

Los Altos Church of Christ

*"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love,
united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2*

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This Sunday...How Ya' Feeling?: Okay. Fine. Good.

Our tendency to avoid emotions is never more realized than when we respond with "Okay." "Fine." and "Good." The vagueness with which we respond may not be intentional. In fact, it could be the answer we were taught to give. But what if we were missing out on one of the very things God wired within our soul to help us truly live? We can embrace emotions in a healthy way and give them to give them to God believing that He will redeem them for His good. Join us as Kyle Idelman poses the question, "How Ya' Feeling?"



Wednesday Night Fellowship...Dinner at Terrie's 6:30 and at 7:00 new series, "Shoes".

PRAYERS *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

Continue to pray for Terry Shipp...Lu...Sue Collins...Marge Shipp... Autumn and Brooke...Mike and Sharon...John and Jennifer...Abbie...Jocelyn's mother...Christine's mother...the Gordon family...Walter Grove...Roger Townsend... Berry... The Britton Family ... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

The MAGI Project

The MAGI Project is a work by Healing Hand International to share God's love with children in need. Local evangelists in Honduras, Zambia, and at the Texas-Mexico border use MAGI boxes to reach out to their communities and share the good news of Jesus. You can provide a MAGI box for only \$30. It's a simple way you can **M**ake **A** Godly **I**mpact. To learn more or contribute directly, go the Los Altos webpage and click on the "MAGI Box" tab. Or you can put a check in the collection box on Sunday and designate that it is for the MAGI project in the memo area.

Time For A Laugh:

Question: What is the bestselling religious book among the residents of Sea World? (answer on back)

Thoughts for the week...

Our worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace. - Jerry Bridges

Sin has a diminishing factor to it. It always gives its best in the beginning. It never gets better after that ... it only gets worse." - Mark Aulson

People Pleasing

By Tim Archer

An ancient fable tells of a man, a boy and a donkey. A man and his son were leading their donkey to market when someone passed and remarked how foolish they were to have a donkey and not ride it.

The boy mounted the donkey, but the next person who passed commented on what a wicked son that would force his poor father to walk. So the son got off and the father got on the donkey, but the next traveler they passed wondered why a father would treat his son so cruelly.

So both got on the donkey, only to be rebuked by the following person they met, who said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of yours—you and your hulking son?"

There was but one thing to do. Father and son entered the town carrying the donkey on their shoulders. Aesop ended the fable saying, "Please all, and you will please none."

It's hard not to worry about what others think or say about us. However, we can't let that control our lives, especially our spiritual lives. In the New Testament, we read this sad statement:

Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God." (John 12:42-43)

They loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God. That describes a lot of people, doesn't it? Hopefully, it doesn't describe you or me.

We need to be willing to put our faith in God, even when it's not popular to do so. We need to be willing to stand up for what's right, no matter what others may say. We need to seek the glory that comes from God rather than the praise of men.

Time For A Laugh:

Answer: The Porpoise-Driven Life