

Responding to the invitation last Sunday: Elizabeth & Earl Bransumb, Cheryl Rowe, Cassandra Hunter, Diane Lee, Glenna Gammel, Virginia Garcia, Ronnie Whisenant, Evie Gonzales, Sharon Andreas, Diane Sutherland



Mildred Mason—She is in St Agnes with severe pain, possible gallbladder surgery.

Cheryl Rowe—Please pray for LaTatianna, her mother and little brother that the Lord will watch over them and keep them safe.

Dean Berry—Please keep us in prayer as we travel this week to Lubbock. We'll be back with James & Julie for the workshop.

Marilyn Garcia—Pray that my mom is able to visit with my brother and his kids. It's been a year since she last saw them. Strengthen my family to accomplish God's will in our lives.

Jessica Pacheco—Thank you Lord for answered prayers. Pray that we move to the best location for my family.

Virginia Salter—Pray that my co-workers who got laid off will find work soon.

Betty Hosier—Thank you for your prayers and concern for my 2nd cousin, Charles Chaffin. He has cancer and he will be having treatments at St Judes. Your continued prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Joey Gallardo—Pray for my sisters to find God.

Casie Reddell—Please continue to pray for Montana. His recovery has been such a slow process. We hope he will get to come back to church soon.

David Law—On Sunday, 8/30 I will be preaching at Firebaugh. Pray for the growth of that congregation.

Jeannie Fox-Knight—Thank you for our visit with Tegie, our granddaughter. Pray for her searching for truth in the Word. What a blessing she is to a grandmother and grandpa.

Bruce Lee—Please pray for my 15-year old cousin who is in a coma and also blind.

La'Tatianna Rowe—Thank God for all my blessings. Pray that I can do well in school. I'd like to pray for my parents that they come back to the Lord.

Alice Chilton—God bless those dear Christians who take the time to call, send cards and visit! Thank you!

Mildred Bess & Elsie Christian—Please pray for my unsaved children, my continued health, Elsie's studies in school and my grandson, David who is lost in the world and needs to know the Lord.

Virginia Garcia—Pray for a waitress job for me and that I stay focused on the Lord and remember how much he has done and will still do for us.

Evelyn Abram— Please pray for daughters and granddaughters.

Brent Watkins—I want to thank the Lord for letting me continue to work in these hard times. Please keep my family in prayers while I'm away and for myself. Bring me home soon.



### Scheduled Assemblies

**Sunday Morning** 9:00 am  
(Interpreted for the Deaf)

**Bible Classes** 10:30 am

**Sunday Evening** 5:00 pm

**PrimeTime Wednesday** 5:45 pm  
**Wednesday Evening Class** 7:00 pm

**Thursday Morning Class** 10:00 am

**Home Bible Studies** 446.2550  
(Also available for the Deaf)

**Web site:** [www.wpcoc.com](http://www.wpcoc.com)

*This is the Lord's Day Sunday August 30, 2009*

### Today's Worship

Song 23 Our God, He Is Alive

**Call to Worship** Jim Gardner *Psalms 145.8-13*

Song 266 Majesty  
**Prayer** Mike Clanton

Song 287 There is a Redeemer  
334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

**Communion** Greg Ruland

**Mission Presentation**

Song 490 It is Well with My Soul  
(No Children's Worship Today)

**Sermon** "Extreme Home Makeover: One"  
I Corinthians 7.25-35 Jim Gardner

Song 768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

**Closing Prayer** Matt Holcomb

**Tonight at 5 pm**  
**"The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant"**  
**Matthew 18.21-35 Jim Gardner**

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**Visitors Last Week**

**Out of Town:** Duane & Sharon Henton, Tacoma,



WA; Jen Gresswell, San Diego, CA; Sam & Sally Rogers, LA, CA; Wade & Nadine Cook, Madera, CA; Tegie Fox, Ocean Creek, AZ; George & Faith Downing, Springfield, MO; Debby Shelley, Madera, CA; Lisa Adamson, Sacramento, CA; Betty South, Selma, CA: Al, Jodi, Trent, Emily & Sarah Bates, Visalia, CA

**Local Visitors:** Quentin Gordon, Brenda Clark, William Walker, Brenda Clark, Tony Atkission, Mary DeLeon, Angel Carnelo, Nick South, Kathy Morris, Jennifer Hall, Terra Ornelas

**Attendance** AM 754 Class 539 Sunday Night 228 Wednesday Night 357

**Contribution:** \$11,082 Weekly Budget: \$13,314

**Contribution YTD:** \$428,221 Budget Balance YTD is: **-\$11,052**

**Family News**



Our **Spiritual Growth Workshop** is

only a month away. If you would like to help with the **workshop lunches** (Friday, September 25th and/or Saturday, September 26th) please contact Elaine or Tom Scheppegregell @834-0078. They will need help with preparing, serving and clean-up on those days.

**Spiritual Growth Workshop 2009 KidZone Volunteers**

Your help is needed in KidZone during our workshop. Please see the sign-up and information sheets in the south entry. We need teachers, helpers and nursery volunteers as well as materials and snacks.

**Dana Knowlton** is improving daily and looking forward to coming home possibly 9/3. She thanks everyone for your cards and prayers on her behalf.

**YOUTH EVENTS**

Reminder: The teens are leading the service for the Hanford Christian Home today after services. They need money for lunch and ice cream. Also we have a short meeting about the fall schedule before church tonight in Room 103. Thanks again for a great summer. Looking forward to a blessed Fall.

**TODAY: Sunday, 8/30: Hanford Christian Home: 12-4pm:** Teens need money for lunch and Superior Dairy. Guys will be leading service for the nursing home residents.

**TODAY: Sunday, 8/30: Parents Fall Quarter Overview Meeting:** We will meet at 4:30 for an overview of what's coming up for the fall.

**Saturday, 9/5: Homeless Outreach:** Meet at the building at 8am to help load the vehicles, or downtown at 9am

**Sunday, 9/6: Valley Wide Youth Series @ Porterville:** We will meet up to leave the church building at 2:30 and we will be back at 9pm.

**Friday, 9/18 Sports Support:** Clovis East v. Sanger Football: Once a month we are going to highlight one sporting event which involves one or more of our teens. For the month of September we want to get a big crowd to go and support **Garrett Lane** as he and the Clovis East Timberwolves battle the Sanger Apaches at Lamonica Stadium in Clovis.

**Jeanette Burns** new address: 1280 E Quincy, Fresno, CA 93720  
Phone 229-1864 email: jeanetteburns49@yahoo.com

**Coming Events**

August 30th—Teen Parents Planning Meeting with Andy 4:30 pm Room 103

Sept 13th— All Deacons Meeting 4:45 pm (15 min meeting) Room 103

September 23-27th—SPIRITUAL GROWTH WORKSHOP 2009

The God Squad Ministry team will be holding a meeting on **8/30**, immediately after evening worship in **room 103**. To provide an overview of the ministry plans and discuss upcoming events. This meeting is for parents of children PreK to 6th grade, grandparents, and anyone interested in working and serving in this ministry capacity.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved, but cannot make it to the meeting please see Brent or Shannon Watkins and or Gabe and Erin Bacus.

During last Sunday's sermon, I shared with you ten brief suggestions that can help us all become more gentle, effective communicators in our marriage and family relationships. The suggestions are based on the principle that it is best to "seek first to understand, then to be understood."

**Put on Humility** – Our communication frustration can be minimized by remembering anyone of us can be a poor speaker or listener.

**Respect and Value Each Other** – Feelings of acceptance are critically linked with security. It is amazing how much clearer our ears hear when our heart is secure (cf. 1 John 4.18).

**Think Before you Speak** – *"A kind answer soothes angry feelings, but harsh words stir them up... Kind words are like honey – they cheer you and make you strong (Prov. 15.1; 16.24).*

**Always Assume the Best** – Remember, your mate is your friend and life partner; your child is your precious gift from God. Communication with a mate or a child is not communication with an enemy! To assume the worst in those we love is to invite disaster.

**When Necessary, Take a Time-Out** – Emotions can cloud our ability to hear and speak clearly. Sometimes, a breather is essential, so long as initiative is taken to reconcile before going to sleep.

**Handle Conflict and Anger with Grace** – Don't nurse or rehearse your reasons for being bitter, but always deal with conflict before going to bed. Unresolved bitterness is the devil's foothold in your life and relationships (cf. Eph. 4.26-27).

**Always Confront Privately** – Never publicly shame, but privately confront by speaking the truth in love with great gentleness and respect.

**Be Specific and Concrete** – An essential for parents! Sometimes, the disobedience of a child may not be the fault of the child but the fault of the parents for failing to adequately communicate expectations.

**Listen for the Other's Thoughts, Feelings, and Desires** – Keep communicating until you reach understanding by reflecting on the other person's thoughts. Reflect by asking, "Are you saying?"

**Be Quick to Apologize and Forgive** – The mature person is the one who can confess, "I was wrong. I am sorry. Please forgive me." Don't be afraid to ask, "How could I have said this better?"