

# NSD Notes

**For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)**

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## Services

- Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

## News @ NSD

## WELCOME VISITORS!

This Sunday we begin a new study in the book of Acts for our Sunday morning Bible classes.

Please continue to pray for **Ernest Peoples** – he will be deployed to Kuwait in the near future.

Keep in your prayers: **Ken Holloway** who is recovering from cataract surgery; **Martha Holloway** who has recurring heart problems; Jeanne Lynne (the Adams’ daughter) who is scheduled to undergo surgery for cancer this week. Also pray for Benjamin Hoskins (Daniel’s Dad) and Chuck Holloway (Ken’s brother).

The **Ladies Bible Study** begins a new study on Marriage this week. The meeting will be held at The Hoskins’ house on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.. Please contact Meredith if you need directions.

## JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

By Gene Taylor

A few weeks ago I attended a musical put on by one of our local high schools. I went because my son had done some video work for it, one of the young people from church was in it, and, frankly, I enjoy musicals. I was enjoying this one. I was pleasantly surprised at the professionalism demonstrated by these students. I recalled my high school days and the productions we put on and they in no way compared to the expertise these young people displayed. So I was having a good time.

Everyone else seemed to be enjoying it too. The auditorium was filled and the applause was thunderous -- except for the woman sitting next to me. I don't remember when I first noticed it but she was not applauding at all. While the rest of the audience was gleefully putting their hands together, she just sat there quietly.

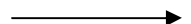
I consciously watched her the next time applause rang out. Again, she didn't so much as move or acknowledge the performance in any way. I thought to myself, "Why did you come if you were going to just sit there? Don't you realize these young people need to be encouraged when they do good, worthwhile things?"

### Ephesians 5:1-8

*Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.*

It became a distraction to me. My enjoyment was greatly diminished. In reality, not only was I distracted, I was becoming angry at this woman. "Perhaps," I thought, "she is jealous -- grudging these young people their youth and talents." "Maybe she thinks she is better than everyone else and that all this is beneath her." I carried such thoughts to intermission.

When I stood to stretch, so did she. Then she turned around. It was



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All are welcome to our worship  
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with  
thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

## Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your  
name in all the earth, who have set Your  
glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing  
infants you have ordained strength,  
because of Your enemies, that You may  
silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of  
Your fingers, the moon and the stars,  
which You have ordained

What is man that You are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that You visit him?  
For You have made him a little lower than  
the angels, and You have crowned him  
with glory and honor.

You have made him to have dominion over  
the works of Your hands;

You have put all *things* under his feet, \all  
sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the  
field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the  
sea that pass through the paths of the  
seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your  
name in all the earth!

## [Jumping to Conclusions]

then I knew the truth -- she had only one hand. She  
could not have applauded even if she desperately  
wanted to. I felt stupid. I was glad I had not shared my  
feelings with anyone else. I was ashamed.

*Judge not, that you be not judged. For with  
what judgment you judge, you will be judged;  
and with the measure you use, it will be  
measured back to you.*

**Matthew 7: 1-2**

I wondered, "How many times have I jumped to  
conclusions about other people when I did not know  
the truth of their situation?" Our Lord told us we should  
not be quick to judge others (Matt. 7:1-2) but I had  
"jumped in with both feet." I was the self-centered one.  
I was the one who lacked sensitivity and  
understanding. I asked the Lord to forgive me. I smiled  
at the lady and said, "Good play, huh?" She replied, "It's  
wonderful! I am really enjoying it." Now, putting aside  
my selfishness, I could too.

*And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who  
know the hearts of all, show which of these two  
You have chosen..."*

**Acts 1:24**

Throughout our lives, as we live them for Christ, let us  
not be quick to judge others and impugn their motives.  
Only God knows their hearts (Acts 1:24). Let us let Him  
judge in matters of the heart.

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We look at things we cannot see  
Eternal things above  
Where Christ our Savior ever lives  
And intercedes in love  
We walk by faith and not by sight  
Our hearts are filled with love  
On hope we wait for Christ's return  
To take us home above

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