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# CHRISTIAN CENTER NEWSLETTER

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

## A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE



### Psalm 116:15

**"Precious in the sight of the  
Lord is the death of His  
saints."**

On April 17th, the day after we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our dear friend and brother in the Lord, Mike Madigan, went home to be with Jesus. Mike was the pastor of Calvary Chapel in Julian. He was also a teacher at the Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murrieta.

I first met Mike when I became the pastor of this church. The local paper did an article on me becoming the pastor and Mike heard about it and gave me a call. We became friends and remained good friends ever since. When I met Marian, Mike did our premarital counseling for us. He performed our wedding on his 30th wedding anniversary to his wife, Jackie. It has been a blessing to share the same anniversary date with them.

I have not met many people like Mike. I would consider him a pastor's pastor. He was gifted with wisdom and compassion. He also served as a chaplain in Julian and would be available to go to the scene of an accident at

a moment's notice to minister to those hurting at the scene of an accident as well as to the first responders who were there.

Mike has left a legacy that is inspiring to many. He finished the race well. Please keep his wife Jackie and their family in prayer, as well as the church fellowship in Julian.

Heaven becomes a little bit closer.

God's Blessings,

*Pastor Steve*





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY MARIAN MELLOR

**"... If anyone ministers let him do it as with the ability which God supplies that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11b**

In Bob and Suzanne Scott's April Newsletter, Bob wrote about the Calvary Chapel men's camp that was recently held in South Africa and how he encouraged the men to fulfill their calling in the area of service in which they were called. Steve and I also have talked about the importance of this in our own lives as well as in the lives of each person who is in fellowship at the Christian Center. Thank you to each of you who are seeking to fulfill your calling - not only to those of you who serve in the children's ministry, but in every aspect of service within the body of the fellowship of the Christian Center. So many aspects are unseen, but God sees and is glorified, and we are abundantly blessed!

We are looking forward to the upcoming **Children's Ministry meeting on May 21st at 10:30 am.** I will be going over some ideas for teaching children the books of the Bible as well as their memory verses, and we will also go over some details regarding our upcoming Vacation Bible School, "Fountains of Living Water". An exceptionally entertaining element: three water slides will be in use during that week! If you enjoy working with children through teaching, crafts, games, or providing snacks, please join us!!

*Marian*



## MEN'S MINISTRY

By Brian Schmaderer

**Unity is achieved when diversity is celebrated. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same**

**God who works all in all."**

Using our gifts for the benefit of the church is the intended purpose of the Holy Spirit in giving them. God has given each individual in the local church a spiritual gift that he or she not only has the blessing of exercising for the edification of the rest, but also has a duty to so. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:7, " But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all." I invite all men to **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m.** for a chance to not only exercise our gifts but enjoy great food, fellowship and the study of God's word together.



*Brian Schmaderer*



## PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

**Linsi Clain** has the opportunity to return to the Philippines to serve in an orphanage this summer. Linsi spent her 3rd semester of Bible College at the campus in the Philippines and was able to minister to the children in this particular orphanage. She enjoyed working with them so much that she returned last summer and again has the opportunity to serve this summer. Linsi will be going for three weeks and the cost is \$1,700. If you would like to assist her you can make your donation to the Christian Center and memo it "Linsi". We are super excited about what the Lord is doing in and through Linsi's life and are blessed to support her.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

*By Ryan Lynn*

Winter/Spring of 2017 has been an exciting season for the Youth Ministry! We were privileged to go to High School Camp, Jr. High Camp and Truth Quest.

We returned to Forest Home for High School camp this year! Brian Schmaderer, Brian Blanton,



Joey Propati and myself taught from Galatians 4:7, "Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." God did an awesome work in and through the leaders and kids at camp!

We joined Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa at Green Valley Lake for Jr. High Camp! The teaching and worship was awesome! We even had enough snow to go on the sled run! The first time in 5 years!

This was a special year for Truth Quest. We had Chris Dufour from Calvary Chapel Santee join us this year! Brian Schmaderer and Brian Blanton joined us again this year to teach! I was humbled by the response of help from the church body this year. God provided what we needed each day to make the event happen! You can watch the messages online on the Youth Group youtube channel ([youtube.com/UYborregosprings](https://www.youtube.com/UYborregosprings)). Thank you for your continued prayer and support!

*Pastor Ryan*



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

By *Debie Dillahunt*

What an amazing privilege and blessing it is to study God's Word together! We are currently wrapping up our study on the 'Armor of God' by Priscilla Shirer - and it has been fabulous!

Most of us realize we have a very real adversary who works to intimidate and discourage us. Our enemy seeks to shake us up and tries to draw us away from the abundant life God desires for us. As Priscilla puts it, he wants to "keep you from experiencing the results of the victory that is already yours in Christ."

The great news is that our heavenly Father has provided everything we need to be victorious over our enemy. Our Lord has blessed us with the armor of God, found in Ephesians 6:10-18. In our study, we've focused on each piece of armor; how it was used by Roman soldiers, and how it applies to us. The armor of God is designed for our benefit to counteract evil and protect us. We just need to remember to use it daily!

Along with the armor, our study has also included a wealth of Scripture to encourage us as believers. We've been reminded of our position with Jesus as heirs of the kingdom, and have focused on the importance of healthy minds to experience victorious lives. This study has been SO inspiring!

**"Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11**

*Debie Dillahunt*

## WOMEN'S HOME FELLOWSHIP

BY *DENISE SCHMADERER*

Our Monday night Bible study has been very rich! God is so good at meeting each of us right where we are and speaking to us through His word and through each other. As we have travelled through the book of Acts we have seen how God, through Peter, brought salvation to the Gentiles and the Holy Spirit was poured out on them.

**(Acts 10:34-35) Then in verses 44-45 it says, "While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles." Even while Peter was still saying these things God acted!**

In the last newsletter I shared how I was learning through this study that Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to equip us to share His word with boldness, and for me to step out of my comfort zone. Little did I know how quickly God would answer my prayer to be bold! We had the most amazing time at the women's retreat. I was asked to do a teaching (scary and way out of my comfort zone!). Our theme was "Growing our Faith and Trust in the Lord." Our God is so awesome - even as I was saying, "No, I can't do that!" God was acting - He was giving me His words to share! I was right that I couldn't do it in my own strength, but with God all things are possible! He truly is Faithful and Trustworthy!

*Denise Schmaderer*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 4TH

National Day of Prayer 12:00 p.m.

JUNE 11TH

Harvest America

JUNE 19TH-23RD

Vacation Bible School

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