-2269

Leroy & Jannett Frison—373-2793

Lunch & Learn Group—Sun 1 pm

Max & Heather Blanks—529-0852

Tom & Ann Horton —331-8738

Millhopper Family Fellowship—Sun 12:30

Charles & Dianne Skye—373-6033

Bill Wharton—372-9202

Singles Life Group—Tues. 7:30 pm

Mark Apple 332-2506

Michael Robinson 335-9328

South West Life Group—Sun noon

Bob & Carolyn Harrell—332-4430

Jimmie & Barbara Brunson—332-2464

West Side Group—Sun 6:00

Don & Joyce Price—332-9171

Young (single) Adults—Sun 5:00 pm

Eric Brown—372-2758

Young Married Couples—Sun 6:30 pm

Kevin & Casie Bird—284-2827

Young Adult Couples—Sun 12:30 pm

Grant & Mandy Harrell—514-4694

Other Bible Studies

Prime-Timers Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 1:00 & 1st Tuesday of

month @ 12N for lunch -Campus Rm

Mustard Seed Group

Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm

Home of Bettye Jennings

1003 NE 23 St. (376-0162)



Servant Leaders

Shepherds	Ministers
Jimmie Brunson	Eric Brown, Preaching
Dave Dillard	Kevin Bird, College
Leroy Frison*	Teens Ministry Interns
Don Price	Paul Runnestrand
	Felicia Blocker
	Jarad Johnson

Deacons/Ministry Leaders	
Mark Apple	Singles/Single Parents
Rogers Bartley, Jr.	Health/Substance Abuse
Fred Chelf	Visitation
Byron Dyce	Communion Prep.
Tom Horton	Special Events
Carl Lee	Building & Grounds
Ramon Osejo	Missions/Benevolence
Gary Russell	Family Resource Center
Jesse Wilson	Children's Care
Mac Young	Communications
Rodger Young	Budget & Finances
Missionaries/Global Outreach	
John&Catherine Pennisi	Sorocaba, Brazil
The Suliava Church	Leon, Nicaragua
Gonzola Salinas	Panama
Victor Samoylov	Dzerzhinsk, Ukraine

Christian Family Services—352-378-6202

Jerry Callens, Executive Director

Marie Sedlacek, Case Manager

Monique Lord, Office Manager

www.christianfamilyservices.com

My School Child Care Center—373-1328

Marilyn McCall, Director

One Voice

Mike and Marilyn McCall, Directors

Worship/Music Ministry (Praise Team)

Kevin Bird & Marilyn McCall—Leaders

Assemblies/Class Offerings

Sunday Fellowship — 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Bible Classes — 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship — 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Devo/Classes — 7:00/7:30 p.m.

Church Information—352 378-1471

Church fax: 352 377-0751

Carol Rozear, Ministry Assistant

2720 SW 2nd Avenue 32607

Carol's c-p: 352 278-4787

Email: campuschurchcofc@gmail.com

www.campuscofc.org