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for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:12



PASTOR STEVE MELLOR TRIP TO KENYA

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We are in full preparation for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church. I have the privilege of playing the apostle Paul and teaching the children each day from 2 Timothy. My son Michael is playing Timothy. He is going to be with me in 'the dungeon', visiting me, as I respond to his questions concerning the letter. There are so many good truths to share: "fan into flame the gift God has given you"; "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind"; "preach the word, be ready in season and out"; "I have fought the good fight of faith, finished the race, kept the faith". My prayer is that the children will learn what it means to be a true follower of Jesus and of the love that He has for them.

For the last few years my family and I have led the music and hand motions with the children. We have had a great time learning the new songs for this year and are looking forward to interacting with everyone as we worship the Lord together.

We have also been steadfastly preparing for Joanna's trip to Africa. She and I will stop in England for a few days to see some sites. Personally, I am really looking forward to going to the British Museum. There are a lot of biblical archeological finds that are there. We will have the opportunity to visit one of the missionary families we support in Norwich, John and Sara Brown. I'll be teaching from the Book of 3rd John at their church on Sunday, July 21st, which will be a great opportunity to share about Joanna's missionary trip. 3 John 4 says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Then it is off to Kenya as we meet the other missionary family we support, Derek and Lauren Webber. We are going to purchase an entry level keyboard and guitar when we arrive in Nairobi so Joanna can give lessons and have some instruments to play while she is there.

Thank you all so much for your financial support and prayers to make this trip possible. As a dad it really blesses my heart to see your overwhelming support for Joanna.

God Bless You,

Pastor Steve

BY JOANNA MELLOR



Over the past several months, I have been preparing for my five-month mission trip to Kenya. From immunizations to packing to preparing to teach piano to learning about everyday life in Kenya, my family and I have been working to prepare for this new phase of life. My dad and I got our plane tickets a few weeks ago and our departure date is now official: Lord willing, we will be flying out July 17th, my dad will return to the U.S. a few weeks later, and I will come home December 9th. I am so excited to only have around one month left before I leave! This is going to be an amazing adventure and I can hardly wait for it to begin.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me over the last few months. Your financial gifts and friendly encouragement have meant so much to me. Thanks to you, all of my expenses are now covered. In **John 13:34, Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."**

Recently I have felt all of your love so strongly. You all shine Jesus' love and light so brilliantly and I am extremely grateful that God has allowed me to grow up in Borrego Springs with all of you, my family in Jesus. What an awesome thing to be a part of the body of Christ and to be able to truly call each other family. I love and appreciate each and every one of you and cannot wait to spend eternity with you all and with Jesus in heaven.

But for now, I am emailing and FaceTiming with Derek and Lauren Webber to learn more about life with them in Kenya. The closer my departure date gets, the more excited I become about working with the missionaries' kids and about just getting to do life with the Webbers - making meals, playing with kids, and helping around the house. Thank you again for all your support and love! God bless!

Joanna Mellor

MEN'S MINISTRY

BY PAUL PALASZEWSKI

"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25



In keeping with the rhythms of desert life, our 7:00 AM Saturday morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will begin meeting on just the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month through September. Our Bible study will continue to tap the seemingly inexhaustible well of prayers, truths, insights, and human emotions that is the Book of Psalms.

The Zondervan Bible Dictionary defines faithfulness as commitment to a relationship with God or fellow human beings, seen in that loyalty, devotion, and service which is a reflection of God's own faithfulness. It is a great blessing to have a core group of 20 plus men displaying just such a faithfulness, coming to our gatherings week after week with selfless and yielding hearts, edifying the group with wholesome fellowship, enriching Bible discourse, and inspired prayers.



On May 14th we had another Dinner and Testimony night; this time featuring Joe's homemade Lasagna. After dinner and a worship song we heard life changing testimonies from 3 of our brothers. The miraculous life transformations they so transparently shared not only built up our faith in the power and goodness of our God but drew us closer together as a brotherhood in a spirit of openness and intimacy. Come join us!!

Paul Palaszewski

YOUTH MINISTRY

BY RYAN LYNN



Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This scripture reminds us of two important things: that He is more capable than we could ever imagine and He desires all the credit for the harvest in the church. The culture today seems to be systematically dismantling the foundation of human identity. The future for the youth in our lives can seem bleak but God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. The reason I have hope for this generation is because we serve an all-loving and all-powerful God who loves His children. Did you notice how the verse says, "all generations?" There is a special place for every youth, in every generation, in every nation, and every tongue in God's heart. As Abraham did on Mount Moriah, let's surrender the lives of our youth to the God who wants even better for them than we could ever ask or think!

Truth Quest was an incredible success this year. All credit goes to the Lord! I also want to thank all the volunteers who made it the best Truth Quest yet! We had several guest teachers: Pastor Steve, Brian Blanton, Paul Palaszewski, Don Meek, Gene Simpson and Chris Dufour. Check out the teachings at www.youtube.com/uyborregosprings.

Summer Camp is approaching quickly and we couldn't be more excited! We are going to Logos Ramona House, the San Diego Bay and Future Quest during the camp. We have a great lineup of teachers and leadership that is going to make this camp one of a kind. See registration packets for more information. If you would like to scholarship a student for this year's camp there are several families that could use the help. Once again, thank you for your prayers and support! To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations!

Ryan Lynn



WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

BY DEBIE DILLAHUNT



We recently finished a wonderful season of Bible study! We began in October with a study on the Book of Ruth, where we were inspired by Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi. As Ruth declared her desire to follow Naomi, she displayed a heart that was prepared to serve the living God and turn from the idols of her native land. Ruth showed her determination by declaring to Naomi, "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God..." (Ruth 1:16) What a wonderful example of a decision to follow the Lord! We ended our study with the conclusion of Ruth's redemption by Boaz, which is a beautiful picture of our redemption by Jesus.

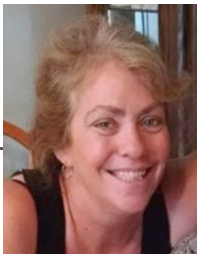
In February, we traveled from the Old Testament to the New Testament as we began another study, the Book of James. We learned many practical ways to live out our faith as Christians and we were especially convicted by the importance of controlling our tongues: **"Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be." (James 3:10)**. The Book of James is filled with wisdom and specific directions for right living as a Christian.

* Our studies this season were written by Sue LeBoutillier, Calvary Chapel Ontario, Oregon.

What a joy and blessing it is to study God's Word together and to encourage each other in our walk with Jesus. I hope you'll be able to join us in October when we begin a new season of Bible study!

Love and Blessings,

Debie Dillahunt



WOMEN'S HOME FELLOWSHIP

BY DENISE SCHMADERER

We finished up our nighttime fellowship get-togethers at the beginning of May, and I must say I do miss you all!! The last few chapters of 2 Corinthians were so good, but I guess I've been saying that about every chapter! These chapters talked about repenting, our bodies being the temple of the Holy Spirit, examining ourselves. All these are so good to do daily and to realize daily that we are not our own, we were bought with a very high price! Paul then ends with these 5 commands: 1. Rejoice 2. Aim for restoration 3. Comfort one another 4. Be of the same mind and finally 5. Be at peace.

I love how Kelly Minter puts this of being of one mind:

"Being of one mind doesn't necessarily mean we all agree on every point or doctrine of the Christian faith. Now, we should always agree on the essentials, holding to the fundamentals of the faith, such as the death and resurrection of Jesus, His Godhead, and salvation being found in Him and Him alone. While there may be room for disagreement over secondary and tertiary issues, our fellowship together must always be characterized by Christian virtues, such as humility, kindness, gentleness, compassion, patience, and others. We may have differing opinions on some important issues, but the non-negotiable abiding fruit of the Spirit we must always strive to have in common. Above all, we should put on love."

And there we have it, put on love.

Strive to stay in God's word this summer. I am about to start the study of Ruth that our morning time ladies did and I'm very excited! Hope you all enjoy your summer and are able to get out of our beautiful heat some.



Blessings,

Denise Schmaderer



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY MARIAN MELLOR

"The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen." 2 Timothy 4:22

Vacation Bible School is upon us and we are sooooo excited! Our theme this year, similar to VBS we did 10 years ago, is "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church". This year students will get to meet with Paul as he is writing 2 Timothy, the last letter he wrote - while in a damp, dark dungeon awaiting certain death. While writing, Paul will encourage the students not to be afraid of sharing their faith, to endure hardship as good soldiers of Christ, to know God's word, to preach God's word, and to be faithful to finish the race God has set before each of them.

The children will get to play games, make crafts, eat snacks, sing songs, experience plays that exhibit the theme for the day, and they will also get to meet with leaders in the Underground Church where they will be inspired to put Paul's messages (God's inspired word!) into practice.

Please pray with us that the Lord would save and sanctify each soul who is involved with Vacation Bible School this summer. The dates are June 17-21, from 9:00-11:00 AM, and children who are 5-10 years old are welcome!

Marian Mellor



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 17TH-21ST

9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24TH-29TH

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

JUNE 26TH-29TH

JR. HIGH CAMP

JULY 7TH

11:00 A.M.

INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON

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