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CHRISTIAN CENTER

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



Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

The book of Judges covers the first few hundred years of Israel in the Promised Land. There are repeated cycles of Israel's successes and failures. They go from trusting God to trusting idols, with the result of God's judgment, to then crying out to God for deliverance. God raises up good judges to rescue the children of Israel from foreign oppressors, from Deborah to Gideon, to even Samson. Samson was a man who was the epitome of self-indulgence yet in the end He came around to doing things God's way - so much so that he even landed in the list of the faithful (Hebrews 11:32). We have a self-absorbed world system pulling us in one direction, our own fleshly desires pulling us in another direction, and Satan tempting us in yet another. What we need to do is not follow what seems 'right in our OWN eyes', but follow the Lord and His tested, timeless, truths that are proclaimed throughout His Word.

Jeremiah 6:16a

Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls..."

May God bless each one of you as you grow in His grace and the knowledge of His word.

Pastor Steve

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY MARIAN MELLOR



"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, . . . that he might not defile himself." Daniel 1:8

I love that Daniel "purposed in his heart" to not "defile himself". In light of the less-than-stellar culture we live in, I am super excited to be able to encourage the children who come to Vacation Bible School from June 18-22 to purpose in their own hearts to follow after the ideals that the Lord has for each of their lives. There is so much to learn from the life of Daniel! During VBS the children will learn from Daniel's example that they, too, can Commit Their Lives to God, Pray, Stand Tall (firm in the face of adversity), be Humble and Faithful. Please pray with and for us that the Lord would touch each child's heart with the truth and love of His word and Holy Spirit - that these precious souls would be set apart for His Kingdom purposes!!

"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

On a Mom Heart note, we have changed our meeting dates to the first Friday of every month, still meeting from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Mellor home. We are in the final chapters of Hints on Child Training, by Clay Trumbull (Elisabeth Elliot's great-grandfather!) and we are anxiously looking forward to reading Clay and Sally Clarkson's most recent book, The Life Giving Parent. Steve and I have been reading it together on our date nights and are greatly encouraged by the biblical truths that Clay so caringly and accurately shares. One such encouragement is to consider the days that we have to train and nurture our children in the ways of the Lord and to be intentional about those moments.

Please feel free to join our Mom Heart group whether you are a mom, aunt, grandmother, anyone working with children. Not only do we glean from the books we read, but also from each other. Lauren Webber even joined us via FaceTime in May!! God Bless You!

Marian



SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRY

BY JIM AND KAT TAPSCOTT

"May you live in interesting times" is a phrase whose origin is not clear and has been viewed both as a blessing and a curse. There is no doubt that we do live in "interesting and challenging" times. How we as Christians respond to these times can influence whether it is a blessing or a curse! Christians have the opportunity to be effective as Salt & Light in the politics of our nation with the result of politics being viewed as a blessing and not as a curse.

Our mission of CC's Salt & Light as Christians is to BLESS our community with knowledge and the principles our founding fathers brought to America based on the Bible. We explore our heritage and history as a nation. We educate regarding the challenges that we identify together as we determine what we can DO as we face today's adversity in our society, schools and government. We spent four Sundays in a row exploring the reality of Islam in our country and barely touched "Understanding The Threat." In May we looked in detail at the options we have to change the negative direction of our state and our responsibility as citizens to VOTE. On our 1st Sunday, June 3, we will again look at the candidates and propositions that CAN make a difference on June 5, when we have the FREEDOM to VOTE in the California Primary. On June 17, we will evaluate the results of the Primary and what effect it will have on the November general election.

In the future we will dive back into our history and foundational principles knowing that it took time, energy and action to bring freedom to the United States. We seek your ideas and creativity. Let's maximize our efforts to protect our freedom. We will continue to meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m. throughout the summer in an effort to evaluate and scrutinize the many propositions that will be on the ballot November 6. Please join us!

Jim and Kat Tapscott

MEN'S MINISTRY

BY PAUL PALASZEWSKI

The 2017-18 season of our Men's Ministry came to a close coincident with the conclusion of our in-depth journey through the Gospel of John. John's parting words to us were that through his Gospel "[we] may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing [we] may have life in His name". (Vs. 20:31) I think all of the men will agree that as we read these words, discussed them amongst ourselves, and allowed them to sink into our hearts, our faith was bolstered, and we came away with a greater understanding of what it means to have a Life in Christ.

We will be kicking off our summer season of 1st Saturday of the month meetings on June 2nd with the usual 7:00 am breakfast and fellowship time followed by the launch of a new Bible study in the book of 1st Thessalonians. Paul admonished the church in some of the opening words of this book that "our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance." (Vs. 1:5) This reminds us that another way that we, as brothers, mutually build up each other's faith is by our sharing amongst ourselves how the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit is at work in our own lives. So come out and join us and feel the power of the Holy Spirit as He transforms us into the faith-filled, bold, and courageous men of God He has called us to be.

Paul Palaszewski



WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

BY DEBIE DILLAHUNT

What a wonderful season of Bible study we've had! We began by studying the seven 'I AM' statements of Jesus found in the gospel of John. In John 14:6 Jesus declared: "I am the way, the truth and the life..." We focused on the fact that Jesus is the only One who is able to truly satisfy our deepest needs.

Our season concluded with a rich study of the Psalms. How blessed we are to have a Savior/ Shepherd who loves us, knows us intimately, and is with us to guide and direct our paths!

One of the most amazing things about studying God's Word is that it is living and active. That's why even familiar passages "jump out" from the pages at times, as if God is speaking directly to us - because He is! The Holy Spirit is able to illuminate God's Word to speak to our hearts as we study; what a precious gift!

It is such a great blessing and joy to freely study God's Word together! May we never take for granted the access we have to the Word of God and may we all appreciate those who, like our pastors, share His Word so faithfully.

Come and join us in October for our next season of study. We'll be saving a seat for you!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

Love and Blessings,

Debie Dillahunt

WOMEN'S HOME FELLOWSHIP

BY DENISE SCHMADERER

We have come to the end of this wonderful journey through the book of Ephesians! It has been so rich! We have so many blessings in Christ! I have read through the book of Ephesians several times over the years and God is so good to always show me something I had not seen before. Why? Because His word is ALIVE! We can read it over and over again and He is so faithful to speak to us different truths. He is so faithful to meet us right where we are and give us just what we need! Our job? To spend time with Him!! **1 John 5:14 says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."** He overwhelms my soul with how much He loves us!!

We had a great time at our end of the season get together. We talked about trying to get together for a game night here and there throughout the summer for those of us who endure the summer months. :-) Hope you all have a wonderful summer. Blessings,

Denise Schmaderer

YOUTH MINISTRY

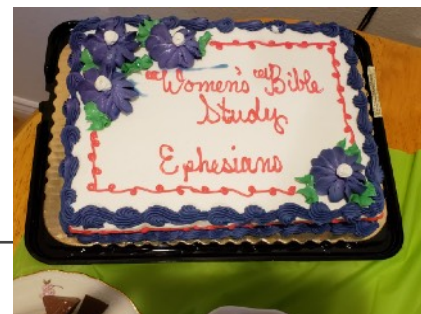
BY RYAN LYNN

We have a very full summer in the Youth Ministry. We have several 5th graders (soon to be 6th graders) moving into the Youth Ministry. The excitement of the 5th graders is infectious as they anticipate the fun and freedom in the Youth Ministry. We are looking forward to developing life-long relationships with these students.

In August, we have three Seniors leaving the Youth Ministry: Joanna, Nicole, and Sam. We are looking forward to watching what God does with their lives! It has been such a privilege to be a part of all three of their lives and to watch them mature. We had the privilege of not only being their Youth Leaders but Sunday School teachers, too. It's amazing to see their love for the Lord and their desire to make a difference. We are so proud of them! We are having their Senior Send Off on August 19th at 5:30 p.m. if you would like to join us.

Summer camp is right around the corner. We are thrilled to experience our first camp at Twin Peaks Conference Center. We will be doing our very first solo joint summer camp (Jr. High and Sr. High). If you would like to join us for camp, please contact Pastor Ryan. Please keep us in your prayers in this very profound season!

Pastor Ryan



OUTSIDE TABLE PROJECT

We have a new project we're calling the 'Outside Table Project'. Thanks to Megan for the initial suggestion and the subsequent drawing. We would like to replace the beautiful, yet thorny, bushes in the front of the church overlooking the grass, with some ground cover, tables and benches. It is naturally shaded by the mature olive trees and would be ideal for outside fellowship after our Sunday service as well as Harvest Festival, Easter Sunrise seating, etc.

Tables range anywhere from \$200 used to \$1200 new. Ground cover ranges anywhere from \$500 for decomposed granite (DG) to \$5000 for artificial turf. We would like it to be nice but we also want to be reasonable about how much we invest. This is an item that we do not have in our 2018 budget so we want to see if this is something we as a congregation want to donate towards. If you would like to donate to this project in addition to your regular support of the church just earmark your donation 'Outside Tables'. Thanks so much.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 10TH 5:00 P.M.

Harvest America

JUNE 18TH-22ND
9-11 A.M.

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 24TH 5:00 P.M.

BAPTISM & POTLUCK

JUNE 25TH-29TH

SUMMER CAMP

JULY 4TH 5:00 P.M.

4th of July BBQ & MOVIE

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