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The Mission Statement of SonRise Christian Fellowship

*Bringing people into a personal
relationship with Jesus Christ,
gathering them together as a
worshiping community,
growing them up as his
life-long disciples, and sending
them out as ministers of the
Gospel for the sake of the world.*

Service Times

Sunday Mornings
 Traditional Service 8:30 am
 Contemporary Service 10:30 am
 Fuente De Vida 10:30 am
 Shine Youth Service 10:30 am

SonRise Summers
 Every Thursday Evening in July
 Begins at 5:30 pm with Dinner



Child-like Faith

By Beth Ann Murray

"You said God was everywhere and I can't find Him anywhere!"

I remember watching Coleman, my four-year-old son, searching his bedroom, in the closet, under the bed. I asked him what he was doing. He put his hands on his hips and said, "You said God was everywhere and I can't find him anywhere."

Preschool age kids are able to understand something exists, even if they can't see it. That's a huge developmental step in spiritual growth and understanding God's existence. At the same time, preschoolers are also literal in their thinking. If you tell a preschooler "Jesus lives in your heart," he's likely to ask, "How does He fit in there?"

Kidz Ministry's biggest challenge today is finding what works in growing our kid's faith.

Do preschoolers get it? You bet they do. Preschoolers have many spiritual capabilities and emerging skills. At SonRise our Kidz Ministry staff teach them to:

- *Express love for Jesus and others
- *Stimulate intense wonder about God's world and everything in it
- *Understand and often retell Bible events
- *Memorize simple Bible verses
- *Pray to God
- *Differentiate between right and wrong
- *Understand the consequences

of behavior

- *Have compassion for others
- *Ask many questions

Sometimes when we think of all these things we teach them, then why can't they just be quiet, sit still and listen. Well, preschoolers learn on the go. So our focus, here at SonRise is to help the preschoolers learn instead of focusing on teaching.

We believe the babies and the toddlers need to hear about God and be shown God's love at this early stage. God values children and honors their innocence. Jesus demonstrated this love when he accepted a boy's small lunch and fed thousands. Our nursery staff read board books and use songs to teach the children about God. They also show God's love by meeting our children's needs.

In my past articles it was expressed that good relationships are central to a healthy spiritual life. Little ones learn to trust. Then they learn to hope. Hebrews 11:1 tells us, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Our elementary teaching staff senses the students' personal need for a relationship with Jesus. That need can lead to a lot of questions about faith, God, and the world we live in. It's easy to underestimate what elementary-age kids hear, remember, and internalize.



But one thing is certain: you can't overestimate the importance of this age. The elementary years represent a special window of opportunity. This life stage is one of the most fertile times for planting seeds of faith that can be nurtured to bear fruit throughout an entire lifetime.

Another important part of teaching this age is to give the kids the language to express their faith in ways that accurately reflect what they're feeling and experiencing.

These children don't have to have an "Aha!" moment for God's power to impact them fully. We share with them that

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sometimes faith comes in unexpected

ways. They learn to develop a sense of empathy. They identify with other's needs and their situations. They love to pray for other children around the world.

These students are also high energy and love to learn on the run. Teachers need to be creative and consistent.

We worship together in the beginning of our class, which helps to set the tone for the lesson ahead. Following worship time a very active game is always a must. All children love to play before they learn.

Children's faith has no boundaries. They have a right and a natural desire to enter into Jesus' presence on their own terms. Therefore our focus

is to strengthen and encourage their Bible based faith.

Last but not least is how we teach our kids. That is we strengthen our relationship with them. We earn their trust and respect.

As a team we value the importance of our parent-teacher relationships. Together we shape the child's image of a loving God by how we relate to their child.

In my past articles it was mentioned how crucial it is for us to help develop our kid's moral development, which is generally complete by the age nine. Every child has a place in the body of Christ. Their future awaits them. It's our responsibility to guide our children as they determine their goals, destinies and their purposes in life. And it takes an entire faith community to be involved in developing and nurturing children and their parents.



To learn more about our Childrens Ministry Programs, call the Church Office at (760)728-5804.

You may also reach Beth Ann at the Preschool Office (760)728-1032.

Preschool

Our Preschool Orientation is scheduled for August 15th and 16th.

Please welcome our new staff. Amber McCormick will be teaching the little ones. She was an aide last year in the older classroom. New to our staff is Nicole Hart; she is teaching the older kids this year. We also welcome Erin Briick, one of our own SonRise Families, who will be managing the preschool office.

*We still have openings in the preschool and are expecting full enrollment, so please share with your neighbors and friends all about our awesome school-760-728-1032

Sunday School

Our Sunday school program is starting a new series, "Back to School". This program will help our children learn how to share their faith and make new friends along the way.

SonRise Summer Nights

Summer SonRise Evenings were a huge

hit with the kids. The series was about "Camping" and used the awesome Bible stories to teach their lessons. Some of the kids experienced eating S'mores for the first time. We all loved making our own Israelites trail mix. The kids created their own Goliath and played many games together. Every Thursday we had 18 kids show up.

VBS

VBS was another great adventure. Each group experienced "Cave Quest". Every element of the program was excellent. Thank you to all the volunteers who were behind the scenes to help make our VBS so awesome. The kids and volunteers loved the music and Terri Marroquin was superb in teaching the children the Bible points and Bible verses. Nathan and Liz Boone made the story come alive with their drama skit each day. Nathan and Liz were a fresh addition to our daily schedule. Betty Falls helped the kids experience each Bible lesson with hands and feet experiences. Catie Timme

and her team made the yummiest snacks. Chase and his team led the games. Of course the kids loved this part. Water play was a must every day. Charlene Mann and her team created the best crafts. I also want to thank the volunteers who led the groups. We had tons of kids who attended and loved the VBS adventure this year. They are still sharing and sending me videos of their caving experiences.

In His Service,
Beth Ann

Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries



AWANA

Awana is a youth program, focused on scripture memorization, for youth 3 years old through high school. We meet every Thursday during the school year from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Registration is September 8th from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm.

This year we will

be introducing new material for our T&T kids (3rd-6th grade). It's new and fun and we feel it will really help your kids grow in their walk with Jesus.



We are looking for more servants to be the hands and feet of Jesus. If you can spare 30 mins to 1.5 hrs on Thursdays then we can use you! You can lead a small group from 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm, help during game time (even as a score keeper) from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm or help behind the scenes with record keeping or a prayer team.

Think there is something else you can add to our wonderful program? Contact me today to get it started!! Let's work together to make this the best year yet and reach the most amount of youth that we can! For more information please contact Jessica Ortiz at 760-546-3660 or jessi-caortiz419@gmail.com.

WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO?

by Jim Fowler

People are often bemoaning how evil the world is becoming, and have often asked if it is worse now than in the past. I recall a poem by Jeanette H. Walworth, first published in 1910. "My grandpa notes the world's worn cogs, and fears the world's going to the dogs. His dad among the Flemish bogs, vowed things were going to the dogs. But this is what I wish to state: The dogs have had a long, long wait."

Since the fall of man into sin and Satan's presence in fallen man as the "ruler of this world" (cf Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11), his character has always been that of the Evil One (cf 2Thess. 3:3; 1Jn 2:22; 4:3), desiring to counter the character of Christ and overcome everything Christian. It may appear that the evil in the world is getting worse, but it likely that the technological advances have simply made evil more obvious via increasingly deadly weaponry, every more clever schemes and scams, legal systems that favor the evildoers, and media that more blatantly portrays evil deeds.

Christians are "in the world, but not of the world" (Jn. 17:11,16), and should not be deceived into expecting

the world to get better via it's touted progressive agenda. The world ruled by Satan cannot be saved or made better. The devil will continue to inject his character and anti-Christian agenda into the affairs of the world, and it will certainly appear that the world is getting worse as Christian are increasingly targeted. The Christian mission of the future will be Christians willing to "stand in the gap" bucking the political correctness that regards Christian proclamation as a hate crime, and unafraid to suffer loss and death as they stand in Jesus, the only solution for the world's ills.

Coming Soon!

REVELATION: THE APOCALYPTIC JESUS

By Pastor Jerome

Sept. 4 thru Nov. 20, 2016

What would we know about who Jesus is and what He desires for us, *if the Book of Revelation was our primary source of inspiration?* For many Christians, Revelation is the least read and most feared book in the New Testament. Other believers are obsessed with it, poring over it's pages like many read their horoscopes, hoping

to find a sanctified crystal ball to predict and decipher an uncertain future. But why was it originally written? What does God want to teach us through it's mysterious and glorious pages? The Book of Revelation contains a stunning variety of portraits of Christ. He is the First and the Last, the Lamb and the Lion, the Thief in the night, the King of kings, the Divine Judge and the Heavenly Bridegroom. Both majestic worship and horrific judgments await us in this powerful book. But most of all, it is the Final Chapter of God's Great Story of Redemption, and a radiant picture of our Victorious Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Book of Revelation is God's ultimate Word of hope and justice for all those living in tumultuous times, and that includes us!

This September our church will embark on a thrilling three month expository journey through Revelation.

A special devotional of daily readings from every chapter in Revelation will be made available to our congregation on Sunday, September 4th.

Let's join in prayer now and ask that God's perfect will would be accomplished through this vital new series!

"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the church."

COFFEE SHOP SERVES AS HUB OF LOVE, SHARING AND FELLOWSHIP

By Tim O'Leary

Jesus said: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

I found myself recently wondering if love could be the currency of our Father's kingdom. If such is the case, then the coffers are overflowing at our little coffee shop at the corner of Mission and Fallbrook.

Listening is my main task as your coffee shop correspondent. Doing so over the past week gave me two stories that I can share today. But before I stumble in that direction, I should answer a question that may pop into the minds of some of the folks who are new to our church.

"Huh. What coffee shop?"

First then is the thumbnail sketch for any new folks. After that I'll circle back to the topics of love, finances and fellowship.

Pastor Greg Coppock's small group had been meeting at the same coffee shop every Saturday morning for years



when the business, which was teetering financially, was put on the market for sale. By then, many of the regular participants of the group had fallen in love with the place.

The business was listed for sale not long after our congregation had finished a study based on Pastor Mark Batterson's Circle Maker book. In that book, Batterson tells how his church in Washington, D.C., uses its coffee shop ministry to serve its community and share God's love, word and works.

We pondered the idea. Operating a coffee shop of our

own would, after all, seem to mesh perfectly with a Sonrise value to "embody God's mission of hope and hospitality out in the world."

After much prayer, research and discussion, the congregation decided in March 2014 to invest \$90,000 to purchase the coffee shop and allocate another \$20,000 as a start-up "capital injection."

There was much trepidation. Some church members accurately noted that it can easily take an entrepreneurial venture two years or more to establish a solid financial footing. Yet there was also a buzz of excitement and adventure that brought in some generous donations.

Our church owns the business and its equipment. It leases the property. Fallbrook Coffee Company opened in April 2014. It marked its formal grand opening a month later at a gathering that attracted hundreds of participants.

Our goal is to run the coffee shop as a model of Christ's love, care and comfort. Customers experience the love of Christ and our church when we serve them.

The coffee shop has since become layered into the life of our church and the community. Yet it can still feel a bit odd to hear a church meeting or small group discussion detour into such topics as commodity prices, overhead and capital costs, inventory, security, marketing and menu servings.

Yet the Holy Spirit is always there. Such was the case at a pair of recent Sunrise gatherings that I attended as your humble correspondent.

In one of those gatherings, a church committee member was asked if the coffee shop is holding its own financially. The question surfaced months after a flurry of tenant improvements had been made to the property.

A reassuring answer came quickly. The news thrilled those of us who had been jolted by the opening of a large Starbucks outlet and drive-through window at a prominent location in town.

"We're in the black for the year," replied Tom DuMont, who serves on the Sunrise coffee shop committee and others at the church. "Business is up for the summer. It looks good."

And Christ's love rolled through a recent Wednesday morning men's group gathering. For most of the year, that group meets in the church chapel. It recesses to the coffee shop in the summer. It was there that Les Seymour, my dear friend and brother in Christ, asked for prayers as he announced his recent engagement.

"I found somebody," he said. "I'm going to be married."

Les stammered at first, admitting his worries that some people might think he is moving too quickly after the November 2015 death of his beloved wife, Ann.

Les told us that he loves someone we, too, already love. She is Kay Rozelle, whose husband died eight years ago. Kay has been part of Les' family and our church family for years. She has been a neighbor, a friend and at our sides as we have fed the poor and comforted the hurting.



"Life is too short. We want to be together," Les explained. "She's a spiritual person and we both feel like we were being led into this."

Les was quickly embraced by those around him. We blanketed Les, a longtime Sunrise deacon and follower of the Lord, with our love, joy and thanksgiving. We gave thanks to God as we watched Him move in our coffee shop and in our lives.

Pastor Jim Fowler, one of the eight present, noted that Les, Kay and the rest of us, by extension, had together experienced what he called "a divine encounter."

Amen to that. Thank you, Lord.

Jesus said:
*"... For where two or three
are gathered in My name,
I am there in the midst of
them."*
Matthew 18:20

WOMENS STUDIES

THURSDAY MORNINGS

The new Bible study for this fall is “The Seven Churches of Revelation” by David Jeremiah. We are looking forward to having the same study the evening Bible study ladies are doing. Also Pastor Jerome will be preaching on Revelation in September. This will help us all to have a better understanding of this challenging book.

WOW will begin on September 15 and we will have sign-ups two Sundays before. I hope to see all the familiar faces back and lots of new ones. Also mark your calendars for the women’s Christmas brunch December 3.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

Blessings,

Mimi Leraas



THURSDAY EVENINGS

A group of women started getting together on Thursday nights to watch biblical teaching videos, discuss the subject matter, encourage one another and fellowship. We meet for about an hour and a half to two hours every Thursday in the Fireside Room at SonRise.

We are a very welcoming bunch of women of all ages and would like to encourage other women to join us. Each of us have been blessed beyond measure by the friendships we have developed and are awed by how awesome our God is and how He reveals Himself to us. We have a good time together reading and sharing God’s Word, praying together and lifting each other up.

Our fall study will begin on September 8 at 7pm in the Fireside Room.

We will be studying The 7 Churches of Revelation by Dr David Jeremiah.

All women are welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend. If you have questions please contact:

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LUCKY OR BLESSED?

By Suzie Penman



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They arrive at the ranch injured, scared and distrustful. They don't know (yet) that they have found a soft, loving place to land. They only know they were left in an unfamiliar, noisy, crowded place and paraded in front of unfamiliar, noisy people. And now they're at another unfamiliar place. They don't know yet how lucky they are to be here.

HiCaliber Horse Rescue. A beautiful spot tucked away in the hills of Valley Center.

A place where horses, and humans, come to heal. I have to say that loving horses is a passion

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I've had since childhood. And at the ranch there are a LOT of horses to love. Every Tuesday horses are bought at auction; horses that may have otherwise been shipped to Mexico for slaughter. From the moment they step out of the trailer until they leave the ranch they know endless love from the many, many volunteers who help to make it all work.

All of the people who volunteer have a love for horses. But many, like myself, find we receive love and comfort from each other as well. Like the horses we start out hesitant. We may feel broken or unloved ourselves,

but soon realize that we also have found a soft place to land. We feel loved and cared for and accepted for who we are.

Just as these horses come to HiCaliber from unimaginable pasts, this is how I believe people come to Christ: broken, abused, unworthy, mistrusting. Just as the volunteers love on the horses and slowly regain their trust, so too can we the church love those seeking help. We need to show the lost that they are loved unconditionally by Jesus. That there is NOTHING they have to do but love Him in return.



Every week HiCaliber seeks out the sick, injured, rejected horses and starts them on the road to healing. Shouldn't we as a church do the same?

Shouldn't we welcome all who are hurting, scared and mistrusting? We are called upon to love our neighbor; not to judge. I often question myself and ask if I'm doing

what God is calling me to do. Right now I feel God is calling me to just be me and love the people I meet. But am I doing "enough?" I pray that when I go to bed at night I know in my heart that I have treated people with kindness and hopefully, yes, it is enough.

The day I found Son-Rise Christian Fellowship (then Fallbrook Presbyterian) was a true blessing for me. I feel very lucky. But more importantly I feel I am very blessed. I am blessed by the love I receive here and by the genuine encouragement from others. My church family keeps me feeling uplifted and safe. I pray that in some small way I am also helping others to feel loved and welcomed.

God calls us to love one another. I pray that everyone who seeks comfort or direction will end up feeling as blessed as I do because of the love we show one another.

Suzie Penman

Shouldn't we welcome all who are hurting, scared and mistrusting?

As a member of the Missions committee I was recently doing some online research about the theology of Christian mission work. I happened to tap into the website of a downtown church in San Francisco named RealitySF (<http://realitysf.com/mission-philosophy/>). It was a great article to review the meaning of mission work and visit new perspectives on how it can find expression in my everyday life.

The website states that all mission work derives from the nature of God Himself. The “personal Lord of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is one who sends and goes. God sent Himself in His son Jesus to be the Jewish messiah, He sends His Spirit to guide and enable His people, and perhaps most mysteriously of all, He sends us, His people, into the world to reflect His image and fulfill His purposes. He does all this sending for one glorious reason: For He so loves the world, not willing that any should perish, but instead have everlasting life (John 3:16).

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It goes on to say that “Yahweh is a moving God. He is mission-



ary in nature, willing to travel vast distances to accomplish his purposes, because He loves us and wants to rescue us from sin, death, and the devil.”

I interpret “vast distances” not just in terms of geographical distance but relational distance such as the estrangement or hatred or indifference that exists among people.

Secondly, the article makes the point that mission work derives from our newfound (born again) identity in Christ. Our “buy-in” to the Kingdom of God through Christ’s resurrection means that we are a

“sent” people. “We are sent with all of Christ’s purpose, passion and plans. This is not an afterthought of the Father. “As God’s people, we’ve been purposefully sent here, every one of us, as entrusted ambassadors of his kingdom. In line with God’s original promise through Abraham, we are here to bless (not save) the world.

In living out our mission into the world, we, the Church, also move about the world, traveling as salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16) with the good news of God to every nation (Matthew 28:19).”

Then the writer makes an impressive point: "Throughout Church history, most Christians have remained right where they are, working the same job in the same community, doing everything to the glory of God. This is no second-hand sentness. It is a perfectly glorious calling; mission doesn't require geographic or vocational relocation. Rather, universally, it is simply a re-identification, or transferred citizenship, of the soul."

Well, I was raised with the notion that a true missionary is one who relocates, often to distant, dangerous, unfamiliar and uncomfortable places. Maybe, like me, you felt a bit uncomfortable on "mission Sundays" when professional missionaries would preach to the congregation. As a young person I always recoiled a bit from the notion of giving up the American "good life" for a life of relative deprivation in some strange land. I always wished them well, even admired

them in a way, but couldn't see myself becoming a missionary. Still, I was curious about them, their work, and their motivation.

Answering these long-held questions, the article explained that for the Gospel to be spread throughout the world, to every nation, tongue and tribe, that some missionaries will have to relocate. This is substantiated by Romans 10:14-15 "how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?" But it wasn't until I got involved with mission work as an adult that I realized there is a calling for the local mission field as well.

The article continued on in this vein: "We usually dub mission (as) the intentional, physical relocation of some Christians. It's what a portion of us do in practical response to who we all are and why we're all here, as God's sent people; it consists of practical, vocational decisions and

tangible, geographic movements that mimic the missionary Spirit in all of us. Though God's character is universal and all Christ-followers are missionaries, just a fraction of the Church is sent geographically

this missionary activity is that it tangibly demonstrates God's pursuing character. Therefore, these vocational missionaries have a wonderful calling, devoting their residence and/or career to manifesting the mission of God



or culturally. Most of us don't need to go anywhere, as there is plenty of renewal to be done right where we are."

More explanation of geographic and vocational missionaries was offered. "When the Church sends individuals to new contexts to live as kingdom-ambassadors, our corporate passion for redemption takes physical form and becomes visible. In a sense, those who go are doubly sent, both in Spirit and in action. The glory of

and the Church. In turn, the greater body is able to echo God's character by sending and supporting those who go. However, as good and necessary as physical missionary movement is, we must be careful not to overestimate or confuse this kind of work."

"This is often where we get caught up, though, watching people quit their jobs and move into the inner city or overseas to Africa. Their sentness is obvious; you can see it every-day in their work.

But, for the rest of us, ours is subtle and often indistinguishable. Because of this, we often develop a sense of mission envy, frustrated with the parody between our own invisible sense of sentness and the “missionary’s” more obvious calling. Many experience a Spiritual identity crisis, doubting their all-important missionary identity and elevating the importance of the traveling Christian. Sadly, much of our short-term mission culture has developed from this misled frustration. So, importantly, we have to learn to reconcile the two truths: Every Christian is a missionary and only some Christians are vocational ‘missionaries’.”



And then, this amazing summary paragraph: “The relocated Christian is doubly sent, but not more sent than all the rest. Though distinct,

vocational missionaries aren’t supreme in the kingdom like some kind of super-sent elite. Their sentness is no better or more valuable than the invisible sentness of every Christian. Physical relocation is an embodiment, not an upgrade. Those who relocate for the kingdom and those who stay put for the kingdom are equally sent, equally called, equally honorable. The vocation of missionary is not the perfect job, or even a better job than the rest. Rather, like cooking food or building roads or flying planes, it’s one of many great and glorious callings. The missionary Spirit of the Church demands physical spread and relocation, but this movement doesn’t alter the sentness of those who stay put. To rightly live into our own unique missionary callings then, we have to appreciate the complementary glory of the sent but stationary Church and the ambassadors that it sends. It’s paramount that we can celebrate the vocation

of staying as well as going, seeing mission as both.”

Equally sent, equally called, equally honorable!!!



The article claims “The gospel minister heading to Malawi is no more fully sent by God than the Sales Exec at Google or the full-time mom. The gravity of our divine election and commission should diminish any sense of hierarchy in mission. Unfortunately though, our words confuse us. Every time we dub one person a missionary, for example, we imply that everyone else is not a missionary. We’re all sent, but the label suggests otherwise.”

So, if we’re all equally sent, called and honored, what does this look like in our everyday life as those who remain in Fallbrook?

Here are some brief guidelines provided in the article:

Others-focused. “Though it is indeed (personally) fulfilling and edifying to serve, because it’s better to give than receive, mission is about others, not us. True service doesn’t aim to receive the blessings of service, but rather focuses on the good of the recipient. Any blessing to be received is a side-effect, not the goal. The popular trend of serving cross-culturally in order to ‘grow together through mission’ puts the cart before the horse. Serving others must be an overflow of our formation in Christ, not the vehicle to achieving it. Though ministry is edifying, we must never use the needy to edify ourselves.”

“Because the focus of ministry is the well-being of others, the effects of our actions matter. Acting on good intentions and serving for the sake of service may soothe our souls, but it won’t cut it with those we serve.

By definition, to love at all, we must aim to love well.

Effective ministry is that which doesn't just feel loving, but is loving. The aim of ministry is to, in genuine effect, love others well. Though this doesn't mean we can control the outcomes of our service, we can and must make sure our service actually serves."

Competent.

"Commitment to effectiveness subsequently demands commitment to competence. Love, by nature, requires a certain level of aptitude; it seeks to be better, more truly loving. Service that doesn't desire to be good and always better doesn't love. God, like any good father, doesn't give just to be a giver; he does so to give good gifts (Matt 7:11). There's a difference. It matters whether our actions are good or merely feel good. If the goal of proclaiming the gospel is for it to be heard, for instance, then we must try to speak clearly and competently to make

it as understandable as possible. This doesn't mean we must be perfect or even have reached some level of expertise before participating in ministry; it simply means our devotion to others must cause us to desire the ability to love them well.

People-focused.

"Though the systems and structures we live in need renewing, something the Church has never forgotten is that those things ultimately rise and fall as do the people that make them up. All of society ultimately depends upon the flourishing of every human being. Therefore, all ministry must keep at its core a commitment to people. Even if our goal is macro in scope, aimed at massive causes like fighting human trafficking, we must remember that the world's problems as well as its potential are rooted in unique individuals, not stereotypes or statistics. This also means that programs aren't the solution. There's no idea, strategy or

system that will ever fix the brokenness of the world because us people are the problem and we can't be fixed or cured by anything man-made. Though these structures are good and helpful, they must never take the focus away from the care of individual human beings."

Discipleship-focused.

"Because human flourishing is the focus of ministry, we must always consider what actually causes people to thrive. Our primary problems are not material or circumstantial. The fundamental problem with the world is every individual's separation from God, caused by sin. This catastrophic wound in our principal creature-Creator relationship is the root cause of all other brokenness. We aren't at peace with ourselves or our work or the world or one another because we're at enmity with God. This is why Christ died, to reconcile us to God and make us ministers of recon-

ciliation to the world (Col 1:22, 2 Cor 5:18). Therefore, ministry must make this reconciliation central. This doesn't mean all ministries must be primarily evangelistic, nor does it suggest focusing merely on whether people go to heaven or hell when they die.

Instead, no service should focus entirely on synthetic solutions to periphery problems. Apart from personal reconciliation to God through Christ and abandonment to his will, flourishing is impossible. Whether directly or indirectly, ministry must focus on discipleship, helping people grow as disciples of Jesus."

"Mission not an action to be done, but a way of being."

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CHANGE OF PLANS

By Ryan Hunt

It's only been a couple of years since we moved here to Fallbrook. We live (actually, I should say we lived) in a home with my parents in order to be part of the lives of their adopted children from Ethiopia, my brother Tariku, who is 10 years old now and my sister Weyitu who is 8 already. We left our home in San Jose where we had lived for 25 years. Our oldest daughter was off to college, our son stayed in San Jose at 17 years old and we brought our youngest along with us. Big move for us, but we felt God calling us to come help raise those young children. We planned to live happily ever after in this delightful small town as one big happy family ---but God had other ideas. I was working from home when we moved but got laid off last October. My wife intended to teach, but had to substitute - not making nearly as much as we expected. In the midst of all of that, Mom and Dad were called by the Lord to move back to Ethiopia - probably for an extended period of time. Now we've got bills piling up, we're looking for work and the main reason we thought we moved here is gone. God

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changed our plans.

I know those are first world problems and lots of people are way worse off, but we



suddenly felt like our lives had been derailed - we didn't know what was going on. All our plans had gone up in smoke. We found a new church, started trying to get involved and meet some people but still just kind of felt like we didn't have any direction, focus or future that we

could see.

One of my favorite people in the Bible is Abraham, or Abram as he was first known. God tells him to get up and go to the place He is going to show him. Abram didn't know where he was going, but he packed and set out in the direction God pointed. Later God tells him to sacrifice his son - the son, by the way, who was the promise of God to cre-

ate a legacy of family for Abraham - and Abram obeys! The Bible doesn't say much about what Abraham was thinking in either of these situations, but he obeys. He is getting ready to kill his son.... And I'm thinking,

“Why am I doing this Lord? Why do you have me moving to some undisclosed location and what am I supposed to do when I get there? How are you going to keep your promise to me if you take my son away from me? What is going to happen when we get up the mountain?” Just a few questions that I think I’d be asking. Along with “Is that really you Lord?” Sometimes He asks us to do some pretty outrageous things with no explanation of why and I just feel like I want to confirm His ID!

What about the young woman who went rock climbing one weekend? She was very scared as this was her first time and she wasn’t thrilled about heights in the first place. She went with her group to a huge granite cliff and, in spite of her fear, she put on the harness, took hold of the rope and started up the imposing rock face.

She made it to a ledge where she could take a breather and as she was hanging there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens. There she is on a rock ledge with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her and she can’t see! Far from home, high in the air, she starts to panic and begins to pray that God would let her find her contact. Her friends had to pull her to the top of the cliff and although they searched on her

clothes, on the trail and on the ledge - no contact to be found.

As they helped her – still blind - down the trail to the bottom, there was a new party of climbers just getting ready to start up and one of them called, “Hey, anybody lose a contact lens?”

A miracle in itself, but do you know how that climber found that contact? An ant was moving slowly across the rock carrying the contact on its back and the climber saw it moving!

I’m sure you probably think this story is about the climber and her personal miracle, but God made my brain a little twisted and I have some weird perspectives on things sometimes sothink for a moment about the ant!

“Lord I don’t know why You want me to carry this thing. I can’t eat it, it’s very heavy and I don’t see any purpose for it at all, but if you want me to carry it for You, then that’s what I’ll do”.

I think sometimes we all feel like that ant. “Lord, I don’t know why you want me to carry this load. It’s really heavy and I can’t see any purpose it in”. God can! God sees the big picture and He has a plan for everything. He promises us that His plan is to prosper us and not to harm us. Plans to give us a hope and a future. He promises that He uses all things – even

the things that are uncomfortable and don’t seem to have any purpose – ALL things – for the good of those that love Him. That little ant obeyed and God used him to create a miracle for a young lady in a desperate situation. One that he never could have seen or understood.

My lovely wife has been blessed with a great job. My daughter is settled in and is happy with her new school. God has allowed us to plug into some new ministries and it is so very exciting to be a part of what He is doing here. There are some great things beginning to take shape.

I’m still not sure exactly what His plan is for me. I see glimpses sometimes, but I don’t see the whole picture like He does. What I do know is that He brought us to Fallbrook for a reason. He brought us to Sonrise for a reason. He took my parents back to Ethiopia for a reason. Those reasons are for our benefit. If we just trust and obey, He will do something great thru us.

Whether a contact lens or some bigger load – keep carrying what He gives you. Keep walking in the direction that He points you.

For His Kingdom and for His Glory!

PRAYING FOR OUR KIDS

By Gayle Kott

As Christ-following parents, it is both our responsibility and our privilege to pray for our children and grandchildren.

Children grow up, roles change, prayer focuses change, but we never stop praying.

It starts when we first know our child exists – what a marvelous miracle, both awe inspiring and terrifying. Psalm 139: 13-16 tells us:

*“For Thou didst form my inward parts;
Thou didst weave me in my mother’s womb.
I will give thanks to Thee,
For I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Thy works,
And my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from Thee,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.
Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance;*

*And in Thy book they were all written,
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.”*

From the very beginning, we pray for health for our children; we pray for their future happiness; if we think of it, we pray for their future spouses, who may not even be born yet. We pray for guidance as parents, and with each child, all created uniquely, we wish they came with instruction manuals. They don’t, so we pray.

As children grow and change, so do our prayers. We pray for the challenges they face in school. We tell God of our hopes and dreams for them, and ask Him to give them guidance and direction. We pray for their friends, especially those who don’t live in Christian homes. We kiss their booboos, bandage their

skinned knees, and continue to pray health and God’s goodness and protection over them.

Sometimes our hearts are broken by the choices they make, or by the circumstances in which they find themselves. At times like this we try to be mindful of Paul’s words in 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 to “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” And again, in Philippians 4: 4-7: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

I know that rejoicing and giving thanks

aren’t exactly the first things that come to mind when you get a phone call saying your son has been arrested, or one telling you that your granddaughter has been in an accident and is being life-flighted to the burn unit.

But I also know, at least for me, that thanking God for my children and/or my grandchildren, before I start begging for their lives, does help my perspective. Thanking God for His ultimate goodness, for His sovereign will, does open the doors for His peace. And the peace is truly beyond our understanding, because you see the tubes coming out of your heavily sedated 18 month old granddaughter with the angry red blistered areas on her beautiful face and upper torso, which was healthy skin only a few hours earlier.

You wish you could take her place; take her pain; but you can’t, so you pray for healing and comfort for her and her parents.



You see your son is terrified and doesn't know what to do, and you feel anger and sadness, but you know God is there with him and with you, and somehow there is peace in the midst of the maelstrom.

Sometimes when we don't know how to pray, it is helpful to pray Scripture over our children. A very wise pray warrior friend encouraged me to pray Psalm 91 over my kids, as she did the same for hers. God loves to hear His Word, and we claimed each verse to suit their needs. God's Word is living and active, and is a reflection of His power. I stand on the promises of God for my children, both those that know Him and those that don't. I pray for my daughters-in-law and granddaughters to become Proverbs 31 women, and I pray Isaiah 54:13 over my sons and grandsons: "And all your sons will be taught of the Lord; and the well-being of your sons will be great." I particularly love praying Psalms over my children, but much of

Scripture can be used as prayer. What speaks to your heart speaks to the heart of God as well.

Finally, we surrender our children to God and His will. This can be easier said than done. We are willing to give God every area of our lives except when it comes to our children. We struggle to keep that last pretense of control. It's

almost as if we think we are better parents than God. Yet the reality is, we know that no matter how much we love our kids, He loves them more. As He spoke through His prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31, verse 3: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving-kindness." We know that these words aren't only for us, but also for our children. We remember Abraham and Isaac, and sometimes we question ourselves – do we love our children more than we love God?

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Dear SonRise Christian Fellowship Members,

I want you to know how much I enjoy being able to use your Prayer Cottage for our weekly Mons In Prayer Group.

Please let those who created it know how much of a blessing the sanctuary that has been created is to the community. The homey touches make a wondrously inviting retreat.

Blessings,

Sharon Stika



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We remember the words of Jesus, who tells us that all other loves must pale in comparison to our love for Him. We surrender, we trust Him, and when we don't understand why things are the way they are, we cling to His words in Isaiah 55:8-11 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." We trust the words of Philippians 1:6, that He who began a good work in us, in our children, will be faithful to complete it. We trust the words of Romans 8:28 that the Lord will somehow use all things for good. We trust. We pray. We stand on the promises of God.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

WANTED: GREEN THUMBS, STRONG BACKS AND PRAYER

By Judy Lindley

ECCLESIASTES 3:2 ... A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO UPROOT

Have you noticed the changing landscape? In June at the work day we planted about 50 plants and 3 trees. And since that day an additional 60 plants have been planted in the long strip to the right as you exit the church property.

Plants have been ordered for 3 new areas...

We need teams to help take care of each section around the church. So call your friends, spouse, or children to help. A great time for family to work together to serve the Lord.

1. The areas that have been planted need caretakers to weed, water and trim when needed.
2. The new areas for planting requires removing the old plants/trees, digging and planting.
3. If gardening is not your thing, but you would still like to help, we can use donations to help purchase plants.

There is a master plan located in the church foyer. So far, we have completed 6 planting areas. The rose garden area, three planters at the front of the church and two planters on the left as you exit the driveway.

For more information contact Beverly Tucker bshyin@roadrunner.com or Judy Lindley judithlindley12@gmail.com

GRIEF SHARE - NEW TIME!

GriefShare begins Monday, September 12, at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Please contact Jan Hilton at the Church Office for more information. 760.728.5804

GRIEF SHARE: FROM MOURNING TO JOY

GriefShare offers support, friendship and sharing for people who have lost a loved one. We meet on Mondays at 7pm in the Fireside Room. This is a very loving and Christian based series which follows a DVD program as well as personal relationships.

“God wants us to come to Him through prayer. He not only invites us, but also promises to hear, bless, and answer us as we respond to His invitation.”

~ Cindy McAvoy, Elder of Prayer

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Cathy Alexander, Jerry Baumgart, Deb Berger, Beverly Bird (Kelly Ullery’s mom), Doris Bowling, Sam Britton, Lillian Broadbent, Cheri Burrows, Carter (Dan and Janet McCalla’s great grandson), Art & JoAnn Deming, Jim & Maggie Donovan, the Dugas Family, Scott Edwards (Laurey Hill’s brother), Faye Elliot (Portia Tirado’s mom), Auston Ellis (Beth Ann’s niece’s husband), Haley Flores, Jim

Fowler, Roy Glasgow, Todd & Sandy Goodman, Connie Gordon, Pat Halibozek, Joe Hammer, Chuck Heiser, Susan Holthaus, Eric Hughes (Carol & Donald’s son), Glenn Mattes, Winnie Mattes, Adele Maurer, Chris McCullough, Don & Bonnie McIver, Stan Meyers, T.J. Murray, Wendy Murray (Pam Suchoski’s sister), Mike Murray (Pam’s nephew), Shannon Nelson, Pat Newell, Margaret O’Leary, Rich Over-

turf, Karen Parry, Raygen Phillips, Les Seymour, Bruce Sharp, Doris Slotkin, Sonja Smit, Rod & Windy Smith, Pam Suchoski, Peg Sweet, Helen Thomas, Patty Thomas, Dot Tibbetts, Jean Tiffany, Marilyn Tindall, Juliana Tipton, Hattie Williams and Lorraine Williams.

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Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Prayer Cottage

PASTOR’S PRAYER

Wednesdays, 6:30 am, Prayer Cottage

ELDER’S PRAYER

Fridays, 6:00 am, Sanctuary

MOMS IN PRAYER

Thursdays, 8:30 am, Prayer Cottage

CENTERED PRAYER

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Tiffany Home

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you would like to be a craft person or donate materials, or would like more information, please contact Wilma Chain (760)723-0116.

CHURCH FAMILY

OVERSEAS

Joey Alley, Bryan Brooks, David Cooke, Becky Dailey, Adam Garcia, Matt Harvey, Kevin Low, Sam & Jenny Mundy, and Scott Wooten.

I DONT PLAY PIANO

By Ryan Hunt



We just had a great Outreach Ministry Faire and I know there are a bunch of you out there (at least I hope it's not just me!) who heard all of these wonderful stories about what God is doing thru these different ministries, but maybe left thinking "I can't do that". It's easy to get overwhelmed and feel unqualified, unskilled or unready. I see missionaries going to the far reaches of the globe and wish I could do that.

I also see musicians – very skilled musicians – and I wish I could do that. I know, I know practice, practice, practice – but there is more to it than that. Look, I don't play the piano. I play the radio, but that's about it. That does remind

me of a story though.

Wanting to encourage her son's new found love of and progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a piano concert. As they were seated, the mother

spotted an old friend in the audience and went to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy got up and eventually found his way through a door marked "No Admittance". As the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat only to find her young son missing. Suddenly the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive grand piano on the stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the little

boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing". Then leaning over, he reached around the boy with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together, the master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

I think it's the same with ministry. Maybe we should feel overwhelmed, unqualified, unskilled or unready. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our ministry work can be truly beautiful.

The next time you see God at work thru a ministry and think "I wish I could do that", listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing". May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn feeble attempts into true masterpieces. Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.

BREAD OF LIFE

By Dara Johnson

Bread of Life Rescue Mission serves the poor, hungry, and homeless in Oceanside, and the surrounding area. They operate a soup kitchen 6 nights a week, with most of the food being prepared and distributed completely by volunteers. The number of guests per night ranges from 50 in the summer to 150 in the winter.

Sonrise Christian Fellowship serves on the third Monday of every month, year round. Les Seymour purchases lasagnas and salad fixings at Costco, then we prepare the food in our church kitchen. We transport food and 6-10 volunteers to the Bread of Life facility in Oceanside. Before we arrive, the people listen to a sermon with the gospel message. We dish food onto plates and take the plates to the people in the dining room. Then we clean up and leave.

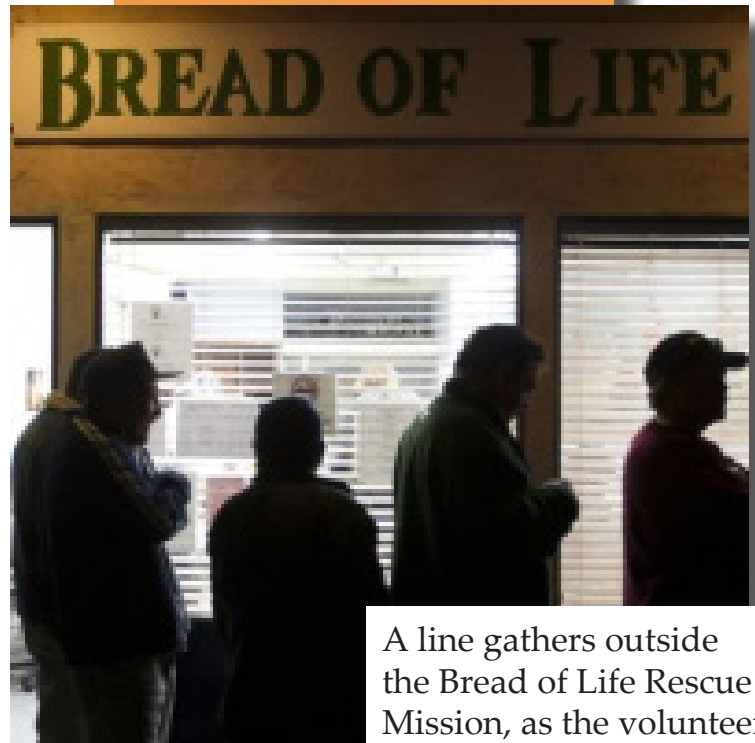
Before I started at Bread of Life, this ministry was not something I was interested in, or even cared about. I felt kind of intimidated by homeless people, and I didn't want to be around them. The first several times I was there, I stayed in the kitchen the whole time, and I didn't interact with them.

After serving the homeless at Bread of Life, I am definitely more comfortable around them. I don't just stay in the kitchen, but I deliver trays of desserts to them. I now see them in a much more positive light than I used to. Bread of Life has helped me be more accepting of homeless people.

If you'd like more information on serving with Bread of Life, call the Church Office.



Servicemembers from Camp Pendleton and local volunteers serve food at the Bread of Life Rescue Mission in Oceanside, Calif., Jan. 28. Nine Marines and one sailor, with the help of several community volunteers, prepared and served a free dinner for local homeless and others in need at the Mission. <http://www.1stmlg.marines.mil>



A line gathers outside the Bread of Life Rescue Mission, as the volunteers inside prepare dinner.

LOS AMIGOS

By Charlene Mann

Mmeet Maria. She started attending Los Amigos in 2002 as a fifth grader and I had the pleasure of being her tutor. Actually, for the next 4 years I tutored her. She was involved in the Jr. High Los Amigos Club that Laila Bottomly and I led for a few years.

Maria was a very easy young lady to get to know and love, and she truly enjoyed her time spent on our church campus. We developed quite a special relationship, so much that she referred to me as her “second Mom”! She would often call me whenever her home situation became stressful, or she needed to use a computer to complete a school assignment.

As she entered high school, we continued our relationship. She had such an appreciation for this church that she served in our Awana Program after school Thursdays.

Then something happened in the first month of her senior year of high school. She found herself pregnant and scared. Fearful of telling her parents, she called me crying one afternoon. She was so



concerned that she was disappointing God, her parents, and me.

But she’s a strong girl, that Maria. She informed her parents, asked forgiveness and plunged ahead with school. With a baby due in April, she knew schoolwork needed to be accelerated, but nothing was too much of a challenge for her! She finished her senior year the week before the baby was born, and came back in June to walk with her class. She had a whole cheering section with family, friends and

“her tutor”

By the way, that cute baby is Natasha, and I can’t wait for her to be in Los Amigos!

Los Amigos meets every Tuesday between 2:30 – 4:00 during the school year. Please join us! We start this year on September 6th, with a kick-off pool party at Lila Sandschulte’s house. Call Charlene Mann at (760) 533-6672 for information, and more stories about these special kids!

Blessings,

Charlene Mann

FROM THE MIQLAT FIELD

By Gayle Kott

Recently I was privileged to go to Malawi and work with the Miqlat team there. Watching some of the ways God is working in the “warm heart of Africa” is always exciting!

First, we need to look back 10 years or so, to when the Kogoya Hope Center first came into being, in no small measure due to the support of SonRise Church. Many of you know the story, but as some don't, I'll share a small part of it. The founders of Miqlat, Dan and Kristen Gillespie, had broken hearts for the level of poverty they found in the villages in Malawi. Children were literally starving to death. One incident in particular drove this home to them. When it was learned that Kristen, a nurse, was in the village, a mother with infant twins approached her for some advice. Dan's wife was unprepared for the question, though. The mother asked which child Kristen thought was strongest, because she couldn't feed both of them and had to choose one to die. Kristen was completely saddened and dismayed by this question. She and Dan arranged for formula and bottles so that the



NURSE NORA

mother could indeed feed both children, and they realized that the Lord was calling them to more than they had originally anticipated.

When the first Hope Center was opened, the children selected for the program had dull eyes, orange tinted hair, and distended bellies, all signs of severe malnutrition. Miqlat began helping around 200 of the most vulnerable children, generally orphans living with an aunt or a grandmother. They started feeding the kids one nutritious meal 6 days per week, taking them to medical clinics, and providing school uniforms so they could receive an education. (Education through eighth grade is free, but a uniform is mandatory.) Christian discipleship was also a key aspect of the

program, as well as teaching more effective methods of farming, called 'Farming God's Way', to help provide their families with more food.

Fast forward several years. The kids are now for the most part healthy, and most importantly, coming to know how much the Lord loves

them. Another Hope Center has been opened in Thuchilla, and even more children are being fed, educated, and given Christian discipleship, including Muslim kids. They are coming to know Jesus not as a prophet, but as their Savior. A preschool is started at both centers. Education in Malawi has its own set of challenges, however, as the government schools have one teacher to 100 plus students, and nearly everything is taught lecture style. Some of the kids in our program make it into secondary school (high school) and a few even make it into college, which is previously nearly unheard of for an orphan. But Miqlat knows God wants more for these kids, which brings us to the present.



BREAKING GROUND



ALMOST FINISHED!

This September, Miqlat will be opening a school at the Kogoya Hope Center, using Montessori-type teaching. Construction was nearly complete on the first building when I was there in August, and one of the things the mission team did was to plant shrubs around it, working with the kids in the program. While this was only a small part of what the team did during our stay, the symbol-

ism struck me. Like the tender young plants, the children attending the Miqlat school, if properly nurtured, will grow and flourish and blossom. The first year two classes will be held, one for grades 3 and 4, and another for grades 5 and 6. There are plans to open a school at Thuchilla next year as well, and plans to expand both schools two classes per year, until they reach a total of eight classes at each school.

In other exciting news, remember when I said a few of the Miqlat kids had made it into college? I had the pleasure of chatting with a couple of our young men in college who were currently studying 'community involvement'. The equivalent of this in our culture would be social work. They plan on returning to their villages after they graduate to help their communities, effectively being the change they want to see. In even more exciting news, two of our young women, Nora and Annie, have just finished nursing school, and are ready to move on into their careers and whatever God has in store for them. When I think back to their beginnings in the program to where they are now, the struggles and the hardships they faced, it truly brings the words of Jeremiah to life to me; "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.' Thank you, SonRise, for being such an integral part of that hope, for each and every one of our Miqlat kids.

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, A hope both sure and steadfast..."
Heb. 6:19



What's it like to be a Miqlat kid?

Left: Lunch time at the Hope Center, where nutritional meals always include the local maize based favorite, nsima. **Center:** Along with eating, playing games, praying and learning, the kids help maintain our Center, doing chores like sweeping, mopping, and tending the garden. **Right:** Our kids currently attend class at local government schools like this one in Chiradzulu, where over 60 first graders gather in one class, sitting on the floor in a borrowed church building.

Most of the year, Eunice wakes up before the sun does. School is about a 40 minute walk from the house where she lives, so she needs to be up early if she wants to pray, finish her chores, and make it to class on time. After giving thanks to God for bringing the family safely to a new day, she gets to work, sweeping around the mud brick house and cleaning any dishes left over from the night before. She then walks to the nearest borehole (well) to draw water, about half an hour away. Water secured, she walks home to bathe and dress for school. The students must have uniforms clean and in good repair in order to attend class. Miqlat

helps to maintain this necessary standard, providing new uniforms yearly as the kids grow..

As a student in 8th grade, Eunice's school day lasts until a bit before 2:00 P.M. She often has porridge at school now, thanks to a few feeding programs that have spread throughout much of Malawi. This gets her through her school day and the one hour walk from the school to the Hope Center. Her favorite things about the Hope Center are that she gets a plentiful meal of nsima (corn meal "mush") every day, and a few days a week the kids form teams to play netball, which is her favorite sport. Some other days, she plays bawo (a local board game) or chess after lunch as the others finish eating so they can clean up and prepare for life skills or discipleship class.

Eunice leaves the Hope Center with her friends and neighbors around 4:30 P.M., giving them just enough time to walk home and study for an hour before it gets dark. Her evening chores usually consist of drawing more water and sometimes helping to make dinner. If it is time for exams at school, she will try to study more before going to sleep. In harvest season, the family tells stories before bed while shucking maize, gathering the dried corn kernels into 50 kilogram bags which will later be ground into maize flour for the making of porridge and nsima.

As the night deepens, they pray again before sleeping, asking God for his protection through the night and thanking him for his provision of the day.



Top Left: A home near the Hope Center where a set of two brothers lives. Most families in rural Malawi live in these homes built of mud bricks with thatch roofing. It is these unfired bricks in particular that are susceptible to damage during the rainy season.



Bottom Left: Inside the same house there are two small rooms, one for storage which is pictured here, and the other, attached to the door, in which the brothers sleep. The rooms have dirt floors and are quite dark inside as the only windows are small brick sized gaps in the walls.



DANCING WITH THE WORD

By Suzette Phillips

Captured by Your right hand, unforced rhythm, dancing with Your Word. Your grace and peace flows over me. When I find myself grounded in my grief, You help me to my feet. You see me, You hear me. Your holy oil, truth and light pour over me. I find mercy that moves like a symphony and sets me free. Every gliding step of my Waltz, every graceful spin of my Tango. Not exhausted but in stillness, in the shadow of Your rest.

Suzette is a local artist whose art has been featured at Z Gallery and the Boheim Gallery in San Marcos. She teaches painting and ceramics at Jeremiah's Ranch in Fallbrook.



We welcome all women to join us for our 2016 Women's Retreat at Murrieta Hot Spring Christian Conference Center, October 14-16.

About the Speaker : Since the fall of the Iron Curtain, Debbi Bryson and her husband George have been planting and building up

Calvary Chapels in Russia. Each year she takes teams of women to encourage, equip and train the many women who have come to Christ since that time. Debbi is also the founder of Wisdom for Women, which originated as a two-minute radio devotional through the Book of Proverbs. She has also published these devotionals in a book, titled Wisdom for Women. One of the great passions of her heart is to encourage and teach women how to develop a consistent, rich, personal time with the Lord in His Word. To learn more about Debbi, please visit her website: biblebusstop.com.

SENIOR MOMENTS

By Chuck Boatman

SOME BIRTHDAY REFLECTIONS

I turned 80 on August 6. A friend sent me a greeting which read, “I thought growing old would take longer.” Well, actually, it did take a long time! Another friend sent me this: “So when is this ‘old enough to know better’ supposed to kick in?” [I hope that day is still some distance in the future!]

We celebrated the day with two sets of friends whom I have known for nearly 40 years. [One advantage of getting old—see, I just admitted it!—is having friends who have stuck with you through good times and bad.] These couples, although living 500 miles away in northern California, were supportive of Pat and me through the years and especially while her life was slipping away, and they have welcomed Barbara into their lives with open arms.

The six of us went to Fat’s Bistro in Roseville, where one of the specialties of the house is a fabled banana cream pie—which became my “birthday cake.”

As I reflected on the significance of having observed so many birthdays, I remembered the time, years ago, when I first read Robert Frost’s

“Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening.” I was impressed by the word-picture the poem creates and thought, “That’s

something to treasure for another time.” Now, here I am at that “other time”!

Frost is my favorite 20th-century poet, and this poem tells of the winter’s evening when he was on his way home through the snowy Vermont countryside. He pauses beside the country woods owned by a resident back in the village.

Frost muses about life. He is struck by the beauty of the woods, their quiet depths darkening at the end of day. He says it would be comforting to stay there for a time, caught up in the reverie of the scene.

But then, the mood of the poem changes: it becomes a sort of parable of where he is in life at that moment. Frost realizes the day is not done; he still has a journey ahead of him. In fact, there are still several miles left in his journey

before he reaches home.

Frost was 39 years old when the poem was published—about the age I was when I first read it—and he had another 40 years ahead of him, dying when he was 79.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

*But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

--Robert Frost



Now, at 80, I’m reflecting again on the poem, which I see as a parable of my life at this moment. I’m in a good place, involved in a ministry I love, with promises I’ve made, and praying that the Lord will give me several more “miles before I sleep.” May the same be true of you!

DEEPER STILL

By Miriam Kirk

I am in awe of how our Heavenly Father took care of every detail for us. Thank you for providing a “safe and loving place” for us. I am blessed to have new friends that I was able to walk through this healing journey with.

Hello sweet sisters! I was in awe of how God met each of us so beautifully last weekend. I’m forever grateful to each and every one of you who served tirelessly and came alongside us with hearts of love and compassion. I’m also grateful for the sweet women I met while there and your transparency to share your stories. I am forever changed by the experience!

I am still stunned over the beauty of the LORD and HIS presence over our very special weekend together.

I am sooo grateful to the Lord, and for you all my kindred sisters in Christ especially for the beauty of all that we shared during our weekend.

These remarks from the women who attended the Deeper Still – Fallbrook Spring 2016 weekend healing retreat re-

fect two themes: the beauty with which our Lord ministered over them and the feeling of community they shared with one another. After living with abortion wounded hearts for many years, 9 women were able to grieve the loss of their children, lay the past at the cross and then celebrate their new freedom with their new friends.

The Deeper Still team is excited that 15 women and 3 men have signed up to attend our fall 2016 weekend retreat on October 28 - 30. This is the first time the team will have been able to minister to men who have participated in an abortion and the Lord has blessed our men’s team with an experienced leader from out of state.

We would be grateful for your prayers for safe travels for this man and his wife, for the new location where we will be able to accommodate the men and more women, and for the team and the participants.

Deeper Still will hold a Heaven2Earth corporate prayer event to ask for God’s protection and blessing for the fall retreat on Saturday, September 24 from 1 to 3 at SonRise Christian Fellowship.

There is no charge to the participants to attend the retreats

in order to remove anything that might be a hindrance to them attending. Therefore, we count on donations from generous donors in order to provide a free, confidential and safe haven for women and men to find healing.

To raise the funds needed to minister to these guests, Deeper Still Fallbrook will host a Comedy Night Fundraiser, featuring Thor Ramsey, a nationally known Christian comedian. We will be celebrating the freedom women have received at our past retreats and will share testimonies of some who have been healed.

Friday, September 9 from 7 to 9 at Sunrise Christian Fellowship. *Doors open at 6:30.*

The event is FREE to attend, but during the evening there will be an opportunity to support the ministry financially.

If you have further questions about Deeper Still Fallbrook, you may submit them on the Deeper Still – Fallbrook website at deeperstillfallbrook.org ‘Contact Us’ page or speak to Cindy McAvoy, Gayle Kott or Miriam Kirk.

Comedy Night Fundraiser

Benefiting Deeper Still Fallbrook



Friday, September 9th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

(doors open at 6:30 pm)

Featuring...



Thor Ramsey

SonRise Christian Fellowship
463 S. Stage Coach Lane
Fallbrook, CA 92028



A drawing will be held at the end of the night
and snacks will be provided after the event!



The event is FREE, but during the evening
there will be an opportunity to support the
ministry financially.

For more information, contact Karen @
director@deeperstillfallbrook.org or 760-297-6745

Mr. Ramsey is a nationally known **standup comedian** and one of the most recognized names in Christian comedy. Since 1987, Ramsey has performed in comedy clubs and churches across the country.

Deeper Still Fallbrook is hosting this evening to celebrate the women who have been freed from the wounds of previous abortions at our weekend retreats and to raise funds to support the ongoing work of the ministry.

In addition to enjoying a Christian comedian, we will be acquainting our guests with the work of Deeper Still and are excited to announce that our weekend retreats will also be open to men beginning this fall.

We will be sharing testimonies by some who have been healed from abortion wounded hearts.

Mission - To bring healing and lasting freedom to abortion wounded hearts of both women and men

www.deeperstillfallbrook.org

LET THE MUSIC

BEGIN!

by Art Blodgett

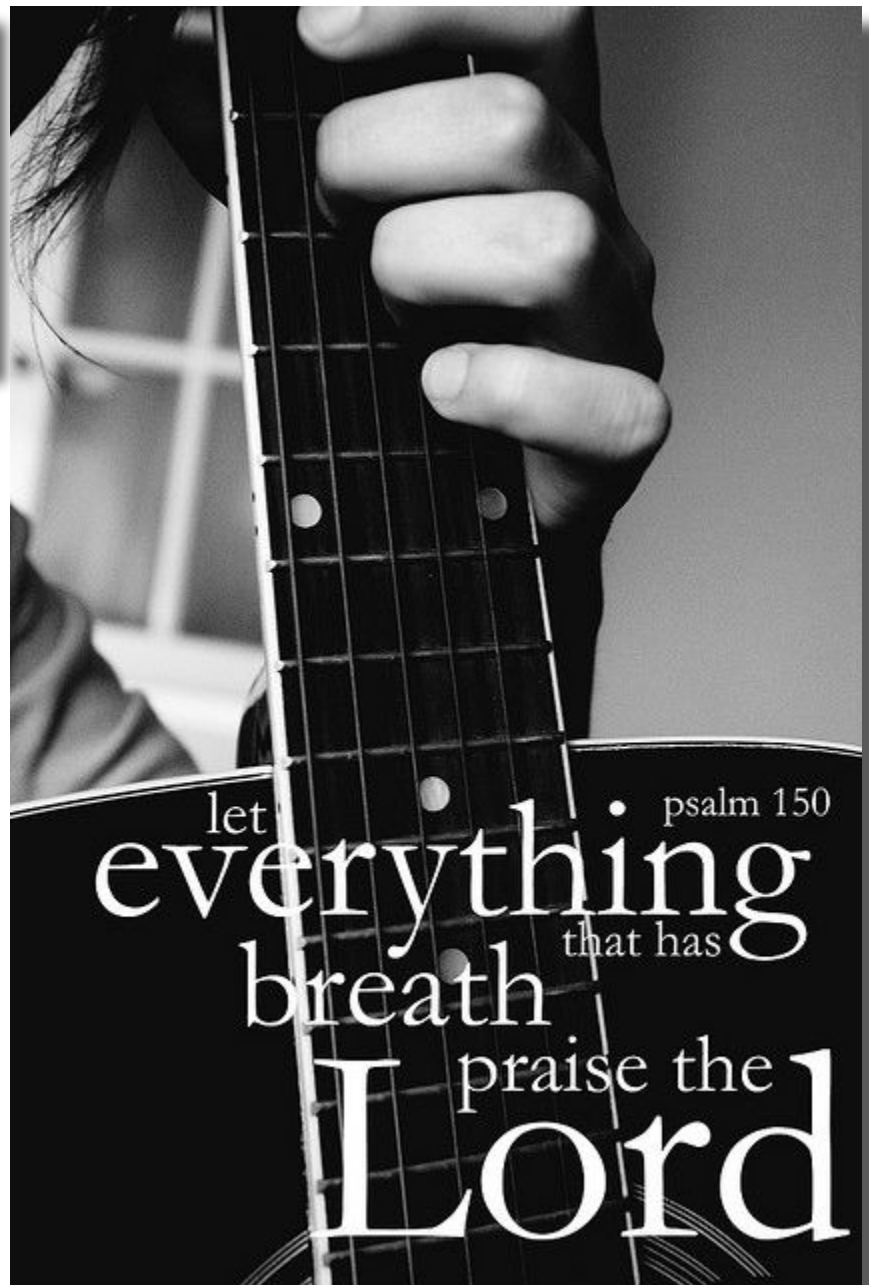
CHOIR

Summer break for the choir is over, and they will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 8th. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Under the direction of Mario Cuaresma and accompanied by John Redford, the choir sings during our 8:30 a.m. worship service. We are grateful for this part of our music ministry at SonRise, and we truly encourage--and warmly invite--all who may be led to sing in the choir to join with them as they begin preparing music for this fall and the upcoming Advent season. If you have any questions about the choir, please contact Mario Cuaresma or Art Blodgett.

HANDBELL CHOIR

We are so excited to announce that the Handbell Choir is beginning rehearsals on Thursday, October 20th. Mario Cuaresma will be leading and directing the Handbell Choir as they prepare music for Christmas.

Rehearsals are scheduled from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. each Thursday night (except for Thanksgiving Day, November 24th). Those with music reading experience who are interested in playing in our Handbell Choir should contact Mario Cuaresma, Teresa Johnson, or Art Blodgett.



SONRISE SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL

10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY

10:30 AM FUENTE DE VIDA

10:00 AM LIFE GROUP

10:30 AM CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM YOUTH SHINE PROGRAM



*"I was in prison and
you came to visit me."*

Matthew 25:36

OUR HISTORY

The Kairos program is widely recognized as a highly effective method to positively change inmate attitudes. By changing attitudes and winning lives for Christ, prisons have seen a reduction of inmate violence and an increase in rehabilitation.

Kairos has its roots in the Cursillo Movement, when men began to bring Cursillo into the prison environment. The first such weekend was held at Union Correctional Institution at Raiford, Florida in the fall of 1976. The national Cursillo Organization surveyed prison Cursillo programs and determined they should be ecumenical, supervised by a central authority, and the format should be modified to better meet inmate needs. The first Kai-

ros Inside program was presented in 1979.

In San Diego, a group of men had heard of the Kairos Prison Ministry and wanted to start the ministry at Richard J Donovan Correctional Facility (RJDCF). RJDCF has four main Facilities (A-D) which are commonly referred to as Yards. Each Yard has a different security level from Level 1 (Minimum Security) to Level 4 (Maximum Security). In 1990 a small group of Clergy and Laity attended a Kairos Insideweekend held at the Nevada State Prison in Jean, Nevada.

In March of 1991 the first Kairos Inside was held in Yard A at RJDCF. For the next three years one Kairos Inside weekend was held in either Yard A or Yard B

(both Level 3) each October and March. In March of 1994 Kairos of San Diego expanded the ministry at RJDCF to cover both Yard A and Yard B at the same time. This meant holding four Kairos Inside weekends each year, something that was not happening anywhere else in the Kairos Ministry in the U.S. or abroad.

Kairos Outside began in 1989 as an idea from the Chaplain at San Quentin State Correctional Facility in California after the first Kairos Inside Prison Ministry retreat was held there. The idea for Kairos Outside came about when the prison chaplain mentioned how much he thought that the families of prisoners needed a spiritual support community of their own. Kairos Outside was started in San Diego in 1994 and holds two Kairos Outside weekends each year.

What is Kairos?

The people of Kairos are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Kairos is an ecumenical ministry that encourages Christians from various backgrounds to be Volunteers in this Christ-filled ministry.

Kairos programs offer to prison residents, their families, and those who work with them, the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ, and to grow in their faith and servant hood through Christian community.

Our Mission

The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY TODAY OUR FUTURE

The motto of the Kairos program is "Listen, Listen, Love, Love". Kairos is an inter-denominational prison ministry designed to support state and federal men's and women's correctional institutions of the U.S. and abroad. This ministry is governed by the national board of Kairos, Inc. with headquarters in Winter Park, Florida. Kairos Inside is active in 350 prisons in 31 states in the U.S. and in the countries of Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, South Africa and the United Kingdom. The Kairos Outside ministry is active in 35 locations and includes 24 U.S. states, Canada, England, Australia and South Africa.

Kairos of San Diego is always looking for new volunteers

to help expand this ministry. With the possibility of additional Kairos InsideWeekends in Yard B and Yard D, we will need more volunteers to help staff those weekends. With an increase in Kairos Inside, there will also be a need to expand the Kairos Outside program as well. Please consider supporting this important ministry through donations of your time, talent or finances.

In 1993, the Kairos ministry expanded into Yard C (then a Level 3, now a Level 4), which meant that Kairos of San Diego was holding six Kairos Inside weekends a year. This continued until a reorganization of the prison forced Kairos of San Diego

to cut back to supporting only two Yards (A and C) and four Kairos Inside weekends per year. In 2011, RJDCF was again reorganized which opened the possibility to expand Kairos Inside weekends to Yards B and Yard D in the future. In March of 2014, Kairos of San Diego started

a Kairos Inside weekend for Yard D. Kairos of San Diego at RJ Donovan is the only Kairos Chapter to hold three simultaneous Kairos weekends in a single facility. In October of 2014,

Kairos of San Diego had their 100th Kairos Inside weekend in Yard C at RJ Donovan.

Kairos of San Diego is composed of two components: Kairos

Inside and Kairos Outside. Kairos Inside is designed to bring the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ into the prison environment. While Kairos Inside Prison Ministry is an excellent program to provide a religious experience for men inside prison, Kairos Outside is designed to encourage the loved ones who are supporting those incarcerated men. Kairos Outside is for the women loved ones of the inmates and takes place outside of prison, but follows a similar format as Kairos Inside. Kairos Outside is designed to encourage the loved ones who are supporting those incarcerated men and women. Kairos Outside is for the women who are the inmates' loved ones and takes place outside of prison. It follows a similar format as Kairos Inside.

"I had lost everything that I ever loved because of what I had done. But because of Kairos, I now know that Jesus loves me and that makes all the difference."

THANK YOU SONRISE

I would like to thank all the members of our church that have supported the Kairos program for nearly 14 years now. All the cookies they have baked and prayed over, the letters to the Kairos candidates and especially the prayers for the candidates and the Kairos volunteers. Each time I begged for cookies they came through even more than I expected. Beth Ann Murray and her preschool and Sunday School kids coloring the place mats and creating those gigantic posters of hand prints and foot prints that covered an entire wall in our chapel. Jerome and Greg always so supportive in announcing the need for cookies, letters and prayers for each Kairos Weekend. Thank you, Norm Leraas

FALL BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

3 Sandra Goodman
 4 Mike Callahan
 Rod Smith
 5 Lougene Williams
 8 Candace Johnson
 Vicki Porter
 10 Cathy Alexander
 Betty Falls
 Todd Goodman
 Adele Maurer
 12 Cassia Johnson
 13 Jerry Maurer
 Leslie Seymour
 16 Judy Saunders
 17 Roy Callahan
 18 Bill Chain
 Deborah Donnelly
 Stephanie Lowe
 20 Pat Feldmiller
 Martha Garcia
 21 Allison Christopher
 Hailey Van Weche
 23 Beth Deutsch
 24 Jim Fowler
 Chris Lowe

25 Caroline Simpson
 26 Earl McDougal
 27 Teresa Johnson
 Brian Suchoski
 28 Karen Hunt
 Caitlin Jay
 29 Ingo Beske
 Alex Bodurtha
 Samuel Grantham
 30 Heather Tatzler

OCTOBER

1 Ken Lindley
 Jason Lowe
 Sandy Maruca
 2 Janet Coppock
 Jennifer Jepsen
 Micah Marroquin
 3 Melinda Madden
 4 Phil Johnson
 Beth Ann Murray
 5 Sharon Holloway
 6 Dan McCalla
 Bill Saunders
 8 Dean Jepsen
 9 Susan Holthaus
 10 Maggie Donovan
 Sue Nelson

11 Doria Lore
 David Rathgeber
 14 Dannielle Navarro
 15 Al Bartlett
 19 Linda Tindall
 22 Elijah Foli
 23 Dara Johnson
 26 Sam Mundy
 27 Bill Hoganson

NOVEMBER

1 Rhea Ortiz
 4 Midge DeGroot
 5 Sue Sheldrup
 7 Lucy Smyth
 8 Greg Coppock
 11 Shayli Coppock
 13 Jane Estes
 Sharon Flemings
 Joanne Stephens
 Gene Gauthier
 18 Roy Glasgow
 20 David Cobb
 Sherry Pfeil
 22 Ann Myers
 26 Laura Johnson
 28 Margaret O'Leary
 Barbara Sciarra

FALL ANNIVERSARIES

PROVERBS 9:11

For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

SEPTMEBER

7 Tim & Margaret O'Leary
 8 Jason & Stephanie Lowe
 11 Ken & Judy Lindley
 19 Rod & Betty Hyde
 23 Marcus & Cheryl
 Calescibetta
 26 Greg & Janet Coppock

OCTOBER

2 Tom & Vicki DuMont
 8 Gary & Carla Thomson
 11 Roy & Charlotte Glasgow
 12 Bill & Vicki Porter

NOVEMBER

7 Joel & Stacy Bonomi
 Jim & Barbara Sciarra
 Dot & Ralph Tibbets
 9 Robert & Kathy Sears
 12 Gene & Marilyn Gauthier
 21 Frank & Doria Lore
 25 Norman & Mimi Leraas
 30 Bruce & Margaret Daniel

Community Outreach

FEEDING AMERICA

You can help distribute food through the mobile food pantry here in our parking lot twice each month or if you or someone you know is in need of food, please come receive a bag of groceries.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays every month
9:00 am, Parking Lot



BREAD OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION

Please join us as we serve a delicious hot dinner to those in need. Please call Ken Bitting for more information.

3rd Monday every month
4:45 pm, Kitchen

BROTHER BENNO'S SOUP KITCHEN

Consider joining us as we drive to Oceanside and serve a hot breakfast to those in need. Contact Chris Walls for more information.

4th Friday every month
6:00 am, Oceanside

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

A ministry reaching out to those in prison through writing letters and twice a year delivering home-baked cookies to the inmates during the Kairos Inside Weekend. Contact Norm Leraas for info.

FALLBROOK FOOD PANTRY

Every month, a local church sponsors the Fallbrook Food Pantry and March is our month! Please bring in canned and boxed food and place in the collection bins in the Narthex.

FALLBROOK COFFEE CO.

The coffee house is a warm, welcoming place to gather for fellowship and is utilized for small bible studies by local groups. We're excited to see how the Lord will use us to serve the community through this venue. The coffee house is located at 622 S. Mission Rd, downtown Fallbrook.

Hours: M-F 6am-4pm
Sat & Sun 7am-2pm

CITY OF REFUGE SAN DIEGO

Brad Fox leads these overnight outreach trips to the City of Refuge in downtown San Diego. Friday night is spent walking the local streets, engaging the people and handing out care packs. Saturday morning we hand out food at the Warehouse until 2pm. The group then returns home. Please call Brad to get involved. 760.419.2453

MILITARY FOOD DROP BOX

Food drop box available in the Narthex for those who'd like to donate food items to our military.

