

CAMPUS CHURCH *of Christ*

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

February 21, 2010

On Being A Blessing

Interview with author John Ortberg

Christianbook.com: On page 64 of your book ([When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box](#)) you mention that it is only when we realize the goodness of God that we can unconditionally surrender our status as "master of the board." You note here that in fully surrendering ourselves to God that we open ourselves to God's blessing. What might you say to those who have fully surrendered to the Lord, yet experience little resulting blessing? I'm thinking of the recent article in Time where we see Mother Theresa describing a kind of *Dark Night of the Soul* for the last 40 years of her life.



John Ortberg: I've read through that article and it's very powerful and very poignant and very sobering. Certainly for folks, Richard Dawkins, for instance, slammed Mother Theresa very hard, which struck me among other things, as not good strategy. If you're going to go after somebody don't go after Mother Theresa. I don't think the guy is going to win a lot of converts to his cause. But one of the things that it does, that her story I think does, is to sever any easy connection or formula that we can tend to want to create in the Christian world, that says follow these four easy steps and then you will be filled with spiritual vitality and always happy. I think part of what it gets to is there's a difference between being in a state of blessedness and experiencing and being aware of blessedness. I think that anyone that looks at Mother Theresa's life would say that it was a conduit for enormous blessing in the world and that's a wonderful thing. ***It came for her at a cost of experiencing an awful lot of darkness and difficulty but it would be better to experience the darkness and difficulty and be a great blessing, than to feel happy and connected but be a curse to the people around you.*** Now the best of all would be to both be a blessing and feel a blessing but I think part of what Mother Theresa reflects on herself is we can't control that. Even my own inward emotional experience is one of those things I have to let go like the helium balloon. I cannot make it come to be a certain way. It is possible, nobody knows, and she reflects on this, that maybe through her experience of that darkness her own suffering created within her a capacity to help, to empathize, to be with suffering people that created a blessing for them that would not have been there otherwise.

http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/cms_content?page=1713441&event=CFN

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.

FEBRUARY

- Sun 21 Student meal team #3
 Sat 27 **Men's Spiritual Impact Day** at Maricamp Road Church of Christ
 Registration deadline 2/20, cost \$10
 Sun 28 Final Spring Break DR Mission fund raising meal-after morning worship

MARCH

- Thur 4 **Men's Night Out 6PM @ Sonny's**
 9213 NW 39 Ave
 Sat 6 UF/SFC spring break begins
 Sun 7 Univ. City C of C Spring Arts Festival
 Sun 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
 • St Francis House mission
 Wed 17 Prospective Youth & Children minister's visit
 Sat 27 Spring Literacy Fair @ Campus CofC

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"

www.campusyouth.wordpress.com



**Fund-raiser for Dominican Republic
 2010 SPRING BREAK MISSION TEAM**

**Sunday, Feb. 28 — Enjoy a meal
 immediately after morning worship in the F.H.
 Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert
 Adults \$6/plate Children \$4/plate
 Team departs from Miami on March 7**

Adult Bible Classes

Sundays 9:30 AM

Reflections on Mark — E. Brown

Prayer for children and grandchildren —last Sun of each month FH#2

Prayer for personal & church concerns—9AM Library

Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Satan's Attack — Ramon Osejo

Parenting Teens – Bob Harrell

Beth Moore's series *Daniel—Lives of Integrity* — Barbara Brunson

Overcomers Outreach for Women — Dianne Skye

College/young adults: *Christians Engaging with Culture* – Eric B.

Children's Ministry

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

10:30 AM Worship workers:

Babies: Sun: Sondra Hester **Wed:** Ann Horton

Toddler Nursery: Today, Feb. 21 - Ann & Joyce

Next Week, February 28 - Grant & Mandy

Your LifeGroup discussion notes

Campus Church sermons are available at www.campuscofc.org
 also at
[iTunes> podcast>religion & spirituality>Campus Church of Christ](#)

D.R. Mission team, in addition to other efforts, will be distributing food, clothes, & basic medical supplies to Dominicans and displaced Haitians. The team is seeking travel sized toiletries like soaps, shampoos, conditioners, combs, toothbrushes & tooth paste. If you can help, please bring any of the listed items to the church office before Friday, March 5th.



TODAY — College students, come share a meal after worship in the College room

CampusChristians Spring 2010 Calendar

Spring On-campus Bible Studies

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

Mondays @ UF Chipotle @ 12:00 noon

Tuesdays @ SFC Library @ 12:20 PM

Wednesdays @ UF Reitz Food Court @ 10:40 AM

Fridays @ UF Hub @ 2:00 PM

Ask one of our college students or text
 Kevin (college minister) for more details: 352-284-2827

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 Dave

message Eric

Under Pressure
Mark 11

prayer cards

offering

benediction

Last Week's Statistics

Sunday Attendance.....	195
Sunday Contribution.....	\$6,862
Wednesday Care fund	\$160

Meditative Commentary on
Mark, Jesus Is God's Son

Wise Answers Defeat
The Opposition

Mark 12: 1-34

Day 1: Mark 12: 1 - 11

Day 2: Mark 12: 12 - 17

Day 3: Mark 12: 18 - 27

Day 4: Mark 12: 27 - 34

Day 5: Mark 12: 1 - 34



新年快乐! Happy Chinese New Year! Thank you to all of the people who generously donated books to send to Chinese college students. We have collected enough for 2 medium-sized flat rate boxes that ship for \$41 apiece. If you would like to contribute to help with shipping costs, please see Alison or Nick Dunn. Thanks!

Prayer List

Please pray for our families & friends:

Ongoing:

Sue Apple, recovering from surgery
Russell Aubut, @ NF rehab. Visitors welcomed
Faye Blanks, health

Jan Barber, Ann Horton's mom, health

Deborah Daniels, health & other issues
Jonathan Bartley

Kellam Bartley, Navy

Alexis Collins

Robin Callens, chemo & radiation

Liz Comor, leukemia (friend of Maxine)

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

Lymphoma & chemotherapy

Pat Detweiler, health

Mary Erhart; cancer, Deni's mother

Linda Ferriel; cancer

Valeri Frees, hospitalized (friend of
September)

Brad Gamble & family—lung cancer

Haiti earthquake victims

Solomon & Joshua Henderson, health

Ed & Bettye Jennings, health.

Byron Jennings, son of Ed & Bettye, health

Jordon Kruger, recovering from surgery

T.L. Latson, health

Frank Lauro; health

Bennilene Pennisi, back pain, health

James Price, Hospice care

Mamie Roberson, health

Bertis Mackey, health

Vivian McElderry, chronic pain.

William Oliver, Marilyn's father, hospitalized

Ivera & Otis Mazon

Jimmy Miller; health

Louise Miller, Ed Parker's mom; cancer

Houston & Dot Mims, Deb Callen's parents,
health

Umberto "Jerry" Ortiz, health

Edna Poling

Olive Scott

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 Maxine

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.

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