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Hallwood Community Church of The Nazarene Newsletter

An "I LOVE YOU" Church

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## Notes from The Pastor's Desk:

### DEALING WITH CONFLICT

Conflict has existed in mankind since God created Eve. Not that Eve is the source of conflict, (that would be a mighty chauvinistic thing for me to say) but that anywhere you find two or more gathered, conflict is not far behind. Conflict can occur when someone doesn't get their way, feels they're not being heard, or has been hurt by someone else. Conflict can also occur when one person tries to exert power or authority over another person, like a bully.

Our world and our lives are full of conflict. At work, at school, or at home we experience all kinds of conflict. But what do we do with it? How do we stop it? How do we find both the peace and the happiness we so desperately want and need?

Well someone once said, "Peace is not the absence of conflict but the ability to cope with it." Meaning we shouldn't run or hide from conflict, but rather learn how to constructively deal with it. The bible has many superb examples of how different people handled conflict – some good and some bad. Writing to the Church, Paul gives some powerful advice for handling conflict, *"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. Ephesians 4:2-3*

Just being humble and gentle with each other will eliminate a ton of potential conflict. Having patience and making allowances for the faults and quirks other people have will take care of a lot more. But the biggest factor is our motivation for acting this way. Paul says, "because of your love." Our love for God and our love for each other is what truly makes resolving conflict possible.

This Fall we are doing a Church wide study on Resolving Everyday Conflict with solid steps you and I can take that are grounded in God's Word. You will also have a chance to be a part of a weekly small group discussing this topic. Our ability to effectively resolve conflict will show others that we truly are an "I Love You" Church.

Pastor Stacey



An "I Love You" Church touches our community!

## Our Mission:

*Sharing Faith,  
Hope, and the  
Love of God  
with the world  
around us.*

See:

*1 Corinthians 13:13*

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# Counselor's Corner

## The Battle for our Mind!

Do you ever experience times when you just seem unable to do what is right, or think the right way, or have that elusive 'peace' you always hear about?

We have to remember that our battle is not of flesh and blood (live bodies we fight against) but a spiritual battle. Just like our commitment to God and our understanding of Jesus' payment for our sin were spiritual acts, so is our walk each day as Christians.

We must learn to depend on God and the Holy Spirit for wisdom and also for courage to maintain our spirituality. The enemy is also a spiritual being and he doesn't fight fair! We cannot win the battle alone. What you can do: pray, join a small group, read The Holy Bible, go to church services and learn to fight effectively :)

May the Truth set you free!

Pastor Elaine



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## Member Spotlight!

### Tom and Kimberly Butcher:

Tom and Kimberly started attending Hallwood Church in 2002 as a couple. However, Tom has attended since 1997! Tom has worked for the Yuba City Unified School District as the Director of Maintenance for 7 years. Kimberly also works for YCUSD for the Child Development program as the Director for 5 years. They met each other while working at a rural school district in Nevada County. Joining his 4 kids and her 2, they became the Butcher Bunch!

Tom found God as a teenager. Knowing Jesus was a developing and growing need in his life. Kim found God at 9 going to church with neighbors and her elementary Sunday School Teacher told her how to ask Jesus into her heart.

### How they have fun:

Tom enjoys fishing, hunting, BBQs, delicious food and more fishing! Kimberly likes catching (fish), scrapbooking with Shutterfly. They both enjoy travel, Tom's yummy cooking (she claims her cooking arm is broken!), family, camping and more fishing!

### The rest of the family:

They are blessed with 6 kids, Danielle, 28, Joe, 26, Katie & Abbie (one month apart), 21, Kristian & Matthew (6 months apart), 19.

### Things they enjoy about our Church Family

We love being part of the Hallwood family and knowing they will be there for us. They show love and concern for our kiddos! We also enjoy serving our local community with our church family.

## Hallwood Humor:

Old Timer says to neighbor, "I have reached the age where Happy Hour is a nap!"

## Prayer Focus:

This month's prayer focus is on the many refugees around the world that are daily suffering while they attempt to escape religious and ethnic persecution.

"Who is my neighbor? ... The one who had mercy...(NIV)."

Luke 10:20, 37



## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Small Groups!

### Hallwood Loves Growing in Knowledge!

In order to continue growing closer to God (and maintain our progress) we must regularly be availing ourselves to information and the learning process. Christian education is vitally important to a healthy spirituality. We must never minimize the value of healthy spiritual input, especially when our world throws us opposing messages all day long!

Here at Hallwood Church we have multiple opportunities for spiritual education. It is our hope that we provide a sufficient amount opportunities on multiple days each week for everyone to be able to attend (see last page of newsletter for specifics).

Also, each year we take the time to do a church-wide study. We all read the same material together and then meet in small groups to discuss what we are learning. This year, starting September 25th we will be reading Resolving Everyday Conflicts for 8 weeks and learning how to better be the Church.

As an "I Love You Church" we want everyone to be supported in their journey towards God.

# Coming Events

## Sunday Services:

- 9:30 Christian Education for all age groups (nursery provided)
- 10:30 Worship Service (Children's Church and nursery provided)

## Wednesday Evenings:

- 6:30 Teen group
- 7:00 Adult Bible Study and Children's Scouting Program

## Friday mornings:

- 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast, The Brick, 316 D Street, Marysville

## September 2016

**4th** Twin Cities Rescue Mission food service 6:30pm

**25th** Alabaster Offering

[visit our website for more exciting calendar information](#)

## Contact Us

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