

From Pastor Guy



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I wanted to mention three things with this communication today.

FIRST, I AM EXCITED (and a bit overwhelmed) at the tremendous response we are getting for some new groups that are starting up soon. A number of you have registered for our Grief Share group which begins Monday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. Nancy Smith is heading up this group with the assistance of Higher Ground Counseling. We want to follow the biblical admonition to “weep with those who weep.” (Romans 12:15) Thank you for the privilege of coming alongside and helping to carry your burdens.

Another group we are starting is focusing on our identity in Christ and allowing the Grace of God to have a deeper impact upon our emotions and thoughts. This class is targeting those of us who deal with chronic feelings of inadequacy or self-condemnation. We currently have 50 people signed up, and we will have two meetings a week to meet the need. These classes will begin the week of October 19. Watch the bulletin for details.

MY SECOND THOUGHT TODAY revolves around theology. Our young adult group is sponsoring their second “Monday Night of Theology” on October 27. Plus, I am currently teaching through Ephesians which can be a thorn to those who study systematic theology if different views are presented in that teaching. My experience at RCF has been a gracious one. I do not think people have to agree with me on every theological issue, and I am grateful that the people of RCF do not expect the same from me. Yes, there are hills to die on, but we do not expect everyone to agree on views of eschatology,

pre-determinism, and man’s will, just to name a few. RCF is a Grace Church, not just in theology but in attitude and practice. Amen!

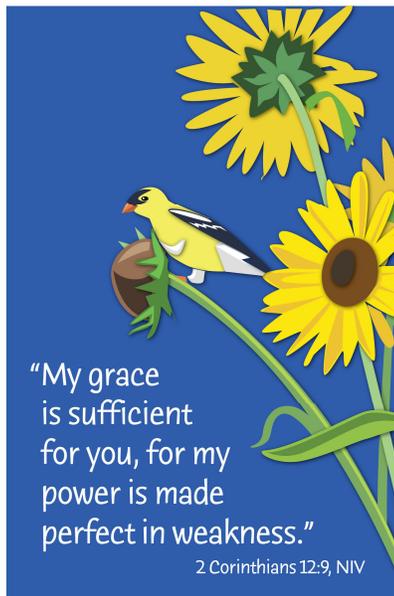
MY FINAL REMARKS TODAY are rightfully drawn to the sadness and, at the same time, the excitement, that we all feel for Nick, Rachael, and Zech Welch as the Lord leads them to prepare for the next chapter in their life and ministry. I have seen in Nick’s ministry what many of you do not see. I see a man who weeps over his high schoolers and prays on his knees. Nick has always gone the extra mile to help people. He is an honorable man who has always shown loyalty to RCF.

When we hired Nick Welch approximately 6 years ago, many of us suspected he would be moving into the direction of pastoring a church one day. He is a strong leader and teacher. Nick handles difficult situations with maturity and wisdom that exceed his chronological age. God’s hand is on Nick, and RCF will want to keep an eye on his journey and always feel a healthy sense of pride that he was a vital part of RCF. Please pray for the

Welch family and encourage them any way you can.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor these last eight years, and I look forward to many years to come as the Lord leads and provides strength and energy!! I am excited about the many new young families God is bringing our way. Great days are ahead for this congregation!

Blessings, Guy



Carman in Concert—Wednesday, October 15 @ 7pm

Have you heard of Carman? Carman has been a Christian artist for over thirty years. Not only is he a performer, actor, musician, and writer, but most importantly he is an evangelist. Carman has been called the Billy Graham of contemporary Christian music. Carman has attracted the largest audiences of any Christian artist today and he's coming to RCF!

Our friends at Celebration Concerts called us and asked if we would host his concert here in Redding. Carman has recently gone through a difficult bout with cancer and felt led by the Lord to go back to his roots into the local church.

This is an opportunity for an up close and personal experience with contemporary Christian music. I would ask that you pray for this event. Carman will attract a wide variety of people in our community, many of whom may not know the Lord. We pray many will come to know Jesus Christ because of this event. You can get tickets online at: www.carman.org. Look for "No Plan B tour."



It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas!

"Come Home for Christmas"

Many have left home and never returned, but deep in their hearts the memories of Christmas past resonate. It's time to come home. It may not be your childhood home or even the town you remember, but return to the Christ of Christmas--come home. That is our desire for Christmas. We are still in the early planning stages of our Christmas production, but music has been selected and the plan is forming, so now is the time to join choir or orchestra. Our performance dates are December 10, 11, 12, and 14.

So How Do You Feel?

That question has been asked many times over the last few months. So how do you feel about your family leaving? Aren't you going to miss them? Are you okay with them leaving? Well, change is always hard--even in the best of circumstances.

This morning I got up and it really had the feeling of Fall in the air. I love Fall, the cooler days and nights, the turning of the leaves and all the fall colors. It really is my favorite time of year, but there is a downside to it, like shorter days and longer nights. We need to turn on the heat. I have to split and haul wood, and it seems I want to sleep more. I can't always ride my motorcycle. There are many similarities to our life right now. We are slowing down a little. Our kids are grown and one of those realities is our children have their own lives.

We've been very fortunate to have our children serving the Lord alongside us. It has been one of our greatest joys in life. We knew this day would come, and we are excited for Nick, Rachael and Zech. God has given them wonderful gifts of teaching, encouragement, musical talent, and so much more. We're excited to see what God has in store for them.

Bonnie and I remember the day when we felt God pulling us away from our family and making a major move. It was uncomfortable, but God was in it. I believe the same is true for our kids. I do have a greater appreciation for what my parents went through when we moved away. We will, of course, miss them. Esther is still here in town with us and we're grateful for that. With our kids in Portland, I do know we'll be traveling north a lot more. I will miss my grandson popping into my office to just say hi!

God is good, all the time.

Jerry

“His Persecuted Church”

Missions Emphasis Weekend October 4-5



We hope you are planning to attend this year’s Mission Emphasis Weekend. Events start Saturday, October 4, with a morning brunch at 9:30 a.m. Besides good food and fellowship, we will have with us Russell and Shar Wisener serving in Malaysia along with Steve and Cari Wendel who are serving in the Czech Republic.



Sunday morning in both services we have a very special guest speaker. Robert Brock is one of “Voice of the Martyrs” national speakers. Robert has served as a missionary all over the globe. He has seen firsthand the lives that have been changed forever by those who want to destroy the cause of Christ. Come, listen, and learn how we can support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Other missionary guests will also be joining us. Don’t miss this weekend. We will once again be praying about our Faith Promise pledges for 2014/2015.

Come and be encouraged, come and show your support of RCF missionaries.

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RCF Family

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 23 — 1:30 p.m.

You won't want to miss this exciting time as we share dinner together, enjoy each other's company, and give thanks for the rich blessings our Lord has provided over this last year. We will also celebrate what God has done in and through RCF over this last year via annual reports and share the vision for next year as well as review the new budget for 2014/2015.

Please sign up at the Information Desk. When you sign up you will discover what to bring.

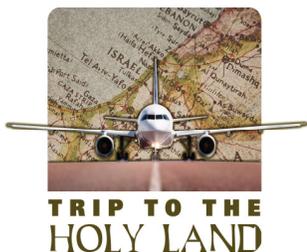
Let's Do Lunch!

**Thursday, October 2, 2014
11:45 a.m. @ Peter Chu's Skyroom
Redding Airport, 2nd Floor**



Treat yourself to an enjoyable meal. Make new friends and visit with other ladies from church. Please sign up for this event at the Information Desk after church services or call the church office to make reservations - 222-3425
Step out and connect!

Note: No luncheons will be planned in November and December.
SEE YOU IN JANUARY, 2015!



Ever dream of going to Israel?

It can be a reality for you!!

We are planning a tour to Israel for RCF members and friends from February 25 to March 9, 2015. Our goal is for 30 people to join us and yes, there is room for you!

Complete information as to itinerary, cost, Jordan extension, etc. is available online at www.EOtravel/

find trip. Our tour is HL15, code is 0225015P, and ID is 38271. I have had the privilege of leading a number of tours like this and have a Christian Jewish friend in Jerusalem who will be our tour guide and teacher. Accommodations are equivalent to five star-type hotels (one in the Galilee region, the other in Jerusalem). Transportation is via non-stop flight from New York and air conditioned bus in country. This is a once in a lifetime kind of tour and we would love to have you join us.



For more information, you may call the church office or email me directly at rick@rcfellowship.org.

Rick

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a Hospitality Host to oversee the ministry of **C2 Connections, our Coffee House**. If you have the gift of hospitality and are looking for a place to use that gift, this opportunity might just be for you!

Contact Pastor Jerry to get more information: 222-3425.





My name is Jeff Lange, and I am very excited to become Redding Christian Fellowship's new High School/Young Marrieds Pastor. My wife, Jessica, and I are high school sweethearts and have been married for 17 years. We have six children, aged four months to nearly 15 years old. Just find my wife or me for a breakdown of their names, ages, and vital stats!

Although not a native to Redding, we have lived here off and on for the past ten years while I finished my undergraduate work at Simpson in Biblical Studies. We returned to Redding three years ago for another stint at Simpson—this time, however, to begin my graduate study at Tozer Theological Seminary. Should all go according to plan (and I pass my courses!), I'll finish my Master of Divinity in December 2015.

As I begin to more fully immerse myself into the life of RCF, I am eager to get to know our awesome high school students and the staff that loves on them every week. I look forward to, and am trusting in, all that the Lord has prepared for me—and for us—to do as we grow in our maturity in Christ together. Additionally, I look forward to connecting with our young couples and young families so that we can tackle the issues of raising children who love the Lord in a society that refuses to acknowledge the reality of Jesus Christ.

If I haven't met you, I look forward to in the near future. Also, if you have had a burden to work with students or young couples/families, or know of students or young couples/families that aren't yet connected, I'd love to get together with you!

Yours in Christ our Lord, Jeff Lange



We all need to be a part of a community of people that is loving God and loving each other.

That doesn't happen on Sunday morning or at big events, but it can happen in small groups. Significant life change can happen in a **Community Group** as together we love God and love each other. In a small group of people, every time a story is shared, every common experience from a day at the lake to a time of intense prayer, or walking through a crisis together—we expand our relational foundation.

Community Group is a ministry that will help us at RCF have greater impact on one another and in our community.

If you want to get into a group or if you have had small group leadership experience, please contact me at the office 222-3425 or ron@rcfellowship.org.

Ron



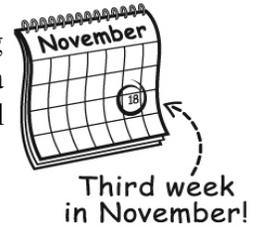
Transforming Lives through Operation Christmas Child



It is time again to pack our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has hand-delivered more than **113 million gift-filled shoe boxes** to needy children in more than 130 countries. More than 100,000 volunteers in the US are involved in collecting, shipping, and distributing shoebox gifts.

There are several opportunities for you to get involved with Operation Christmas Child here at Redding Christian Fellowship. **All boxes are due to the church by Sunday, November 23rd.**

First, the Baseline Youth Group will once again pack shoeboxes. They are accepting monetary donations at the church office or the Information Desk. The average cost to fill a shoebox and cover shipping charges is \$25, but any donation is appreciated! Our youth will be packing boxes early-November.



Second, you can pack your own shoebox(es) for Operation Christmas Child. Use any shoebox and fill with hygiene items, school supplies, toys, and candy. Brochures with instructions and shoebox labels will be available in the foyer. You can also donate online to follow the delivery of your box. More information about online donation can be found at www.samaritanpurse.org.



Third, you can pray for this ministry. Pray for the children who will receive the boxes, the pastors and leadership in those countries, and the volunteers who work to get the boxes shipped. We pray that God would be glorified as many children around the world come to

faith in Jesus.

Lastly, Operation Christmas Child Northstate Team would love your involvement if you would like to be involved as a volunteer in our city-wide packing party on November 1st, or as a year-round team member. Contact Laura McDuffey at 339-5245 for more information.

Families talk about Money!

Anyone who is married for some time knows how important it is to talk openly and often about finances. Not doing so will lead to strife and perhaps worse. Since we think of our congregation as family, is it then not also true that we ought to talk about finances from time to time? When churches talk about money too much many are skeptical and cynical about the church in general. It is also possible to say too little! We try to maintain a healthy balance at Redding Christian Fellowship especially since newcomers are always joining our fellowship. Here is some important information for you about money at RCF.

1. Our Board of Elders is responsible to approve an annual budget, and since our fiscal year begins on October 1, they have been hard at work reviewing and approving a responsible budget to enable us to carry on our ministry and to fulfill our mission as a congregation. Our Administration Committee does most of the work in budget preparation, as well as oversight. There are seven members on this committee, which meets monthly to give oversight to the finances of the church. Our Board of Elders must post our budget for those who wish to study it and will do so shortly.

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Fall is a great time to get started.
 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 @ ron@rcfellowship.org or call 222-3425 and he'll help you get connected.



- 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
 October 25, 8 a.m.**

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

No FUEL in November

men's ministries

Families talk about Money!

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We have three specific budget categories at RCF:

- ◆ Our **General Fund** encompasses the administration, salaries of staff, utilities and maintenance, and ministries of children, students, women, and men. Our budget for fiscal year October 2014 to September 2015 is \$956,571.
- ◆ Our **missions giving** is directed through our Global Missions Team and the funds are received through designated giving known as "faith promise." During this past year, over \$265,000 was given by our generous congregation to support approximately 30 missionary families and to provide for special building, vehicle, and water projects all over the world. The missions budget for the coming year will be determined during our missionary emphasis in October.
- ◆ Our **Capital Fund** is used to make renovations and upkeep on our facilities. Our parking

expansion is one current project. We also would like to remodel our kitchen in the fellowship hall/chapel area. At the present time, we have just over \$100,000 in the capital fund.

We are blessed by the competent services of bookkeepers who serve RCF on a contractual basis. More than one person scrupulously handles all funds given to RCF at all times. All checks written by the church require two signatures. We work hard to follow accepted accounting and legal procedures to assure that finances at RCF are always handled with care and complete integrity. We have also engaged the services of an outside person to review our accounting protocols. Our leaders view the handling of finances as a stewardship. We work hard to earn and maintain your complete trust and confidence. We are accountable to you our congregation and, of course, to our Lord. We always welcome inquiries or questions anyone in the church might have about finances in general or about some specific concern.

Rick

Sharon's sharing...

Was it just ME, or did the summer fly by? It seems I just wrote my last contribution to our newsletter saying how summer heat was not my favorite, and now it's nearly passed! Can I get an amen from anyone? I'm sure loving these cooler mornings for my devotional times.

Though days were hot, it certainly didn't seem to wilt the attendance at the Summer Bible study on the book of Proverbs. We had an amazing turnout for these classes which ran for eight weeks, and attendance seemed to indicate that this might bear repeating next year.

As many of you know, Fall is when our WIM activities really amp up! The WIM Leadership Council gathered in a relaxed setting near Lake McCumber where we spent time praying together for direction for this upcoming year. How blessed we are at RCF to have such a dedicated, unified, and visionary group of ladies who could devote time to plan opportunities for RCF women to continue to mature spiritually while growing in relationships with other women. As unique as we each are, our Creator has given us so many experiences in common, and the more we grow familiar with one another, the more we realize that we truly are the family of God—and it's a PERFECT FIT! You've given us input as to your needs and we are listening and wanting to respond accordingly.



Our focus this year will be outreach/connection with women within our church family as well as our community AND our mission field! Our WIM bulletin will include a list of upcoming activities. I will just touch on a few to get your interest piqued.

Our ladies Tuesday morning (9 a.m.) and evening (6:15 p.m.) Bible studies have resumed as of September 9. We have approximately 160 ladies participating in the combined total of these classes, but there is always room for more! Because we break into small groups for discussion and prayer, there is a comfortable atmosphere which promotes (you got it) connection. In a world of social media dominance, we are all longing for real and meaningful relationships. Where better to do this than at the foot of the Cross? In His Word, with His women! Our study this year is *David, A Man after God's Heart*, by Beth Moore, and it already resonates with us as we continually long to be women after God's heart. If you would like to be part of this study, please contact the church office for more information or feel free to call Elizabeth Murane for morning study or me for evening study information. It's a wonderful and life-changing study, so please don't miss out!

On November 7-8, our yearly Craft Faire will be held here at RCF. (See page 15 for more information.) This event is a major fundraiser for the sponsors, Prayers and Squares, a group of talented ladies who work diligently throughout the year creating prayer quilts to bless those with terminal illness, special needs, or military assignment. These quilts are displayed in the church foyer on Sunday mornings so you can tie a knot as you send a special prayer up for those who are designated recipients. These quilts are both a gift and a blessing to those who receive them as well as a wonderful evangelism tool as we can openly share to others what they represent!

The Craft Faire not only gives financial resources to our quilters for supplies, but it also is the only fundraising opportunity for our Women In Ministry through our baked goods sale. We feature baked goodies donated by our talented ladies, attractively displayed in seasonal packaging, during the two days of the Craft Faire. The money we raise goes into our WIM general fund, allowing us the opportunity to provide activities, events, and scholarships to women for various functions.

Vicky Schlange will be heading up this sale and will need lots of volunteers to bake these delights as well as to spend a couple of hours selling. Please let us know how you would like to help in this fun and profitable event.

In early December, we have a tentative shopping extravaganza trip to Vacaville outlets via motor coach planned. It should be a sold out event, so please watch for further announcements or contact Kerri Forrester for more information.

Until next time,

Sharon



PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE

pep: people enjoying people

Red Bluff Excursion!

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Cost: \$6.00 + lunch

Meet at RCF to car pool at 9:15 a.m.

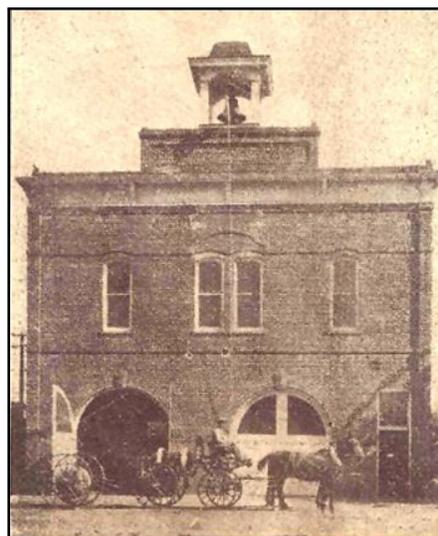
Kelly Griggs Victorian Mansion Tour 10 & 11 a.m.
311 Washington street

And

Cedar St. Fire House Museum
835 Cedar Street



Followed by lunch
at
Tremont
Café & Creamery
731 Main Street
Parking on
Washington Street



Space is limited to only 40! Make your reservation and pay at the information desk or call the church office.

Deadline October 8th - NO DROP-INS on event day!

No event in November!

*Mark your calendar!
PEP Christmas Dinner
Thursday, December 4 at RCF*

Well., everyone, I thought I would write you one last note to say thank you all so much for the last seven years of great fun, fellowship, and encouragement. It has been a wonderful experience for my family. We will carry the memories and joy from our time here with us for the rest of our lives. I know there's also many who have some questions about what has led to this decision and what the future will hold for us, so I thought I'd answer a few of the most common questions I've been hearing.

Q: If you're doing school online and then wanting to move to Ashland why do you have to move to Portland? Can't you just stay in Redding?

A: There is more to moving to Portland than just school. It's my desire to join the [Presbyterian Church in America \(PCA\)](#). So we felt it would be best for us to begin attending a PCA church and immerse ourselves in the denomination. Since there are no PCA churches in Redding and since there are several in the Portland area, we felt that it was the best option.

Q: Are you leaving because you had a falling out with RCF? Why are you joining the PCA?

A: Absolutely not. In fact, the leadership and people of RCF have been incredibly supportive and encouraging of my area of ministry the entire time I have served here.

They have also been extremely supportive of our family as we have prayed through this decision for months. I can't say enough about the kind of encouragement we have received as being part of the body here at RCF. Over the last four years or so, I have been on a theological journey that has led me to embrace Reformed and Presbyterian doctrine as a whole. Thus my theological, doctrinal, and ecclesiastical convictions align most

closely with that of the PCA.

Q: Aren't Presbyterians theologically liberal and don't they ordain homosexuals?

A: Not exactly. There are several denominations in the U.S. that are theologically liberal and one Presbyterian denomination in particular is among them, the Presbyterian Church (USA). They reject almost all major theological and moral affirmations of Presbyterianism such as biblical inerrancy, total depravity, Calvinism, The Westminster Confession of Faith, The Book of Church Order, and more. These are historically things all Presbyterians agree on. The PCUSA are Presbyterians in name only. By contrast, the PCA holds a biblical position on all of these issues as well as many others. They are conservative, biblical, evangelical, and reformed. For a helpful side by side comparison, check out this site <http://biblebased.wordpress.com/2013/04/16/13-differences-between-the-pca-and-the-pcusa/>

Q: Will we ever see you again?

A: Most likely, yes. Because we still have family here in Redding, we will be visiting several times a year and will do our best to be available to visit friends and spend time with our church family here at RCF whenever we come back to town.

I hope that helps answer any questions you may have had. I leave you with Paul's simple yet powerful parting words from his letter to the church in Ephesus: "Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible." (Ephesians 6:23-24)

Peace & Rest, Nick

young adult ministries

We have finished our Andy Stanley study and are heading into the third week of our study of Philippians. The young adults are being challenged to take a deeper look into the scriptures and understand the context in which the book was written. Our pastor, Tom, has taken the group through several books of the Bible and led us to resources written by highly respected theologians in order to paint the most complete picture possible as we dive into one of Paul's most beautiful letters.

In our present day context, what does it mean for your lifestyle to be worthy of/reflect the Gospel? What does it look like for you to honor and worship the Lord in your current circumstances? Those are just a few of the big questions the young adults have been wrestling with the past few weeks, and we are looking forward to how God is going to use this study to draw us closer to himself. Praise the Lord for His Word and the counsel of the Holy Spirit!

In addition to our weekly study, we are taking on the challenge of memorizing Philippians. We hope that it will not only be a good practice of a spiritual discipline, but that it will also serve the young adults as a tool for their own personal walk with the Lord and encouragement to others.

The young adult group is for people aged 18-30, single or married, and we meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you join us! Please feel free to call the church office if you would like more information.

Grace and peace, Andrea



Old News:

The guys' backpacking trip *wasn't* a backpacking trip due to the fires all around us. Instead, we went to Blue Slide Camp near the coast. We had a great time shooting each other with paintballs, swimming in the river, and watching the fire burn. The devotions focused on the challenges that guys battle to be fully committed disciples of Jesus Christ. We owe our thanks to the many who made this trip possible: Pete Ferrer, Tim Mackay, Robert Andrade, Scott Allshouse, Steve Renfer, and Curtis Nicolas.

The ladies' retreat went incredibly well. Due to the generosity of the Moore family, the ladies headed up to Lake Almanor to use their cabin. They had fun doing whatever ladies do, and they had a series of great devotions as they studied

God's Word together. For making the trip possible I would like to thank Tina Ferrer, Cindy Donarico, Tammi Moore, Cassidy McCollum, Marissa Moore, and Brooke Engles.

New News:

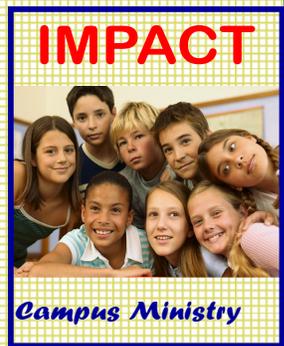
October and November will be incredibly busy months. We are looking at several activities. There is a fundraiser being planned to help support our Compassion kids. We are also gearing up to pack shoe boxes again this year for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to have the BaseLine students pack a shoe box for you, please give a check of \$25 per box. If you would like further information regarding dates and times, please contact the church office.

For His Glory and Honor, Caleb

The Impact Campus Mentoring Program has started up again! While we are not yet on school campuses, we are working hard to get all mentors placed and ready for our launch in October. The majority of last year's mentors have returned for a second year and many of them have requested to be with the same student! We are seeing some really special relationships being built between mentors and mentees...and this year we are praying that even more will develop!

We are so excited to announce that we have about a dozen new mentors joining the program this year, and we are looking forward to seeing how God is going to use them to touch the lives of kids in our community. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, it isn't too late to sign-up. Please contact Caleb Little for more information at 222-3425.

Thank you all for your prayers and service. It takes a lot to make Impact happen and there are many of you who do so much "behind the scenes" to keep things going. Please continue to pray for Impact as we get ready to launch into schools this month. There are a number of logistical items we have yet to figure out that are essential to making this ministry happen.



Grace and peace,
Andrea



Parents in Prayer

Do you have a teen through adult prodigal child or grandchild? We are here to support and pray for each other – **Parents In Prayer. PIPS** will be starting November 3rd and will be meeting regularly the 1st and 3rd Monday nights @ 6:30 p.m. in Room #208. For more information, please call Joe or Kathy @ 222-3932.

Cornerstone Kids Ministry

Children's Musical

Our CKM children's musical, "I Am a Friend of God," has been postponed due to the need for more choir members. More details will be coming in Spring 2015! Choir practices will be held on Sundays during Kids' Church worship time at 1st and 2nd service.

Philippians 4:8

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

CKM Staff Kick-Off

THANK YOU, Bill and Amy Hawes, Kids' Church Volunteer Leadership, for serving breakfast for all CKM Staff and HIT Team on Sunday, Sept 14th. We appreciate you and all you do for the Lord in Kids' Church!



HIT Team

What are Helpers In Training (HIT)? Junior and Senior High School students have the opportunity to come along side our children and staff to help in the CKM classrooms during the 9:00 a.m. service. The hope is for this ministry to be an influential part of spiritual growth for the HIT Team, Sunday School staff, and RCF children. HIT Team members will develop their life-long relationship with Jesus through service to their church family and as role models to children.

The HIT Team had their first meeting for the Sunday School year on Sept 7. What a great turn out of returning and new HIT Team members! HIT Team, you are a valuable asset to CKM! Thank you for faithfully serving in children's ministry.

Alta Mesa Carnival

Join CKM as we partner with Alta Mesa School for this community outreach event. The carnival is Thursday, October 23, 2014 @ Alta Mesa School. There are opportunities to serve on shifts from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and/or 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please contact Natalia Wheeler @ 222-3425 ext. 111 or natalia@rcfellowship.org if you have questions.

- SIGN-UPS AT THE CKM CHECK-IN COUNTER ON SUNDAYS -



CORNERSTONE KIDS' MINISTRY

PRESENTS: How to Teach Memory Verses

A training with Mister Brown

WHEN: October 5, 2014

Immediately following 2nd Service

WHERE: Rooms 209/210

WHO: Open to anyone who has children in their lives.

Lunch and child care will be provided



RSVP by October 2nd
on RCF website or at
brenda@rcfellowship.org

or sign up at the
Information Desk or
CKM Check-in desk
on Sunday.



Family Game Night

Bring your favorite family game

and join us

Sponsored by Cornerstone Kids' Ministry

October 24, 2014 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Cost : \$1.00 per person for Dinner

Small snack bar will be available while playing games

Please RSVP by 10/20/14 # attending and eating and if bringing a game



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We live in an incredible time in history. I don't know if every generation has had to experience such turmoil, but no doubt some certainly have. I find the world absolutely terrifying. If you look at things in this world they seem to be spiraling out of control: Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Ebola virus outbreak in East Africa, the vicious attacks by the terrorist group Isis, and on and on. Things in the United States don't seem to be much better. Our government can't balance a budget, our healthcare reform seems to be going a bit rocky, we pass laws making it illegal to abuse animals, and we pass laws making it illegal for a doctor to inform a parent that their 16 year old daughter is seeking to have an abortion. As a nation, we seem to be completely lost.

But I ask you, where are you looking?

When you look to the world why are you surprised that it reveals only brokenness, pain, and suffering? Scripture clearly teaches that on our own we are ruined.

Romans 3:22-24

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

So my challenge to you is simple, stop looking at the world for hope. Look to the One who provides our salvation, Jesus Christ. Did you know if we continue at the current rate of translation that in the next 20 years every language on earth will have the Gospel in their mother tongue? Did you know if we continue to work on the issues of extreme poverty at the same rate as we currently are (defined by a person living on less than \$1.25 per day) that extreme poverty will be gone in 20 years? Issues like infant deaths by preventable causes, clean water, diseases such as malaria, measles, and even aids are being fought with great victories. God is still in the miracle business. The question is, are we looking at Him? God is doing amazing things. Do you see them? We live in an incredible time in history. The fruit of man is destruction and the fruit of God is eternal life. The ever growing divide between the two seems to be impossible to miss. Don't let your eyes settle on the fruits of man, keep your eyes fixed on the fruit of God.

Isaiah 40:30-31

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

The New International Version. 2011 (Is 40:30–31). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

May we fix our eyes on Him so that we will not become tired or weary. It has been estimated that the cost to make clean water available to every person on the planet would be somewhere around \$20 billion, a huge number. However, in 2009, one year after the great economic downturn, Americans spent over \$41 billion on the "Black Friday" weekend alone. May we continue to reach out into our community and world in small ways that God transforms into eternal fruit. Thank you for your faithfulness to missions. God is using your faithfulness to move mountains.

For His Glory and Honor,
Caleb

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.



Keep them in your

Prayers

Illnesses

Dan Berger	Dorothy Gillett	Laurie Lemon
Dave Brumit	Darlene Idehara	Jim Luther
Brenda Conklin	Janice Kirk	Ron Mapes
Carol Ervin	Susan Lay	La Verne Morrison
Ed Fishburn	June Lee	Mary Olsen

Deaths

Family of Ruby Lewis
 Family of Neal Jern
 Family of Sandra Judy Freeman
 Family of Ralphena McCollum

Kathy Roberts
 Kati Rosten
 Pat Schneider
 Kathy Shea
 Ron Toth
 Helen Wright

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want you to know how much I have appreciated the love and prayers you have given for me. He is an awesome God and He has been with me all the way. I miss church so much, but it will be a while before I can get back. The disc of the sermons help; thanks so much! May God bless each and everyone.

Mary C. Olsen

In The Mailbag



The other day I was at RCF and was given a card addressed to my grand daughter Jessica who is still at U.C. Davis where her daughter is still in NICU. Jessica asked me to open the card and read it to her over the phone. I broke down in tears as soon as I saw what was written and what was included, and so did Jessica. There was a beautiful message and a gift of \$1,000.00 and the card was signed, A Secret Pal. Jessica and I would really appreciate it if you would post this message on the Prayer Chain in hopes that the Secret Pal would see it and know how very grateful she is and how very much it is needed. We are so grateful to this person, to this church, and most of all to our Wonderful God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glenda Dickey



Prayers & Squares (A prayer quilt ministry)

Presents

Christmas Arts & Crafts Faire

Friday, November 7—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday, November 8—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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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.

We accept, as Christians, those who have been born again. We baptize by immersion only and receive into our membership only penitent, baptized (immersed) believers.

Baptism, following profession of faith in Jesus Christ, is an act of obedience to Christ entered into by the believer through the work of the Holy Spirit.