

☆ Shepherd's Voice ☆

Orcutt Christian Church Newsletter



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The Minister's Musings

Bro. Archie Miller

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The Pareto Principle

Southern Baptist preacher, Dr. Herschel Ford, used to say that there are three kinds of people in every church. “There are the SHIRKERS, who never do anything for the Lord.” These believers just warm the pew, content to let the other members do the working and praying and giving. “Then there are the JERKERS.” These people are like old junk cars that start fine—but then give a jerk and stop. These members start working at first but then they become indifferent and can’t be counted on. “Finally there are the WORKERS.” These are the believers who usually make up 20% of the church but do 80% of the work.

It’s always beneficial to consider what you are contributing to the Kingdom of God. I agree with Dr. Ralph Grant says, “*Work is the secret of success in the church ... It is as religious to WORK in the church as it is to WORSHIP.*” And I would agree with Jesus who said

John 9:4 (NASB)

4 *"We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work."*

This is a good time for us to stop and examine ourselves by pondering this question—are we working HARD for kingdom purposes? Is our work for Jesus a priority in our lives? What are we doing for heaven’s sake? As we begin focusing on Easter, we need to keep in mind that April 21st is Easter Sunday. Whom will you invite to be your guest in worship. Work now to develop your list that you will invite. Start your invitations at least three weeks before Easter. If you get turned down, just keep inviting others. Be a WORKER, not a SHIRKER.

The 2019 Orcutt Christian Church Board



Cream of the Crop Workers

Elder Ed Saunders



WORDS

**Words can cut the heart and soul, can be as sharp as a razor blade
When carelessly passing your lips, they can destroy and tear apart
Words can be mean and terribly cruel, when sent out in a stream of hate.
Words carry a message of our true intent, when blasted out without real thought.
Words are so important that they must be guarded, so that they are used to bring joy and peace
Words will tell more about you, They bare your true image
Words can build a mountain of trust, when kept true and honestly sent
Words can raise one fallen, and help them see there's always hope
Words can make you feel as high as a kite, and raise your spirits to the mountains height
Words well used can grip your soul, and help you to onward go
Use your words to praise things done, to build one up and give one fun
Words can cut the heart and soul, can be as sharp as a razor blade**

**Ed Saunders
Santa Maria, California
January 26, 2019. 1720 hrs.**

The Calendar

Please check Saturday and Sunday dates for those who are scheduled to serve. The facilities are cleaned on Saturday. Those serving on Sunday will either have Communion, Care Calling, or Hosting Fellowship following worship. If you have a conflict, please swap your time with someone else.

Joy Circle

JOY Circle meets on the Third Tuesday. Call Carol Hill at 949-285-3149 for more Information.

Iron Sharpening Iron

The men's breakfast is held on the 2nd of the month. Give Elder Ed Saunders a call for more information: 349-0499.

Shepherd's Voice

If you have something you wish to include in the Shepherd's Voice, please give it to Bro. Archie by the 20th of the month.

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