

JUNE 2021

# CHRISTIAN CENTER

EQUIP ~ ENGAGE ~ EDIFY

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

## Isaiah 12:3

**"Therefore, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."**

At the Feast of Tabernacles, the priest would take a golden pitcher and fill it with water at the Pool of Siloam. Then as the choirs sang Isaiah 12:3, they would bring it in festal procession to the altar where it would be poured out, remembering how God had sustained their forefathers through the wilderness wanderings, with water from the rock.

It was at this feast that Jesus bid any who are thirsty to come to Him and drink. He is the One who can quench our thirst spiritually. He can fill the emptiness in our hearts. He can give us meaning and purpose in life. It seems the main thing we long for is peace and satisfaction. Our desire is to be fulfilled in life. Jesus is the One who can fill our every longing when we come to Him.

## Matthew 5:6

**"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."**

Whether you have never become a Christian, or perhaps you are in a spiritually dry place, Jesus is the answer. Come to Him, and He will not only quench your thirst, but His Spirit will become in you a river of living water that can flow forth from you and bless those He sends you to.

May God Bless and Keep You  
Close to His Heart,

*Pastor Steve*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 4**

**July 12-16**

**July 18, 5:30 pm**

**August 4, 5:30 pm**

**Church Lunch after Service**

**Youth Summer Camp**

**Tacos & Movie Night**

**Equip #1 Small Group**



## WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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BY DEBIE DILLAHUNT

***"...Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 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 10:24-25***

As believers, this verse reminds us of the importance of meeting together to encourage one another in our Christian faith. What a blessing it has been to gather on Monday mornings as we study God's Word! We have spent such sweet time soaking up the wonderful truths found in the Scriptures.

We recently completed a wonderful season of Bible study as we finished the Gospel of Luke, a study by Elizabeth George. We were so thankful to resume meeting in person, yet we continued to have several ladies join us via Zoom from Canada, Pennsylvania, Ranchita, San Diego, and even occasionally from Africa! The Lord has blessed us with the ability to stay connected, which has been especially encouraging during these challenging times. As we keep our eyes on Jesus, we are reminded that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He has promised to be with us always and to never leave us.

We are now on summer break and our Bible study season will resume in mid-October. If you have been thinking about joining a Bible study, our church is blessed to have two women's studies: one in the morning and one in the evening. We have such a special time of fellowship together as we dig into the richness of God's Word and encourage one another in our walk with Jesus. Being "plugged in" to a Bible study is such a great way to make friends while fostering a closer relationship with the Lord. It's a true joy to spend time together as we worship the Lord and study His Word!

***"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13***

Love and Blessings,

*Debie*



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

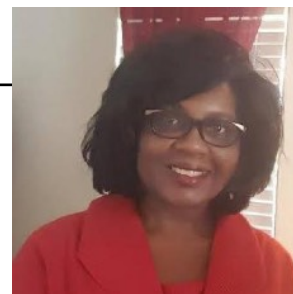
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## WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING HOME FELLOWSHIP

BY HELIA MCFALLS

***Ephesians 1:4-5 "Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ."***



As of April 26<sup>th</sup> we ended our study of "Embracing God's Grace" with fellowship and a potluck. Before we started our summer break, it was decided to continue our study for a few more weeks. A wonderful suggestion was made that we watch season one of "The Chosen." If you haven't heard of "The Chosen," it is a multi-season series about the life of Jesus. The writers of this series enabled us to see Jesus through the eyes of the disciples and those that met Him. It also enlightened us to see how Jesus chose to give of Himself to others and let them come close enough to be impacted by Him.

One episode of "The Chosen" that stood out to me as an example was titled, "I Have Called You By Name." It's the story of a woman who had been possessed by evil spirits, lived in the deepest trenches of sin, and in spite of her past life which was filled with imperfections, she was chosen by God and cleansed by Jesus, who called her by her name: "Mary."

Because of our past sins and failures, we may not think we are very high on the list of eligible choices. It is important for us to know that God created each of us for a specific purpose. Everything that makes us who we are, even past sin, God wants to use to help us make an impact.

This past year has been such a great blessing and joy for me to spend with the ladies, growing in our knowledge of God's love for us. I pray that you all have a blessed summer. We will meet again in the Fall to study and embrace the word of God.

Love & Blessings,

*Helia*



REPAINTING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY MARIAN MELLOR

***"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7***

Summertime. What a delightful season of the year, especially for children. School's out and there are many hours to play! – swim, read, play games, dream, go to the beach, camp in the mountains . . .

As your children and grandchildren embark on this playful season, I want to encourage parents and grandparents to be diligent to share the delightful truths and love of our wonderful God with your kids. Daily we can enjoy a few moments reading the Bible together, singing and dancing along to some energetic worship songs, slurping up popsicles in the scorching heat while telling the story in Joshua 10 about the battle in which Joshua commanded the sun to stand still; enjoying a day at the beach and rehearsing the blessing that the Lord gave to Abraham in Genesis 22 when he was willing to sacrifice his only son, Isaac – "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; . . ." (verse 17). That passage can also be shared on a moonless night while gazing up at the stars, in awe of the vastness of God's creation. During lunchtime, you could narrate the story of Jesus feeding 5,000 men plus women and children with a child's "lunch" of 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish (found in Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9 and John 6).

I hope that you will enjoy this season of less structure and seek to find ways to delight your children with God's word and His love for them – it is so very rich and He is so very worthy of our time and relationship!

Blessings and Love,

*Marian*



AIDEN ACUNA  
THE ARMOR OF GOD

BY PAUL PALASZEWSKI

***"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)***



It has been said that the Church is an anvil that has worn out many a hammer. In the face of the ravages of pestilence, the spread of lawlessness, the blurring of truth, and the erosion of personal freedoms, the Christian Center stands out as a testimony to our headline verse that the Church shall prevail. One reason that our church is not only surviving, but by all indicators is actually thriving in these troubling times, is our commitment to the spiritual vitality of our men.

Our Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the summer on the first Saturday of every month at 7am in the Fellowship Hall. The goal of our ministry is to equip our men to be spiritual pillars and leaders in their families, in the church, and in the community at large. We do this by fostering a deep abiding relationship with Christ through prayer and time studying His word, and building supportive, accountable relationships with each other.

We started off this season with an edifying Men's Dinner attended by 45 men including a contingent from Calvary Chapel Julian. After feasting on prime rib, we prepared our hearts for the Lord with heartfelt worship music. Then followed a motivational message entitled "Don't Let Your Love Grow Cold," leading us into a study of the beautiful words of 1 Corinthians 13, culminating with a time of enriching discussion.

This summer we will complete our study of the Book of Ezra. It is a book especially relevant to anyone rebuilding aspects of their spiritual, relational, or material lives. Beginning in October, as our weekly meetings resume, we are excited about the planned launch of a very timely study in the Book of Revelation.

Don't try to get through these tough times alone. Come join us on Saturday morning, revitalize your spiritual life, and help your church truly thrive in Christ.

*Paul*



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS