

CHURCH STAFF

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study—9:15AM

Morning Worship—10:30AM

Evening Worship—6:30PM

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting—6:30PM

W.A.C.—6:30PM

(for all Middle & High Schoolers)

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Alameda, CA 94501

Return Service Requested

Birthdays

Aug 1—Jason Durnil, Hector Corrales, Jr.,
Rebecca Guihuhi
Aug 2—Cassandra Lumpkin
Aug 7—Clarence Carter
Aug 9—Claudia Jalluri
Aug 12—Emerald Wilson
Aug 16—Jean Jackson
Aug 20—Bob Perricone, Michael Notaro
Aug 22—Ilona Pollard
Aug 23—Linda Peterson
Aug 25—Larry Rau
Aug 26—Ora Randolph
Aug 31—Diane Paulino
Sep 2—Art Nious
Sep 3—Marva Caldwell



Anniversaries

Aug 19—Greg & Anna Sanford
Aug 20—Stephen & Carrie Jones
Aug 21—Jay & Prabha Jalluri



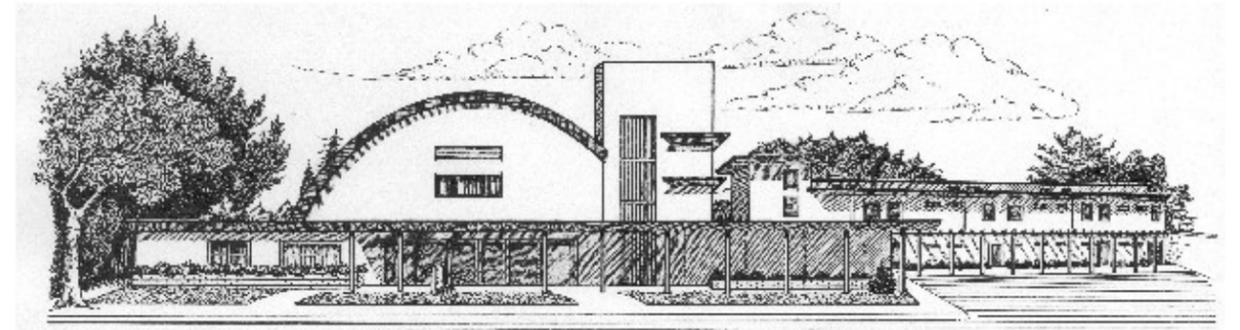
Staff Anniversary

Sherrie Finnicum, Wee Care 1991



He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8 (NIV)

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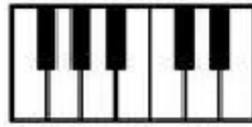
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August 2012

Awesome
God!
Amazing
Power

Vacation Bible School
2012





KEYNOTES
FROM
PASTOR STEPHEN

Now that the Kid's VBS is over, we are focusing on our prayer ministry. We already have Wednesday night prayer meeting, and the quarterly Day of Prayer will resume this fall. Many of you have expressed interest in Prayer Walking—so this month we will begin distributing Prayer Walking maps & guides.

The following story is significant in several ways. It gives us insight into the life of a great prayer warrior & writer. This year is the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Read how God used a white Missouri preacher during and after that war.

An Untold Story from the Civil War

by Keith Bassham

One hundred and fifty years ago, in the summer of 1862, our nation was in the throes of civil war. Whether considered to be The Great Rebellion (northern sentiment) or The War Between the States (in the South), it was the most significant time for the United States since the Revolution, and in many ways it defined the political, psychological, sociological, and religious future of the nation.

As President Abraham Lincoln would state in 1863, the nation was a mere "four score and seven years" old, very young as empires and nations go. The Capitol was still unfinished and dome-less, the transcontinental railroad was still mostly just "proposed", and the income tax was still a bit in the future.

I want to write about Edward McKendree Bounds, or as he is known to most of us, E. M. Bounds, whose books on prayer are well known among all Christian readers. What most people do not know is that he served as a chaplain during the Civil War.

Mr. Bounds was born in Shelby County, Missouri in 1835. As so many future preachers did in those days, he prepared himself to practice law at first, but not before giving in to a little gold fever in California. Alas, he and his brother found no riches, and so he returned to Missouri where he was admitted to the bar as one of the youngest lawyers in the state.

The Great Awakening of 1857-1858 had reached the Midwest, and Edward responded to God's call. He was ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church South and began riding an evangelistic circuit.

As a border state, the lines between the Federals and the Confederates in Missouri shifted often, and civilians were caught in the crossfire. In 1861, while pastoring in Brunswick, MO, Edward was suspected of southern sympathy. Biographers differ, but whatever the reason, he and 249 others were arrested and imprisoned. A year and a half later, he was ordered out of the state and taken to Arkansas to a prisoner exchange camp. In February 1863, he joined the Confederate Army and served the remainder of the war as a chaplain.

Captured by Union troops on the field, he once again found himself a prisoner of war. He ministered to the wounded and dying in prison as best he could, and in June 1865, he pledged allegiance once again to the United States of America.

After his release he returned to Franklin, TN, where he had preached – and received a battle injury – during the war. He became pastor of the Methodist Church, which he found "in a wretched state," and after taking to himself a number of men who joined in extended times of prayer, the church experienced a revival and an outpouring of the Spirit of God as large numbers of people were saved.

He went on to pastor other churches and to do evangelistic work, and even ventured into writing. He later moved to Georgia, where he gave himself to prayer and to books about prayer, only two of which had been published by the time of his death in 1913 at the age of 77. He spoke rarely of his war experiences, but those times and the personal tragedies he experienced afterward must have shaped his activities the last 15 years or so of his life.

After his death, friends and admirers of the old prayer warrior gathered his documents and published six more volumes on prayer based on those manuscripts. Hardly a preacher I know teaches or preaches on the subject without quoting E. M. Bounds, a great Civil War chaplain.

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The summer is close to an end but we have many things still in the works for our students! August 6th-11th,



16 students and 4 adults will be heading to Jenness Park for a week of Camp. In those six short days our students will learn about the sovereignty of God, evangelism, unity, and submission, all in the book of Ephesians. For a list of students please check the church office.



August 19th-23rd we will be taking off on *The Race*, a youth Vacation Bible School.

During *The Race*, we will travel around the world and visit some of its greatest natural wonders. Along the way, we will encounter an awesome God and His amazing power. The studies will lead us to discover opportunities we have to encounter God and to affirm His awesome nature. As a result, we will realize God's amazing power is both responsible for these breathtaking wonders and is available to us—to give us eternal life and to work in our everyday life.



On another note, I wanted to thank everyone for their prayers while I was away in New Mexico. While in Glorieta it is easy to get lost in the wonder of God, seeing students worship in powerful ways and hearing power preaching everyday it was an amazing experience. This summer at camp has given me new insight in my walk with Christ and where God is taking me in life. Thanks again for the encouragement. Keep the youth department in your prayers as we work with students to bring them into a closer relationship with God.

Billy



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Over 30 years ago, Golden Gate Seminary began offering training at the post-high school level at sites close to churches and at a cost affordable to the students. The program continues today as Contextualized Leadership Development. Our local CLD center is the East Bay School of Ministry, 1221 Pacific Avenue, San Leandro CA 94577. A Diploma in Christian Ministries requires 8 courses.

- One Time Registration Fee \$60.00
- Tuition \$275.00 per course
- Books & Materials approximately \$50.00
- Audit Fee \$100.00 per course

FALL 2012 SCHEDULE

CLS1314 New Testament Survey – An introduction to the background and content of the NT. This course covers the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles (General & Pauline), and Revelation. Meets **Mondays 7:00-9:50 PM**, starting August 20. Taught by Dr. Stephen R. Jones. (This course will also be offered on Tuesdays in Richmond)

CLP1111 Ministry Foundations – An entry course designed to assist students in developing the necessary personal, spiritual, and ministerial foundations for life-long ministry. Meets **Thursdays 7:00-9:50 PM**, starting August 23. Taught by Rico Marquez. (This course will also be offered on Saturdays in Richmond)

Kids VBS Victories

Enrollment — 165

Average Attendance — 140

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power"

Psalm 147:5