

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Today's Worship Schedule ———

Song 716 Sing to Me of Heaven

Call to Worship Joe Boe

Song 97 I Sing Praises

Song 122 The Love of God

Prayer Al Lehnick

Song 387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Communion Bruce Sharp

Missions Haiti Relief Update

Song 652 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
(No Children's Worship Today)

Sermon "Dying To Go To Heaven"
Acts 7 Joe Boe

Song 911 Bring Christ Your Broken Heart

Closing Prayer Leon Young

Sunday Evening Services 5 pm

Ethiopian Report John Ed Clark

VISITORS

Out of Town: Tandalyn & Margie Szczurek, Clyde, TX; Melvyn Flagan, Daily City, CA; Holly Weymouth, Los Angeles, CA; Charles Cabuhat, Los Angeles, CA; Mick & Sally Davies, Las Vegas, Nevada; Louise Sneyd, Ulysses, KS; Samuel Abraque, Romenville, IL; Damian & Cody Andreas, Kent, WA; Darrell & Von Brawley, El Dorado, TX; Richard & Dail Harmian, Dos Palos, CA; DeWayne Trahan, Huntsville, AR.

Local: Jeffery Bess, Renee Dunlap, Kelsie Lewis, Cindy Mielke, Harmony Lolley, Tyra Pree, David Chatman, Al Sanchez, Cara Duncan, Amber Taylor

Attendance: AM 834 Class 476 Sunday Night 264 Wed Night Study 383

Weekly Contribution: \$8,979 Weekly Budget: \$13,314

Contribution YTD: \$413,972 Budget Balance YTD is: - \$10,492



PRAYER REQUESTS



Responding to the invitation last Sunday: **Camelia Watkins, Fred & Nawasa Scott, Lanell Mendez, Rodessa Jones, Virginia Salter, Mark Latham, Evie Gonzales**

Elsie Christian— Please pray for my friend, Lois and her husband, he is having problems with his heart.

Jeanetha Henderson— God continue to bless my family and friends. Watch over my daughter Tyra while in bible class that your word is taken in with understanding what is being taught.

Rodessa Jones— Prayers for my sister, Linda Jones and family, she is going through some trials, I told her God does answer prayers for everyone.

John & Melissa Jones— Pray we can get our kids back and have faith in God.

Mark Isley— Praise the Lord.

Richard Hauser—in intensive care unit at St Agnes. Pray for him and Kimberly.

Kerry & Al Avedikian— Stan Williams is home—still needs prayers from the church.

Brenda Bethel— Please keep in prayer my mother-in-law, Lois Bethel who is recovering from major back surgery at UCSF and for my husband Gary who is with her in San Francisco.

Larry Cooley—I am so glad to be here to praise my Father and to grow in the spirit. Bless my loved ones and everybody else.

Robert & Evie Gonzales— Robert is taking a different medication for the inflammation in his body the other meds didn't work. Praise God for the new Christians. Praise God for the huge example he left us to live our lives.

Lester James— The new members dinner was wonderful. The church has really helped us since we have been coming here.

Frances Nelson— Thank you to all my church family for your prayers and phone calls. I have a way to go before every sore spot and black marks are gone. But I am thankful that it wasn't much worse. Love to all and God Bless.

Bruce & Debbie Sharp— Please pray for a friend's son Derek Johnston, who was in a serious motorcycle accident. He is having complications and also pray for the other family who died in the accident.

Leticia Cavazos— I ask that you pray for my small younger children, Yesenia, Luis, and Jonathon, they are in Michoacán, Mexico with their dad for the summer. I pray that they will be safe and in good health. I would like to thank the Church for the wonderful dinner for the new members. It was fun and the food was delicious.

Rick & Sylvia White— Prayers for Vin Kong who is in Community with heart issues.

Jerry Nevins— Peggy is sick.

Camelia Watkins— Pray the God blesses me with a bigger place. My mother-in-law is in the hospital, she is not doing so good.

Marilyn Garcia— Lord Jesus watch over my brother Nico as he is in South Dakota trying to make a better life. Give him strength, guidance, stability, and courage to overcome his trials. I need prayer for financial help to get our family thru these tough times. Lord continue to let us believe in our hearts that we are not defeated, but that we are overcomers thru grace and mercy. Thank you Lord.

Tracy Clark— Please keep my dad, JC Staffan, in your prayers. He recently had a pace-maker and defibrillator put in and is not doing so well. My parents and sibling are not Christians and need your prayers. Thank you

Dixie Jones—I'll be driving to Washington state. Keep me in your prayers for a safe trip.

Can We Change the Bible?

A young man by the name of Novation was deathly sick and it seemed the end was near. While on his death bed, he requested baptism for the remission of his sins. The doctor stated that if he was moved to the water, he would die in the process. What should they do about baptizing this man?

After much consultation, they decided to bring the water to him. They poured buckets of water on him and nearly drowned him. Then they declared that he had been "baptized." Although they knew what the Bible says about baptism being immersion in water, they considered this a "special circumstance" and declared him a Christian. Thus, in the year 251 AD, we have the first recorded case of "clinical baptism."

Then, a funny thing happened, Novation did not die! A few decades later, Novation, now considered a faithful member of the church, was considered for a position as a deacon. The question then came up about whether his earlier baptism was biblical? The answer, after much discussion and bible study, was that it was not. (Matthew 28:18, 19; Acts 2:38; 16:22) Therefore, Novation had to be immersed in water for the forgiveness of his sins, just as the Bible says. (Karl Hefele; "History of Church Councils" Pg. 153)

Even when the early church attempted to "bend the rules" for a seemingly good reason, they later understood it was not valid and corrected the action. Many today have changed God's word for what they felt were "good reasons" and thus invalidated what they were attempting to accomplish, the glorification of God. However, God is not glorified by our innovations, no matter what the intent. He is glorified by faithful obedience to His word. Let us make sure, as Christians who believe in teaching only Biblical truths, that our teachings and practices are indeed what God has given us in His word. As New Testament Christians, we must ensure that we adhere to sound doctrine and not be swayed by human influence.

Remember Novation!

God Bless,
Joe Boe

Cesar, Ixchel and Simei Gamez made the big move to their new home in Firebaugh. They live right across from the elementary school. They are so very grateful for all that was given to them. Come visit us: 1502 Saipan Ave, Firebaugh, CA There are a few items that they will still need. These items are on a list at the Welcome Center. Please check the list and sign up if you can help.



To: "The Discipleship Day Camp Kids"

God loves me better than anybody. This was proven last week when all the wonderful "young singers" came and gave me the "lift of a lifetime".

I love you all to the end of a circle!!
Betty Damron



YOUTH EVENTS

Yosemite Bible Camp: 6/27-7/3: A great spiritually charged week in one of the most awe-inspiring locations in the country on "God's Mountain". The best week of the year!

Lunch Bunch: 7/6: 1-3pm: Bring money for lunch.

Valley Wide Youth Series @ Caruthers: 7/11: Meet at WP to carpool to the Caruthers church. Be here ready to leave by 3pm

Fresno Fun Fridays (F.F.F): 7/16: Fresno Grizzlies, 7/23: Guys and Girls Night Out, 7/30: Java w/ Jesus: On Friday nights this summer we will be going somewhere together just to enjoy fellowship. Most of these events will be between \$5 and \$10. Bring a friend!

Mariposa Mission: 7/17-21st: We will be going to put on a VBS for the Mariposa church of Christ in Mariposa, CA. We will leave Saturday the 17th in the afternoon and be home Wednesday the 21st after evening worship For more Youth Group info, check out these web-sites:

wpcoc.com: we will have a coming events power-point link

yofrizz.blogspot.com: Dates and times with youth group updates

If you are on facebook: Join our group **WPYG** for updates.

Pray for our young campers and staff at YBC this week!

We will have a Guest Speaker next Sunday, July 4th
Jim Gardner, Benton AR

Jim, Mandy, Trae and Tori will be a part of our Yosemite Bible Camp this week. Trae was baptized by her daddy last Sunday.

COMING EVENTS

6/26/10-7/3/10 Yosemite Bible Camp — Oakhurst

7/11-14/10 Vacation Bible School

7/24-30/10 Tahoe Family Encampment

9/22-26/10 Spiritual Growth Workshop 2010

Sara, Your Family Is So Proud of You!

We would like to congratulate our daughter, **Sara Valerie** for being this year's recipient of Maple Creek Elementary Iditarod. Sara was chosen for this dedication because "she is a hard worker and serves all the students and staff with love and compassion". Sara has been at Maple Creek for four years and works in the campus catering department.

Don & Judy McCurry

No Children's Worship Today

Welcome to the family!!!

On June 20, 2010, **Jenna Houston** was baptized into Christ by Andy Frizzell. She is the daughter of Mark and Hillary Houston and the granddaughter of Duane & Patty Houston.

and He added to their number...

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Edwin Hendrix** for the passing of his mother **LaVerne Hendrix**. Her funeral was held at Jay's Chapel on June 25th. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations go to Woodward Park Haiti Fund. Thank you



Harding University announces that **Stephen Gipson** has earned a Bachelor Degree of Ministry with a Major in Bible and Religion. You have been invited to a ceremony to honor graduates on Friday, July 30, 2010, Shores Chapel, 6 pm.

Vacation Bible School

July 11-14 6-8pm

Join us on a fun adventure through Egypt with Joseph, from prison to palace.

BRING A FRIEND!!!

