

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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I don't care for change. Cheryl and I are in the middle of a master bathroom remodel and while I am sure I will like the finished product, I'm not thrilled with the process. At the time of this writing we are two weeks into what we were told would be a three week process, but Cheryl is having

a portion of the closet converted into a type of storage space, complete with drawers and shelves, which are not in yet. The entire vanity is being rebuilt and replaced and it is not in yet. The entire shower is being rebuilt. Cheryl prefers no grout so this is going to be a grout-free shower, and this also is not in yet. Needless to say, I have my doubts about this remodel being completed within one more week.

It is not the finished product I am going to mind of course; I am sure the changes Cheryl envisions are going to be very nice. No, it is not the changes I mind as much as the process. The process of change is messy.

You are probably aware of some of the changes that Centenary is facing; Sunday, July 11 will be Yohan's last Sunday with us. Yohan has done a tremendous job with the choir and we will miss him. Jennifer Champeaux has been hired to direct the choir. Plus Matt Riddle will be leaving after his final service with us on Sunday, August 1. Staff Parish Relations Committee is still in the search process for someone to direct the contemporary services at the time of this writing. We all know that Centenary has faced changes before and will no doubt face changes in the future. We also know that God is faithful and can be trusted to lead us to the right people to do the tasks He has set before us. However, I really dislike this process of change.

Let me confess to you my fear and then reassure you of God's faithfulness. I have come to see much of my resistance to change as actually steaming from a sense of fear. Or maybe worse, maybe it reveals my failure to fully trust in God. It is easy for me to quote Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." It is so easy to say these words but the reality is that it can be so hard to live them. I know that God is a good, kind and loving God. I know God is going to do the right thing at exactly the right time. So why do I worry about what is going to happen and when? I can only conclude that while I know I can trust God, I still need to grow in the area of living out that trust.

So what is the help, the reassurance? Let me take us back to the words of the prophet Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Contrary to all our worries, God has a good plan for us, a plan that is working according to God's good purpose. So while we learn that reality, let's focus on these two great truths; change is messy, but God is trustworthy.

Shalom,

Pastor Bob

Pastor Bob





*Save the Date - All New
Fall Women's Retreat at
Redwood Christian Park
November 12 - 14, 2010*

*Treasure God
as He treasures you*

Do you long to learn more about loving God and experiencing Him with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength? This Fall retreat is a time to deepen your relationship with God, through guided times in the Word and quiet meditation. This intimate time away will be available to only 50 participants.

Facilitator, Michael Cook, is a wife of 32 years, a mother of three grown children, an artist through and through, and a missionary to the Military. She and her husband, David, have spent over 27 years on staff with the Military Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. They are assigned to the Monterey Peninsula where together, and individually, they each teach Bible studies, facilitate retreats, and mentor the men and women of the Military. It is Michael's personal passion that women would grow in their intimacy with God, being so transformed for that relationship, that in every context of their lives, He is on display. Michael is convinced that she has the best "job" in the world and knows she is doing the very thing that she was made to do!

Registration is available online at www.redwoodchristianpark.com.

The cost ranges from \$160 to \$200 depending on accommodation choice and includes 2 nights lodging, 5 delicious meals, and a unique worship experience in the majestic Redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Casual attire with jacket or sweater is recommended along with personal toiletries, Bible and flashlight.

Questions??? Contact Deanna Hutton in the church office, 527-5441, or call Sharon Fry at Redwood (831) 338-2134.



Saying
Thank You
and Saying
Good-bye

As you all know, we are about to go through a time of transition in our worship and music ministries at Centenary. We continue to request your prayers and encouragements.

Yohan Partan, who has served faithfully as our Choir Director, worship leader, and contemporary service keyboardist, for 2 1/2 years, will soon be stepping out of our worship ministry. Yohan will be moving on to pursue his education and all that God has for him for future ministry in Southern California. He will also be starting the adventurous journey known as marriage on July 24! His last weekend with us will be July 10-11. Yohan has become a beloved member of our Church Family, and we will miss him and his ministry greatly. Please take this opportunity to thank him, encourage him, and express the love of God for this gifted and good friend of Centenary.

Matt Riddle, a beloved son of this Church family who grew up in many ways among us, will be leaving us to pursue a pastoral degree from Calvin Theological Seminary, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Matt began his decade of serving and ministering at Centenary as a youth intern in 2000, and then continued to serve as Worship Team guitarist, Youth Director, Contemporary Worship Director, and Young Adults Ministry leader. Matt and Tracey will be leaving California, their families, and their Church Family to pursue the calling of God on their lives to serve in the Church vocationally. Matt is gifted to serve as a pastor, and will pursue a full-time seminary education to facilitate this calling to ministry. Matt and Tracey's last weekend with us will be July 31- August 1. Take this opportunity to thank them, encourage them, and express the love of God for this courageous and gifted couple. While they are moving away and moving on, they will always be a part of our Centenary family.

Brian Ralston



- July 4 *Happy 4th of July*
- July 5 *Church Office Closed*
- July 7 *Summer Wednesday Night Live Begins*
- July 8 *Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting*
- July 12 *Board of Trustees Meeting*
- July 15 *Mission Meeting*
- July 16 *Family Fun Night*
- July 18-24 *Jr. High Camp at Redwood Christian Park*
- July 25-31 *High School Camp at Redwood Christian Park*
- July 19 *Finance Committee Meeting*
- July 20 *Children's Ministry Team Meeting*
- July 25 *Blood Pressure Screening*
- July 26 *Ad Council Meeting*

Weekly Events

SUNDAY

- MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - RM. 1 7:00 A.M.
- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 A.M.
- ADULT SUNDAY CLASS - RM. 15/16 9:00 A.M.
- TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.
- CAMBODIAN WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.
- JR. & SR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL RM. 4/5 10:30 A.M.

MONDAY

- BETH MOORE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - RM. 6 6:00 P.M.
- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - RM. 18 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY

- THRIFT SHOP 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

- MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - PERKO'S MCHENRY AVE. 6:00 A.M.
- WNL - FELLOWSHIP CENTER
- DINNER 5:30 P.M./CLASSES 6:30 P.M.
- JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

- PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - RM. 15/16 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

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| 7/1 | SCOTT HEWITT | | |
| 7/2 | LEROY NYGAARD | | |
| 7/2 | MEL CROCKER | | |
| 7/2 | BERNICE FARRELL | | |
| 7/3 | HEATHER RICHARS | | |
| 7/4 | CAROL RANDLE | | |
| 7/4 | JULIE BOTTOMS | | |
| 7/5 | LAY CHEA | | |
| 7/5 | TREVOR HUTTON | | |
| 7/5 | SUSAN RASH | | |
| 7/6 | LLOYD SUTTER | 7/18 | SARAH HARDEN |
| 7/6 | KAREN KERL | 7/19 | PAM VASCHE |
| 7/6 | JIM GANSEL | 7/20 | MARGIE PETERS |
| 7/6 | SAMANTHA CORTES | 7/20 | TERRY MATLICK |
| 7/7 | SUSAN CUNNINGHAM | 7/20 | LILLIAN LOVAAS |
| 7/7 | DON MAGUIRE | 7/20 | CHRISTOPHER REDNER |
| 7/8 | DAVID OSNES | 7/20 | CAROLYN HILL |
| 7/8 | SOLINNA VORN | 7/20 | NATALIE LAMBERT |
| 7/8 | JOHN CHRISTIAN | 7/21 | MEGAN HARDEN |
| 7/8 | MARK BOWERS | 7/21 | INSA DUKE |
| 7/8 | PHIL COSTA | 7/21 | KEITH BROUGHTON |
| 7/9 | JANE HELLMAN | 7/21 | JEFF ROBISON |
| 7/10 | JAN SVOBODA | 7/21 | ROGER WILLIAMS |
| 7/10 | BERNICE WOODS | 7/21 | DAWN COSTA |
| 7/11 | KESSIA HEGWOOD | 7/22 | KATHLEEN PAULSEN |
| 7/11 | STAN CUNNINGHAM | 7/22 | DEAN LAUN |
| 7/12 | CHARLES ARMSTRONG | 7/22 | TOM LEEDBERG |
| 7/13 | KRISTEN HELM | 7/23 | FRANK HENRICH |
| 7/14 | BONNIE GALLAHER | 7/24 | LOU BACHLER |
| 7/14 | RUTH CANNIZZARO | 7/24 | KAREN MOORE |
| 7/14 | DEBRA CATRAMIS | 7/24 | BRIAN STEWART |
| 7/14 | KEVIN CLOHERTY | 7/25 | STEVE PERRY |
| 7/14 | JONAH CHHUOY | 7/25 | JEAN HAVEN |
| 7/14 | KIMBERLY SHANKS | 7/28 | SPENCER HUTTON |
| 7/14 | DARCY CAMPBELL | 7/28 | SARAH SIMONSON |
| 7/15 | JUSTIN VINCENT | 7/30 | CYNTHIA SATH |
| 7/16 | MIKE SILVEIRA | 7/30 | IRV LOVAAS |
| 7/16 | SUE SITTON | 7/30 | JANE BLEDSOE |
| 7/16 | HELEN CASSEBARTH | 7/30 | SUSAN COLE |
| 7/17 | RANDY BROUGHTON | 7/31 | DONNA CROCKER |
| 7/17 | ELAINE ROWAN | 7/31 | SAVOUTH SATH |
| 7/17 | PHIL MARQUART | 7/31 | JUDY SCHUNKE |
| 7/18 | PAT GINGERICH | 7/31 | JERRY HILL |



*It is not our intention to overlook your birthday.
If your birthday was not listed, please call
the church office @ 527-5441 and let us know,
so that we can update our records. Thank You!*



Ephesians 6:18 tells us to “Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” Prayer is one of the few guarantees we have in this life. God will always hear our prayers and there is real power in the heartfelt words we offer God. Recently, we prayed that in this tough economic time, we’d be able to count on our congregation to donate enough financially that we could still offer Vacation Bible School free to any child that wants to attend. Through answered prayer and your generosity, we are able to plan a fun and life-changing week for the children. We ask you now to join us so we can stand together and offer more prayers for the youngest of our Church Family this summer.

Please pray this entire week for **P.O.W.E.R.** for this VBS. Please pray for **PEOPLE** to come, for **OPPORTUNITIES** to share Jesus with all of the children, for times of **WORSHIP** the entire week, for **ENERGY** for the dozens of volunteers and most importantly, for each and every child to walk away from VBS with a **RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS**. If we cover this entire week in prayer, we can have an amazing impact on God’s children.

Our Bible Buddies program is another opportunity to lift up our children in prayer. Every year we have new 2nd Graders that are eager to receive their very own Bible. Bible Buddies is a way for someone in our Church Family to give the gift of a Bible to a child, and also commit to praying for that child in the weeks and months to come. We will begin this process for our new 2nd Graders later this month, so please pray about how you might be a part of this program.

We are honored to stand together with you in prayer for our children.

Heather Daniel
Children’s Ministry Director

Introducing Jennifer

On June 27 we will welcome a new gifted leader to our Church Family. Jennifer Champeaux will be serving as our part-time Choir Director. She will be working with Yohan for three weeks, then taking the leadership of our Chancel Choir and serving as our 10:30 service worship assistant.

Jennifer has been attending Centenary since March, and is looking forward to becoming part of the life of our Church. She is the mother of two amazing children, Elisé (8) and Devin (6). She currently teaches at Johansen High School as Director of Choirs, and taught previously at Beyer High School for nine years. Jennifer brings us a strong giftedness in music, but an even stronger desire to know and worship Jesus, and help others to glorify God.

Please help us welcome her and her family to our Church.



S.W.E.A.T. AEROBICS Christian Fitness Website

As I was searching on my computer for some fitness information, I came across a website called “Christian Fitness TV” and the link to it is christianfitnessstv.com. It has fun, interactive 30 minute workouts presented by Robert (a Certified Personal Trainer) and his wife, Lori Evans. The couple says that they want to encourage Christians to exercise and to have a desire to take care of their body (the temple of the Holy Spirit) by being physically fit. The website includes recipes and fitness tips as well as a variety of 30 minute workouts. There are workouts for all levels. They often share Scripture while they’re exercising. As much as we would LOVE to have everyone attend our Centenary aerobics program, I know it doesn’t work for all people. I thought this might be a way to get some of you connected to Christian fitness, especially for those who are home bound. I encourage you to check out the website and by all means, if you’re able come see us in S.W.E.A.T. Aerobics.

**S.W.E.A.T. Aerobics meets
in the Fellowship Center:
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
and Mon. - Thurs. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
(High or Low Impact)
Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
(Non-Impact/Seniors)
For More Information Call:
Sandra Hegwood @ 988-5655**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010 GRADUATES!

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Alex Padilla, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo: B.A. City & Regional Planning

Jared Kline, Masters College: B.A. Math/Music

Mitchell Ryan Lucas, CSU Fresno: B.S. Biology

Rebecca Padilla, Modesto Junior College: A.A. General Education

Robert Ehrmann, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo: Masters Aeronautical Engineering

Sara (Hays) Drabert, Chapman University: Masters School Counseling & PPS Credential

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Billy Daniel, Modesto Christian

Cody Daniel, Modesto Christian

Evan DeMers, Ceres High

Jessica Borgquist, Downey High

Jonathon Beckman, Downey High

Kyle Massey, Downey High

Mykaila Orr

Peter Duenas, Beyer High

Tyler Robertson, Modesto High School

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Gabriel Vincent

Jacob Kasperian

Jared Still

Stephanie Paulsen



A Few quotes from our Founding Fathers

“We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus!”
(John Adams & John Hancock, April 18, 1775)

“To the distinguished character of a Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of a Christian.” (George Washington)

“July 4th ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.” (John Adams)

“The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principals of Christianity... I will avow that I believed and now Believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.” (John Adams)

“It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.” (Patrick Henry)

“I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus.” (Thomas Jefferson)

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever.” (Thomas Jefferson)

“Bless O Lord the whole race of mankind, and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thee and Thy Son, Jesus.” Of all dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens.” (A prayer of George Washington)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

July 7-28

Dinner 5:30

Classes 6:30

Nursery & Children's Programs 6:30

Fun in the Sun... all summer long!

THREE CLASSES FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE

Building a Firm Foundation Upon the Solid Rock

Led by: Pastor Bob Collins, Paul Stafford, David Collins

Each week an important aspect of our Christian foundation will be presented. *Faith, the Word of God, worship and fellowship* will be explored to lead us to a deeper understanding of our spiritual foundation as well as draw us closer to the Rock on which our faith rests. Each of these lessons are stand alone, so weekly attendance is not required to benefit from this class.

Being a Faithful Follower: A Study of 2 Timothy

Led by: Brian Ralston

There is great power in the “last words” penned by the apostle Paul to his spiritual son Timothy. How do we live in a fallen world as faithful followers of Jesus, and remain faithful to all that we have been taught? How do we live out the truth, when surrounded by lies? How do we find hope in the midst of the darkness? Come and join us for this verse by verse study of 2 Timothy, even if you have never read or studied 1 Timothy! (No worries, this is not a sequel!)

Into the Word

Led by: Roxann Hays

Though this is a continuation of class that began in January, each lesson stands on its own and welcomes those new to the study.

Through in-depth Bible exploration, we will cover four themes:

*A Lasting Vacation, An Open Letter to the Weary,
Guarding Against Burnout and Well Rested.*

Come join us and be refreshed!