

# Navigator

Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Psalm 143:8b

Jesus Christ is all glorious. The first chapter of Colossians tells us that all things were created “through

Him and for Him” (Colossians 1:16). The Bible also tells us that Jesus is “before all things” meaning that He is supreme over everything in creation (Colossians 1:17) and that the focus of everything in the universe is such that “in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18). With this truth in mind, the goal of the Christian life is to live out the implications of Jesus being all glorious. In other words, the essence of the Christian life is living in such a way that I display the gloriousness of Jesus.

Unfortunately, there is a problem in our lives that many times prevents us from doing that. The problem is us. Instead of living in a way that makes Jesus look glorious, we often live as if we are the focal point of life. To be sure, Christians make room for Jesus, with Jesus even occupying a large part or “compartment” of their lives. But Jesus was never meant to be a *part* of the Christian’s life; Jesus was meant to *be* the Christian’s life.

In chapter 3 of Colossians as the Apostle Paul works out the ramifications of the preeminence of Jesus in the Christian’s life he makes this statement: “Christ who is our life” (Colossians 3:4). Jesus is not a *part* of the Christian life; Jesus *is* the Christian’s life. A Christian no longer has a life that is their own, for their life is now Christ’s. Paul summarized this truth by

## The Radical Life

saying, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

That means that for the follower of Jesus He becomes their ultimate treasure, desire, focus, purpose, sufficiency, pleasure, joy and a million more things to them that show that He is all glorious. They must live to demonstrate that Jesus is all glorious and that nothing else on earth compares to Him.

There is an objection that you want to pose here. You may be asking, “Do you mean to tell me that Jesus is supposed to be everything in my life? What about my family and my finances and all the other things in my life? Where do they all fit?” The answer is that all of those things are important, yet they must be seen and lived

out in such a way that shows that Jesus, and not those things, are most glorious. We dare not settle for just being a good father or mother or spouse. We must seek for Jesus to look magnificent in our families. Our desires in life must rise above just paying the bills on time and making ends meet. We must want our finances to show that we trust Jesus and that

our hope does not rest in our bank accounts and our careers. That is simply to say that

all of life for the Christian is a striving to exalt Jesus above everything and to be able to say with the Apostle Paul, “I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ” (Philippians 3:8).

What would our lives really look like if before we did anything we thought, “Will this show that Christ is my life? Will my doing this make Jesus look supremely glorious in my life? Will this act make little of me and much of Christ?”

My goal in life is to live out the myriad of implications of Colossians 3:4 and to have that truth affect everything that I think, say, and do. Because the truth of the supremacy of Jesus Christ is not just meant to be understood and acknowledged; it is meant to be radically and passionately lived.

In our day of global terrorism we hear much in the news about “Muslim extremists.” My prayer is that God would raise up a generation of Christian extremists. Not extremists that seek to conquer the world through jihad, but fearless and faithful followers of Jesus that are extreme in their passion and love for Jesus Christ and His Word. Christians whose passion and love would spill over to a world in need. Christians who would live out the truth that Jesus is all glorious and preeminent in all things. Christians that live as if Christ is their life.

Pastor Matt

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**Schedule**

**Sunday**

8:15 a.m. First Service  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Second Service

**Tuesday**

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry  
 at NorthRidge Fellowship

**Wednesday**

6:15-7:45 p.m. Kids 4 Truth  
 at NorthRidge Fellowship

**Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer  
 at NorthRidge Fellowship



# Children's Ministries

**Kids-4-Truth** is winding up its first great year. There has been a lot of excitement from both

the kids that have attended our program and from all the faithful leaders. The children have really enjoyed learning their Bible verses, questions and answers, and receiving their patches for their standards. Game time has always been looked forward to with great anticipation.

Most of all, our kids have internalized biblical truths and they have been using what they have learned in their families, schools, and neighborhoods. We would like to especially thank all those who have helped to make this year of Kids-4-Truth a success:

**Babies – 3 year olds** - Joy Maynard

**4 – 5 year olds** - Candy Myhre, Danette Stanford, Ashley Myhre

**1st and 2nd** - Peggy Peasall, Mandy Auclair, Angie Jesser

**3rd and 4th** - Carma Baker, Jared Jesser, Pam St.Clair

**5th and 6th** - Jeff Hanni

**Music** - Jeanette Hanni

**Games** - Chad and Charlene Hoefl

**Teaching** - Pastor Matt, Jeff Hanni

**Helpers** - Gayle Boyd, Teresa Hove, Louise Ferrel, Tim Logan, Makala Bird, Greg Peasall, Robin Plank, Morgan Stanford, Irene Stanford, and Kayla Admire

May God bless you for your sacrifice of time and energy, and for the dedication you have shown throughout the year. You may never know the impact you have had for God on the life of one of these young people. We look forward to having more children involved next year and seeing this vital ministry of our church continue to blossom.

Please continue to be in prayer as to how God would have you to be involved in our children's ministries, whether as a worker in Kids-4-Truth, Sunday School (teacher or substitute), VBS, or as part of our Jr. Church Ministry.

**Important Dates to Remember**

**May 28th**

Awards Night for Kids-4-Truth

**May 30th**

Decorating Night for VBS

**June 7th**

Church Picnic – VBS Pre-registration

**June 16-20**

VBS 2008 – Ramblin' Road Trip

\*Please contact Gina Bickel if you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School.

Gina Bickel

# H<sub>2</sub>O Youth Ministry

**John 4:13-14**

**SonFest** We are looking forward to taking the youth to SonFest in Layton, Utah, from August 1st to August 3rd. We hope to take at least 30 youth with us. Begin praying today for the youth and the adults who will be attending.

**Would you like to help?** There will be more youth events coming as the summer comes near. If as an adult you would like to help with these events please contact me (Shannon Pharaoh) for more details. As our youth ministry grows, we will need your help!

**Parent's Night Out** May 23rd is our next Parent's Night Out. This is a great ministry for the youth and it can be a great way for you and your spouse to have some well-needed alone time.

Shannon Pharaoh

# M e e t Jay Gandiaga

*Every month you will be introduced to a fellow attendee at NorthRidge Fellowship.*

## **Where were you born and raised?**

Jizcaya, Spain. At 16 I came to Jerome.

## **Who are (or have been) the most influential people in your life?**

I used to look up to great sports figures like Michael Jordan and others. Then I met Jesus—what a difference in company.

## **What is your favorite passage and/or book of the Bible?**

Young David—how God chose and used him to do God's work!

## **Aside from the Bible, what are your favorite books?**

Bible reference books.

## **If you were stranded on an island, what four foods would you most want to have?**

I'm easy. Meat and potatoes, good salad, and peach pie.

## **Who in the Bible do you most identify with?**

At 16 I came to America as a sheep herder so I relate some to David. I'm no fisherman but I'm most like Peter. I get into trouble with my mouth. I have been sneaky like Jacob and it cost me a lot.

## **What are the three most interesting places you have been to?**

America—so big, with big mountains so close to the desert.

Spain—beautiful small mountains, and so green and with such white sandy beaches.

Africa—a most interesting place also.

## **How did you come to know Christ?**

God works in wondrous ways. One night at Jerome Café a friend invited me to church. That night I could not sleep thinking about church.

Then one Sunday I visited their church and heard the message of the cross. I raised my hand at the invitation, but got away, unsaved.

I went back again and was saved after asking Jesus into my heart.

# What Has T.J. Clews Been Listening To?



## **What kind of music do you like to listen to?**

My favorite is Christian - Contemporary, Southern Gospel and Country. I also like to listen to Country and some old-time rock and roll (before the lyrics got raunchy and the volume too high!!). I also enjoy Swing music (30's & 40's era). Good music will always be good music.

## **What are your three most listened to CD's right now? Tell us a little about them.**

*Casting Crowns - East is from the West.* This CD is full of what draws people to Christ in the first place. When we realize we can't do anything on our own, that's when all that Christ has already done, does and will do for us on a daily, sometimes moment-by-moment basis, becomes so evident.

*Kim Hill - Live.* There are some new songs and some old songs on this CD. It was a live performance at a Focus on the Family event and she was leading worship. I'm in tears by the end of the CD nearly every time I listen to it. I want to stop what I'm doing and just praise and worship my Lord and Savior, Jesus. In just one word - POWERFUL!!

*TJ Clews -* I've got several songs that I feel are CD ready that I've been listening to a lot lately in order to tweak them and incorporate them into upcoming performances/events. Any opportunity I have to tell people about Jesus through the songs He's given me is what I long for in the ministry He's given me.

## **What was your favorite music in 1972, when you graduated from high school?**

It was probably John Denver, James Taylor and Linda Ronstadt. If I could play the music on my guitar and sing the songs, that's what I was listening to.

## **What CD is in your car right now?**

*TJ Clews -* new stuff

## **What station on the radio do you listen to most often?**

90.7 SOS Radio, and 88.1 KTFY.

## **What was the last concert you went to?**

Lori Morgan - Denver, Colorado

## **What is your favorite concert you've ever been to?**

Three Dog Night - It was one of the first ones I'd been to and they were high energy, I was young and I was sitting in the row right behind the band. Watching all the "behind-the-scene" stuff going on was fun, too!!

## **What concert would you love to see next?**

Kim Hill, Kathy Troccoli, Casting Crowns

## **What CD have you bought recently that you wish you hadn't?**

Some praise & worship ones that came in a set. The songs are too repetitive (one verse and one chorus just sung over and over again). I really like praise and worship songs that have 'meat' to them, not just simple lines that are repeated over and over. Ken and I listen to them on the radio sometimes and our comment is "Please, someone write another verse!!" If I'm listening to them on a CD, I'll often skip to the next song after the first time it's repeated.

We're called to praise and worship our Lord with all our heart and all our mind. If all we can say is "You are God, praise Your Holy name" over and over and over, then maybe we need to take a look at how deep a relationship with truly have with Christ. I want to praise Him for every heart beat, every challenge or opportunity, every blessing, my home, my job, my friends and family, for the knowledge and wisdom He grants me; I could go on for several minutes and probably never repeat myself. That's what I believe creates a good praise & worship song, too. We could never record in one song all that He does for us in just one day, but we should always strive in our praise & worship of God to be humbled, honored and guided by all that He does for us every day.

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

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To The Ends of the Earth



# Praying for Georgette

When you go on a mission trip to Africa you realize how totally dependant you are on God. He is in control of every situation and when we make ourselves available and watch for opportunities and are flexible He guides us and blesses us, and we truly saw this time and time again during our two-week trip to Diouloulou, Senegal.

Candy and I had prayed specifically for girls to come to the hotel so that we could build relationships with them. There are many, many boys who had come in the past, but we wanted to reach out to the girls of Diouloulou and God answered that prayer. One specific girl whom God allowed us to minister to was Georgette.

The story of Georgette began at church the Sunday before we left. After the service Janie Allinen came up to me and told me that she felt that she was to give me her Bible to take on the trip. To be honest, I was not sure what this meant. As I was packing to go I realized that I could not fit my Bible and hers in my bag. Obviously I was going to take her Bible since there was a reason she gave it to me. I just prayed to God and asked Him to show me who I was to give it to, if anyone.

We arrived in Diouloulou on Tuesday afternoon and by Saturday I thought to myself, "Who is this Bible for?" We had not made any special relationships with any girls, so I prayed again for God to guide me in what to do. Candy and I were still praying that the girls would come and Friday I had mentioned in one of the English classes that

we wanted our hair braided, so if anyone wanted to come to where we were staying we would love that. A girl named Georgette said she would come on Sunday afternoon, but we wondered if she would really show up. In God's perfect plan she did show up and proved to be a great blessing to me.

We all chatted for some time and Candy and I had an instant bond with her. I knew she was the one that I was to give the Bible to. I got the Bible out and told her I had a special gift for her. I told her about Janie giving me the Bible and how God in His infinite wisdom and love had brought us together. I shared the Gospel with her and she was very open to listen and was excited with her new gift.

The next day she came over and asked us to show her how to use the Bible. She told us she never owned a Bible before so we encouraged her to read it and learn about Jesus. It was so awesome to see how God works and uses all of us in His plan to reach the nations with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please join me in praying for Georgette. Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw her to God's Word and allow her to understand it and that in the pages of the Bible she would see her need of Jesus and trust Him as her Lord and Savior. Also, pray about what God might have you to do to reach another person like Georgette in the world that has never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Gayle Boyd

# MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Scrapbook/Craft night on **May 2nd** from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight.

**New Men's Bible Study!** Every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. the men will be having a lunch and Bible study at the Wok and Grill in Twin Falls. LEAD stands for Leadership, Evangelism, Accountability, and Devotion.

**Men**—Plan to attend the Men's Retreat from **June 26th - 28th**.

**Ladies**—Attend the **Day of Joy** luncheon on **Saturday, May 10 at 1:00 p.m.**

This will be a luncheon for ladies of all ages, with a concert by guest musical artist Janis Walton and the group ensemble Nighean. **Tickets (\$8.00) will be available this Sunday, May 4th, and this Wednesday, May 7th.** This is a great time to invite your neighbor, relative, or friend to come with you. This luncheon sponsored by Women's Ministries. (You will need to arrange for a babysitter.) **Also Needed: Some men available to help serve!** If you have any questions or would like to donate tickets, call Myrla Plant at 324-2406.

Want to meet some special people? Lee and Donelle Kauffman, missionaries to the Jola-Fonyi people of Senegal, will be visiting on Sunday, May 18th.

**HEY KIDS!** What is the name of Pastor Matt's dog? Tell Mrs. Brockway, and get a prize!

## Growing Together as We Grow Larger

The New Testament gives certain commands that are to be carried out within the context of our relationships with others in the church. These "one another" commands are things that we are to do for, with, and to one another within the church body. We are commanded to love one another (John 13:34-35), pray for one another (James 5:16), care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:24-25), encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11), bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), as well as many more "one another" commands.

These commands, however, presuppose that we will know one another and have relationships with others in the body of Christ. As God continues to grow NorthRidge Fellowship we must be intentional about building these relationships within the church because relationships do not come automatically. The following are some suggestions for how we can get to know others in the church and grow together as we grow larger:

**Take part in a small group Bible study:** a good way to get to know others is by studying God's Word together in a small group setting. Sunday morning Bible study at 9:30 is an excellent way to do this.

**Look for ways to get involved in ministry:** there is no better way to get to know someone than to serve Jesus Christ alongside them.

**Invite someone from the church that you do not know well over to your home for**

**dinner:** set aside one evening every two weeks and have someone different over to your home or plan lunch with someone new after church.

**Talk with people about more than just the weather:** move beyond just surface conversation and really get to know others. Ask them to share their testimony with you, ask how the couple met, ask what Jesus is doing in their lives.

**Build relationships with those who may not be just like you:** spend time with those that are older and with those that are younger than yourself and your family. There may be much that you can learn from those older, as well as wisdom that you may be able to impart to those who are younger.

**Seek to be a Timothy, a Barnabas, and a Paul:** look for relationships where you can learn from others (Timothy), where you can have an accountability and encouraging relationship with a spiritual peer (Barnabas), and for ways to mentor those who are newer in the faith (Paul). These relationships will pay rich dividends in your life, in their life, and in the body of Christ.

**Get out of your comfort zone and make an effort:** building relationships within the body of Christ takes time and effort and will many times move us out of our individual comfort zones. But the price is worth it as God's people share life in Christ together. May God be pleased to grow us together as He grows us larger!

## One Another Verses

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2

Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Romans 14:19

That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

1 Corinthians 12:25

Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

James 5:16a

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Romans 12:10

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds.

Colossians 3:9

Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:9

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:5

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

