

# From Pastor Guy



## Redding Christian Fellowship Connection

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I so appreciate all of the pastors on staff at Redding Christian Fellowship. They work so very hard in so many different ways. Kudos to ALL of our staff for serving the Lord so faithfully, often times behind the scenes without our awareness. At the forefront of our ministry are the HUNDREDS of volunteers that make this ministry function. When we get to Ephesians 4, we will see that God's plan is for the local church to be equipped by the entire Body being involved in ministry.

I trust everyone is blessed when one of our other pastors lead us in the Word of God on Sunday mornings. To me, having other speakers on Sunday mornings is like deciding to go to a different restaurant for lunch on occasion! Variety is good! The "same old thing" can get old. Hearing Biblical perspectives from other anointed pastors allows our church body to benefit from their varied life experiences, fascinating applications, and different life stages.

Moving on... Normally you would expect to hear some traditional comments from me regarding the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, which we all love and appreciate. I do hope you are planning to participate in the RCF Christmas Musical, **December 11-14**. Bring a friend, neighbor, family member, or co-worker to hear the Gospel presented in typical RCF musical excellence!

**But I want to take this opportunity to share an issue with you that many of us either don't want to hear, disagree with, wish we didn't have to, or in which you may already be involved and vested. I am speaking of the moral, political, judicial, and legislative attacks against**

### **religious freedom and the freedom of speech in our beloved country.**

On November 2, RCF participated in the simulcast of a rally held in a church in Houston Texas. (You can view this event at <http://www.istandsunday.com>.) In Houston a politician had illegally demanded and subpoenaed the sermons and communications of churches and pastors who disagreed with the political views of the mayor. This issue was also a moral issue regarding school children sharing bathrooms without regards to their male or female status. The pastors and churches collected 50,000 signatures of registered voters (only 17,000 were required) to place the issue on the ballot and let the voters decide if this is what they wanted. The mayor believed this to be an intrusion into the separation of church and state. **IT WAS! IT WAS THE STATE THAT WAS INTRUDING!** The mayor is not recognizing these signatures as legitimate simply because pastors and churches participated. So much for our Constitutional Republic.

If you did not see the simulcast on Sunday, November 2, please go to <http://www.istandsunday.com> and watch. You may not agree with everything said in this video, and you may not agree with everything I am saying in this newsletter. But I do agree with Tony Perkins from the Family Research Council (<http://www.frc.org>) that **"America's problems are not political, they are spiritual."** I do not care what political party you belong. These issues far exceed political loyalties. Our first loyalties belong to God and His Biblical Truths.

You will remember similar things have happened in California. The voters of California are being ignored and the

**Christmas is coming!** Invite your friends and family to one or all of our upcoming events. Sunday morning, **December 7**, in both of our morning services **Scott Riggan** will be joining us to lead in worship. His new album is just now being released and he will share some of his new music. Sunday morning, **December 21**, is going to be a lot of fun. Our Cornerstone Kid's choir will be joining our worship service for a great morning of worship and praise. What a great opportunity to bring family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy a wonderful morning of music.

*Come Home for Christmas*

There is no place like home!  
There is no place like home!  
The famous line from the Wizard of Oz. Isn't it so true?  
The holidays, like no other time of the year, bring back the

thoughts of home. Our lives get so busy and we yearn for the simpler life of our youth and home. Many of us do return to visit family and friends and for a minute we feel the comfort of home, and yet for many that home, that family are no longer to be found. I would encourage all of you to slow down and enjoy the season. Return to those good memories of home and return to the reason we celebrate Christmas. We also invite you to join us for "Come Home for Christmas" featuring the RCF worship choir and orchestra. This simple message of "come home for Christmas" is an invitation to join us, with our families, for a night of music and stories. No tickets are needed. We hope to see you there.

- **December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** @ 7 p.m. We'll be singing at the Mt. Shasta Mall. Come and join us.
- **December 12<sup>th</sup>** @ 7 p.m. and **14<sup>th</sup>** @ 6 p.m. We'll

be singing "Come Home for Christmas" at RCF. No tickets needed.

If you haven't included our **Christmas Eve** service in your Christmas festivities, I would encourage you to adjust your plans. Our service is early in the evening starting at 6 p.m. and is over by 7 p.m. We sing, share communion together, and are reminded of the love of our Heavenly Father. It's a great time for kids and adults alike. I hope you will make it a part of your Christmas this year.

January is a great month to join choir. We'll be starting new music, and looking ahead to the spring events. Easter is early this year so we'll be jumping right into our Easter production. We will take the first week of January off but will start back up January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, feel free to give me a call for more details.

Jerry

Family Game Night



Thank you, Paige Hawes, Andrew Salcido, Jared Lange, Claire Rouse, Caitlyn Parks, Juan Salcido, Kiley Lange, Sydney Lange, Emma Nichols, & Katie Carpenter, our HIT Team who helped in various ways at the Family Game Night!

More photos on pages 13 and 15

## Never a Dull Moment at RCF!

I am constantly amazed to learn of the variety of ways in which the good people of RCF serve our Lord! Some ministries are fairly visible and receive a good deal of attention. For example, every week many volunteers from RCF work in a variety of ways at the Good News Rescue Mission. Several of the board members of the Mission, such as board chair, Robert Cronin, are members at RCF.

During the course of the week, many others volunteer their talents and time at the church. Dennis Kaufmann recently completed three beautiful desks which are now happily utilized to check in children for nursery



and classes.

I also learned recently that Dorothy Gillette and several of

her fellow Sew and Sews, are teaching 11 young girls in one of our area schools how to sew! This is a wonderful complement to our IMPACT Ministries.

Our students have been busy helping flamingoes migrate from yard to yard in an effort to raise funds. Why those birds seem to like my yard enough to settle there



FOUR times, I do not know exactly. I am told to focus on the love their presence reflects!! I am only citing a few examples

here. This is only a small sample of ministries of love and support that happen day in and day out. What a joy and blessing it is to see these many activities take place week in and week out. Thank you to everyone who in so many different ways serves our Lord by giving of themselves in service.

## New Prayer Focus

RCF has a number of venues for prayer. Our staff recently decided to meet

every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the worship center to pray for one another and for the needs of our congregation. We move around the auditorium and pray for our parishioners. Our deacons and elders have been invited to participate with us. We are now also inviting you to consider joining us as well. Just come at 10 a.m. on any Thursday that you can and you will be most welcome to join us. Someone once said that there are many things we can do AFTER we pray but there is nothing we can do BEFORE we pray!

## Update on Finances

The current fiscal year's general fund budget is \$956,571. To achieve this number, our weekly general fund offerings need to average just under \$18,400.

For the month of October our general fund offerings fell somewhat short of this goal. Monthly general fund income budgeted is approximately \$73,600.

We are grateful continually for the generous support of our RCF family and we trust God to continue to supply



Let's Do Lunch!

Make friends and visit with other ladies.

Reservations are necessary.

Please sign up for these events at the Information Desk or call the church office at 222-3425



Thursday, January 15, 11:45 a.m. 2650 Hilltop Dr.

**REVELATION, PART 4**—The study of Revelation, Pt. 4 will be approached from an inductive perspective. Our purpose is to become familiar with content and context of various events in the Book of Revelation, comparing Scripture with Scripture. This study is designed to broaden our understanding of “the things which must shortly take place,” things that center on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.



### Two great opportunities for Study

Tuesday, January 13 thru April 21, 2015 in Fellowship Hall from 6:30—8:30 p.m. with Pat Gardetto

Wednesday, January 7 thru April 29, 2015 in C2 from 1:00—3:00 p.m. with Candy Neeley

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courts are over-ruling the majority vote. I contend that these are moral issues, and the Body of Christ has every right to participate in the “political” process and share their convictions. We are voting Americans, too, and it is illegal to silence ANY voter simply because they are Christian and attend church. I further believe the

church in America has the right to speak up under the first amendment, including comments that are of a legislative, political, and judicial nature, and to encourage people to vote for candidates who are pro-life, pro-family, pro-fiscal responsibility, pro-first amendment, pro-constitutional court appointments, and pro-Gospel! Everybody else can vote their conscience! Why can't the Church of Jesus Christ! Where else are

Christian citizens going to be educated if not in the church? The church is God's appointed institution of education! The bias against Christianity is growing in our culture and public policy. The time is ripe for a Civil Rights Movement for the People of God. My personal motivation is simply this: **The Gospel Message Must Remain Free.**

I regret having to take my time and yours to write and read this. I

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have better things to do! So do you! I want to proclaim our spiritual freedom in Christ! The problem we face is that the freedom to proclaim this message is being threatened. **A group of pastors in the North State have recently banded together to support and protect our churches from the growing secular and ungodly atmosphere in California and across the USA. We are preparing ourselves for the potential attacks and learn how to better educate our churches. We are called the North State Pastor's Fellowship" (NSPF). We are currently exploring ways to mobilize and educate our Christian community. Please pray for us.**

I encourage your dialogue and concerns. I want to hear from you, especially if you disagree with me. We are united in Christ and should not be defensive over political differences. The challenges before us require much conversation, maturity, and grace. I do not want our Body to become divided over "political" issues, and I want everyone to keep their political zeal in check. PLEASE HEAR ME LOUD AND CLEAR ...

**WE DO NOT HAVE TO DEFEND POLITICIANS AND PARTY POLITICS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS THE CHURCHES FACE IS TO HAVE OVER-ZEALOUS CHRISTIANS RANTING AND RAVING AND MAKING UNTRUE STATEMENTS AND CHARACTER ASSASSINATIONS OF THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH THEM. ONE THING I HOPE I NEVER HEAR (AGAIN) AT RCF IS SOMEONE SAYING, "HOW CAN YOU BE A CHRISTIAN AND HAVE DIFFERING**

**POLITICAL VIEWS." THAT KIND OF BIGOTRY AND SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT VALUED AT RCF. IF WE ARE TO STAND, WE WILL STAND WITH GRACE AND THE LIKENESS OF JESUS CHRIST, AND STAND FOR HIS VALUES, NOT OURS!**

In Scripture we see different types of laws given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. There is the *Ceremonial Law* which centered around the temple sacrifices, offering, and other things distinct to the Jewish people, such as circumcision and the Sabbath Day. These were also prophetic in nature, and were fulfilled in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Moral Law* is throughout both Old and New Testaments and communicates God's will for living morally right. This law has never changed and never will. Morality is the direct expression of the character of our Lord. The conflict that Christians face today is the government intruding into Biblical morality, such as redefining marriage, and attempting to force believers to violate Scripture and their own conscience by participating against God's Word. When forced to obey God or government, the believer MUST obey God, rather than man (Acts 5:29).

The *Judicial and Civil Law* provided for a framework for enforcing moral law as well as for the social and civil management of society.

**AS THE SAINTS OF GOD, WE MUST UPHOLD THE MORAL AND CIVIL LAWS AS DIRECTED BY GOD AND PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOMS AS LONG AS WE CAN. AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN AND AMERICA, WE HAVE A MANDATE FROM GOD AND FROM**

**OUR FOUNDING FATHERS TO STAND.**

If we fail to do so, our country will continue to degenerate into ungodly tyranny and religious persecution

God has established four areas of life that need governing from a Biblical perspective. First, as individuals we must govern our lives. Second, we must govern our families. Third, we must govern the church. Fourth, we must govern society. The individual, the family, the church, and the government are ALL created by God with an instruction book and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

If we as believers abandon and neglect our nation, we are willfully turning over our future into the hands of the principalities and powers of the world.

**Noah Webster** said it best in 1783: "God commands us to choose for representatives just men...if the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made not for the public good so much as for selfish or local purposes; corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the laws; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the people will be violated or disregarded. If a republican government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglected the Divine commands and elected or allowed to be elected bad men to make and administer the laws."

Remember, this is not about politics. This is about faithfulness to God. American needs spiritual revival, and we are His instruments to bring it to pass.

Blessings,  
Pastor Guy

GET TO KNOW OTHERS AT RCF...

New Dinner Groups will begin meeting together in February. Be sure to complete the form below and return it to the Church Office or Information Desk by January 18th.

## RCF Dinner Groups

It's time to start another round of RCF dinner groups! We are doing groups of six, so that more people can participate. Each group meets once a month (for three months). If your group chooses, you can have an extra outing together in May (no host) to a restaurant, pizza parlor, etc. Everyone in the group takes a turn being host and providing the main dish — then assigns other



dishes to the rest of the group — dessert, salad, etc. Singles are encouraged to participate! This is a great way to get acquainted with others in the church in a relaxed, totally social atmosphere whether you're new to RCF or have been here for a while. For more information, call Gloria Aristo @ 224-1612.

The next groups after this won't start until September.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION ASAP

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

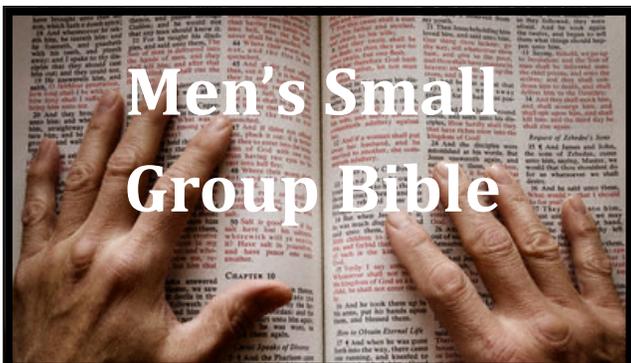
Couple \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Your Age Group -- 20's 30's 40's 50's 60's 70's 80's+

How long have you been attending RCF? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you like to play games? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer a group of 6 or 8? \_\_\_\_\_



You are invited to become a part of a life-changing experience. Men's Small Group Bible Studies is a great place to deepen your relationship with the Lord, get a firmer grasp on Biblical principles for relationships, home life, and business. If you are serious about developing a heart that is *AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART* then contact Ron Mapes at [ron@rcfellowship.org](mailto:ron@rcfellowship.org) or call 222-3425 and he'll help you get connected.



## No FUEL in December

- Friendship
- Utmost Authenticity
- Encouragement
- Lasting Integrity



FUEL provides a great opportunity to meet the men of RCF. We enjoy a great home cooked breakfast (there is always plenty to eat), we spend a little time in worship and share some time around the Word of God. Invest in a relationship with men who will encourage you, support you, pray for you and share some good times. Bring a Friend!

**Saturday**  
**January 31, 8 a.m.**



**Advance Tickets—**  
**\$3.00**  
**At the door—\$4.00**

### GUEST SPEAKER

**John Van der Werff**  
**FROM PHYSICAL PAIN TO**  
**SPIRITUAL HEALING**

Hear how John, with a passion for dentistry dealt with the challenges of life following a life changing skiing accident that left him a quadriplegic.

# Sharon's sharing...

As you may know, our Women's Leadership team meets monthly to plan a variety of events and activities that will draw women from every stage and age in life. As a multigenerational church, our heart's desire and ultimate goal is to connect with every woman through one of these three means: (1) Providing opportunities to mature spiritually through Bible studies or small groups to delve into God's Word or events to connect and build strong and lasting relationships with other Christian women, (2) We strive to generate activities that allow our women to exercise their God-given talents and abilities, and (3) We make every



effort to emphasize outreach to those in the missions field or into our community to reach those who might not have a relationship with Jesus.

We have just completed two wonderful and varied opportunities for women to engage in the aforementioned areas.

In October, we drew 93 women (which included seven churches, other than RCF) to the beautiful setting of Ashland, Oregon for our alternating year's women's retreat. Those who attended are still raving about the compelling topic, breathtakingly beautiful geography, conference and hotel rooms, sweet worship, and abundance of food (both edible and spiritual). We were truly filled to overflowing and blessed as we brought home

a notebook with spiritual exercises to help us stay in closer communication with our God. Nancy Crook was our events planner and did a fantastic job of attending to every possible detail to make this retreat such a success. We had five women from our own body as our session speakers, and they did an amazing job!! La Verna Nixon, Linda Bernardi, Erin Bryant, Nancy Crook, and I had the privilege of sharing the timely lessons of our topic. Thanks to Rachael Welch, Erin Bryant, and Esther Mapes who led worship, alongside Laura Komarek, our guest from Unified Shift Ministry. So many helped with registration, food, decor, and transportation. THANKS, ladies!! It just makes me smile to think of the results of a well-orchestrated event under the direction of God's Spirit, and the powerful impact it had to bless and stretch us mentally, spiritually, and relationally!! We prayed and worshiped God together in one accord. We laughed and even shed a few tears. Sounds like a perfect Ladies Retreat, right??!!!!!!

On November 7-8, WIM participated in our Annual Craft Fair, (which allowed fundraising opportunities for our Prayers & Squares quilt ministry through vendor space rental for the two days). Also, WINGS (Women In God's Service) offered food services as a means to fund orphanages; And our baked goodies booth was managed by a team of ladies who committed to bake, display, and sell these items. The revenue from the sale of these baked items builds our WIM general fund which allows us to provide study materials and scholarship funding so that we can offer low-cost participation, admissions, or assistance to woman who might not otherwise be able to take part. Vicky Schlange did an amazing job as she managed the

baked goods booth, along with her assistant, Janet Telford, and many, many talented and willing participants. Vicky sends along this quote:

*"What a "sweet" two-day sale!!!! We sold every single item that was made!! It was the most successful sale we've ever had!! Many thanks to all who baked goodies, wrapped them so beautifully, and worked in the booth as vendors. You rock, ladies of RCF. Thanks for supporting our WIM fundraiser!!!!"*

*(We thank and acknowledge you, too, Vicky!!)*

Also from Vicky who headed up our sewing project:

*"Many ladies have been sewing dresses over the past couple of months for an orphanage in Africa. Through your wonderful efforts, 225 dresses were shipped on October 31st through a missionary, and we hope to have pictures soon so that you might see the smiles on the faces of the many children who are blessed by your efforts!!"*

Our next "fun" connection for women is December 6. (Perfect time for Christmas shopping!) We are in the final days of sign-ups to travel by bus to the Vacaville outlets for a Girl's Day Out. Not only will we have wonderful selections of every imaginable gift, home, or personal shopping stop, but the trip down will offer some fun interactive times as we learn tips on personal fashion and engage in more personal connection activities!!

Please contact Kerrie Forrester, or call RCF church office for more details!

Sharon

**Annual Christmas Luncheon**

**December 4, 2014**  
12:30-2:30 at RCF  
(Main Building)

**Cost: \$10.00 / person**



*Ministry for the  
Plus 55  
Young at Heart*

*Caroling!  
Fun ~ Fellowship!  
Special Entertainment  
Redding Christian School  
Concert Band & Choir!*



**Make your reservation and pay at the  
Information Desk or the church office by**

**Monday, December 1st**

**P.E.P.**

*• People Enjoying People •*

**COMING SOON!!!**  
**Warm & Fuzzy Fun!!!**  
**Spud Bar**  
**&**  
**“CUSTOMIZED” BUNKO**  
**January 8, 2015**  
**Noon at RCF**  
**\$4.00 / person**



## young adult ministries

We are finishing up our study of Philippians “Paul’s Letter of Joy” on December 1st! While we are looking forward to our next study, we will miss the time spent deep in God’s Word.

The Young Adult Ministry is prayerfully planning a missions trip for July, 2015. In preparation, we contacted several of our current missionaries that are supported by RCF and doors have been opened with Hoyt and Lois Osborne and their Kenya Evangelical Mission in Africa. We are still in the beginning stages of planning and putting all the pieces together. Hoyt and Lois have not been visited by RCF and have been in the field for over 25 years planting churches, starting and running a seminary trade school, and reaching the lost of east Africa. Please join with us in prayer as we plan this missions trip and that God will be glorified and people reached through this endeavor.

The Night of Worship (a jointly hosted NOW by the Young Adults, High School and Junior High Ministries) took place on November 17 and was a great time together as a church family. Thanks to all who participated and made it happen.

As we are all aware, this is a busy time of year. Be sure to mark your calendars because Young Adults are planning a caroling on December 8. There will be more details to follow, but we would like to open this to the church as we go out into our community and share Christmas in song. Stay tuned for details.



If you are 18-39 years old, we would love to have you join us on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Check our Facebook page for location: “RCF-Young-Adult-Ministry”

Tom



Autumn is a wonderful time of year! The leaves on the trees are changing colors, wood smoke from fireplaces is beginning to fill the air, Starbucks is serving Pumpkin Spice Lattes, and Christmas is coming! It’s a time to spend with family and friends and to reflect on the year gone by.

This Thanksgiving, the high school ministry had the privilege of serving a full Thanksgiving meal to the residents of the historic Lorenz Hotel in downtown Redding. The Lorenz

just finished its final phase of a two-year remodel and renovation. The facility is beautiful and the residents are thrilled with the updates. What an awesome privilege to help serve those residents and spend time with them during this Thanksgiving season, laughing with them, loving them, and sharing the hope of Christ with them!

I have enjoyed the past couple of months getting to know our high school students and our high school staff by way of conversation over coffee, ice cream, and landscaping yards with pink flamingoes. I am encouraged by their wisdom, maturity, and desire to “grow up”

in Christ. Will you join me in praying for them, their protection, and that their passion for Christ would burn brightly on their school campuses and in the lives of their families?

My desire for our high school ministry is to reach as many students possible with the gospel. And towards that end, our students are the best evangelists we have to accomplish that goal. So the next time you see a high school student on campus at RCF, give ‘em a hug or a high-five and tell them that you’re glad they are here! It would go a long way in communicating that we are all on the same team!

Jeff

# BaseLine Middle School

## Old News:

The BaseLine Service Retreat was a complete success. We were able to help six different widows on Saturday. For a few we provided firewood for the cold months that we are now experiencing. For others we helped with yard work and general cleanup around their place. Saturday was finished up by swimming and eating ice cream at Loretta Shea's house. Many people made the weekend a possibility: Tracy and Tammi Moore, Kelly Royer, Cindy Donarico, Jim Jarrett, Tom Schipper, Ross Martin, Gayle Cronic, Rick Brown, and not to mention our incredible host and wonderful cooks, George and Vikki Passage. Thank you for everything.

For those of you who participated in the flamingo fundraiser, thank you. The flock has migrated on towards the southern hemisphere for the winter. We have raised over \$800.00 towards our compassion students, Luz who lives in Ecuador, South America and Saigilu who lives in Kenya, Africa. This

has been a complete success and a whole lot of fun as well. I hope you have enjoyed this as much as we have.

## New News:

Here is what we have planned for the next two months:

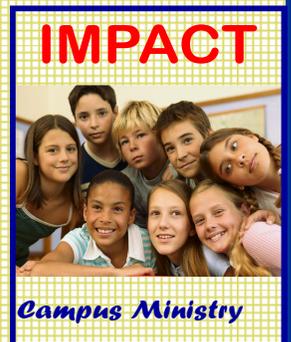
- Dec 4 "Normal BaseLine" (6:30-8:00pm)
- Dec 11 "Normal BaseLine" (6:30-8:00pm)
- Dec 18 BaseLine Christmas Party (6:30-9:30pm)
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas (BaseLine is Cancelled)
- Jan 1 Happy New Year (BaseLine is Cancelled)
- Jan 8 BaseLine New Year Party (6:30-8:00pm)
- Jan 15 "Normal BaseLine" (6:30-8:00pm)
- Jan 22 "Normal BaseLine" (6:30-8:00pm)
- Jan 23-25 BaseLine Winter Camp
- Jan 29 "Normal BaseLine" (6:30-8:00pm)

For His Glory and Honor, Caleb

We are so excited to say that **IMPACT** has expanded past the students in classrooms and is starting to become much more than we dreamed. We have seen a Bible study for parents begin on one of the school campuses, a tree planting initiative begin on another, a sewing club start at yet another campus, and more! Our vision was to reach students and, hopefully, make an impact on the adults on campus as well, but God had even more planned for us! We don't have as many mentors on campus as we had hoped for, but God has provided around a dozen additional people serving in other ways...PRAISE GOD! God took our expectations and ideas and has made **IMPACT** something more. He has taken our mentoring program and desire to reach kids and not only are we reaching kids, but we are creating a lasting impact on teachers, parents, and schools around Shasta County.

Admittedly, we were hesitant about taking on additional schools or too many "extra" activities because we knew we couldn't possibly make it all happen. We were right. We couldn't have started a Bible study on a school campus and we couldn't have made a school take on a sewing club. God did those things. He stirred people's hearts and provided for their needs. It is such a blessing to be even a small part of what God is doing. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry and all your prayers!

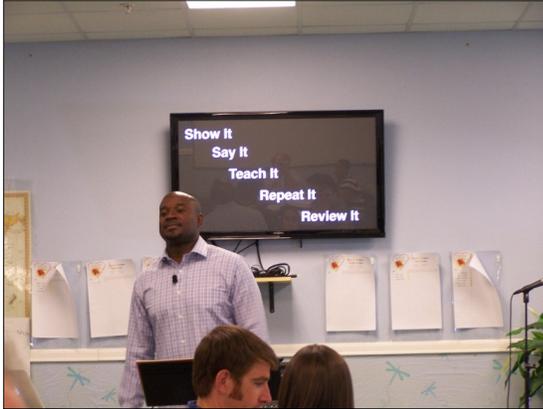
Grace and peace, Andrea



# Cornerstone Kids Ministry

## Mr. Brown Training

Thank you to Mr. Brown for another great training on October 5, 2014. And thank you to those who attended Mr. Brown's training on how to teach memory verses to kids.



## Alta Mesa Carnival

The Alta Mesa Carnival on 10/23/14 was a great success! There were many volunteers that made it possible from the Alta Mesa Booster Club, Alta Mesa School, and community. The carnival is the biggest fundraiser for the Alta Mesa Booster Club. Monies raised go straight to the school to purchase equipment. It is through help from volunteers in the community that makes this fundraiser possible.

### Thank you to the following RCF family members who helped:

John & Gail Nall (carnival game and popcorn machine), Jane Schart (carnival game), Carmen Mucci (carnival game), Elizabeth Murane (carnival game), Janice Baldal (cake walk), Justine & Lili Fenner (carnival game), Rhonda Higgins & Natalia Wheeler (prize table), Brenda & Andrew Salcido (snow cone machine), Katie Carpenter (carnival game), and Miss Linda (organizer for carnival).

## New Check-In Kiosks

**Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!!**



As you travel through the hallways in Cornerstone Kids' Ministry, be on the look out for the new kiosk cabinets for Sunday School check-in.

We want to thank Denny Kaufman. Denny volunteered his time and utilized the talents and skills God has given him to hand craft each of the cabinets from blue print design to the finished product.

**We appreciate you very much, Denny!!!**

-Cornerstone Kids Ministry Team.

## **Kids' Church Worship Room Stage Make Over**

Thank you, Bill Hawes, for a makeover to our Kids' Church worship stage area in room 209/210. Plans to streamline the equipment and stage will help make kids' worship time effective and engaging. Come by 209/210 to see the changes taking place.

## **Children's Christmas Choir & breakfast**

In November, Kids' Church kids (K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) began rehearsing songs for the Children's Christmas Choir performance on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at both services. As part of this, Bill and Amy Hawes (our wonderful Kids' Church leadership volunteers) will be providing a breakfast for the Kids' Church children. Breakfast will be served after the first service choir performance and a movie shown. The second part of the movie will be shown after the second service choir performance.

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Blessing**

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kids' Church kids (K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) will participate in a congregational dedication of the shoe boxes that had been collected for this year's Operation Christmas Child. It is a special joy to see all of the generations at RCF coming together to pray over and bless a ministry that reaches out to the four corners of the world.

## **Children's Musical**

Our Cornerstone Kids' Ministry children's musical, "I Am a Friend of God," was postponed due to the need for more choir members. The musical will now be incorporated into a music camp style Vacation Bible School in June, 2015. Acting and solo cast members that have already received parts will begin weekly practices on Sunday evenings @ RCF in January (date TBA). Bruce and Vicky Schlange and Kerri Forrister will begin practicing the music/songs with our Sunday School Kids' Church students during Sunday morning worship time starting in March 2015.

## **Pics from Family Game Night 10/24/14**

Another family event is being planned for January. Details will come in the Sunday morning bulletin and on the RCF website.





November 8, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that we are here in Vizag once again sharing the good news with the lost and helping the poor! And with the recent cyclone, there has never been a time when help is more needed and appreciated! It has been a little overwhelming to see the destruction firsthand. In the past 100 years, there have been 77 cyclones touch the east coast of India, but only this one hit a major city, our beloved Vizag!

Most of our friends lost something and some lost everything they had! Among the people we are helping (approximately 600) the combined losses and damages is around \$100,000! Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to use \$10,000 to repair roofs, churches, and replace necessary goods.



*This widow's home was washed away in the flood.*



Jessy, our Indian partner, has been hard at work from morning till night with all of the details of organizing the repair work. He is doing a fantastic job! Please pray for all of us as we make tough choices on who we can help and who we can't due to limited funds.

Brenda has been "in her element" this week as the children returned to the Kids Home after the cyclone and a couple weeks off of school. It is so fun to meet the new kids!! Last year we had around 50 kids, and we are up to 62 now! We are still in need of several new sponsors at 35 dollars a month.

As you know, we have a team coming on December 30th. Steve's parents and Brenda's sister and nephew are among this group. Also, our oldest daughter Rachel and boyfriend are hoping to join the team.

We cannot express to you the depth of our gratitude to every one of you who read these letters, pray for us, and support this ministry! We had a wonderful time seeing many of you this summer as we went from church to church sharing. If we missed you, and you would like to see the video we put together of the past year, please let us know by email or phone. Thank you all for being part of this ministry team!

In Christ,  
Steve and Brenda

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Those listed below are or have been ill or in the hospital, recuperating at home, or perhaps lost a loved one. Whatever their present situation, prayer is powerful and much appreciated. Let's lift them up in prayer.



Illnesses

Dan Berger	Susan Lay	Kathy Roberts
Dave Brumit	Laurie Lemon	Kati Rosen
Brenda Conklin	Jim Luther	Pat Schneider
Ed Fishburn	Verne Morrison	Barb Spellman
Loretta Humphries	Mary Olsen	Ron Toth
Darlene Idehara		Debbie Walters
		Helen Wright

Deaths

Family of Hattie Beal



**In the Mailbag!**

Thank you for your concerns and your prayers. Thank you for your generous donation.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Thank you so much!

God Bless You,  
Grace Community Presbyterian Church  
Weed, CA

Thanks ever so much, Jerry Watson

To Staff, Volunteers & Congregation,

Thank you for letting us be part of the memorable experience in photographing your congregation.

Mark Jones  
Lifetouch Photography

RCF Team,

Thank you for all your time energy, love, support, and rallying for our event. We are so very thankful and honored to be able to host it at your facility. Thank you for your generosity!

We love "Love"! Bless you!

Shelly & Laurie  
CareNet



Women in Ministry

**MISSION PROJECT**

In February, 2015, our Women In Ministry is planning to assemble CARE BAGS for poverty-stricken children in Eastern Kentucky and other Appalachian areas through Tender Loving Care Ministries. We need the following items from our church family to make this possible:

TLC's personal care bags for the children contain the following:

- 2 WASH CLOTHS (any color EXCEPT BLACK)
- 1 Bar of soap, IVORY or DIAL (personal size)
- 1 Child's SOFT TOOTHBRUSH
- 1 Small tube of toothpaste AGUA FRESH, COLGATE OR CREST (.85 oz. size)
- 1 POCKET COMB
- 1 Pack of KLEENEX TISSUES (pocket size)
- 1 4oz bottle of BABY SHAMPOO (Johnson or any store brand)
- 1 CHAPSTICK or LIP BALM
- 1 Small bottle of HAND LOTION

**\*\*\*PLEASE NO SUBSTITUTES\*\*\***

**Start shopping now and we will have collection baskets in the foyer to deposit items.**



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Larry Andrews  
Dave Brumit  
Duane Helle  
Nate Molter  
Carl Van Dyke

### OUR DEACONS

Greg Adkins  
Dan Conklin  
Robert Cronin  
Dave Donarico  
Dennis Hale  
Bill Hawes

Gary Kalsbeek  
Dan Londen  
Tracy Moore  
Dean Peterson  
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## Celebration Services - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Main Auditorium

### VISION STATEMENT

We are all pilgrims engaged in a journey of evangelism and discipleship, where worship is complete and teaching is a guided discovery of the Truth. We will devote ourselves to our families and to each other across generational and traditional lines. We will commit ourselves to our community with integrity of character as ministers of mercy.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Redding Christian Fellowship is a loving family of believers dedicated to Worship, Instruction, Fellowship, and Evangelism with the purpose of developing devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

God is the true and living God who revealed Himself through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God's infallible Word and our only rule of faith and practice.

We accept Jesus Christ as God's divine Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, virgin born, who died on the cross as the substitutional sacrifice for our sin. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where He is now our interceding Priest. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin. We have all sinned in our own right and need a Savior to save us from the penalty of our sins.

Salvation is by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Human Sexuality: Legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Marriage is a profound spiritual institution established by God. This church recognizes marriage as exclusively the legal union of one man and one woman in which such union is a lifetime commitment.

The church is a body of believers, who, by the influence of the Holy Spirit, were baptized into one body.