Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: Following 1st Service
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Services are live-streamed to our website: oakswestchurchofchrist.com

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Little Things

by Rickie Jenkins

How many little things do we make big things? A very good friend of mine died several year ago with cancer. His name was Jim Everett. Post knee replacement, he learned he had liver cancer and lived two weeks. Jody and I had the opportunity to visit him on Thursday before he passed away on Sunday. While visiting with him, I asked him what he had learned. One thing he said was, "I made a lot of little things big things." That has stayed with me for the past 20 years.

Before you jump, I recognize there are big things. Those big things need serious attention. Having said that, many of the things we face are really things we have made big. What if we recognized the little things and then left them little things? Most disagreements and blow ups are over little things that have been made big things.

Here is the rub; if it is "my thing" then it is a big thing. Yours is little, mine is big. What makes it big? Any number of factors. One, when things did not go my way. "I wanted…" and it did not happen my way. Also, I viewed rejection as personal. There was a personal investment on my part and "my thing" was not accepted. Further, I know better than anybody else. Since I know better, my way is best. On it goes.

Let's stop! Let's let the little things remain little. Ask, "Is this going to make a difference in eternity?" If not, why make the small thing a big thing? Also, whatever that is, in one year is it going to matter? Is it going to "break the bank?" Is it going to stop work from being done for the Lord? Is it possible my way is not the only way to be considered? Have my eyes been open to the possible pitfalls that might happen to "my thing?"

Even when there is strong disagreement between people, wouldn't it help if we tried to make the big thing a little thing? So, ask "Is this little thing worth getting so upset about?" I have seen little things made into big things and cause destruction in relationships. Then, years later, have the people involved say, "That was

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When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Singing - Cedar Park, August 8

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

such a little thing. We should not have a "blow up over it."

A passage that may be of help is, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests but also for the interest of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ" (Phil. 21:3-5).

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is in pain and is recovering from surgery

Jimmy Stinnett is struggling from his leukemia and is under treatment. He has good days and bad days.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Marcia Neuhaus, Dorthy Steadman, Dinah Williams

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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