JUNE-JULY 2014

From Pastor Guy

Connection Fellowship Connection

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When Jesus was on trial before Herod and Pilate, His accusers reported that "this fellow is perverting the nation." (Luke 23:2)

It is often astonishing to me that people can get the facts so incredibly wrong. Jesus came to save the Nation of Israel, and the Nation rejected Him and His message. Jesus' accusers convinced people that light was dark, right was wrong, and good was evil.

Because the people of Israel hardened their hearts towards God, they lacked the capacity to understand truth. It happened to them several times throughout history. Listen to Isaiah report on one such occasion:

> "Our courts oppose the righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth stumbles in the streets, and honesty has been outlawed. Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who renounces evil is attacked. The LORD looked and was displeased to find there was no justice."

Teach me O Lopp

Teach me, **O Lord**, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it *to the end*. Psalm 119:33, NRSV

(Isaiah 59:14-15 NLT paraphrase)

I recently learned that the Center for Reproductive Rights is attempting to stop pro-life organizations and silence the church. They are calling Pro-Life Christians terrorists and claiming that they "torture women" by influencing them to have babies, not abort them.

Yes, these are astonishing times we live in. It is with that same sense of amazement that the Apostle Paul writes about the Gospel Message ...

"I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News, but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ.

Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a

different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed. Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."

(Galatians 1:6-10 NLT paraphrase)

America today is greatly confused on many fronts, including our churches being confused about the Gospel. The plan of salvation is plainly set forth in Scripture, and yet light

cannot enter, because our hearts are hardened. As we continue our study in the Book of Galatians, may we reinforce our knowledge and experience, that salvation is God's work, not man's work. The GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23) Through this study may we all experience the tremendous LIBERTY that is ours through the finished work of the Cross. Keep studying!!

Blessings, Guy

Summer is here!!! Many are planning their vacations and time away with family and friends. In some cases, it's time to take a break and just change the routine for awhile. I look forward to the change, too. I try to do different things that I just don't have time for the rest of the year. Like clean my desk, file papers, and re-work our music library. Yet ministry goes on. VBS, mission trips, and planning the Fall calendar are all events we're working on and keeps us very busy.

Did you enjoy Cal Baptist University Choir and Orchestra? The response I got from you was tremendously positive. I was blessed not only by their performance but by them individually. Bonnie and I had four young people stay with us-one married couple and two single men. Three of them graduated this year and were starting their careers in ministry the following week. How blessed we were and encouraged about the future of the church in America. I loved their zeal and excitement about the future. They were like a sponge! We ate, talked, and just enjoyed our time together. One night and one meal

together enough.

Here is my challenge and dilemma. HOUSING.

like to have more groups like Cal Baptist come if we can supply housing for them. Please sign up for hospitality. You will not regret housing students the next time the opportunity arises.

It may seem early to you to be talking about Christmas, but it's not for me. I have already begun to search for Christmas 2014. What will we do? How many performances? How can we reach more people with the hope we have in Jesus? These are all questions we are looking to answer. Now here are some questions for you. Did you enjoy last years' Christmas production? Are you sitting on the sideline and want to get involved? Start planning now. If you are interested in being involved with our music program here at Redding Christian Fellowship, the choir is a

great place to start. The choir will be taking a few months off this

Choir's Taking a

summer but will resume in September. We'll hit the ground running as we prepare for our Fall Missions Conference October 4th and 5th and then jump right into our Christmas production. So be ready and give me a call at the church so we can get you plugged in.

VISITING MISSIONARIES COMING TO RCF:

Sunday, June 20 - Steve and Brenda Hines will be with us. (India)

October 4-5 - Missions Conference



A BIG NEED!

Some things move faster than other things. One thing moving extremely fast is technology. Tom Bryant is a huge help in keeping us current with internet, our web page, streaming video, publications and video, plus our sound on Sundays and special events. Our sound booth technical team has served faithfully through the years, but we need help. Several of our techs need to step down due to health and job requirements which means we are shorthanded.

Can you help? Do you have a love for things technical? We have a great teacher who is willing to train vou. Commitment can vary depending on your desire. Would you please pray for this very important part of our ministry? It's a thankless job but a very important one and we need your help. Contact me (Jerry) or Tom at the church office



just wasn't

Facilities and Projects Update

Ongoing maintenance and upkeep is a never ending necessity at RCF! There are always projects that seem to arise. For security reasons, we recently enclosed a space to provide housing for our parking lot courtesy "club cart" and hope to utilize it very shortly. Our chapel has undergone a very fine "facelift." It is not only attractive but also much more durable for students and others who enjoy the spacious room for a variety of activities. Dave Donarico and many volunteers have made all these projects successful. We are grateful for their hard work.

A challenge that may not appear glamorous but represents an urgent priority is to expand our parking lot. **Inadequate parking very directly affects the growth of** our church. Visitors have been observed driving slowly through our parking lot and then, not finding a space to park, have exited just as they entered without ever setting foot in our worship center. This is most unfortunate! New signage is designed to direct traffic to our two

parking lots down the hill and east of C2, but even there space is limited. We need to add more paved parking spaces in our lower par

our lower parking lots. Obviously, there will be substantial costs involved.

Another concern is that the very large trees on our

campus directly facing Victor Avenue are a potential safety and liability hazard. We plan to remove them. This is not a simple process because of their size. We would then like to re-landscape that area to make it both safe and attractive.

We plan to introduce both these projects to our congregation in the form of a financial challenge. We are still seeking to determine precise costs and when we do, we will inform you.

Please join us in prayer that wise decisions will be made and that God's people will respond with generosity so that these needs can be addressed.

Reflections by Pastor Rick

Israel trip, February 25- March 9, 2015

We appreciate the interest shown to date for our upcoming Israel tour. Brochures are available at the information desk or the church office. You may also download a brochure and all the information needed to register for this tour at <u>www.EO.travel/find_trip</u> Our tour is HL15. Our tour host ID # is 38271. After inputting the date 022515, please click on "P". You will then access the information you are seeking.

In addition, we are planning to host another informational meeting on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. Come learn more, ask questions, and consider joining what is surely going to be an inspiring and meaningful tour







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

NEW DAY—**Thursday,** June 5, 11:45 a.m. **Upper Crust Pizza** 2727 Churn Creek

and NEW DAY—**Thursday**, July 3, 11:45 a.m. **Talsalmi Golf Course Restaurant** 5369 Indianwood Drive

Let's Do Lunch!





Save the Date: August 22-24 More details to come soon! (\$30 deposit by July 13 to guarantee your spot) For current information, be sure to check the website @ <u>rcfellowship.org/event-items/rcf-family-camp/</u>

Relaxation! Playground! Showers!

P_{eaceful!}

Come get better acquainted with other RCF families!!!

It is that time of year...the end is approaching and things are winding down. We have one big event and one final meeting coming up in June.

We are so thankful for the support RCF has given this new program and we look forward to next year! More and more students have been brought to our attention over the past few months and while we are very excited for the opportunity, this means that we also need more mentors! Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with Impact to reach children in our community.



- Campus Ministry
- Dinner & Movie Night: June 7th- 6-8:30pm @ RCF open to everyone
- Mentor Meeting: June 22nd 6pm– Dinner included. This will be our final meeting of the year and all mentors are STRONGLY encouraged to attend.

Thank you, again, for your service!

The Impact Team

When Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians, he had to correct a misunderstanding. The Christians in Corinth were quarreling and forming cliques. They claimed to be followers of Paul, or of Apollos, or of Peter. They were arguing about which of these men was the greatest preacher and the best leader. They seemed to think that their faith and their spiritual gifts were based on the efforts of people.

Paul wrote strong words to correct this misunderstanding. He wrote, "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might



not rest on men's wisdom, but on results. God 's power." That (I Corinthians 2: 1-5).

Paul was the church's first great apostle to the Gentiles. He brought the gospel where it had never been heard and founded many congregations. Countless people came to Jesus through Paul's ministry. Paul's ministry really got results.

Yet, we see from Paul's words to the Corinthians that he did not try to do what only God could do. Paul obediently preached the gospel to the Corinthians, but he did not think he had to make them believe by the power of his knowledge and speech. Paul knew that only God could bring people to faith in Jesus. He summed up this truth in the passage written in I Cor. 3:6, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow." Paul focused on what he could

do and left to God what only God could do. God worked through Paul to bring about marvelous

That's the way it is for Stephen Ministry also. Stephen Ministers obediently care for those in crisis and trust God to bring about the results He wants to see in their care receiver's lives. They do what they can do and leave to God what only God can do. It's a tremendous excitement to watch God work in ways we can't, knowing that care receiver's ultimate well-being depends upon God doing what only He can do!

Stephen Ministers provide care, God provides the cure.

If you are going through a crisis, you don't have to walk through it alone. Please contact a Stephen Minister, the staff, or the church office. Galatians 6:2.

Bruce Schlange





New Community Group Leaders have been identified and are preparing to launch new groups. Areas within our communities are being identified, and we are reaching out to identify people that are ready to get involved. Ken Clark, who lives in Cottonwood, is laying the groundwork for a group in the Anderson/Cottonwood area. There is also a

young married couple who would like to start a group, so please let us know of your desire to get connected by dropping me a note at ron@rcfellowship.org or sign up at the Information Desk. If you have had small group leadership experience and would be interested in talking about leading a Community Group, please drop me a note at the above address.



Men's Ministry is looking for some guys to share with some other guys what they love to do on their day off. Due to busy schedules and our current economy, it

is expensive and difficult at best to call together large groups of men at one time for a special event. These events are great, memorable, and needed but are impractical on a frequent basis. It is our desire to provide at least one major event a year. However, we need to be together more frequently to build relationships and friendships that impact our walk with the Lord as John Vawter emphasized at our *Achieving High Performance Friendship* retreat last month.

Men have a wide variety of interests from hiking, fishing, paintball, shooting, running, motorcycles, cars, golfing, gaming, and grilling...you get the idea...the list goes on and on. What we would like to do is to give men the opportunity to connect with other guys using their common areas of interest. We will seek to provide many men's small events throughout the year that gives us the common interest as a starting point for building High Performance Friendship. This part of Men's Ministry will be called **AFFINITY GROUPS.**

If you are an avid back country hiker, I want to hear from you. If you are a paintball enthusiast, I want to hear from you. We need qualified gun enthusiasts, gamers, great grillers etc., to do what you enjoy doing but to take it up a notch by bringing along a few others to enjoy your favorite thing with you.

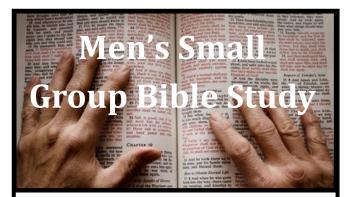
Would you be interested in bringing along a few other guys the next time you do your thing? If so, PLEASE contact me and we will get some guys together and by using your favorite activity have some fun giving guys the opportunity to build friendships. Drop me a note at ron@rcfellowship.org or call 222-3425 or text me at 941-5835.



JUNE 28 & JULY 26 9:30 A.M.

Meet in the church parking lot for a short safety talk, a word of prayer, and the ride route. Invite a friend, maybe someone who doesn't have a church home, so you can introduce them to the Fellowship.





Join the many others who are having a great time studying God's Word, building relationships and praying for one another.

Call Ron Mapes @ 222-3425 and he'll help you get connected.

haron's haring. I'm still enjoying the intermittent milder weather that seems to reflect our Northern California interpretation of Spring. However, that being said, we all know summer is close. This is a season to slow down and, hopefully, relax a bit more!

Our Women in Ministry teams have been busy with activities the first half of this year—ones designed to teach, connect, and bless our members, and to add some fun into our lives. But we will take a (slight) activities break. A few casual gatherings might be listed in our bulletins, so be sure to take notice if you're looking for connection opportunities.

Our most recent event. "Mask-arading through the Ages" on May 17, brought out some interesting "disguises" (to say the least) as we laughed and dined together, but also learned how each of us wears a "mask" to hide our feelings of fear, anxiety, acceptance, worry, apprehension, or insecurity. We learned that God desires authenticity in our lives, as His disciples, and that can only come when we fully surrender our lives in faith and trust Him! A great job of planning, organizing, and designing content was apparent as we blessed over 100 women who attended! Kudos to Kerri Forrister for her excellent efforts in promotion and presentation, along with Rachael Welch, Vicky Schlange, Sue Eachus, Vicki Schmidt, Christine Olsen, Janet Telford, Brenda Salcido,

Emily Brighton, and Alicia Sorenson for wonderful representations of the masks we wear and how it's possible to remove (surrender) them to the feet of Jesus.

Our appreciation and applause also to Debra and Larry Bettes who prepared an amazing selection of Tasty Tapas and set a beautifully themed presentation. Also, our thanks to Bruce Schlange and Claudia and Marv Sivesind for food and kitchen assistance, and to the many ladies who baked cheesecakes! If I have failed to



recognize anyone, I ask your forgiveness, but please know that all who attended, along with our Lord, recognized your serving hearts!! I love it when our church family works together to create an atmosphere conducive to relationship building and ministering to our bodies, minds and souls!!

As summer breaks forth, both our Tuesday morning and evening Ladies Bible Study will take a break for a few weeks. However, we will be providing an opportunity for some who cannot commit to weekly studies and homework due to busy work and personal schedules! Please consider joining us beginning on **June 24 at 6:30-8 p.m**. in Room 209-210 for a wonderful gathering to view an excellent study of the book of Proverbs by Beth Moore. No cost, no homework, just an evening of sound teaching and fellowship with our sisters in Christ. You can drop in on any of these Tuesday nights between June 24th and August 12th. Attend one, a few, or all, and be blessed by your investment of time!

Our traditional Fall Bible Study series for women will resume on **September 9th**, for both morning and evening classes. Watch your bulletins and announcements!!

> Lastly, are you, or do you know someone, about to give birth to a new baby? Would you please notify us so that we might honor and welcome the wee one into our RCF family upon their arrival?

In closing, I pray that your summer is a bit less stressful, and one spent with special times shared with family and friends, and in sweet

fellowship with your family here at RCF! If you are new to our church body (or just want to be more involved) and would like to know more about or connect with our Women in Ministry, please contact our church office or call or text me directly at 227- 4494. Connecting hearts and lives together in service, growing in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, and living lives honoring God is what we are all about!! The invitation to join us is always open!

Until next time, dear ladies, please know that I remember you continually before our Father in prayer and that you are loved!! It's my pleasure and delight to serve with and for you!

Sharon

"FLAG DAY" Saturday June 14, 2014 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at RCF



Invite a friend for breakfast and hear our Special Speaker *RON WEBSTER* Military Historian, Vietnam Era *Helicopter Display*!

Ministry for the Plus 55 Young at Heart!



hoto: Brandon Darnell, Sacra

Old Sacramento Bus "Day" Trip July 10, 2014 Depart RCF 7:45 a.m. (Arrive back at 6pm)

Pre-paid Cost: Bus - \$25, Tour - \$15 per person Other activities & lunch of your choice Main Event:

Underground Tour of Old Sacramento \$15 pre-paid reservation (Limited Space June 24 Deadline)

Other Optional Activities:

Railroad Museum (\$10) Sacramento Historical Museum (\$6 or \$3 w/ Underground Tour) Lunch & Explore





Needless to say, this should be a great summer for our high school students. Like always, these events cost money so please consider giving to the high school ministry this summer. This will help us offset the cost of food and transportation as well as keeping these events affordable so that as many kids as possible can participate in evangelism, discipleship, and community this summer.

On behalf of the Brink Staff, THANKS!!!



June

11-Summer Kickoff at the Parma's 16-19-VBS 18-Parma's 25-Parma's

July

2-Telford's 9-Telford's 16-Telford's 19-27-Mexico Mission Trip 23-Sterk's 30-Telford's

August

4-7-Coast Camp 13-Telford's

Check <u>rcfellowship.org/ministries/high-</u> <u>school</u> for directions and more

The Homebuilders Sunday school class will be taking the summer off but will be getting together periodically throughout the summer for fun stuff. Check your Sunday bulletin and the website for details.

rcfellowship.org/young-married/

Peace & Rest, Nick

BaseLine Middle School

Old News:

Our San Diego Mission trip started out with a three-hour delay due to a bus engine problem but resumed with God's obvious blessings. We prepared food, had interactive learning initiatives, cleaned the facility used for outreach, met incredible people who are literally the evidence of God's miracles, helped prepare for the upcoming Easter carnival, and reached out to the homeless on the streets of San Diego.

It required the students and the leaders to step out of their comfort zones. It required long hours and patience. It required incredible leaders. John Smith, Sandra Covarrubias, Jim Jarrett, Tim Mackay, Katie Telford, Bill Rogers, Cassidy McCollum, Cindy Donarico, Kevin Rhoderick and Ross Martin... thank you all so very much. It also required a generous congregation. Thank you all so much for making this trip possible and supporting our students to reach out to others.

New News:

With June comes our summer hours and BaseLine taking youth group off of campus. We will begin our summer hours (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and start going off campus on June 12. This will remain the new "normal" until August 21, when we will return to school hours (6:30-8:00 p.m.) and remain on campus.

There is a special summer schedule available in the church office for those interested as each week is very different and will require different attire.

As far as special events:

8th Grade Graduation Trip	June 13-14
VBS	June 16-20
Scripture Memorization Trip	June 27-29
Mexico Mission Trip	July 19-27
Girls Lake Almanor Weekend	August 8-10.
Boys Backpack Trip	August 15-17

For His Glory and Honor, Caleb

Young Adult Ministries

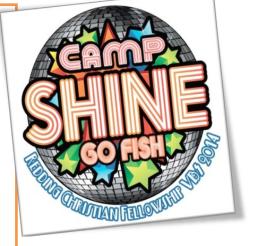
We just finished our series, *Reality Check*, with Mister Brown. It was awesome and we are so thankful that he was able to join us these past weeks. Our next series, beginning **June 9th**, is called *Follow* by Andy Stanley. We have heard great things and are eager to jump into a series that discusses following Christ.

Andrea

Corperstope Kids Ministry

Vacation Bible School Camp Shine!

June 16 – June 19, 2014 from 6:00pm – 8:30 p.m. Free dinner for the kids starting at 5:00 p.m. Register at RCF Info Desk, RCF office, CKM check-in counter, or on-line @ rcfellowship.org



<u>VBS Set Up June 9 – June 12</u>

Construction for new VBS sets, Wednesdays, 11:00am to 4:00pm (check in with the office)

There are just a couple more weeks before CAMP SHINE is here! There are some final preparations underway and set up needed before Camp Shine's debut on Father's Day, June 15th. Get ready to Shine!

If you missed a VBS Camp Shine Training...

There are still areas you can serve. If you missed the VBS information trainings in May, there will be one more training.

VBS Camp Shine Training: June 3rd @ 5:30pm in C2 at RCF. R.S.V.P to Natalia Wheeler: 222-3425 ext.111 or natalia@rcfellowship.org

VBS Camp Shine Staff & Children's T-shirts & CDs

All pre-ordered adult staff & children's t-shirts can be picked up starting June 2nd through June 12th in the church office and in the main foyer on Sunday, June 15th.

Children's t-shirt orders also come with a Go Fish CD. Children's t-shirts, CD, & lanyard (lanyard available at VBS Camp Shine) are \$12* per child. Adult t-shirts are \$10 each.

*Please ask about our family plan if you have more than 3 children attending VBS.

Congratulations CKM 5th Graders!

We've enjoyed you in our ministry and pray for you all as you transition into BaseLine ministry and become involved in our HIT Team ministry. Blessings to you. – CKM STAFF



Thank you, Joyce Tripp, for cooking lunch for all our VBS construction days, CKM training, and 5th Grade graduation. We appreciate you very much! CKM STAFF

Thank you, Paul West & Justin Engles, for placing our family tiles onto the playground perimeter wall! Families have been thrilled to see their tiles.

We look forward to seeing the legacy grow as more RCF families add their touch to the playground.



Playground Family Tiles

RCF families are able to purchase and paint ceramic tiles that will then become a part of the playground perimeter wall. The cost is \$25 per tile. You may purchase and pick up your family tile at the RCF office during the week. Please contact Miss Linda for more info @ 222-3425 or misslinda@rcfellowship.org and stroll by CKM to view some of the tiles that have already been made (on the wall across from the check-in counters).



How: Pay \$25 per tile to the RCF office. You will receive a blank 8 inch ceramic tile.

<u>Where:</u> Take your ceramic tile to All Fired Up @ 1818 Churn Creek Road in Redding. You will be able to paint and decorate your tile how you choose and All Fired Up will cure it. All Fired Up will let you know when your tile is ready to be picked up.

Finally: Bring your completed ceramic tile back to the RCF office and we will get it onto the wall surrounding the playground.

For hours of operation, call All Fired Up or visit their website @ 226-1638 or www.reddingallfiredup.com

Global Ministry Outreach

Believers Imprisoned

On the morning of Sunday, May 11, 2014, Lao police arrested 25 Christians during a worship service in S_vann_kh_t Province of L-_os. Authorities arrested these Christians for meeting in an unauthorized second location. The second church location is less than 600 meters away from the old one. This church, like many American churches, suffered some disunity which resulted in a church split. This happened over six years ago. The original location was registered with the government. The second group was not.

Twenty-three Christians were arrested on Sunday. After two days, most of the women and teenagers were released after signing documents agreeing to not meet at that location again. The believers decided together that the women needed to attend to family and the teenagers needed to return to school. Eleven Christians remain in prison and refuse to give up their place of worship. They are being kept in a separate room apart from the actual criminals. The group is steadfast in their desire to remain in prison as a testimony. They are in good spirits. The believers bring them food every day and can see their hands waving from the prison window.

RCF has a tie with this group of believers. One of our missionaries has attended this church and has done some training there. I am glad to say they were not there on the 11th of May. Mission work is dangerous. I hope we don't take our freedom for granted. *We have been asked to pray* for our brothers who refuse to give up their place of worship.

Did you know we have a missionary prayer calendar? We do and you can find it at the Information Desk. Please get one and use it during your prayer time.

Special RCF Mission Sunday, June 22nd - Special Guest: Steve and Brenda Hines and other mission updates and interviews.

There are several mission trips happening over the next few months:

Nicaragua.....We have a dental team leaving for Nicaragua in the middle of the night June 27th. Dr. Howland and Dr. Sutherland will be leading a team to Bluefields, Nicaragua on the Atlantic coast for several weeks. Bluefields, like much of Nicaragua, is very impoverished. This is much more than a team doing dental work (though that is very important). It involves much more. In the past, they have ministered to the orphans, inmates in prison, those that live at the dump and work with hand tools at the rock quarry. A longtime friendship between the local church has given this team opportunity to minister to so many needs. Please pray for them as they go. You will hear more about their trip on **Sunday, June 22**.

Mexico....Foundation for His Ministry in Baja California will be hosting a team of 50 from Redding Christian Fellowship this July. RCF has had a long history with FHM. A construction team from RCF many years ago built some of the first buildings that housed the original orphanage. Our team on this trip will be working directly with the staff of FHM. We are excited about the opportunities given to us. We have a very diverse group going. Ages range from 10 to 80, and our jobs will be diverse too. Construction, housekeeping, street ministry to working in the macadamia orchard will keep us very busy. Pray for safety as we travel and work, unity of the team, and that we would have a good impact on those we work with while we are there.

Mission Emphasis Weekend - October 4th and 5th

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I have never before understood the depth of this statement until I began working in overseas missions. I always knew that this statement was true—it is in the Bible— but I hadn't experienced it before. I see my plate filling, higher and higher it goes, and I can't help but be humbled by the fact that God has allowed me to be part of what he is doing in overseas WORKERS missions. The harvest IS plentiful, and I am so thankful for the opportunity to do my job, which is to help put more laborers on the field!

> I have worked closely with over a dozen people, young and not-soyoung, as they prepare to go overseas to work in either an international school or a national school. Working with these people consists of many

phone calls, emails, meetings, even more emails, and even more meetings. We prepare them from their initial, "I think I am being called overseas," to their final, "Ok, I've landed in would be happy to fill you in on the specifics, so if you would like more information, please just let me know!

In addition to the people going overseas that I have been working with, I have been in contact with over 1,500 people to assess their interest in pursuing overseas service. TeachBeyond has also been given the opportunity to partner with The Traveling Team, which has been to Simpson University this past year to speak at chapel. TTT is an organization that shares a vision of serving overseas and helps interested parties partner with the organization that will work best for them. I am the primary point person for all our work with TTT. In the past three months or so, we have also started a program that will allow people to serve overseas as English teachers in national schools! We are so excited about launching this new program and all of the new relationships that will be built! As far as this program goes, I am the point person for all people going to the Czech Republic which is the most popular place to go! We have run out of places for all those wanting to serve in CZ! It is an amazing problem to have and one we hope to find a solution for soon!

Please contact me anytime if you are interested in partnering with me in ministry or if you are interested in serving overseas! Grace and peace,

> Andrea Craddock acraddock@teachbeyond.org

Dear Jerry and RCF Members:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to minister in your morning services a few weeks ago. What a wonderful church!! Thank you for your love gift of \$300 and a big thank you to all those that purchased the scarves made by widows we are helping in India. I brought 50 and sold 48! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I hope our paths will cross again. If I can ever be of service to your music or mission outreach, please feel free to contact me. It is possible that I might be in your area again about the same time of the year in 2015. If so, I will let you know in the event there is an opportunity to serve. May God continue to bless you all in every way!

hank y Thank you

Don Shire (Don Shire Ministries, Inc.)

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.



Dan Berger Francis Butler Brenda Conklin Jerry Cottengim Ann Dunaway Dick Guiton Ron Holden

Loretta Humphries Darlene Idehara Kay Jern Janice Kirk Susan Lay Lori Lemon Jim Luther Vern Morrison Kati Rosten Carolyn Shaffer Barb Spellman Ron Toth Debbie Walters Bob & Helen Wright

Deaths:

Families of Ward Willoughby Families of Eileen Johnson Families of Robert Bedwell

To the Members of Redding Christian Fellowship:

Thank you for allowing us to stay at your church during our 2014 Mexico Mission Trip. Your generosity helped make our trip a success.

God Bless!

Newberg Christian Church Youth Group

Thank you for all you've done. Thank you Pastor Guy and Anita and many people who attend Redding Christian Fellowship during mine and Bob's incapacity at various times in the past few months. The many delicious meals, phone calls, and visits checking on us and the much needed information for various "what to do" situations was so helpful. Thank you, too, for all your prayers.

May God Bless You All!!

Love you in Christ, Bob & Helen Wright P.S. Got a lot of use out of the special guilt also!

In The Mailbag



ATTENDANCE AND GENERAL FUND GIVING

<u>Celebration</u>

	<u>1st / 2nd</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Giving</u>
Apr.6	352 / 551	903	\$20,929.24
Apr. 13	374 / 484	858	\$14,565.67
Apr. 20	615 / 463	1,078	\$14,757.22
Apr. 27	436 / 426	862	\$19,364.51
May 4	491 / 472	963	\$19,350.41
May 11	511 / 506	1,017	\$12,927.65
May 18	630 / 652	1,282	\$15,422.38
May 25 .	491 / 475	966	\$11,054.55

Pastor Ron, Jerry, Mrs. Myrna Mapes, Staff members & Church Family,

Thanks for your months of support, prayers, cards & concern during my Dad's illness. A special thanks to the Mapes family for hospital & nursing home visits, & coming to visit Dad at home days before he passed & brought a meal & encouragement.

Thanks to Ron, Jerry, Tom Bryant, Shirley Bickett for all their hard work in putting the memorial service together so quickly. Tom, the slide show was just what Dad would have wanted. So beautiful of a life serving Jesus in ministry. Thanks to all who provided <u>delicious</u> food for the family. It was great & we appreciate it. Thanks to Pastor Guy for your ministry.

We are so blessed to be a part of RCF. We look forward to being able to come back to church & church activities. Although we came with Dad during the first few months of his illness, he became much to ill & required all our care at home.

Love & appreciation,

Richard, Sherry & Chad Roberts The Family of Rev. Elisha Ward Willoughby Jr. Page 15



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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

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.