

# The Chimes SUMMER 2017

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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.

The Mission Statement of

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



ur annual rummage sale is going to be a bit different this year as the youth are getting involved AND we are going to combine it with our church picnic and 4th of July celebration! We are so excited about the opportunity to impact our community and to spend time together as a church family so ......

Get your donations ready, clean out the garage and bring your items during one of our scheduled drop off times or contact Ryan at the church office for pick up arrangements.

#### Scheduled drop off times

- Friday June 23rd 9-11am and 4-7pm
- Saturday June 24th 9am-1pm
- Sunday June 25th 7am-1pm
- Monday June 26 Wednesday
   June 28th 9-11am and 4-7pm

#### Pickups by appointment

Please contact Ryan Hunt at ryan@ sonrisefallbrook.com or at the church office

We need volunteers to cook on Saturday, deliver items on Monday and help with the actual event Thursday thru Sunday.

We also need donations for the cookout on Saturday. Frozen hamburger patties and hotdogs, boxes of chips, cases of soda and so on. Contact Ryan Hunt to help.



Coming this July: SonRise Summers Returns!

#### THE END OF ME...

You must be broken to be whole.

You must mourn to be happy.

You must be authentic to be accepted.

You must be empty to be filled.

What kind of absurd riddles are these? Who would ever say such a thing?

These are the opening

words, the first four beatitudes, or blessings, from Jesus' most famous message: the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-6). Here's how The Message interprets this passage:

You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope.

With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you.

Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

You're blessed when you're

content with just who you are – no more, no less.

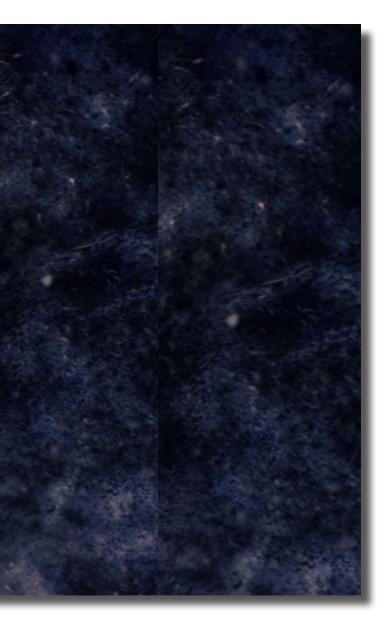
That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God.

He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" ...

According to Jesus, these words, that sound so strange and so enigmatic to our ears, are actually the



ONLY WHEN YOU COME TO THE END OF YOURSELF CAN YOU BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE THE FULL, BLESSED, AND WHOLE LIFE JESUS OFFERS

Kyle Idleman
"The End Of Me"

the end of Me"

doorway to a rich and abundant life.

Last year, at SonRise Summers, we explored Jesus' challenge to take up our cross and die to ourselves through Kyle Idleman's excellent book and video-series, Not a Fan.

This year we want to go even deeper as we focus specifically on four profound beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. Come join us, once again, as Kyle Idleman guides us in a soul-stirring exploration of the upside down paths that lead us to

Jesus. This year hear we will powerful testimonies from author and spoken word artist, Jefferson Bethke, NBA star Landry Fields, former U.S. manager of Apple Records Ken Mansfield, and the founder

and director of Scarlet Hope Rachelle Starr, a courageous young lady who obeyed God's call to bring the gospel to women in strip clubs. Don't miss this cinematic journey that unpacks some of Jesus' most counterintuitive and life-changing truths!

We live in a self-obsessed, narcissistic age. But there is beauty in coming to the end of ourselves as we realize that we aren't strong enough, smart enough or talented enough to navigate life on our own. Ironically, that's when we are in the best po-

sition to be used by God in significant ways. The end of me is the beginning of a deep, authentic relationship with Jesus!

At SonRise Summers, our whole church family gathers together, everyone from preschoolers to teenagers to golden seniors, to enjoy a fun casual outdoor dinner. There are age-appropriate activities for everyone! Each week we will watch a video from Kyle Idleman's series. The End of Me in the church sanctuary. Then we will gather in small groups to share and discuss and open the Scriptures together. This year we invite you to plan ahead, and come join us for our most popular intergenerational event!

SonRise Summer Nights Thursdays 6pm For all ages.

# hello my name is

# Fallbrook Coffee Co.

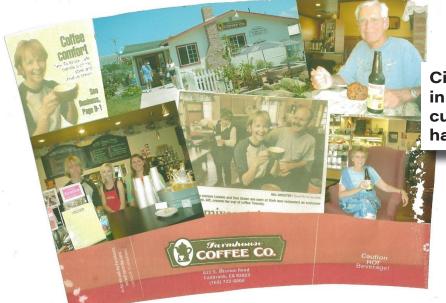
### Who am I?

By Judy Lindley

ack in the old days I was just an old house on a corner lot in a small town. I had dreams of a better life; every day I saw hundred of cars pass me by, never looking at me, why? Who will make me come alive again? I miss the laughter of people.

Then one day in 2004 a couple stopped to look at me, I wondered? Who are they, why did they stop? They wanted to know how old I was, was I still a sound building? Yes, Yes I said, I was built in 1935; the Great Depression was almost over. I was wanted, I was loved. By today standards I would be called a "Little House". But I felt like a mansion. I was 900 square feet with two bed rooms and a fireplace.

Then in 2005 that nice couple Don and Leanne Green opened a coffee house. I am a combination of San Diego and Seattle coffee house styles, making me special. They call me "Farmhouse



Circa 2005 Don and Leanne Green in their new coffee shop. The two customers are Ken and Judy Lindley having an old fashioned root beer.

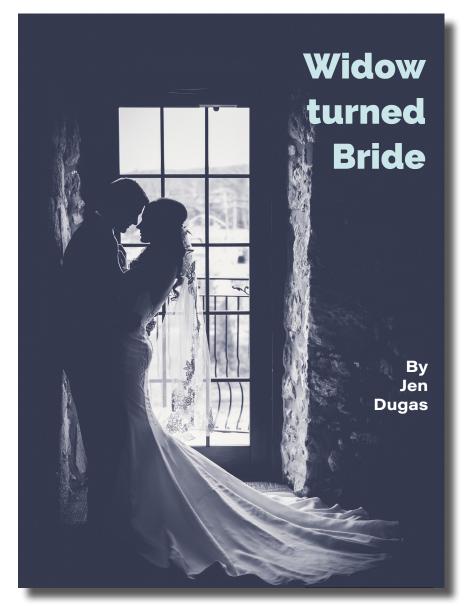
Coffee" I am a cozy friendly place for everyone. I am more than a coffee house, I do have good coffee, but you can get some old style drinks. I heard Don tell friends about his special drinks. "Some of the recipes for Dr. Pepper, root beer and others date back to the 1800's. And yes we also have food. They paint, and fix me up add a wonderful pond to my front yard and yes the internet.

Then on April 21, 2008, the Farmhouse Coffee was sold and I became "The Country Cafe". The new owners were Debbie Estrada and Fran DuBroy. They changed a few things, the name, menu and hours.

Their motto was "Country warmth with a touch of international flair".

Its 2017, I guess you are wondering how I am doing. Well in 2014, I was sold again, this time to the SonRise Christian Fellowship. I have been blessed; I am still a coffee shop, with a new name, "Fallbrook Coffee Company". I am a house full of laughter, conversations, working and retired folks, a place where friends stop by for a bit to eat and drink and rest. SonRise made a number of nice improvements, as you can see in the pictures. Just look at me now, I am 82 years old and still giving to my Village. Come see me some time.





The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

t the age of fifty, I am a widow and a fiancé. I am not sure which is more mind blowing... being a widow, or getting married at fifty. When I got married at age 26, I never thought I would get married again. I dreamed of growing old and watching grand children with my late husband, Andy. Even using the phrase "my late husband" is strange.

My late husband died when I was 47. Andy had a heart attack while on a run during his lunch break, at work. I will never forget the day he died as long as I live. The memories are singed on my brain F O R E V E R. Telling my 4 children that their father died was more painful than walking in the hospital room and seeing his lifeless body. The days, months, and years following his

death were bleak. Early on, I struggled to brush my teeth, shower, and care for my children. I watched movies all night, refusing to sleep, because I was terrified to wake up and remember what happened. I cried all day, almost every day. People brought meals and groceries... I begged God to tell me how I was supposed to "do this life alone?" He answered by sending friends, lots of friends, to help care for me and my family.

Slowly over time, with lots of therapy and millions of prayers, I started to crawl out of the wreckage. I remember, one day, I noticed colors and flowers again. Had they been there all along, and I just couldn't see them? I eventually laughed with friends, and wasn't angry that we were laughing. I started to thank God for little things like coffee and avocados, instead of cursing Him. I asked God to love me and help me, instead of yelling at Him "I HATE YOU!" I thanked friends for doing things for me instead of telling them to leave me alone. I learned that God was refining me in the midst of the biggest storm of my life. I almost gave up... I almost walked away... Thank you Jesus for holding on tight and never letting go.

In the midst of starting to see colors again and having a hope for a future, God planted seeds in my heart to find love again. There were many journal entries and conversations with God about how love was going to show up in my life. I actually

cried one night to my middle son Payton, "Who is going to love me... an old and ugly mom with four kids??" I can be dramatic at times. Payton assured me that it would be ok, and he would help find someone. Sure enough, the man I am going to marry, the man God brought into my life, was introduced to me by Payton. God had a plan all along.

After Andy died, God prompted Ken, a long time member of our church and now my fiancé, to be there for my boys. He took them bike riding, to the movies, and out to dinner. He stood in the gap; guided by the Holy Spirit. God used Ken, a faithful servant, to help heal the wounds of my boy's hearts. As Ken's relationship grew with my children, God gave Ken hope for a future with me.

Let's just say, getting me to say "yes" to a date with Ken was not as easy as getting Payton to say "yes" to a bike ride. My heart wasn't ready. But, through the journey I was able to witness Ken's strength of character. He was steadfast, de-

termined, and his heart was steeped in the word. Ken faithfully prayed (that I would quit being so stubborn... just kidding) and repeatedly asked God for almost two years to clarify His plan for Ken's future...with me in it! Finally, I said "Yes" to a date. Fast forward... Ken and I will be married June 11th, 2017.

I thank God every day for the work and healing that took place in my heart because without it, I could not have said "Yes" to Ken. By saying "Yes" to Ken, I said "Yes" to having love in my life again... But before saying "Yes" to Ken, I had to say "Yes" to God when He held out His hand to lift me out of the pit of darkness. For so long, I said "NO" when God held out His hand. I shoved His hand away. God was so very patient with me. Why? Because He loves me. He waited and offered His hand over and over, and over again.

Life is messy. It will never be un-messy. EVER. But, God is ALWAYS there, waiting with His hand stretched out. Grab it!!!

# **Promotion**

by Bill Chain

with family and friends was the venue for
Captain Nathan Tindall, United States Army, promotion to his new rank. The oath of office was administered by Lieutenant
Colonel Bill Chain, United States
Marine Corps. Nathan is the son of Linda Tindall and Grandson of Marllyn Tindall. Nathan is a graduate of West Point and also a Fulbright Scholar. After a short visit at home he will be traveling to his new assignment in Korea.





Captain Nathan Tindall



eter calls us start with faith—the act believing in Jesus Peter doesn't Christ. explain how to get faith or find faith; he just assumes that there's at least a small seed of trust somewhere in his readers. For growth, he says, start with that seed. Building faith in

children is perhaps the simplest thing to do because kids are trusting creatures.

Summer is the time we need to share with our children the importance of understanding their faith and of God. We need to be open to everyday learning and the opportunities that arise so we can help

our children realize God's love for them.

Children who are listened to, responded to, and reassured by their parents will know what to expect from a God who is described as a heavenly Father. We don't have to have all the answers, its Ok to say, "I don't know", they will learn by our



words and how we live our lives, and what we believe about God. That, and our love for them, will tell them volumes.

VBS is a huge stepping stone in helping your children grow in their faith. Our theme this year is MAKER FUN FACTORY, by Group. The focus is Created by God Built for a Purpose! It's truly unlike anything your kids have done before. As they're

surrounded by God's Word, the reality of God's love gains new meaning and relevance to their everyday lives. Plus, they'll have an amazing time trying out new games, songs, awesome crafts and yummy yummy snacks.

The reason why our VBS is so successful is because we have such a loving and proactive church family. We need as many church friends to help in this awesome adventure. We really need crew leaders, they take their team around to the different stations. The

Snack team needs help in purchasing the material for their snacks each day. So please join our VBS team this year, all ages are needed.

Keep on loving your kids, your grandchildren, and all the children who come into your life. They are in your care for only a short time. Lead them spiritually, consistently guide their moral conpasses.

Alongside Him,

Beth Ann Murray

Director



#### VBS - June 12th to 16th

We will be welcoming up to 150 kids to our VBS Program called "MAKER FUN

FACTORY". Created by God—Built for a Purpose! Our team is excited about putting this on for the community of Fallbrook. Please come and help with the set up on June 5th- 9th, we could use some more crew leaders during the week of VBS. Give Beth Ann a call at church 760-728-5804 and change a child's heart.

My prayer for this year is that "MAKER FUN FAC-TORY" will allow God's love and purpose for each person to come to life like never before...touching lives, changing hearts, and drawing kids and adults closer to the God who created them. Please pray this prayer with us.

#### **Sunday School**

We are gearing up for our SonRise Summers Program. The Children's team is gearing up for this fun series. Sammy and I have not picked our curriculum but it will be awesome. This series begins on Thursday, July 6th, we eat dinner together and

then do some worship before we split the children and adults up to go to their own classes.

#### SonRise Christian Preschool

Our preschool year is already drawing to a close. It has been a busy year and we thank the Lord for the wonderful, dedicated staff who has given so much of themselves in help making our program such a success. We are also thankful for all the parents who have entrusted their children to our care. They continue to be a blessing to us, and we will surely miss those special friends who will be leaving us to go on to kindergarten next year. Please tell your friends and neighbors with young children about our program, and hold us in prayer over the summer as the Lord helps us prepare for another successful year. May God bless you!

Open registration is in progress so please help us fill up the school with young children eager to learn all about Jesus and God's world.

Call now for details

(760-729-1032). Classes fill up fast so call soon.

Preschool Registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun at the SonRise Christian Preschool. We offer a wonderful Christ-Centered, Age Appropriate California State Guided Curriculum. Every child Smiles at SonRise. Class sizes are small and filled with Credentialed Teachers and Staff. Our school is Confident that is has what it takes to help children transition from a fun pre-K environment to a Kindergarten program.

SonRise Christian Preschool is offering a week of summer school. It's one week of amazing adventures. So sign up your preschooler and come join us.

Call 760-728-1032.

Enjoy your summer, stay in your pj's, leave the dishes in the sink, the dust and cobwebs will be there tomorrow, play with your kids and love on each other all day long.

In God's Army,

Beth Ann Murray Director



"I can't tell you how blessed I am after this weekend. My husband feels like he has a different wife and was in tears as I told him of my time there and healing. Thank you for all you do."

"This retreat gave me a glimpse into what Heaven will be like. Seeing the body of Christ set free is something I don't ever want to forget!"

hen a woman, or man, attends a Deeper Still retreat for healing of an abortion wounded heart, not only is that person freed from their secret, guilt and shame, but the whole family and wider community are touched. Many who attend are given a newfound freedom to do God's work as He intended.

Although most who attend the retreats already understand and have received God's forgiveness, oftentimes they have not forgiven themselves or others who were involved in that fateful decision. The weekend gives them the opportunity to peel away more layers and reach a deeper level of healing. God then raises up more of His people to spread His love and mercy.

Deeper Still Fallbrook held their 6th healing retreat for abortion wounded hearts in April 2017. Nine women and two men attended, two women by train from the Central Valley and another from Colorado.

One young man had just recently participated in two abortions with his girlfriend, one in December and one in March. In agony over what he had done, he was referred to Deeper Still Fallbrook by a former retreat participant. The other young man had participated in two abortions some years ago, and when his former girlfriend

became pregnant with a new boyfriend, and they didn't have the money for an abortion, he paid for that abortion as well. During the retreat, this young man took responsibility for his part in the termination of another's child. After some last minute scrambling to find a post-abortive man to assist our men's team, a man with a burden for freeing men, left his farm in Pennsylvania in the midst of spring planting and came to assure healing for these two young men.

The team was able to use a new facility in Valley Center that was found after many months of an intense search for a location that is quiet, private, restful and serene. The team now has a home where they can leave

all their equipment so setting up future retreats will be much easier. The owners of the property in Valley Center will make it available to small groups for retreats and meetings.

The Fall 2017 Deeper Still Retreat which will be open at no cost to both women and men will be held October 6-8. Prior to each retreat the Deeper Still team hosts a morning dedicated to prayer and worship called Heaven2Earth. The fall 2017 Heaven2Earth will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are invited to join the Deeper Still Fallbrook team as they offer prayers for the women and men who will be attending the retreat in October.



Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

We will early turn to thee Blessed Jesus!

We will early turn to thee.

From Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Text: Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp, Music: William B. Bradbury



remember the day Kathy Sears called me on my cell phone to inform me that the church would like me to prayerfully consider becoming a deacon. For months leading up to that phone call, I had been feeling the Lord calling me to do more.

The missions and ministries I was already involved in was not enough; I knew he needed me to do something different, something new, and something unknown. I was praying for him to reveal what he was calling me to do, and Kathy Sears called me to do it. A deacon!!! A deacon???

Honestly, I had never even considered that as a possible calling because I didn't feel I was ready in my own journey with Christ. I remember walking with Gayle Kott during the Thanksgiving Fallbrook Food Pantry Walk. I expressed my fears of serving as a deacon, and she simply told me to fear not! The devil was placing hesitation in my mind and fear in my heart. She shared positive encouragement and excitement to watch me serve Sonrise in that capacity. I love Gayle! After weeks of prayer and open discussion with my husband and kids,

I called Kathy and said yes!

Officially, I've been serving as a deacon now for just a few short months. In that time, I've learned so much about what is happening behind the scenes to serve those in our church who are grieving, who are sick or dying, who are hospitalized, who are under financial strain, who are celebrating momentous birthdays and anniversaries, who are welcoming new babies, who are getting married, and the list goes on. Wow!

Personally, my first official deacon visit was with a church member who is struggling with dementia. I was so nervous, as I had never met this member before and didn't know anything about ministering to those with dementia. What should I say, what should I NOT say? My heart was racing when I walked in. I could hear the member saying, "I don't want to visit, go away!" Then, they saw the deacon flowers I was holding, along with my wet umbrella (It was pouring rain that day) and said, "You brought me flowers and traveled all this way in the rain? Please come in." Whew!

We visited for over an hour and it was a joy-ful visit. I remember returning home that night thinking to myself, I can do this! I felt so full of the Holy Spirit that night. While visiting with this Church member to share a blessing, they in turn blessed me and left me feeling overwhelmed with love.

Since then, I've learned that each time I visit with one of our elderly, or sick, or grieving I walk away feeling more blessed each and every time. I'm so honored and humbled to be a deacon at Sonrise. It's been such a blessing to serve you and your families.

Heavenly Father, thank you for calling me to be deacon for this special church. Thank you for showing me your will and giving me the courage to obey. You knew I was ready to step out of my comfort zone, even when I did not. Lord Jesus, thank you that our hope for healing and our comfort in grieving is in you. God, I thank you that the members of this church belong to you and you are in control of everything that happens in our life, even through our suffering, you are with us.

..... Amen.



abe Lyons has written a very important book for Christian believers. At first, I didn't comprehend what he meant by the "next" Christians. I thought he was simply talking about upcoming generations of youth who will someday comprise the worldwide church. But then I realized that he was describing the kind of Christian that all of us need to become in order to engage our ever-changing culture. So many things have changed 180 degrees from how they were when I grew up. Gabe seems to share my sense of drastic change as he opened his book. He writes that "negative perceptions about our faith are rising even as the cultural influence levied by many Christians now fades." He laments that Christianity is on the rise in most other regions of the world but not in ours.

But as one whose hope is in Christ, Gabe conveys an optimism borne out of a rediscovery of the power of the Gospel. In short, he has seen how dynamic Gospel living can actually transform society, as he's witnessed in the lives of many young and not-so-young emboldened Christians.

Here are Gabe's descriptors for the Next Christians who are working to restore God's kingdom here on earth. They are:

- Provoked, not Offended
- Creators, not Critics
- Called, not Employed
- Grounded, not Distracted
- In Community, not Alone
- Civil, not Divisive
- Countercultural, not "Relevant."

It is a challenging list, to say the least! In this essay I'd like to consider #1: provoked/offended. Having been a social media user/creator over the last 8 years, I marvel at the essence of facebook. I am constantly amazed at the ideas and information posted there. Much of it is trivia, but some of it is deeply meaningful (at least to the writers) in its transparency and sensitivity. But what surprises me is how offended some people are when they write posts or respond to them. More often than not, offense seems to be a trademark of our social interactions now. Offended by life-styles. Offended by political persuasions. Offended by religion. Offended by class distinctions. Offended by food choices or energy consumption. Etc., etc. But Lyons points us to another option.

He illustrates the first attribute (provoked, not offended) with a famous story of a young woman's rescue. It seems that she (Renee) had fallen into bad company, abusing drugs and adopting a very self-destructive habit of "cutting." For those who are uninitiated, cutting entails self injury in the form of making relatively shallow cuts on areas of the body that are readily covered by clothing such as arms or legs. It is not an attempt at suicide but rather a distracting "comfort" to youth that are experiencing emotional pain.

In her pain, Renee reached out to a friend named Jamie Tworkowski. She was desperate about her lifestyle. She wanted to leave it and the friends who encouraged her selfdamaging actions. Counseled by Jamie and other Christian friends, she wavered on her decision asking for a little more time to get up her courage to change her behavior. She begged for another day to finalize her plans and she bade Jamie farewell for the evening. Reverting to her typical behavior, she decided to write her emotional state large on her arms. She wrote "F\*\*\*\*" because that best described her dilemma of being suspended between two worlds; the world of a healthy self-image and the other, a world of self-degradation.

Returning the next morning, Jamie and his friends found Renee severely depressed and hopeless. After seeking medical treatment for her wounds at a clinic, they were turned away because Renee was evaluated as "too great a risk" for treatment due to her drug-intoxication. Jamie and the others decided then and there to be Renee's rehab support group.

And so, they committed to be with her night and day for the next 5 days, helping her come down from her drug-induced high. Lyons writes "they became her immediate rehabilitation plan, filling prescriptions for basic human compassion, acceptance, and grace... 'she was ours to love...we would be her church, the body of Christ coming alive to meet her needs, to write 'love' on her arms."

Although many people, not to mention Christians, would have been repulsed by Renee's actions, Jamie and his band of young friends did not judge her, but just accepted her where she was at in her life. They gave Renee the benefit of the doubt. Gabe writes "Jamie wasn't offended...just provoked to engage." He and his friends "got involved in the messy work of restoration. They saw brokenness and sought out ways to address it." Like Marines in the old recruiting commercial, they run to chaos and darkness, not away from it (running Marines). They brought "whatever light they could bring."

Simply put, Jamie and his friends were in the habit of seeing "the image of God in everyone they encountered, even when their darker side got the best of them." Lyons writes that people like Jamie "are intoxicated with the idea that God's love extends to all people."

His response poses a question about how Christians should act when engaging a culture that "celebrates sin, overlooks justice, and tolerates immorality." For some Christians, this might be a signal to withdraw; to remove themselves from an interaction with sin. I've known some who withdraw in order to keep themselves and their families holy. Or they might just pull back out of disgust or some sense of futility. Such perspectives might result in condemnation, judgement or boycotting. But that attitude belies who our Savior is. He was the One who touched oozing lepers and drooling demoniacs, who kept company with prostitutes, tax collectors, publicans and other sinners. He held, consoled, and encouraged them in their guest to know the Living God. He was a pursuer of sinners and the defective. A "hound of heaven" who wasn't repulsed by sin. He took on the role of a healer who shared and relieved others' pain and suffering. He didn't react to sin; he was proactive in dealing with it. He sought out those with pain and suffering. But His care wasn't simply restricted to those who pledged faithfulness to His Father. He sought everyone's healing.

An interesting point was made by Lyons at this point in his book; "when a community is provoked, they assume a proactive posture (toward sinners)." The don't react to the unappealing appearances, the stench, the repulsive behaviors, the obscenities,

the foul environment. They don't set up insurmountable boundaries. They invite, listen, reflect, advocate, and help in whatever way they can. They are approachable, but more importantly, they are available. Even interruptible. Like Jesus, the Next Christians live to restore the world to God's plan, no matter what.

Where does this life-sacrificing attitude come from? Lyons contends that it comes from "a depth of intimacy with Christ...that gives the (Next Christians) a charitable mindset; that produces outward compassion toward others." They take the Greatest commandments to heart. Compassion: you know, love that suffers for and with others!

But still, the danger of losing your own way in a sindrenched culture is real. Lyons says we "can be drawn in... and participate in the very evil Christians are so passionate to renounce." He encourages

us to realize that two essential things protect us from being overwhelmed by sin: a close relationship with God Himself, and from "the encouragement, support, and accountability that only a local community of faith offers." Safety in the culture requires a life rooted in faith.

Gabe goes on to contrast the provoked and offended lifestyles. He writes about the normal human tendency to condemn people when what's really needed is the capacity to find "goodness, truth and beauty" in others. I remember a curriculum in SonRise's recent past which talked about humans as God's image bearers. In that book, the author talked about the fact that all people, believers or not, bear the image of God. We aren't to take that lightly!

How does one practice engaging the difficult aspects of culture? Here, Lyons suggests a few ideals for the Next Christians:

- Seek out and come understand what the culture has to offer. Know what opposing viewpoints are saying, and why. Like the prophet Daniel, don't be afraid to learn about "Babylon." Learn and become authoritative about the culture. will lend clarity to your thinking and authority to your words. But like Daniel, mind your negotiable and non-negotiable values. Daniel didn't mind the name change, classes in the occult and other pagan practices, but he wouldn't budge on his prayer time with God. Engage, rather than condemn.
- Resist judging others.
  Lyons contends that
  "offended" Christians
  "hold those who never
  claimed to follow Jesus to a standard they
  haven't signed up for.

They expect non-Christians to conform to the same moral code as a Christ follower." Ouch!

- the world "Engage through а lens grace." Lyons suggests that this isn't simply a mind-set, but rather a way of interacting with the culture at large. He says this "grace-first mentality allows the Next Christians to get involved in the messy process of restoration of people and places." Simply put, it's seeking the common good; seeking the best for the most people possible. No strings attached. The Next Christians aren't responsible for people's salvation. Only exposing them to living acts of Gospel grace. The Holy Spirit is the "deal" closer.
- The Christian life is not synonymous with the American dream.
   The popular idea that Christians should pursue safety and comfort is misleading. Ouch again! I've heard mission leaders say that the safest place to be is
- in God's will. Well, not necessarily so. Ask Joseph, Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach, Abednego, Paul, Jesus' disciples, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Corrie Ten Boom, Martin Luther King and the many other followers of God who found no safety in doing so. C.S. Lewis describes God pretty well in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you." ons writes, "provoked Christians know that faithfulness Christian often means living dangerously on the front edges of pain in the world. Engaging the darkness takes courage and conviction. It requires a willingness to give up the pursuit of comfort." Gabe intimately shares "I often wonder, who will have the courage to engage culture - which at times means confronting evil
- if Christians won't?
- Lyons says the Next Christians will "engage the dirtiness of the world without fear of tarnishing their reputations. Their actions aren't affected by what others think. They place faithfulness to God above the potential that others will misunderstand their intentions." Here he shared the life of Mike Foster and his wife Jen who have chosen to engage the pornography industry. In creating a novel software that establishes web browsing accountability with a friend, Mike was able to bring porn addicts out of loneliness and to establish a relationship that cleansed their online activity. The friend became a living content "filter." But beyond that, Mike soon realized that the people who were in the porn industry were just like himself. "They, too, were image bearers. Instead of catego-

rizing them according to their sins and behavior, he viewed them with grace." Gabe goes on to describe Mike's actions. He set up an organization to befriend people in the porn industry, attended industry conventions, handed out special Bibles, worked with those in the industry to address injustices against women and get them out of the business if they so desired. He's scrupulous about preparing himself for this work; he fasts, prays and monitors his exposure as he engages those involved in the industry.

pointing to the actions of the Apostle Paul as he interacted with the pagan people of Athens (Acts 17). Paul entered their world. He took the time to get to know their culture and he recognized that in all the occult practices of that pagan city they were looking for some-

thing transcendent. "He recognized his role in the moment. He wasn't there to close the deal or condemn them for their idol worship. Paul trusted God's ability to fulfill His will in His own timing, and that freed Paul to exercise his unique ability to form an intellectual connection with the Athenians." They were deep thinkers, so Paul engaged them on that level. "He enticed them. They detected love, not rejection. They saw concern rather than judgement. He validated their attempts to understand God, and he remembered how he himself once needed help to understand who Jesus was. He did not condemn them by preaching that they should tear down their idols. Instead, he presented his case with humility to reveal the truth of what it was they were really seeking - the hope of Christ. His desire for

people to be restored to Christ overcame any urges to be offended by their sin."

So how about you? Are you willing to become one of the Next Christians? It seems that a new cadre of thoughtful young prophets like Gabe, Jamie and Mike are challenging us to rise to the aid of a culture which no longer knows, or even knows about Jesus. Gabe has outlined some clear values and behaviors that can guide us in our journey. More than a mental "yes" will be required of us. Are you willing to give it a try? As Gabe writes, "the power of the Holy Spirit seems to work far better than our own vain attempts to make things happen. Many times, the job of provoked Christians is to simply show up and let restoration thinking flood their actions and responses as they encounter a deeply broken world."

See you on the mission field Christian!



"And when I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them just as on us in the beginning." Acts 11:15

I nearly sidestepped this piece. Procrastination was a tantalizing playground for your humble coffee shop correspondent.

I had given myself leave from contributing a report for this edition of the Chimes. I told myself I had nothing concrete to contribute on the little coffee shop that our congregation opened at the corner of Mission and Fallbrook in April 2014. I had yet to gather enough information on the pending rent increase that our landlord has told us about. I knew too little to tell of the monthly charge she plans to assess us to help fill the leaky fish pond that flanks our parking lot.

I'm sure I'll know more when the next Chimes deadline rolls around, I told myself. I convinced myself that the Lord would whisper to me if words needed to be written for this edition. Sunday rolled around. My coffee shop column, if one was forthcoming, would be due the next day. I had successfully procrastinated, it seemed.

I was sitting in the back row at first service, seemingly tucked far away from divine intervention. Yet the Holy Spirit was there, revealing Himself as congregation members shared the microphone and gave thanks, praise and prayers for graduations, new jobs, retirements, health and healing.

And then Pastor Jerome preached. As part of the current series, he focused on 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. He titled his series "Life together in a divided world." His message explored "True Wisdom: the Mind of Christ."

Pastor Jerome shared Paul's instructions on how we can bring Christ into our lives and our thoughts and our actions. He told us how the Spirit can lead us with love into Christ's wisdom and purpose.

Pastor Jerome recalled several instances over the past few years in which the Spirit's movement has been evident in our congregation. Our coffee shop was one of the examples he cited.

Pastor Jerome noted that the decision to buy a failing coffee shop and operate it on leased land was widely questioned within our congregation and in the community. Many people wondered why a church would choose to buy and run a struggling business, he said.

He described it as one of the most difficult decisions that has been thrust upon our church. But it was an answer that was seen as coming from the mind of Christ – a way of offering love, comfort and hospitality to our community and those who pass through it.

My thoughts then drifted into the last gathering I had attended at the coffee shop – our Saturday morning men's group. There were four of us there last week, brothers who in turn have seen the stings and suffering of everyday life. We talked of those, of course, but also the salvation that comes through Christ.

Speak to us, Lord. Your servants listen. Please bless our church and our community. And please bless our little coffee shop.



how many people come together on the third Monday of every month to make the Bread of Life ministry happen. It starts when our newest volunteer, Ana Drake, goes to Costco to pick up the food. She meets Teresa Johnson at the church kitchen to bake the lasagnas and chop

vegetables for the salad. Les Seymour, Bob Sears, and (sometimes) Brian and Pam Suchoski take Garrett & Dara Johnson (along with all the food) to the Bread of Life Rescue Mission in Oceanside. They are joined by Bob Halibozek, Gary and Carla Thompson, and Greg Johnson to serve dinner to the homeless. A short time later, they are cleaning up and heading back. Many hands definitely make light work! It shows the body of Christ at work, doing different tasks, but all coming together to bless the "least of these".

If you would like to offer your helping hand, please contact Teresa Johnson.



■his is the 4th session of Food and Fellowship Groups. We currently have 5 groups, each containing about 12 people. The groups are made up of singles, couples, widows, families, and teens. We meet in homes to share a meal and get to know each other. This has been a great way to meet people who sit near you in church, meet newcomers, meet old-timers, and learn more about the congregation at SonRise. Our family looks forward to it every month! Over the past two years, we have met 38 people! These are all people that we could walk up to, know their names, and be able to start a meaningful conversation with because we know something to ask. With those 38 people, there are smiles of recognition when we see them. It's been a joy to see people from other groups connecting and feeling blessed. **Those** who were previously strangers are now friends, who can pray for and encourage one another. What a blessing! It all starts with a meal...



#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Tuesdays - 6:30 pm Prayer Cottage.

#### PASTORS PRAYER

Wednesdays - 6:30 am Prayer Cottage.

#### **ELDERS PRAYER**

Fridays - 6:00 am in the Sanctuary.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please contact Wilma Chain (760)723-0116 or Joyce Brittain (760)728-2566 for more information.

n the last several months the Lord has impressed upon me the power of our words. This led me to think about the power of His name. When I sing, "There is power in the name of Jesus" I do mean it – in His name all things are possible, and I have seen chains fall and captives set free by the authority of His name. I also believe the enemy has to flee at the sound of His name, and when I am under attack, I cry out to Jesus. Looking at scripture, though, Jesus has many names, as do Holy Spirit and the Father, and each of them have meaning.

At a recent Thursday morning WOW meeting, one of the things our speaker Kim mentioned was how we can pray different names at different times in our walk with God. There is truth in

that - sometimes we cry out to Jehovah Rapha, the God Who Heals. Other times we call on Jehovah Jireh, the God Who Provides. Some days I call on the name El Shaddai, the Lord God Almighty, declaring it boldly - "Great is our Lord, and mighty in power." (Psalm 147:5) Other times I whisper that holy name in awe and reverence. I express my gratitude to El Roi, the God Who Sees, because He does see each of us wherever we are. We matter to Him, in every detail of our lives. But lately I've been contemplating the name Jehovah Nissi, the Lord our Banner, and what exactly that means to me.

I considered the banners or standards they used back in Biblical times. In Numbers 2: 1, 2 it says "Now the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

"The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance." Their banners identified who they were, and to whom they belonged.

So calling out to Jehovah Nissi, the Lord our Banner, is a declaration of belonging to Him. But as if being a child of the Living God wasn't enough, there is more. A banner was also of military importance, as referenced in Isaiah 13: 2, 3: "Lift up a standard on the bare hill, raise your voice to them, wave the hand that they may enter the doors of the nobles. I have commanded My consecrated ones, I have even called My mighty warriors, My proudly exulting ones, to execute My anger." By being under His banner, we are part of His army - kind of an "Onward Christian Soldiers" type situation, although not as the world views warfare. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses." (2 Cor. 10: 3, 4) Our prayer and our faith have the power to destroy the strongholds of the enemy, because the Lord is our Banner.

My favorite reference to banners, though, is found in Song of Solomon 2:4 - "And his banner over me is love," His banner over each of us is love, which both identifies us - we are the beloved of the Living God - and gives us power, as the enemy cannot comprehend love, and is powerless to defeat it. I can envision the Lord waving His banner of love over me, as He sings His love song to me. Nothing gives me more joy and peace than knowing I am truly loved, in spite of my flaws and failures. As are you. He is with you, He is for you, and His banner of love is waving over you.

And so, beloved sons and daughters of the Most High, in whatever season or situation you find yourself, and whatever Name you choose, never hesitate to call out to our Abba Father, the Living God, the One Who is Faithful and True. He hears you; He sees you; and His love and compassion for you are eternal.

I pray every blessing over you, dear ones, and that His peace would fill you to overflowing.

Gayle

"The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life" Proverbs 15:4



those who will make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.....

I am so very blessed to be a part of the Missions team here at Sonrise. I am thrilled to see God at work and overwhelmed by His love and His invitation for us to join His ministry. I am convinced that He is getting us ready for a new and exciting chapter in Missions – and it's going to be a great ride!

I have been communicating with the missionaries we support just introducing myself and learning a little more about each of them, their families and their ministries as well as learning more about the local ministries that we are involved in here at Sonrise. This church family is obviously a very generous one and let me say Thank You to each of you for your consistent, ongoing and sacrificial support.

As we look forward to this new chapter that God is calling us to, my heart's desire -and part of our mission team vision - is to see Sonrise Christian Fellowship become a

GOING church in addition to a SEND-ING church, facilitating discipleship, identifying and building up leaders, and supporting partnerships with indigenous teams working to fulfill the Great Commission. We have done a great job at writing checks and supporting missionaries, but I believe God is calling us to something more!

Did you notice the title of this little article? Matthew 28:19-20 are familiar verses to almost everyone in any kind of Missions capacity - but it doesn't actually say "Send". The verse says "Go" and these are red letters - Jesus speaking! Not a suggestion for us Church, but a command to Go. He says "Go into all the world". That might not necessarily mean traveling to Africa (although that is certainly on my list) and it might not even mean a trip to Mexico or to work with the homeless in San Diego ---or maybe it does! God may be calling you to any or all of those ministries, but He might also be calling you to

....GO to the neighbor's house and love on them.

.....GO to the public school to volunteer in a classroom

.....GO to the church and be a part of the Rummage Sale team.

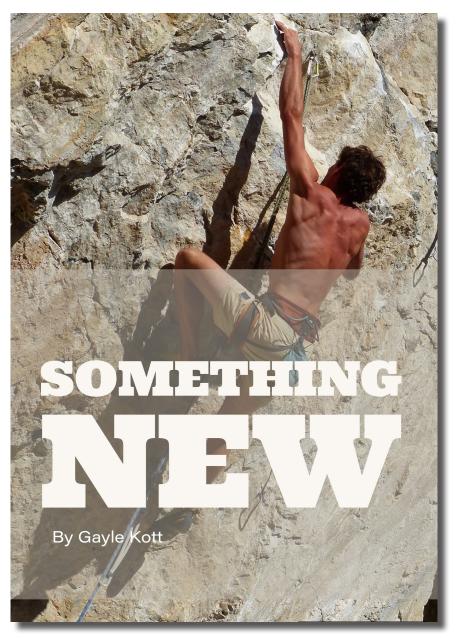
......GO to Awana or Los Amigos to bless children and love them to Jesus.

Two things I know for sure - God is at work and He is inviting us to be a part of what He is doing. Following Jesus implies movement. If He was just sitting there, we would be watching not following. If He is moving and we are following ----then we must be moving too! Missions is not a department or a summer event - Missions is a way of life. Jesus didn't do Missions on the weekend or His summer vacation. He was on a mission all the time, with every breath. Then He tells us to GO. We are all on a mission to share His love with everyone around us. We are His ambassadors to share the Good News of Jesus - even using words when necessary. I want to be known as a man who follows hard after Jesus. A man who sends, supports and encourages for sure, but also as a man who obeys and GOES.

Whatever that looks like, however He calls us ..... will you GO?

For general information on Missions, to find out about upcoming opportunities or just to discuss where God is calling you to GO ..... please email or call me. I would love to talk with you about what God is doing in your life! ryan@sonrisefallbrook.com.

408-234-1343



#### Lord

I feel like You want me To make some changes You

The God who is the same Yesterday, today And forever

Are doing something different In my life

And in the lives

Of many I love

A new thing

And yet still an old thing

For me

A return to basics

You, me

Love

Salvation

How this applies

To people You love

That encompasses a lot of people, Lord

The problem is

I'm not entirely sure

Where You're going with this

What it is

You specifically want

Me to change

And change is difficult

enough

You know

Simple physics

Setting a body in motion

Overcoming inertia

All that stuff

But without a clear direction

It's even more challenging And yet I know At least a bit of what You want You want me To trust You To hold on to You And move with You Day by day And quit concerning myself With 'eventually' You never said following You Would be easy Yet I know it is worth it Let's face it No matter how many times I stumble and fall There is no turning back now You'll always be there To pick me up Set me back on my feet And ask if I'm ready to go Okay, Lord We'll do this Your way Direct my path Guide every step Show me what to hold fast What to release In the appropriate timing Which is Yours Not mine And how to use all of it To Your glory

Amen.

Isaiah 55:8, 9 ""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.""

John 15:5 ""I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.""



n April 23 we presented the Hilton Heiser Servants Heart scholarship to four deserving college bound students: Nicole Hunt, Gina Ready, Harmony Zampino, and James Johnson. They all amaze us with their achievements.

On May 25 WOW finished our study by Kim Laliberte The Acts Project. It was the study of Acts chapters 1-7. We had a wonderful potluck with everyone bringing something yummy. We are so blessed to have Kim as a member of WOW. She delivered a beautiful message that gave us a strong realization of the Holy Spirit living in us.

We are all excited about our retreat coming up on June 3ed. The location in Valley Center is beautiful and we have Kim as our speaker. WOW will resume again in September. The leaders will be looking at different studies that have been suggested by our ladies.

Have a wonderful summer!



here are many opportunities at SonRise for men to get together and study the Word or just fellowship with one another. Call the Church Office for more details.

Tuesdays 6:30 pm - Volleyball SonRise CAC

Wednesdays 7:00 am - Fallbrook Coffee Co. with Tom DuMont

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - Jerry Maurer's Home with Jerry and friends

Saturdays 7:00 am - Fallbrook Coffee Co. with Pastor Greg

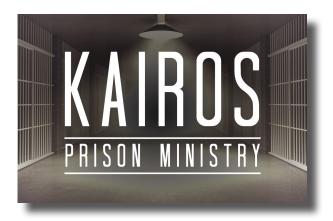


ost in utter darkness, seeking a treasure I could not find, hidden in plain sight. Tormented by poor decisions I've made in my life. Being an outcast - my family's black sheep. I heard a whispered voice saying, "Be of good courage, and I will strengthen your heart." Still confused, I stumbled deeper into a pit of destruction, tearing apart relationships with everyone who once cared - friends, parents and my children.

I cried out with a plea for help, hearing the voice, again, saying, "I will not leave you nor forsake you, I will be with you always." Hope springs within through an overcast of doubt. Doubt which had me drowning in bitterness and hatred, always seeking revenge.

I've found the treasure, which eluded me all these years. Understanding when the voice says, "I know the thoughts I have towards you, of peace and not evil. To give you a future and a hope." Finer than silver, more precious than platinum or gold. God has given me peace to my soul.

#### Bradley



#### 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 servanthood 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.

Contact Norm Leraas to get involved.

June	е	July		18	Jerry Baumgart		
1	Frank Lore	1	Bev	20	Lori Englert		Cumman
3	Beth Fluck		McDougal		Kelsey Hatfield		Summer
	Sonja Smit	2	Karter Fluck		Greg Johnson		Birthdays
6	Susan O'Connor		Elizabeth Green		Michelle Madden		1
	Nancy Sawdon		Don Martin		Caleb Marroquin	-	
8	Peter Fagrell		Chris Timme		Bill Porter		Van Wechel
9	Anya Aston	3	Daniel Baker		Robin Watkins	11	Michael Foli
	Sarah Grantham	4	Robert Silcott	21	Tommy Jean	15	Karen Parry
10	Aria Johnson	5	Tim O'Leary		Elliott	19	Seraphina
	Jessica Madden	6	Laurel Freeman	22	Heidi Dixon		Merrion
	Josiah		Bob Mann		Kimberly		Troy Ortiz
	Marroquin		Jane Schaffer		Stalnaker	20	Emily
13	Alexis Bilderain	7	Rex Gordon	25	Edward McNary		Calescibetta
	June Leach		Millie Minnich	26	Jenny Mundy		Wilma Chain
14	Laurey Hill	8	Jesse Croucier	27	Norman Leraas		Catie Timme
15	Deborah Berger		Ronald James		Helen Thomas	21	Art Deming
17	Barbara Wise	9	Payton Dugas	28	Eva Montague		Kelly Ullery
18	Vickie Knox		Grant Simpson	29	Scott Grantham	23	Hattie Williams
19	Sue Aston	10	Tom DuMont	30	Debi Foli	24	Ed Blanz
	Kelsi Fluck		Gayle Kott		Tom Rondeau	26	Bob Halibozek
	Sean Schaffer		Amanda	31	Banning		Charlene
20	Joe Calescibetta		Williams		Cantarini		McNary
	Alicia Elliott	12	Brett Bartlett	Aug			Berry Meyers
	Ellyn Grantham		Ryan Hunt	2	Charlene Mann	27	Marcus
23	Alan Simpson	13	Linda Wills	4	Ynema Nixon		Calescibetta
26	William	14	Joseph Hammer	6	Chuck Boatman	28	Garrett Johnson
	Schmidtke		Dennis		Jackie Brooks	30	Lee Hulsey
27	Lindsey Ice		McFarland	8	Jack Grantham	31	Dakotah Fluck
	Jennifer Saxon	16	Carolyn Walker		Abigail Knox		Norma O'Donnell
30	Marion	17	Sherry	10	Jennifer Hamby		
	Shuck		McFarland		Cherie		

# **Summer Anniversaries**

June		29	Joe Bill & Sherry Carter August		just
4	Marvin & Marion Shuck		Jerry & Adele Maurer	10	Chad & Colby Duty
8	Jerry & Jean Budd	30	Jim & Melinda Madden	12	Mike & Vickie Knox
9	David & Linda Cobb			13	Marty & Martha Garcia
	Clyde & Linda Hill	July		14	Ryan & Karen Hunt
11	Bob & Charlene Mann	14	Troy & Jessica Ortiz	22	Dwain & June Leach
12	Laurel & Gary Freeman	15	Wayne & Elissa Taylor	26	Dan & Janet McCalla
13	Ed & Linda Blanz	25	Shawn & Sheri Nelson	29	Rocky & Heidi Dixon
15	Rod & Windy Smith	27	Jerome & Terri	30	Jim & Gracie Fowler
16	Greg & Kelly Ullery		Marroquin		
20	Rex & Connie Gordon				



#### **Sundays**

10:00 am | Adult Life Group | CAC-C 6:30 pm | Life Group | Madden Home

#### **Mondays**

7:00 pm | Life Group | Saunders Home

#### **Tuesdays**

7:00 pm | Young Adults Dinner | Banning's Home

#### Wednesdays

7:00 am | Mens Life Group | Chapel 9:00 am | Life Group w/Pastor Jerome | Fireside Room 1:30 pm | Life Group | Tiffany Home 7:00 pm | Life Group | Glasgow Home 7:00 pm | Mens Life Group | Maurer Home

#### **Thursdays**

9:15 am | W.O.W. Womens Life Group | Chapel 5:30 pm | Family Life Group | Prayer Cottage 7:00 pm | Womens Life Group | Fireside Room

#### **Saturdays**

7:00 am | Mens Life Group | Fallbrook Coffee Co.

Register Online: www.sonrisefallbrook.com

# **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 Lerags 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.

