

Sept/Oct
2018



Redding Christian Fellowship
Connection

From Pastor John

For many of us, the last week of July 2018 will be permanently etched into our memories. Some of us lost homes. Some of us were evacuated. We were all impacted in one way or another. It is clear that Redding and the people who live here will not be the same for a long time. There is a lot of work that needs to be done—cleaning up and rebuilding after the Carr Fire will take years.

We have been so thankful for the outpouring of support that has come into our community. Redding Christian Fellowship has received donations of supplies and money from churches and believers across the country. These donations have allowed us to be a blessing to people from our congregation and people who need to know Jesus.

Our partnership with Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has been amazing. We have hosted volunteers who have come to Redding from Hawaii to Maine and points in between. As those volunteers, along with volunteers from Redding, come together to sift ashes and do other work an incredible thing has taken place - we have seen people move from sorrow to hope. That hope comes because those

who have lost homes can see that they will have a new home.

That desire for a place to call home is inherent in each of us. Because of that, Jesus uses homes and houses to point us to God. In Luke 15, Jesus tells a series of parables: a shepherd loses a sheep, a woman loses a precious coin, and a son leaves his father. In each of the parables a home plays an important role. The shepherd finds the sheep and returns home, the woman sweeps her house and invites her friends over to rejoice when she finds the coin, and the lost son returns to his father's household.

Jesus takes that desire for home to point us to our eternal home. In John 14 Jesus reminds us, "In My Father's house are many rooms." Our desire for a temporal home is a reflection of a desire for an eternal home. That's why we are so thankful for the privilege of seeing dozens of people come to Christ as we point them to the hope of rebuilding and the grace that God offers in the midst of sorrow.

May God bless you all as we walk through this time together and place our hope in the God who will bring us home!

Observations from Pastor Rick

SO, WHY SHOULD I BE A MEMBER?

Sometimes folks will say, "Why should I join the church? I am regular in attendance. I serve. I give. So what difference does membership make?"

Great questions! Let's consider some answers. The Bible indicates that the early church had some system of structure and organization. Ministry functions were thoughtfully carried out. Leadership was very carefully selected, whether for benevolence duties or for church administration.

Today's church and that of the first century however are drastically different. We have many choices for church involvement. The early church did not. People were either part of the church or synagogue, or they were pagans. There were no other choices.

To address the question of membership today it is helpful to consider biblical principles to help us see the importance and value of church membership. Let us consider several:

COMMITMENT

While commitment is not a popular concept today that does not mean it is not important. We value commitment in relationships. Commitment is foundational to good relationships in marriage and family. It is important in the work place. It is also important in the church. It can be said that Christianity without commitment is an oxymoron.

Hebrews 10:25 speaks about commitment to meet together. I Corinthians 1:10 refers to commitment to unity. II Timothy 2:2 describes commitment to mentoring and discipling.

By becoming a member a person demonstrates commitment to the values and mission of the church. Commitment demonstrates that a person is not just a consumer or one who seeks "perks"!

ACCOUNTABILITY

To be accountable is to answer to someone. First and foremost we are to be accountable to God - Romans 14:10-12. We are even accountable for the words we speak- Matthew 12:36. Hebrews 13:17 speaks about accountability and submission to leadership.

Accountability is one of the means God uses to bring about maturity with the freedom to be what God has created us for writes, Bill Hull, an author on the subject of disciple making. No culture can survive long without accountability. Freely deciding to become a member of a church is a way to demonstrate a willingness to be accountable.

COMMUNITY

We were created to be in relationship and community. Proverbs 18:1 states that one who isolates himself seeks his own desire and ignores all sound judgment.

The Bible over and over uses terms like "together" and "one another". At RCF we often talk about doing life together. Joining a church and becoming involved is a great way to know and experience what community is all about.

CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

The Bible teaches that we ought to conduct the work of the church decently and in order- I Corinthians 14:40. Membership helps a church do that. Selecting and affirming church leaders is critical to an orderly administration of the work of any church. As one who has worked in church ministry for many decades, I can bear painful testimony that our enemy delights to sow

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seeds of disorder, chaos, confusion, and turmoil in the church. A clear process whereby membership can be obtained and clear protocols for conducting the business of the church, are important means of maintaining unity and order in the life of any church. Be watching for announcements for the next two week Begin the Journey class where this and many other topics will be discussed. Here is how one recent attender described her experience in the class:

"Membership at a church simply means going to church on a regular basis and giving of your time and talents. I felt I was really a member of RCF, even though I had never attended a membership class plus a few other excuses I had packed away. So, for the last 10 years or so that's what I did. My friend and I would elbow each other and say maybe we should join but failed to put any action into our mumblings. Then I kept hearing "What is your next step in following Jesus?" Perhaps going to a membership class and joining the church was one of the options mentioned. The Lord kept working on me!!

Finally, the Spirit worked His way deeper into my heart and I said "Yes Lord, I will go!" I always felt that class and joining would not make me a better Christian, but then after attending the two classes I thought "Wow! It just might." I am so thankful I attended. Pastor Rick did an amazing job in capturing my attention and giving to all of us wonderful information that led to my filling out an application for membership. Plus getting to know others in the class was fun and inspiring. I do feel my walk will be deepened and I will now look for other ways to serve. Thank you Lord for not giving up on my independence to basically do it my way and working through Pastor Rick to fulfill your mission for this part of my life."

~Lynn DeSanders

Missions Update



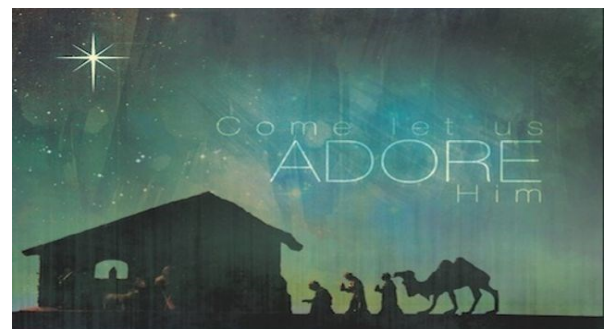
For me, July and August are the months that I take a deep breath and dream of Christmas. This year these two months have taken on a whole new reality. The Carr fire has impacted all of us in one way or another. Some of you lost most of your earthly belongings. Others of you were impacted by the quick escapes as flames moved toward you. Others of us watch in helpless awe from a distance as the wild fires didn't follow the regular patterns of the past. They say disasters bring out the best and worst of people. We are blessed to live in an area where the best has come shining through. I'm so blessed to be in a fellowship of believers that stepped up to take on the challenge of immediate care and relief efforts from day one. It has been a blessing to work alongside organizations such as Samaritan's Purse, Billy Graham Disaster Relief Chaplains and Hope City. For me personally, just to have them on our campus brought a sense of comfort. Their wisdom in disaster relief is unmatched and helped us take the right steps from the beginning. Thank you to our Elders who didn't hesitate to extend the invitation to them. We still have a long road ahead of us but I want you to know the local churches are working well together to reach so many that have no hope. We are also blessed to have Hope City walking alongside of us as our community rebuilds. Our Pastors, Elders, Deacons and others are following up on contacts that the BG chaplains have given us. Many have come to Christ. Many others are searching for answers. Let's continue to love our community and direct them to the answer, Jesus Christ.

Mission News August/September 2018

Our Next Step in Missions is coming October 6th and 7th.

I hope you will put it on your calendar and make it a priority. We will have over 25 displays from missionaries and sending

agencies. We will have a number of our own Samaritans Purse partners here to share what God is doing. Jeremy Lang will be sharing, along with Russel Wiesner, on Saturday morning along with other RCF partners. This is a great event to bring your children and grandchildren to. On Sunday morning, David Wilson will be sharing. David has written two books "Mind the Gap" and "Pipeline" both of which are written for churches just like ours. You don't want to miss it.



Choir is Coming!

Choir is coming back. **Starting September 5th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. We'll be working on music for Sunday mornings and our Christmas production called "Come Adore Him" December 7th.** If you would like to join us we would love to have you. No auditions required.



Summer vacation came and went with many fun activities and now school is back in session. The High School ministry is back on the normal school schedule of Wednesday nights from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the chapel. We are currently teaching a series that takes a look at the early church from the book of Acts.

We are going to be putting some teams together to compete in the Nash Ranch Mud Mash obstacle course on September 29th. If you are interested in participating in this fun event please contact Caleb at the church office.

The high school ladies will also be partnering with the Women's Ministry to participate with the women's retreat this fall. Please be looking for more details as

that retreat quickly approaches. Due to the fires and smoke we felt that it was prudent to cancel the boys backpacking trip. We are in the process of scheduling something to replace that backpacking trip. More information will be available at the church office in the next couple weeks.

Lastly, as our students begin a new school year I would ask that you pray for them. Please pray that our students would grow in their relationship with Christ and that they would show the love of Christ to their classmates.

For His Glory and Honor,

Caleb



With the new school year starting we once again focus on the mission field that is in our public school system. The number of students that are hurting in our public school system is overwhelming. We have the great privilege in showing and sharing the love of Christ to some of these hurting students.

I would like to introduce you to a young man that we will name Ben. Here is a bit of his story through the eyes of his mentor:

"When I met Ben he was almost 10 and had been living with his grandparents and his younger and older sister because his mother is a drug addict and his father is in prison. From what I knew about the situation going in, grandma was the rock of the family, caring not only for the children, but for her husband as well. I don't know how long the children had been living with their grandparents, but the devastating news that grandma had cancer and not long to live came about two years ago. It seems like the only other responsible adult in Ben's life is a godmother somewhere in southern California.

I would arrive right after Ben's lunch and recess, so I always saw the kids coming back to class with their buddies. Ben was always with the girls. I never saw him with the boys. He let me know somewhere in our visits that he didn't like boys because they were "rude." Later I learned that he had been bullied since kindergarten. No wonder he hung out with the girls. Ben is slightly built, has a sweet face and a quiet spirit. I could understand why he'd been picked on. As we all know, kids can be cruel.

During our weekly visits we would draw pictures together since Ben is a very good artist. We talked about our favorite foods, and played with slime. Sometimes he would tell me about his weekends playing with his sisters and cousins, other times he just kind of shrugged his shoulders. He shared his sadness about the dog they had to put down the previous weekend, and the fact that his grandmother was going to die soon. I asked him to go to our skate party, to a movie, and to go shopping at Wal-Mart with the gift that RCF had provided, but Ben never chose to participate in those things. He didn't like going out of his house, he liked hanging around home. This is a kid with a LOT of pain and loss in his life.

While I am unable to take away his grandmother's cancer or make his parents be the responsible adults that he deserves, I can be a weekly presence in his life that reminds him that he has value as an individual and that I care about him. Some weeks it didn't seem like much, but other weeks I would see Ben smile when I would show up and that seemed to communicate that while my investment in his life didn't change his circumstances, it was enough."

YOU can make a difference in the life of a child! Do you have 1 or 2 hours per week to spend with a student at one of our local schools? The Impact mentoring program is a ministry of Redding Christian Fellowship where you get to spend time getting to know & sharing the love of Christ with a particular student assigned to you. The need for more mentors is great and children all over the Redding area need a friend like YOU! For more information please sign up in the foyer or contact Caleb Little or Tina Ferrer at the church office. Mentor applications are available. This is not tutoring, it's showing a student you care!

The first Mentor Training Meeting for this school year will be: Sunday, September 16th @ 12:30pm. Lunch will be served.

We will also be having a guest speaker on Sunday, September 16th, Christopher Scott is a marriage and family therapist who will be sharing some skills and tips to better help students. His insights will be valuable in equipping our mentors as life is often messy in this crazy world.

If you have any questions please contact Caleb Little or Tina Ferrer at the church office,

For His Glory and Honor,

Caleb

Sharon's Sharing...



As I write this newsletter connection, my mind and heart seem to be conflicted. I find myself wrestling between a deep grief for the devastation and loss that our Church and Community has experienced these recent weeks, due to the Carr Fire. Yet, amidst this, my spirit is filled with joy for the amazing show of compassion, emotional support, physical and financial help that has been exhibited. We've seen positive, self sacrificing response to those who have suffered loss, and face great uncertainty in the days, weeks and months ahead. Just look around our campus, and see the myriad of chaplains, Samaritans Purse workers, church staff and community volunteers still laboring to come alongside fire impacted families.

For those who are reading my words, and who were seriously impacted, I can only echo what you have hopefully heard, that we will continue to surround you with our love, and support you with our energies to help you through the incredibly difficult task of moving forward.

I have been repeatedly reminded of a portion of scripture, over these past weeks, that I hope will bring you comfort. In Deuteronomy 4:24, we hear that our God (our Creator, our Loving heavenly Father) is a consuming fire. I hope that you will read these words for yourself, and allow this truth to sink deep into your understanding. As I meditated on those words, in light of our recent evidence of the incredible fire that we've experienced, it makes me realize that as powerful as that earthly fire was, taking possession of everything in its path, our God is far greater still, beyond anything that this life can take from us. Reading further into the text, in verse 31, my heart is comforted as we learn that "the Lord your God is compassionate and merciful; He will not fail you, or destroy you, or forget His promises to you. We can claim and place hope in those words. We are repeatedly assured throughout His word, that He will never leave or forsake us. I encourage you to take a few quiet moments each morning and to search scripture for these and other powerful words of affirmation of His Love for us, and for His Spirit, given to us, that is greater than anything that could come against us. During these difficult times, I urge you to cling onto this hope; the same power that rose Jesus from the grave, is the power living within each of us who have a personal relationship with Him. There is nothing we cannot endure and overcome. Together, we will rise from the ashes, stronger and more determined than ever before.

As our various Church ministries gear up for Fall, there will be many opportunities to be encouraged, to connect with a loving and supportive community, and to grow in your understanding of how great the Fathers love for us truly is. I pray that you will make a decision to join one or more of these groups, and experience first hand this love, manifested through our wonderful community of believers here at RCF.

SEPTEMBER will launch both morning and evening ladies Bible studies, as well as two Precepts Bible studies. Topics range from study in the books of Daniel and Isaiah (part 2), to a wonderful DVD/ interactive study by Author and Speaker Priscilla Shirer, titled VOICE OF GOD. You will learn, and see registration in process for these studies at our information table, over the next two weeks.

On August 26th, we began our Women's Weekend

Retreat registration, for our wonderful annual get away at Tsasdi Resort at Lakeshore. Our retreat is Oct 12-14th, and our theme this year is based on Ephesians, and will encompass some rich spiritual insights, powerful worship through music, as well as opportunities for relaxation, laughter, connection and encouragement from other ladies. You can choose to join us for the entire weekend, OR if this isn't an option, we are allowing 20, SATURDAY ONLY, day registrations for a full day of sharing in our activities. We welcome all ladies, from High School age to Senior Saints to attend, and it's an incredible opportunity to bridge generations and build a community of love, support and encouragement, to be refreshed and reenergized. Our lodge/conference room capacity is a max of 100, and it notably fills up quickly, so please get by the table and register, and not miss out.

All women who serve in ANY capacity of ministry, to other women, are invited to attend a morning SWEL quarterly meeting featuring speakers from 4 local churches. This is a great time of sharing pertinent information and connecting with other believers. The meeting will be Saturday, September 22nd from 9am to noon. It will be held at Risen King and is a precursor to our 2019 women's city wide conference. Contact Sharon to register.

As I close this letter, I want to remind each of you, how much you are treasured, and that our Ministry to Women holds you and your family in our prayers, as we stand ready and eager to address any needs, questions or concerns of your heart. Until I see you, I warmly enfold you in my prayers and love.

Until next time.....Sharon



3 Reasons To Serve In Kids Ministry

To watch the video go to this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/3j0v-Dluks>

Sometimes we do things for so long, we never ask ourselves, “Why do I do this?” So, I asked myself, “Why do I work with kids?” Well, I’m going to tell you why. In fact, I’m going to give you three reasons to serve in Kids Ministry. Are you ready? Get set. Let’s go.

Reason #1: Kids Matter

Think about it; you were a kid once too. Kids can be pesky sometimes, they can nag you, they can bug you, and they carry a lot of germs sometimes; they’re always getting sick. But you know what? So do you and so did you as a kid. Kids matter. Think about what our world would be like without the openness, the humility, the fun-lovingness of kids. I remember a trip we took with my daughter once. We were flying somewhere and we were walking up and down the airport terminal. I was trying to get her tired. She saw this man. He was sitting there and he looked so mean. I would never have spoken to the man because he looked like he was just mad at the world. She stopped. She looked up at him and said, “Hi.” That man’s face just brightened up. He looked at her and said, “Hi,” and I thought to myself, wow! Just the innocence that kids bring, the excitement they bring - kids matter in this world. Not only do I think they matter, hopefully you think they matter, but Jesus knows they matter. He even told the disciples. There is a story in the Bible where the people were bringing their kids to Jesus to lay hands on them and pray for them (Matthew 19:13-14). The disciples rebuked the people and said, “Hey! Get those kids away from here!” And Jesus rebuked the disciples saying, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Not only that, in Luke 18:15-17, He said this, “Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” Kids Matter. I believe because kids matter we should spend some time, some energy, some effort in investing into those kids because they matter.

Reason #2: It's a Great Investment

Serving in Kids Ministry is a great investment of your time, energy, and your talents. I’m getting older. Yeah, this beard has some gray in it somewhere. Don’t look too hard. But the older I get, the more mail, email, and information I get about investments. Shore up your investments for retirement. But I don’t plan on retiring, by the way. I plan on working until I die. I’m going to keep it going until I’m done. Hopefully, I’m still in Kids Ministry, even if I have to take my teeth out and put them back in, I’ll still be in Kids Ministry. But I get more and more information these days about investments; making those investments. Why? Because the question is when you can’t work anymore are your investments working for you? Are you going to get something back? I think the term is called “ROI” – Return On Investment. Working in Kids Ministry has an amazing ROI – Return On Investment. The things we do with kids will last a long, long, long, long time. Think about it; you work with a five year old and you lead that five year old to Christ, think about all the fruit that will be borne in their life over their life time. I’m not saying we shouldn’t work with older people to lead them to Christ as well, but think about the fruitfulness of a five year old, a six year old, a seven year old if they walk with the Lord all those years, the fruit that will be borne. The fruit that will come from their lives is amazing.

I think about the example of my grandmother. My grandmother ran all the youth and kids ministries in our church. From the time I was a little kid, all the way to even after high school, she did all of those ministries. She invested and invested and invested in all of us. And guess what? She is still getting a return on that investment. God is still using many of us in ministry to this day. My grandmother has passed away, she went home to be with the Lord, but yet I’m still doing ministry. One day after she had passed away we were cleaning up some of her belongings and I found some CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) material. I recognized it as the same material I had used in my own ministry. A part of the legacy she has is that she was teaching some of the same material that I also ended up using. I didn’t make the connection until that point. My grandmother is a great example to me about what it means to make an investment in someone else’s life. She invested in our lives and now the return on that investment is still bearing fruit today. The kids that I get to minister to and work with is a part of her legacy, not just mine. So the second reason I believe it’s so important to serve in Kids Ministry is the return on investment – it’s a great investment.

Reason #3: Life Transformation

Life transformation happens on two levels: in the kids’ lives and in your life. My life has been transformed by working with kids. The majority of the things I know, as far as, Bible lessons, memory verses, missionary stories, Biblical doctrine has come from me getting involved with serving in Kids Ministry because I had to prepare and learn to be able to teach kids. One thing I love about kids, is they are real with you. They’re going to be straight up with you. If they don’t understand it, they’re going to tell you, “That don’t make sense.” So guess what? I gotta dig in a little and make it make sense to them, right. Unlike us adults, we like to pretend. We’ll sit there and listen to a sermon saying, “Amen, amen,” and have no idea what the pastor is talking about. For the most part, kids won’t do that. They’re so honest. They will tell you when they don’t understand something. They will also tell you when you’re breath stinks, “Mister Brown, your breath stinks.” The transformation that is taking place is as I teach them I’m learning from them as well. I’m learning as I teach them; I am growing. My life has been transformed by working in Kids Ministry.

So I believe working in Kids Ministry does so much. I think there’s a bunch of reasons to work in Kids Ministry, but I only gave you three reasons for today.

Be a part of something great! Serve in Kids Ministry!

~Mister Brown

September 2018 Upcoming Events

- September 3 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- September 5 Precept Bible Study begins (Daniel) @ 12:30 pm
- September 5 Christmas Choir Practice begins @ 7:00 pm
- September 6 Community Closet Sorting Day @ 1:00 pm
- September 8 Men's FUEL Breakfast @ 9:00 am
- September 9 Problems and Questions Class begins @ 10:45 am
- September 9 Financial Peace University Class begins @ 10:45 am
- September 9 Monthly GMT meeting @ 12:30 pm
- September 9 GroupLink begins @ 6:00 pm
- September 11 Women's Bible Study begins @ 9:00 am and 6:15 pm
- September 11 Precept Bible Study begins (Isaiah Part 2) @ 6:30 pm
- September 15 Community Closet Sorting Day @ 9:00 am
- September 16 Begin the Journey (Session 1) @ 10:45 am
- September 16 Impact Mentor Training Meeting @ 12:30 pm
- September 18 Elder/Deacon Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- September 20 PEP (Senior) Event @ 11:30 am
- September 21 Healthy Living Class @ 1:00 pm
- September 21 Men's Ministry Fall Kickoff @ 6:00 pm
- September 23 Begin the Journey (Session 2) @ 10:45 am
- September 28 Women's Craft Night @ 5:30 pm

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October 2018 Upcoming Events

- October 4 Community Closet Sorting Day @ 1:00 pm
- October 5-7 Missions Conference
- October 12-14 RCF Women's Retreat
- October 13 Men's FUEL Breakfast @ 8:00 am
- October 14 Monthly GMT Meeting @ 12:30 pm
- October 16 Elder/Deacon Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- October 18 PEP (Senior) Event - Off Campus 11:30 am
- October 19 Healthy Living Class @ 1:00 pm
- October 20 All Church Work Day @ 8:00 am
- October 20 Community Closet Sorting Day @ 9:00 am
- October 20 Welch Baby Celebration @ 11:00 am
- October 21 Begin The Journey (Session 1) @ 10:45 am
- October 21 Annual Meeting & Desserts @ 6:00 pm
- October 26 Women's Craft Night @ 5:30 pm
- October 26-27 Magnolia Park Work Days
- October 27 RCF/Impact Family Skate Night @ 4:45 pm
- October 28 Begin the Journey (Session 2) @ 10:45 am

Those listed below are or have been ill or in the hospital, recuperating at home, have lost a loved one or welcomed a new little one into their family. Let's lift them up in prayer.



Illnesses

Betty Achten	Don Greene	Barbara Wiedenhoef
Margaret Brady	Loretta Humphries	Glen & Myrna Mapes
Jody Charbonneau	Darlene Idehara	Don Mangrum
Shirley Coker	Del Jacobsen	Julie Petersen
Mary Doboynne	Laurie Lemon	Dennis Pratt
Judy Gama-Strausser	Ed Robertson	Bill & Betty Ramsey
Dick Garner	Barb Spellman	Tom Schipper
Louis & Donleita Gerdes	Debbie Walters	

Deaths

Kati Rosten

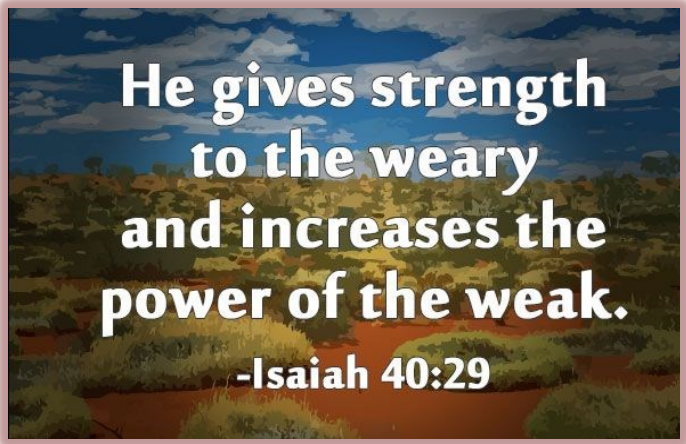
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<u>Celebration</u>			
	<u>1st / 2nd</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Giving</u>
06/03/18 =	412/397.....	809.....	\$20,329.11
06/10/18 =	391/373.....	764.....	\$22,689.30
06/17/18 =	411/271.....	682.....	\$14,961.50
06/24/18 =	393/326.....	719.....	\$13,884.49
07/01/18 =	446/334.....	780.....	\$22,800.07
07/08/18 =	478/373.....	851.....	\$14,779.77
07/15/18 =	437/312.....	749.....	\$15,668.56
07/22/18 =	466/328.....	794.....	\$14,146.57
07/29/18 =	356/228.....	584.....	\$9,509.02
08/05/18 =	470/301.....	771.....	\$23,613.35
08/12/18 =	598/373.....	971.....	\$15,575.12
08/19/18 =	486/351.....	837.....	\$16,258.90
08/26/18 =	622/350.....	972.....	\$11,437.09

FINANCIAL REPORT

Below you will see the fiscal year to date financial status of Redding Christian Fellowship. The Elder Board would like to keep the congregation informed on the financial status of the church and the various projects that are ongoing at Redding Christian Fellowship. You are welcome to address any questions or concerns by contacting the church office.

As of July 31st:

General fund giving:	\$ 896,519.78
Operating expenses:	\$ 880,77692
Missions giving:	\$ 200,474.65
Missionary funds disbursed:	\$ 193, 685.20



Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry has finished up summer and is in full swing for school including school, work, and life. Most all of our Young Adults are attending school and/or holding down a job of one kind or another. We also have several young professionals working as an assistant architect, media creators and managers, life coach, coffeehouse manager, restaurant manager, and pastors.

We have moved our Monday evening meetings back to the Coffee House starting at 7pm. We have been working through a theological survey. This survey asks many questions about our foundational beliefs. We are having a great time using scripture to back up why we believe what we believe. We are looking forward to starting some new topical studies and discussions in the fall. We have seen some new faces join us over the last several months as well!

Worship Ministry

We are expectantly looking forward to the worship ministry that unfolds before us here at Redding Christian. You may have noticed that one of the main things I have been working on is getting new volunteers and our youth involved in our worship ministry. This includes our media, sound and projection as well as our worship teams on the platform. We have begun to see growth in this area on our Sunday morning platform. Our Sunday morning Praise Choir has continued to join us in leading worship on Sunday mornings as well.

My hope is that the praise choir creates opportunity for some new faces to join us in leading worship Sunday mornings. The High School worship team is continuing to grow stronger, with the volunteer help of Debbie Pagan and Kara Brumit, in their skills and has continued to make an impact on their weekly meetings. I am looking forward to building more bridges between the Youth ministries and our Sunday morning services in the future.

Beginning September 5th, our Worship Choir will begin practicing music for our Christmas worship night coming up in December. We will be meeting Wednesday nights at 7pm in the Auditorium. If you are interested in joining please contact Jerry Mapes or Tom Bryant. We are continuing to try and build up our teams of volunteers and are actively seeking new people for the following positions: sound tech, livestream video, projections, producer, bass, drums, piano, guitar players as well as singers for worship team and praise choir. It is a joy to serve our lord as a Worship Pastor. My hope is to equip, train, and encourage our youth and adults to lead worship when opportunity arises. We are putting into place tools, resources, and people who will help us make that a reality. I am so very excited about the future of Redding Christian.



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Celebration Services - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Main Auditorium

OUR ELDERS

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(chairman)
Ken Abbott
John Kelley
John Chelonis
Troy Foster

Ken McDonald
Bruce Schlange
Dan Conklin
Rick Penner
John Craft

OUR DEACONS

Bill Hawes
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Dan Londen
Gary Kalsbeek
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