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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

**Genesis 1:1**  
In the beginning God...

Have you ever noticed how the Bible assumes the existence of God? It does not try and 'prove' that God exists; it simply states the reality of His existence. In Romans 1:20 it tells us, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." So creation itself is a testimony to the existence of God. We are told how creation came into being in the book of Genesis and we are told how life as we have known it is going to end in the book of Revelation.

Between Genesis and Revelation is the story of God's love for you and me seen in Jesus. God created a beautiful paradise for man to live in, man disobeyed God by eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and thus incurred the curse and resulting death, but then Jesus came and bore our judgment, so that man can be forgiven through faith in Jesus. Jesus is God's love demonstrated to you and me. Have you received His love and forgiveness? If so, what are you doing about it? He saved us for a purpose. I heard years ago, "You have a plan for your life, and God has a plan for you life, and His plan is always better than your plan!"

May we fulfill that purpose for which such great a price was paid on our behalf.

**2 Corinthians 5:15**  
and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

*Pastor Steve*



## FINANCES

Periodically we want to keep you informed on the financial state of the church. It is our aim to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us through your faithful donations. As of July we have received \$15,000 less than our projected donations year to date. Thank you for investing in the Christian Center ministry. It is a blessing to serve the Lord together.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY MARIAN MELLOR

"Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.'" John 4:13-14



Vacation Bible School, June 19th - 23rd was a great week of focusing on different stories from the Bible that involve **water** in some way or another - **Jonah, the Woman at the Well, Jesus Calms the Storm, Peter Walks on Water, and Fishers of Men**. The children learned about the importance of obeying God; recognizing that He knows everything about them, loves them tremendously, and desires them to be filled with His Holy Spirit; trusting Jesus in the storms of life; keeping their eyes on Him; and sharing their faith.

Gratefulness abounds for all who gave so richly of their time and energy to serve so fully during VBS. It was HOT - a perfect time for waterslides - and we were blessed with fabulous volunteers, safety, health and children who wanted to know Jesus better!

Thank You!

*Marian*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

By Ryan Lynn

**James 2:26-For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

A couple of months ago we were going through the book of James in the Youth Group. The theme for our study was "Faith that works." I made the statement that, "Our faith will become stagnant and dead if we didn't pour out what God is pouring in." It was an answer to prayer when the Lord

opened the doors for us to join Calvary Chapel Santee and Hosanna City Church for their camp in Mexico. We will be leaving for camp July 26th. Camp will be a hybrid of a mission trip and traditional camp. Youth will have the opportunity to put their faith to action as the Lord leads them. I am excited to see what God does. Thank you for your prayers!

Speaking of prayers, I feel a deep burden to pray this year for revival and unity in the Youth of Borrego Springs. Please join with me this year to pray by name for the administration, teachers and students at Borrego Springs Unified. Thank you!

**2 Timothy 2:1-I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.**



*Pastor Ryan*

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

By *Debie Dillahunt*

In May we completed 'The Armor of God' Bible study by Priscilla Shirer - and it was wonderful! The study was so rich and filled with practical ways God has designed to counteract the enemy of our souls. It was a joy to end our study with a celebration brunch - we had such a great time together!

One of the things that is sometimes overlooked in the armor of God passage of Ephesians is PRAYER! (Ephesians 6:18) In her teaching, Priscilla said "prayer infuses" each piece of armor. We are encouraged throughout Scripture to pray: there are countless references to the importance of prayer in the lives of believers.

**Philippians 4:6,7** is a favorite of mine because it reminds us of how God wants us to respond when we're troubled: **"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

The result? A peace that can't be accurately described, plus the protection of our hearts and minds. How wonderful to be reminded that JESUS IS OUR PEACE!

We may be taking a break for the summer, but we're not putting our Bibles on the shelf, are we ladies? What a blessing and joy it is to study God's Word together! Stay tuned for news of our study for next season, which begins in October! (Hint: we'll be focusing on Jesus!)

*Debie Dillahunt*



## WOMEN'S HOME FELLOWSHIP

BY *DENISE SCHMADERER*



Well, Ladies, we made it to Rome! As we ended the book of Acts I was filled (as I am so many times) with such a thankfulness to our Savior for giving us His word to encourage us. I love reading about Paul and how in his darkest hours God gave him words of encouragement. And still today God encourages us through the storms of life. At the end of our study Elizabeth

George says, "to keep from becoming discouraged read your Bible, pray, walk by the Spirit and be part of a vibrant Church Fellowship. Then look around and ask who needs encouragement today?"

I love that! It's hard to be discouraged if you are spending time in His word, praying and of course being part of this awesome Fellowship led by Pastor Steve, who loves and teaches God's truth.

One of my favorite truths to remember when days are tough comes from **1 John 4:4b "for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"** Be encouraged!! Have a wonderful summer.

*Denise Schmaderer*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 29,  
2017 AT 9:00 A.M.

### Ladies brunch

**potluck** at the Mellor's  
All ladies welcome. Come with a favorite dish and maybe something to share about your walk with Jesus this summer?

SEPTEMBER 10TH

### Persecuted Church

Wally Smith will be presenting a 6 part series on the persecuted church at 8:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month beginning in September. Please come as we remember our hurting brothers and sisters around the world.



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