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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



Habakkuk 3:17-19 "Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls— Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills."

When the Amalekites destroyed Ziklag and took all the people of the city hostage, David's men wanted to kill him. It was a time when David and his men had left their families behind in Ziklag and had gone to join a war with the Philistines. When David and his men returned, their city was destroyed and their families were gone. David and his men had lost everything. In addition to that, David's men blamed him and wanted to kill him. It says in **1 Samuel 30:6, "Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God."**

Life was at its lowest for David and yet he "strengthened himself in the Lord." It is true that hard times come our way and it can seem that the trials just seem to multiply one on top of the other, and it can be very overwhelming BUT . . . we can do like David did. We can strengthen ourselves in the Lord.

We can find encouragement and strength in our time of need. **Psalm 42:5, 11 and Psalm 43:5 say, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God."**

It is like the Psalmist is talking to himself: "Soul, what's wrong?" Have you ever just been feeling discouraged and not even known why? This would be a great verse to quote. "Soul, why are you discouraged? . . . HOPE in GOD. He is my help, I will praise Him!" Like David, we can strengthen ourselves in the Lord and rise above the trials that want to drown us in despair. Let's put our hope in the Lord. 1 Peter 5:7 "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

*Pastor Steve*



## SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRY

BY JIM AND KAT TAPSCOTT

LIVING GOD'S VISION OF SALT AND LIGHT ACCORDING TO THE PETER PRINCIPLE

**P** = PRAYER FIRST! This should be our default when we face challenges in every aspect of our lives. Romans 12:12 Acts 6:4

**E** = Education - Bible centered emphasis on God's design for government, citizen responsibility, non-negotiable moral values, historical foundations—the U.S. Constitution and pending issues, legislation and current events. Romans 12:2

**T** = Take action on topical issues and proposed legislation that have the most potential to influence our society for GOOD versus evil. Know our elected officials and get involved in civic affairs. Matthew 5:13-14 Ephesians 6:13-18

**E** = Elections - Distribute non-partisan voting guides to inform others and encourage them to vote in accordance with their Biblical values. 2 Peter 1:10 Proverbs 29:2

**R** = Restoration - Repent and call upon God to bring healing and restoration to our nation in accordance with 2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

In June five Borregans attended the first "Content of Character" Series in California. The mission of this series was to promote healing between all races in our nation and emphasize the importance of voting to steer us in a Godly direction. Nineteen black pastors and speakers from all over the United States shared their Christ-centered vision, each declaring that we are in a spiritual war not between parties or races, but between God and Satan. Many areas of concern were discussed including past and current history. We learned much and have many things to share that are critical to our future in California as well as our entire nation.

It was a revelation to us that there are people of every race throughout our country fighting for God's truth verbatim to every verse of the Bible. Each of us as the body of Christ must become involved in the direction our country is heading. We CAN and MUST take our "time" to understand the clear messages available in the Bible regarding TODAY and share with others the critical responsibility we each share to take action. Each of us came away from the meeting with HOPE that WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

There is much to be discussed before the Primary election on November 6, 2018. We will have a Salt & Light Potluck event on **October 14, 2018**. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Due to vacation, Salt & Light meetings will be held in **September on the 1st and 4th** Sundays at 8 a.m. Regular 8 a.m. meetings will resume on 1st and 3rd Sundays in October with potluck on Oct 14.

In Jesus' Name,

*Jim and Kat Tapscott*

## MEN'S MINISTRY

BY PAUL PALASZEWSKI

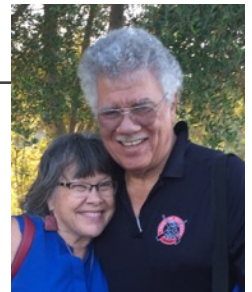
**Hebrews 10:23-24 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works."**

Fall is approaching, our friends from the North will soon begin to trickle in, and on **October 6th** our 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will start its weekly meeting cycle in the fellowship hall. After our sausage and egg breakfast we will be offering a nourishing 2nd course for you this season: The Book of Hebrews. Those of you familiar with the book may find it mysterious (who wrote it? to whom was it written? and why?), challenging, and perhaps at times even unsettling. Yet if you accept our wholehearted invitation to join us on this journey your faith will surely be bolstered as we will hear scripture repeatedly expound God's guarantee of the absolute perfection, completion, and superiority of our Savior Jesus Christ's atoning work on the Cross, a work motivated by his unfathomable love for us.

James 1:22 reminds us that we are to be "doers of the word and not hearers only", and it is just such men we have in our ministry. On two dog day August afternoons a group of 5 of us mobilized to help an appreciative church sister transfer the entire contents of her house into storage pods in preparation for her move north. So if you have a need that is too big for you to handle alone, make it known to our diversely talented and equipped body of men, and we will prayerfully consider as a group how we might be of service.

We are looking forward to our new season together and to you being a part of it. See you Saturday morning!

*Paul Palaszewski*







## WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

BY DEBIE DILLAHUNT

Ladies, are you looking forward to a new season of Bible study? Hopefully, your answer is "yes"! After our long break it's always such a joy to gather together again to study God's

Word - and He has so much to teach us!

On **October 15th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, we'll begin a fabulous new study in the Book of Ruth called **'Walking with My Redeemer'**, by Sue LeBoutillier. Sue is the wife of Pastor Paul LeBoutillier, of Calvary Chapel Ontario in Oregon. I love this study! Just as Ruth **gleaned** in the fields of Boaz, I believe we'll be **gleaning** rich Biblical truth as we delve into the Bible together. What a great reminder that as believers in Jesus, we have been redeemed - just like Ruth!



I hope you'll plan to join us on Monday mornings as we begin our study together! Being plugged into a Bible study is such an excellent way to develop strong friendships while fostering a close relationship with the Lord. We have such an enjoyable time together as we learn, grow and encourage each other in our walk with our Jesus!



**"And her mother-in-law said, 'Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you.' "**  
**Ruth 2:19**

How thankful we should be that our God takes notice of us! He knows us so completely and loves us so much!

We are HIS G.A.L.S. (Growing and loving Scripture)!

*Debie Dillahunt*



## WOMEN'S HOME FELLOWSHIP

BY DENISE SCHMADERER

**Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."**

I think we are finally on the down side of summer. Boy, I do not remember it ever being this humid for this long! I love when it starts cooling off in the mornings and evenings. It just seems I can handle the heat of the day when it does that!

As I was thinking about that, the Lord seemed to remind me that that's the way it is with my everyday life. When I start my morning with Him and then end my day with Him, I can so much better handle the everyday things that this fallen world can throw at me!! He is just so good!

I am excited about our upcoming Bible Study on 2 Corinthians called "All Things New" by Kelly Minter. I am really looking forward to starting this study together on **Monday, October 15th** at my house, 6:00 p.m. If you have not come before please consider joining us!! We have such a great time diving into God's word and fellowshiping with each other! Blessings,

*Denise Schmaderer*



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY MARIAN MELLOR



**Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11 "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: . . . He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end."**

It seems like Borrego Springs is astir with excitement about the much anticipated cooling of the days, welcoming the fresh mornings that offer relief from the summer heat and humidity while ushering in a new autumn season. School has started, Bible studies will be starting up again soon, and there is much to look forward to!

I feel a similar excitement about the Children's Ministry, having the sense of a seasonal "fresh start" with the precious children in our midst and the continued blessing of getting to share God's love and His word with them. The Children's Ministry has a meeting scheduled for **Sunday, September 23rd** in which Steve and I hope to encourage and inspire volunteers in the eternal value of the work that is done in the Children's Ministry. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this ministry, please join us!

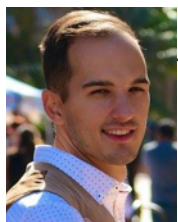
One of the Christian Center's most exciting ways to reach the children of Borrego Springs is through the Harvest Festival, which will be taking place on October 27th. The games and activities that Ryan and Megan Lynn have created give volunteers an excellent opportunity to share God's love and the truths of His word with many in our community. Please join us for this fabulous outreach!

Blessings,

*Marian Mellor*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

BY RYAN LYNN



**Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."**

This verse is a great reminder that the good deeds we do can have a profound effect on the world around us. It is impossible for light not to have an effect on its environment. The same is true for the good works of the child of God. The Lord has provided many opportunities for the Youth Ministry to be a visible light in our community this fall. We have 5th Quarter, community events and the Harvest Festival. We appreciate your prayers and support in this season. Pray that we are bold and wise in the exciting opportunities that He has given to our care.

This fall also means that we had three seniors, Joanna, Nicole, and Sam leave the Youth Group. A lot of laughter was heard and tears shed at the Senior Send Off. All three of these students have been in the Youth Group since the beginning of their Jr. High years. We are so incredibly proud of each of them as they walk in the calling that God has for them. They all are dynamic, strong young people.

We are also excited to announce we will be having Backyard Movie Nights at the Lynn's house. We will have cookies, s'mores, popcorn and more. Come and join us!

Make sure to get a youth calendar to find out about all the exciting events planned this fall. You can sign up for text reminders by texting "Undespised" to 81010. Thank you for your prayers and support!

*Pastor Ryan*







## PRAYERS & SQUARES MINISTRY

BY PAT OAKES

Prayers & Squares is an international, interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a handmade and hand-tied quilt. We were blessed to join the Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry in 2003 and we are registered as Chapter 141.

Unlike many other organizations that make quilts for charitable causes, the purpose of Prayers & Squares is not to make and distribute quilts, but to promote prayer through the use of quilts. The motto is: "It is not about the quilt; it's all about the prayers." Each knot on the quilt represents a prayer.

These quilts are given to whoever requests them for ill people, accident victims or those grieving. The quilt tops are pieced, then layered with batting and the back. There is no "quilting" involved. Help is needed to iron fabric and help put the layers together. You don't need to know how to sew.

We meet at the Senior Center on **Wednesdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** Fabric can be taken home to iron and return on Wednesdays. There is a Prayer Quilt Album in the church Library area for you to view. Please join us in this blessed ministry.

*Pat Oakes*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14TH,  
SEPTEMBER 21ST &  
OCTOBER 19TH  
9:00 P.M.-12:00 A.M.

### 5th Quarter

SEPTEMBER 29TH  
7:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

### Work Party

OCTOBER 3RD  
6:00 P.M.

### Mid-Week Bible Study Starts

OCTOBER 6TH  
7:00 A.M.

### Men's Bible Study Starts

OCTOBER 14TH  
10:30 A.M.

### Salt & Light Potluck

OCTOBER 15TH  
Women's Bible Studies Start

OCTOBER 27TH  
6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

### Harvest Festival

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