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redeeming culture

by Brad Fox

It has been an exciting time for me transitioning from the workaday world to the world of retirement. There have been moments of culture shock: things like a lower fixed-income budget, Medicare and dental program reality checks, what to do with all the extra time, how to say yes to the “best” things and no to the “good.” Having been a U.S. Navy sailor, a carpenter, a lab scientist and most recently a teacher, I am somewhat used to large cultural changes. Add to this my exposure to foreign cultures in Africa, India, Japan, China, Philippines, and Mexico as a teacher and a missionary, and I guess you could say I’m somewhat of a culture junkie. I even volunteer in the close-by subculture of Christian youth. One thing that stands out after considering all this exposure to foreign cultures near and far, is an appreciation for my own culture’s strengths, weaknesses and idiosyncrasies.

My most recent opportunity for cultural growth came in the form of the class I am teaching, *You Lost Me*. Based on a book of the same name by David Kinnaman¹, it has been a profound study of who we are as SonRise church, and our part in the Christian church world-wide. David develops a cultural mirror for us in the life stories and perspectives of exiled youth, so-named because they “are still invested in their Christian faith but feel stuck (or lost) between culture and the church.” The theme has resonance for me because many of the most prominent figures in the Bible are themselves exiles (Daniel, Joseph, Ruth, Esther, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Moses, etc.). I see their modern-day counterparts in our public school system and our church youth pro-

grams. These are youth who are greatly challenged by their contemporary culture and desperately need guidance from significant adults in their life.

About the same time I discovered Kinnaman’s book, I happened to come across some scripture from Jeremiah that I feel is prophetic for our time. He wrote: *“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare, you will find your welfare.”* *Jeremiah 29:7* The word exile has extra significance for me because that is the condition in which the modern church finds itself. The Christian ethic is no longer the default setting for politics, social issues, education, media, the arts and secular culture in general.



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Now such a book might, on the face of it, appear to be about the youth. But as we in the class have come to find out, it's very much about all of us. You see, these exiles reflect back to us their feelings of confusion and estrangement from the church they grew up in. (We have even had rather "mature" classmates share with us that they themselves bear an image of exile because of their difficulty with some aspects of church culture) The reflections of these youthful exiles address topics such as overprotectiveness, shallowness, anti-science sentiment, (sexual) repressiveness, exclusiveness and doubtlessness in the modern church.

It is a painful study in an almost surgical sense. The heart-felt comments of these lovely young people sear the mature Christian consciousness with sadness about faith opportunities lost even before they were born. Here are some examples of their thoughts:

People will go where the love is. If love isn't in the church, then people won't be interested in the doctrine or theology of the church.

Some churches encourage their believers to separate from the outside world.

The church may not have done a very good job of teaching the youth that all truth belongs to God. Most of our churches are not set up to foster an ethic of

teaching discernment (mentoring).

Maybe going to church to get something met is the wrong approach; maybe we should be going to give something instead. Because of my deep felt need for human engagement, I want church to cost me something

If you want easy answers, then church is a good place to go for those. If you want nuance, challenge and complexity, then maybe not.

People want comfort, community and assurance. It's all about the band-aid. The band-aid makes it look better, but the wound is still festering.

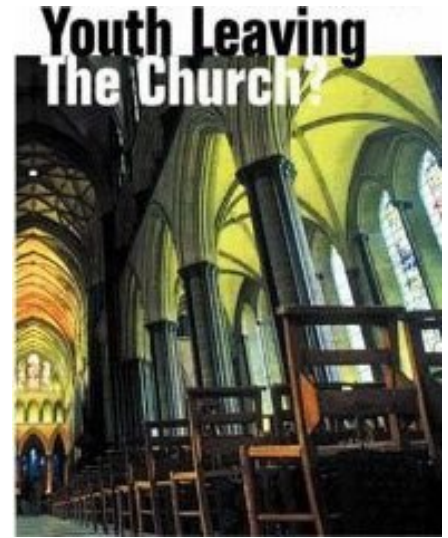
God is missing from some people's experience of church. The church is disconnected from real life.

7 out of 10 Christian youth say that they have no adult in their church life other than their parents or the youth pastor whom they consider to be a friend.

Many congregations are silent on the issues of science. Some are even antagonistic toward issues of science.

The church is not a safe place to make mistakes.

Some people who get life wrong right out of the gate with some of the most intense struggles that one can go through (drug addiction, promiscuity, abortion, homosexuality) are labeled as sinful. People who need help the most get only judgment from



the church; they won't seek help from the church.

(Sexuality) is an area that the church has forsaken and this has been a disservice. It's just that nobody talks about it in a way that is real conversation. What ends up happening is that there's a lot of unhealed stuff that Christians have surrounding sexuality, and a lot of stuff not dealt with.

But there are also powerful messages of redemption in this study:

God has given us a spirit of power, love and a sound mind. We're enabled to engage the world, not be broken by it.

It's in our nature to judge others more harshly, and give ourselves the benefit of the doubt. The youth generation is beginning to realize that becoming a Christian will require something deeper.

Redeeming Culture (Continued)

One aspect of the beauty and mystery of the church is being able to put aside some of our preferences or expectations of being treated well and at personal cost to ourselves, learning what motivates the other person, learning their name, learning to care about that person.

Many young Christians who have not lost their faith did so because they were apprenticed into being Christ followers. They saw their parents living out their calling in the complexity of life. They grew up and had great interpersonal relationship with other adult Christians. Their church was truly a picture of intergenerational relationships.

We want young people 10 years from now to look back and say “I am a deeper, better Christian – in fact I’m still a Christian – because of that coach, that educator or that person in my church who really connected with me and was interested in what was happening in who I was becoming.

A huge opportunity that the church has in relation to science is the opportunity of generations working together. One of the greatest resources that our congregations have is older adults who have experience in careers related to science. What a natural resource to say “let’s talk about the questions that the next generation has with people who are currently and already have



wrestled with many of these questions.

We need to have a better, more honest dialogue about the things that are really our own personal hangups and blind spots, and really come to trust this next generation that they’re intelligent, capable, smart people in a world that now has a lot of answers.

It’s a huge opportunity to see this generation coming to terms with loving their peers despite (their) coming from families or situations or experiences where there’s a lot of brokenness. But it does mean we are going to have to be willing to have these more difficult conversations and be willing to be more transparent.

The church is meant to be a place where we do make mistakes. We’re not excusing sexual mistakes; we think that there are consequences when we don’t follow God’s plan. But sometimes we simplify these things and we make them less clear.

How should we deal with our new-found status as cultural exiles? Why should we deal with it? Todd Hunter² quotes Peter

Senge saying that throughout the last fifteen hundred years, and particularly in the last two hundred years, mainstream Christianity has been “for the majority of practitioners not a practice-oriented religion but a Sunday religion. A religion of ‘do what you want as long as you subscribe to the right things and you show up on Sunday to keep the institution going.’” Senge develops the thought that “there is a unique hunger in the Western world for a practiced embodied religion.” This is because “people are increasingly skeptical of religion that only affects the mind of its adherents (and then their supposed eternal destiny). It seems intuitively wrong to the average person today that a person can claim to believe in Jesus, maybe even believing that He died and rose again, but live badly at work, in the neighborhood and at home.”² Hunter extends his reasoning by suggesting that the words of Jesus are subconsciously seen as mere words used in Bible studies, not to be worked into our life.

Redeeming Culture (Conclusion)

He continues by writing about believers becoming frozen in their church culture and then not engaging the larger culture of the world.

“Some (believers) are sincerely stuck by pluralism and relativism. There can be no movement until we make a choice, a commitment to following Jesus and the things He said. *But this can be emotionally and mentally uncomfortable.* Society is quickly moving to the notion that religion is the enemy of social progress. Believing in or discussing the uniqueness of Jesus is now, in many circles, a serious social sin!”² To modify a saying of Ronald Reagan’s, “*Christianity isn’t a solution to the problem, it IS the problem.*” We are being left at the dock by the world’s culture, but maybe that ship hasn’t yet sailed.

Dick Staub has some complementary ideas that pick up from here. In his introduction to *The Culturally Savvy Christian*³, Staub notes that “for centuries, (some) Christians were known for their intellectual, artistic, and spiritual contributions to society. Bach, Mendelssohn, Dante, Dostoevsky, Newton, Pascal, and Rembrandt are but a few who personified the rich tradition of faith, producing the highest and best work, motivated by a desire to glorify God and *offered in service of others for the enrichment of our common environment: culture.*” He describes these ar-

tistic giants as being “serious about the centrality of faith in their lives, *savvy about both faith and culture, and skilled in relating the two.* They transformed culture by fulfilling their roles as *creators* of culture, as *communicators* in culture, and, at times, as *countercultural influencers who operated like aliens in a foreign land.*”

More recently, he includes C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien in this cadre of cultural redeemers. Pointing to them, he says “Their generation of thoughtful creatives, whose work was built on a solid foundation of spiritual depth, intellectual rigor, and creative excellence and was therefore influential in the broader culture, was succeeded by a *generation of Christians who were content to withdraw from culture, do combat with it, or worse yet, build an imitative, intellectually and aesthetically vacuous parallel culture.*” Do “withdrawn, combative or vacuous” describe SonRise? Is there another alternative?

“We’ve arrived at a crossroads in faith and culture” Staub concludes. The Christian community has degenerated into an intellectually and artistically anemic subculture, and the general population is consuming an unsatisfying blend of mindless, soulless, spiritually delusional entertainment. Today’s superficial spirituality is incapable of producing a deep, rich culture... (we need to) explore how a new generation of culturally savvy Christians-the

old kind of Christian in the mold of Lewis and Tolkien, who, today, will look like a new kind of Christian-can be the catalysts for transforming culture.

So, how exactly can we become skilled about relating our faith and culture? It’s not exactly something that is inherent in our spiritual DNA. So along with others of us who are culturally sensitive members, I hope to be offering new classes over the coming year that will help us engage the culture on its own terms. We’ll be learning alongside you. We’ll go deep into uncharted territory with books like *Outsiders*⁴ which looks at the church from the perspective of people from outside the Christian faith. *unchristian*⁵ will reveal how our common Christian behaviors are often negatively interpreted by the upcoming generation already embedded in the world culture. Books like *Coffee Shop Conversations*⁶ and of course, *The Culturally Savvy Christian*³ will guide us and give us practical tools to engage the *people who Jesus misses most.*

Come join us, won’t you? It certainly won’t be boring and it may open up a part of God’s creation you never knew existed!

Blessings, Brad Fox

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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
worshipping community,
growing them up as his
life-long disciples, and sending
them out as ministers of the
Gospel for the sake of the world.*

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*"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Romans 12:10-11*



All things do change!

Who would have thought that by coming to a “Mission Fair” 24 years ago would have changed my whole life. Not only did I enter into the friendliest place ever but was also in awe over the beautiful handicrafts that were for sale to help the church’s missionaries.

My husband and I had only been in Fallbrook for a few months so we were not familiar with any of the churches in the area. I was raised Catholic and did all the proper things but never had a personal relationship with the Lord until my new neighbor shared her personal relationship with the Lord and with me so when we walked into the Sanctuary that Saturday at the fair, I completely felt the Holy Spirit flow thru me. I had goose bumps and everything. I knew I had found my new church home. The following morning we came to church (loved it) and that day happened to be the start of a new members class (6 sessions in those days) so later that day we returned and started the classes and joined the church.

Six years later there was an announcement in the bulletin that they were hiring a secretary and one of the personnel ladies grabbed me and told me I had to apply. The funny thing about that was that I was unhappy with my current job and the small group I belonged to had been praying for two years for a new job and had talked about how badly I wanted to work at the church. We felt like we prayed the last person out of their position. So now 18 years later, I still can’t believe that my time of serving at SonRise is coming to an end. We all know that the Lord has his own time table and I really thought I’d be here till I was 80 but He had something else in mind. Thankfully it’s a wonderful surprise of the birth of my third grandson. My husband has been retired for a year and wanted me home more and so when my daughter was in desperate need of a full time babysitter, I couldn’t resist the opportunity to care of him. Like most women these days, I’ve worked thru my kids and grandkids already but now I’m finally able to be home and enjoy him.

I can’t express the joy I feel about taking care of Zach, or the sense of loss I feel about not being here every day and being part of so many peoples lives. I had no idea how many wonderful people were in this world and they could all be in one place. I hope each and every one of you know how precious you are to

me and how you have filled my heart with such joy and love. The love you have shown me over the years has been a true blessing and I pray that I have been a blessing to each of you as well. The hardest part of my job was not the daily frustrations that come with life, but the loss of each and every person we have watched go home or move away.

I’m excited for the next phase of my life and look forward to catching up on all the lunches that I delayed with so many of you because of work restraints but we’ll have time now to catch up. Not to mention spending time in Lady Land!! Thank you to our wonderful staff here at SonRise who work so hard to keep everything running smoothly and a special thank you to our pastors Jerome and Greg for being such godly men and always putting the needs of others first.

Love, Sherry McFarland



4th of July All Church Picnic



CHILDREN FORCED TO RUN IN HOT SUN

Ha, made you look. These pictures were taken at our annual Declaration of Independence Day picnic where we celebrate not only freedom of religion but also the company and fellowship of our families. Our long-standing tradition of a combined service followed by a bbq, potluck dishes, some homemade deserts, conversation, and watching our future run around and play games (that require no electricity) proved to be heart warming once again. If you would to participate and/or help out in more events keep reading the Chimes (or call the church office).

~Jerry Maurer



Artful Quilting with Karen Cunagin

There's a new quilting class in town - - and it's NOT for your grandmother!

It's an "Artful Quilting" class focussing on color, line and design. There will be both lecture and lab/participation time for the class directed project; that means that each student makes their own quilt based on the same core pattern. All adults (motivated 16 year-olds and up), men and women, of all skill levels are welcome. But there's a limited enrollment of 20 students (a waiting list will be maintained). Students bring their own supplies and equipment for class use (or work at home); students may audit the class (attend without making a project).

The class will meet in the chapel on campus for 6 week sessions on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. The first session includes Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 14, 21, and 28 (no class Oct. 7). Two other sessions are planned for the fall. We're doing this for the love of God, people and fabric!



Karen Cunagin will provide instruction, inspiration and encouragement for making beautiful and useful objects. She teaches color and design in the fiber arts for the San Diego Community College District at the West City Campus in Point Loma. The themes in her art re-

volve around the intimate world of family, garden and spiritual work.

Though most of her textile compositions are machine sewn, she spends hours hand finishing many pieces with stitch, sequins, and yo-yos. There may be painting, printing and other surface design.

Her work has been shown in Visions: The Art Quilt

2006, regional juried shows and international publications. In 2010 she completed four giant fruits/cloth sculptures (each 5 feet in diameter) that are permanently exhibited in the award-winning Fallbrook Library. Karen was nominated for the teacher of the year award 2011 by The Professional Quilters magazine. She serves on the board of the Visions Art Museum in San Diego.

Presenting inspiring lectures, workshops and trunk shows, for quilt guilds, museums and festival groups, Cunagin challenges her fellow fiber artists to take little risks in making beautiful work that can lead to important life decisions.

Students will be able to attend by completing registration info and paying the session fee (\$60) in advance. A materials/supply list will be provided for the first class.

Contact Karen for all registrations and questions:
karencunagin@mac.com

Created For His Glory



A Time to Plant and a Time to Uproot

I can hardly believe it's been almost 8 years since I came to Fallbrook Presbyterian Church (now Sonrise Christian Fellowship).

All I knew about Fallbrook was that it was "somewhere between Riverside and San Diego." I'd been living in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Pastor Kirk Bottomly asked me to come check out the church and consider the position of Music Minister. Imagine what a delightful surprise it was when I actually came for a visit! A charming town with amazing weather! One of Southern California's best-kept secrets!

The first person I met was darling Marcy, and of course I adored her instantly! While giving me a tour of the church grounds, Marcy said, "Your office has the best view!" I reminded her that I didn't know if I wanted the job much less whether the church would want me. She replied with a twinkle, "This is going to be your office. I can feel it." I think that might have been what sealed the deal for me! *(And by the way, the Music Office does have the best view!)*

Within 2 years of my arrival, Kirk and Laila were called to another church and Jerome became senior pastor. A period of great change began for The Pres — leaving our denomination and working out our identity as an independent church body. It's been quite an adventure we've experienced together! I have been so blessed to work with so many talented and creative people, creating our weekly services and so many special events. I will miss it and all of you very much!

The Teacher in Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that life has seasons: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... a time to plant and a time to uproot." For me, I think now is

the time to uproot. My personal situation and my family situation are in a new place, and I sense God calling me to follow him into the next season of my life. Sacramento is home for me and most of my family is there, so I'm going home.

I don't have a job lined up yet — I am truly taking a leap of faith! It is at once very exciting and nerve-racking! But I feel strongly that this is what God is leading me to do. The words of a song we sing in second service sum it up beautifully.

*You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown, where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep, my faith will stand
Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters wherever you would
call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence
of my Savior
And I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours, and you are mine*

As most of you know, my family has experienced some difficult times while we've been here, and this church lovingly and faithfully supported us through them. I can't begin to tell you how much that means to me. I would appreciate your keeping me and my sons (Spencer and Harris) in your prayers.

I will pray for God's continued blessings on this beautiful church family. You will always hold a very special place in my heart! ~Brenda Tapley



Fallbrook Coffee Co.

By Tim O'Leary



Staff, board, helpers hit high gear after coffee shop's grand opening

Fallbrook Coffee Co. marked its formal grand opening on June 29 with an intimate gathering that was kissed by the sun, brushed by the breeze and filled with the Spirit.

Shop staff, customers and Sonrise congregation members gathered to share hugs, prayers and fellowship. They posed for pictures, cut the obligatory Chamber of Commerce red ribbon and basked in God's gift of a coffee shop to our congregation. A church elder estimated that

hundreds of people participated.

Many were quick to note that the coffee shop is "located where Mission meets Fallbrook."

It can be a noisy place, but also one of silence, prayer and reflection. It is a place of the world, and also the Word. It is alive with hospitality, handshakes, hugs and hard work. It is an extension of Christ's love and our church family.

It is a place that evokes Jesus' words in Matthew 18:20: "... For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

The unfolding work surrounding the place continued at the July 23 meeting of the coffee shop board, which consists of Andrew Ice, Roy Callahan, Tom Dumont, Jeff Graflund and Greg Coppock, SonRise associate pastor.

"July is shaping up pretty good," reported Ice who, since the shop's acquisition about four months ago, has served as its interim general manager. He is slated to share his thoughts on this close-to-home mission experience during the Aug. 3 traditional and contemporary services.

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37,38

And later that month, he said, financial data from the shop's first quarter of operations will be presented to church leaders. Board members said the data will give church leaders a clear picture of coffee shop operations as well as assist in future planning and business projections.

Meanwhile, business is brisk and confidence is brimming. Some record-setting days have been logged, and the recent temporary, construction-related closures of the Fallbrook's Denny's and McDonald's restaurants have sent an influx of new customers our way.

The coffee shop board worked its way through some ongoing and unfolding issues before its members slipped into a moment of reflection.

"I really enjoy watching this place develop," Callahan mused. "It's two big thumbs up for the coffee shop and we're still growing."

The others responded with an instant 'amen.' "It's all pretty cool," Coppock concluded.



Thank you to all who came out to celebrate with us the Grand Opening of Fallbrook Coffee Co. We are encouraged and blessed by all of your support. I enjoy seeing your familiar faces gathering at the coffee house throughout the week. It means a lot knowing we are reaching out to the community together through this venue that the Lord has provided.
God Bless ~ Icer

Looking to join a Small Group?

Small Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word.

Here is a list of small groups meeting throughout the Summer. Our other small groups will resume in the Fall.

Sundays, 10:am

Chuck Boatman leads a sermon-based study group in CAC-C.

Tuesdays, 7:pm

Jerry Maurer leads a bible-based men's study group in his home.

Wednesdays, 7:am

Chuck Boatman leads a Men's Life Bible Study, meeting for conversation and coffee throughout the summer at Fallbrook Coffee Co.

Wednesdays, 1:30

Jean Tiffany leads a study group called, "Discovering the Mysteries of Heaven" by David Jeremiah, in her home.

Wednesdays, 7:pm

Roy and Charlotte Glasgow lead a sermon-based study group in their home.

Saturdays, 7:am

Pastor Greg leads a Men's study group at Fallbrook Coffee Co.

Call the Church Office for information and directions.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Our Vision

A community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope, and faith found in Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

The mission of 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.

K*airos Inside* weekend is an introductory 3-day weekend, described as a short course in Christianity. This weekend program is modeled after the Cursillo method and is based on a series of talks by laymen and clergy. Interspersed throughout the weekend is music, prayer, activities, a chance to form relationships and demonstrate Christ's love. Kairos of San Diego currently supports programs in two yards: Yard A (level 3) and Yard C (level 4). All attendees for the *Kairos Inside* weekends are nominated by previous graduates of the Kairos Program. Normally there are over 100 nominations for the 36 available open spots for the weekend in each Yard. The *Kairos Inside* Leadership team, with input from the Yard Pastor, will decide which 36 inmates plus several alternates will be chosen to attend. Because of the success of the *Kairos Inside* program, there is never a shortage of people that desire to attend.



As the following letter demonstrates, a very important aspect of the Kairos Prison Ministry involves providing encouragement letters (or notes) for the inmates. Kairos has the option to “gift” each man over 120 handwritten personal notes/letters from outside Christian participants during the 4 day Kairos weekend. This literally blows their minds and often breaks down their walls of resistance. We have heard numerous testimonials that receiving these letters brought them to commit their lives to God and to live their lives like Jesus. We are offering all of you the opportunity to reach inside the prison and into the hearts of these inmates by writing notes/letters to them.

We must obey the Kairos/Prison rules. The rules are:

All forty (40) letters must be handwritten with the same content.

Letters can contain no personal data that is traceable back to you. Please sign your first name only.

Letters should include encouragement and the joy of Jesus' love. Bible quotes and/or citations are encouraged. FYI: the men receive a personal Bible at the same time they get the letters.

Letters should be placed in unsealed individual envelopes.

The 40 envelopes should be placed in a clear plastic Ziploc bag with a copy of the letter showing.

All letters are a true blessing. Let your love of Jesus burst out from your letters. Please pray about how you can be a blessing to these men in prison. Once inside the prison, the notes/letters are screened and sealed before they are given to the en.

In so doing, we can all hear our Lord saying, “Truly I say unto you, whatever you did for the least of these My brethren, you did it unto Me.”

Here is an example of a letter written by Art Deming:

“My brother in Christ, I’m so very proud that you made the decision to learn more about Jesus during the Kairos weekend. As you share the cookies with others, may they see your love of Jesus in all you say and do. Please know that I’m praying for you as you share God’s love in Yard “C”.

In His love and joy, Art

For more information, please contact Norm Leraas.

*Jerry Maurer has written of his experiences at a *Kairos Inside* weekend. You can read them on our Church Blog on our website.

Testimonial letter from an inmate...

Greetings to you in the glorious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am a servant of Christ, even though I am doing life in prison. It is my joy to share with you a brief part of my testimony when the Lord opened my eyes to the truth.

I was on the verge of committing suicide by killing as many correctional officers as I could before being taken out. The darkness that had invaded my mind, heart, and soul was so powerful that I was convinced that death was my only refuge. I was so deeply tormented by guilt, shame, and loneliness that I believed that there was no hope and I just wanted it all to end.

Until the day when a very odd but happy encounter occurred. Unknown to me someone had put my name in for Kairos and I was selected. The Kairos weekend just happened to be a few days before I would go on my rampage. I decided it could wait until after Kairos.

On the first day of Kairos I remember telling all of the volunteers, "All I want are your cookies, not your religion." For the first three days I listened to all of the talks from the outside team. I tried to be patient and kind as they demonstrated God's love in action, not just words.

On the third day of Kairos I was given a gift of unimaginable worth. It wasn't money, or food but it was what I needed more

than anything. It went much deeper than the physical, it went right to the heart. I was given a bag of letters. Letters of encouragement and grace, from complete strangers. Each letter was full of love and prayers, for ME! I couldn't believe it. To be honest, I was so overwhelmed with emotion that after reading the first three I had to go to the restroom to cry. I received over 120 letters that day. As I continued to read them God's love began to break through the darkness of my heart. The light of His love was almost too much to bear. His glorious light illuminated my dark murderous heart.

The next morning around 2:30 am, I couldn't sleep so I read some more letters and ate some more cookies. I stopped and cried out to God, "If you are real, show me a miracle." It was then when God spoke to my heart. He said, "son, you are reading your miracle." It was true since my mom died three years ago, I have not received one single letter. My mom was the only person who ever wrote me.

I cried out to the Lord early that morning while in my cell and He saved me. But I want you to think about this, where would I be today if you hadn't taken the time to write those letters or bake those cookies? It's been almost two years since I've given my life to Christ. I have never been so happy and content. Even though I am doing a life sentence I have seen God use me in this place to bring others to the saving knowledge of

Christ. I no longer want to die, I want to live and I want to serve Jesus with my whole heart.

Thank you, volunteers who come into this place regularly to bring the hope of God's love to us. You remind us that there are brothers and sisters in Christ who care about us. You bring the love that most of us never knew. God bless you.

Your brother in Christ, B.

Brother B. is a "lifer" serving God at R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility

You can be a blessing in the Kairos Prison Ministry in the following ways:

1. Write 40 handwritten letters of encouragement, each saying the same thing, place each letter in an unsealed envelope, then place all 40 letters in a clear plastic Ziploc bag with a copy of the letter showing. Bring filled Ziploc bag into Church Office.
2. Watch for a bulletin announcement for when to bake cookies. Each dozen cookies needs to be packaged in a clear gallon sized Ziploc bag. Our goal is 351 dozen! These cookies will be delivered for the *Kairos Inside Weekend*.
3. Join the small team of men from SonRise who minister at Donovan Prison over the 4 day *Kairos Inside Weekend*. Contact Norm Leraas for information on how to get involved.

Senior Moments

By Chuck Boatman

A Retired Talking Dog

A guy is driving around Vermont and he sees a sign in front of a house that says "Talking Dog For Sale."

He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a Labrador Retriever sitting there.

"You talk"? he asks.

"Yes, I do," the Lab replies.

"So, what's your story"?

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all, they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running."

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger, so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the man says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing. Why on Earth are you selling him so cheap"?

"That ole dog's a danged liar. He never did any of that stuff."

Moral of the story: as we get older, our stories tend to get longer and our exploits in them tend to get better each time the stories are told!



There's another "Senior Moments" you might be interested in. I publish an email posting with that name on or about the first of each month. It's intended especially for seniors (or younger people who want to be familiar with the issues faced by the seniors in their lives). "Senior Moments" is intended to be informative, inspirational, humorous, challenging, and occasionally thought-provoking. To be added to the list of recipients, give me your email address when you see me at church or send your request to me at diogenes1@roadrunner.com.

Car Show & Rummage Sale

On a scale from one to ten, six being the highest...boy did we have fun! New faces smiling back, families holding hands walking from the outskirts to the heart of our campus, and an excitement in the air of an event filled day. New comers saw several dozen of our volunteers working side by side with Boy Scouts, our youth, and several members of our Sheriff and Fire Departments.

It just may have been possible to wander through our jam-packed CAC filled with literally thousand upon thousands of things to peruse, move over to the raffle booth to check out the myriad of assorted prizes, turn back to the delicacies cooking on the BBQ and growing even more delicious in the smoker, slide over to the car show with a wide collection of classic to new vehicles, venture into the nursery to see kids bouncing in a "Jumpity-jump-jump" with adorable painted faces...



Shayli & Band delivered some great Classic Rock.



Jerry lent his talents & humor as our MC.



Ed served food hot off the grill.



Tim O'Leary, faithfully serving



Shawn Paggett wins the Girls Choice award for his Chevy Nova



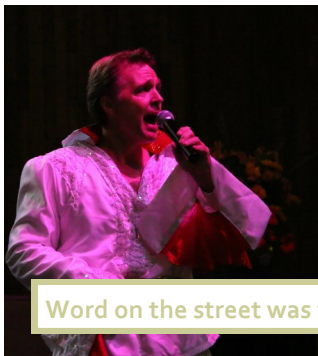
There was something for everyone at the Rummage Sale.



Karen shows Kathy her amazing quilts



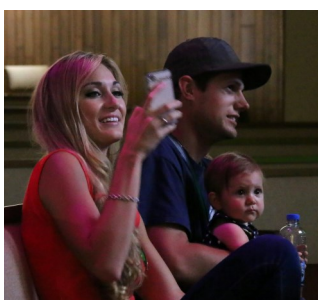
Annah Hill & Mckenna Wade painting faces.



Word on the street was that the music was legendary.



Bob Mann & Paulette Britton have fun in the Kids Zone



...cruise through the Narthex to view some outstanding art on quilts on your way to hear an organ recital or Elvis...and not find a single thing you liked...but I doubt it!

~Jerry Maurer

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible. You are truly appreciated and loved very much.

From the Desk of Beth Ann Murray

The American Church Today

Many churches today distinguish ministry work and responsibility based on whether a person receives a salary from the church. They classify the church into two categories. The A team (pastors and ministry staff) and the B team, (those who sit in the pews). Our awesome church is so very different. We don't have an A team or a B team. Even though we are considered an organized church we believe in God's Eyes, there is no distinction between the two groups.

SonRise Christian Fellowship celebrates discipling as our significant focus, something we do together. We don't just show up on Sunday's and listen to a presentation once a week, watch a rehearsed show, pay the performers, go home and resume life as usual. We have in our church family extremely balanced members. They are first rate Christians and are favorably connected to our great big God.

An example of our love for each other is expressed on our website page. It illustrates our ministries with pictures of our church families. Our church attributes its success to our families who organize and manage these ministries. We have over 25 active ministries happening every week. Our ministries fruit is overflowing, because of those involved as the managers and the volunteers who make these ministries happen.



Jesus did not advocate ministry and discipleship as a total way of life. I believe He wants us to be engaged in full-time ministry, right where we are, all the time, in our vocations, at school, on the bus, at home and even at church. We are all part of His plan.

Staff and our church elders play a crucial role in the formation of our ministries. They set the tone for ministry. Jerome, our Pastor has expressed his desire to see more and more people of SonRise become full partners in every ministry here at SonRise.

In our weekly staff meetings our focus is to listen to each other. For many of us, suppressing the temptation to not do all the talking is a challenge. Something I learned from my father, respectful listening telegraphs that others have something important to contribute.

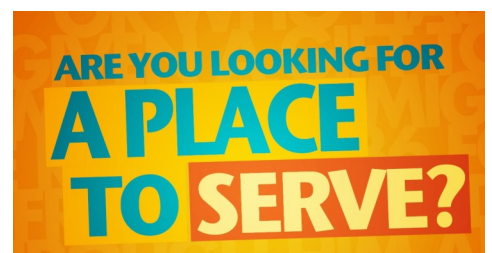
We always check on the fruit of our ministries by devoting time for people to share their God stories. These stories not only come from the ministries that we manage but also from our church family. Something I believe is important to a

partnership with our church family and the staff is that the Elders and Pastors allow our ministries to run without bridling them with the urge to control. The Elders and Pastors act more like coaches than gurus. One of Pastor Jerome's priorities is to make sure his staff is equipped which helps make our church flourish in the real ministry field.

As a manager of our Children's Ministry, I spend ample time in the ministry field, which in turn helps me encourage and cheerlead our families, not lord over them.

Another fun aspect of our weekly staff meetings is that we are allowed to celebrate the wins in our fields. This is a very important time for me in our meetings, to be able to highlight how God is working through His people in remarkable ways. Every week our fearless leader reminds us that we are God's ministers, His disciples working alongside our church family carrying out REAL ministry, God's way.

These traits mentioned above are what makes our church so personal and unique, we truly love and support each other. Thank you church family for all you do to further His Kingdom.



Children's Ministry Happenings

A Special Thank You

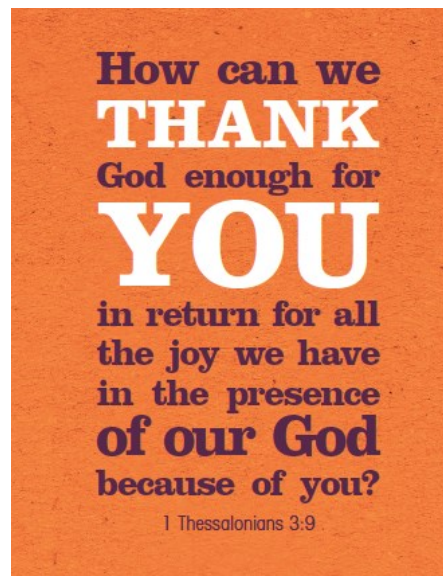
To all my friends who helped with VBS this summer. You are the heart, mind, hands and feet of Jesus. Our Children's Ministry cannot grow without you! By volunteering at VBS this year you truly made a difference. Thank You!

We want to personally thank all of our 100 volunteers who were unpretentious, willing to be honest, respectful, reliable, people and child friendly, and leaders. Thank you for believing in God's true vision of our Children's Ministries wanting to make a difference in a child's life and invest in their lives and their eternal future.

Thank you again 2014 Vacation Bible School Team

Terri & Caleb Marroquin, Susan Holthaus, Marissa Collins, Paige and Sidney Bonenfant, Dara Johnson, Veronica & Gianna Mora, Rachelle and Alysha Roderick, Betty Falls, Susi Heath, Suzette Phillips, Sherry McFarland, Sharon Callahan, Heather Tatzer, Greg Coppock, Jerome Marroquin, Brenda Tapley, Lynne Grantham, Melinda Maden, Catie Timme, Sherry Carter, Mimi Leraas, Abby & Thomas Mora, TJ Murray, Marion Shuck, Charlene Mann, Sandi Simpson, Carol Beutler, Laurel Freeman, Natalia & Abby Mora, Alex Gonzales, Rhonda and Greg Hill and family, Ann & Dick Myers,

Janel Kohout and family, Bill Holthaus, Natalie, Nate & Ben Franks, Deb Blodgett, Audrey Richards, Dannielle Navarro, Beth Fluck, Alyssa Schoonmaker, Jeri Heiser, Gayle Kott, Victoria Vasquez, Gary & Carla Thomson, Bob Mann, Garrett Johnson, and all the people who brought in VBS snacks, needs and materials. There were plenty of you. Last but not least, thank you family members who allowed their family to help in VBS this year. And a special thank you church family for praying for the children who attended and for the people who volunteered.



*If I forgot to mention you in my note here, please know I love you and thank you for everything you did for our VBS to be as spectacular as it was.

Summer Happenings

Our preschool is on break for the summer and will resume on August 13th for the staff and the 18th

and 19th for Orientation for the new school year.

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.

Our Sunday school program is continuing with LifeWay Curriculum called "Gospel Project for Kids" Series. We are over half way through the three-year program.

We are trying something low tech with the kids this summer – Working with their hands! Each week a member from our congregation is sharing with our kids their personal passion for baking bread, working with wood, swimming, fishing etc. Then we play and fellowship together afterward.

We are still planning some fun trips to our local parks. Last year we went to Sea World and LEGOLAND. Who knows where we will go for this year's summer adventures.

Awana and Los Amigos will begin their programs in September.

In His Service,

Beth Ann

Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries

student ministry

Pre-existent Intentionality

by Banning Cantarini

Too often the day gets away from us. I don't know what exactly happens between the strokes of the second hand on our clocks, but whatever it is it has the ability to take all that we have planned or hoped to accomplish and simply disintegrate it leaving us looking back on our time wishing we would have done things differently. I can't tell you how many times I've woken up in the morning and thought to myself, "I have so much I need to do today." I also can't tell you how many times I've laid myself down to go to sleep and thought, "I hardly made a dent in that to-do list."

Intentionality is somewhat of a pop-culture word today that I see strewn throughout the words and wisdom of pastors and effective people. It's a word that I use often when I teach the youth about how to grow in their faith in Christ. Maybe it's a symptom of the current generations, but there is this seemingly constant feeling that life will just come to us. That we are like fields of grain blowing to and fro in the winds of life. Incapable of accomplishing anymore or any less than life presents to us. Intentionality is an old concept that has been reinvented to combat this socially acceptable brand of laziness. So why is it so difficult to apply to our lives and our daily regimens?

Intentionality says, "I am going to make it a point to go shopping today so that my wife doesn't have to. She already does so much, and I would like to bless her in this way." American mentality says, "I am hungry, someone better go shopping. I really don't have the time today to do so, so my wife better." In my quest to be more intentional about my life, I have realized that intentionality is more than just a spiritual strength that we long for. It is the very same lens that Jesus viewed life through. Another word you could use here is "purpose."

What constantly blows my mind about scripture is the intentionality God had every moment. There is not a millisecond that goes by that God cannot ascribe purpose to. Isn't that amazing? Think about your own life. Your highest highs, or your lowest lows. Maybe in the moment you didn't feel or see any purpose or intentionality there, but through an eternal perspective can't you now see that God has always been at work? Bringing everything in your life, every little drop, into something good and righteous? Now imagine this: What if we could go throughout our days with that same sort of perspective? What if going to the store wasn't just to get food, but to serve our spouses? Or to meet someone new and invite them over for dinner? Or to simply observe people who God is passionately in love

with, and pray for them as you move throughout the aisles?

I want to share a quick story that really penetrated my heart utilizing something we take for granted every day. Words. And what happened when people use their words with an intent to lift up.

At the end of our camps we often spend time encouraging each other. It is a good thing to do to celebrate everyone who was there. When you spend a week with a group of Jr. High or High Schoolers you really become like family. And when love is abundant and pure, it often desires to pour out adoration through encouragement. In my mind I am always aware that what we do, as silly or often as we do it, has life-changing impact. Although I am aware of this, I sometimes have a tough time believing it in the moment. When the time came for one of our younger female volunteers to take a seat on the "hot seat," the hands started going up (as they do for everyone) of peers who had something they wanted to say about the person.

Now most of the time the encouragement is generic; "You're, like, really nice." "I like totally love your dress." And the timeless classic, "You're cool." You know, words and phrases we think don't make much of a difference when they're uttered?



So this young woman sits in the hot seat, and I start selecting the individuals one at a time to speak to her. “You are, like, so sweet and caring.” “You were so much fun to be around.” “I really loved getting to know you.”

Something happened in that moment that I knew I would never forget. These fairly standard compliments were being spoken to her. And almost immediately, the young woman found it hard to allow her face to be seen. She placed her face halfway into her right hand. As another encouragement started, she brought her other hand to her face almost covering the whole thing. At some point the words became too strong for her will to keep out of her heart, and she buried her face in her arms and sobbed deeply in front of the whole group of people. And I knew exactly what was happening.

One of the sins I feel we all as Christians who fellowship together fail to really combat is the sin of forgetfulness. We forget that when we come together to church on Sunday, or bible study on Wednesday, or whenever you fellowship, that almost all of us come with extremely heavy burdens. We lose the purpose in our interactions with each other. But in this story about the young woman on the hot seat, the purpose was there for all to see.

In her life, at that moment, she didn’t feel sweet. She didn’t feel caring. She didn’t feel fun. And she didn’t really feel like she was the kind of person people wanted to be around. What goes on when these students leave our facilities is often times tragic and heart-breaking, and now a group of about 30 mixed staff and jr. high students were speaking a familiar yet foreign language into the soul of this girl, and the results were eternal.

As she sobbed deeply a silence fell over the room. Everyone could see what was happening. But it wasn’t a pity or sadness that someone who was so clearly loved finally, actually felt for the first time in a while. Instead, it was like a Holy reverence as we sat together in the presence of our intentional God who was unlocking the mysteries of her heart and using our tongues as platforms to penetrate her being. I simply asked her one question in that moment. “It feels good to hear something good for a change, doesn’t it?” To which she could only nod with her face in her hands.

How many people do you come into contact with on a daily basis who are feeling similar feelings? Unloved, broken, shattered, not good enough, empty, rejected, like a failure? I think some of you are reading this now thinking, “That’s me!” For as of-

ten as we talk and communicate, why do we spend more time nagging and criticizing than we do lifting up and encouraging? Why don’t we seize the time we have to think about and mourn for what people in our lives are carrying throughout their weeks?

To be honest readers, I can’t tell you how many times I’ve been carrying a heavy and impossible burden when I’ve entered into the presence of ‘Christians’ and immediately been met with a discouraging critique or challenging word of divisiveness. And I can’t even imagine how many times someone has been in my presence with a similar burden and I’ve instead given them more difficulty than soul care. My challenge to you who have made it through this article is this: Don’t try to be more intentional. Instead, realize that everything is already intentional. It’s our task to seek God’s purpose in everything. And maybe, just maybe, we lay ourselves down to sleep at night and our last thought will be, “Thank you God, for what you allowed me to do today.”

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Cantarini is
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PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH



by Terrace Crawford
Submitted by Cindy McAvoy

I've seen the Lord doing some amazing things in the lives of teenagers this year. I know it's because of the work of God and the result of prayer.

Call me crazy, but I believe this generation of students will have an amazing impact on our world and will pursue God with a greater zeal and passion than the generations before them. I invest more time now in prayer for young people than I ever have.

Today, I want to share with you 10 things that I pray for today's teenagers:

1. Purpose.

I believe God has a plan and purpose for every student. I speak this over teenagers and ask God to, no matter what their circumstances are, give them passion and a deep-seated purpose for living.

(Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139:13-16; 2 Cor. 5:20; Jeremiah 1:5; John 14:13; Rom. 8:28-29)

2. Friendships.

I spend time talking about the friendships young people develop more than other topics because I know the truth that you are (and

become) who you hang out with. I pray God will give today's teenager wisdom in choosing their friends and that God will bring people into their lives who will point them to Christ. I also pray that He will use students to encourage and build up each other like never before.

(1 Cor. 15:33; Heb. 10:25; 1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Sam. 16:7)

3. Character.

Today's teen is bombarded with every temptation known to man, and the enemy is seeking to destroy their character. I pray that this generation of students may experience an ongoing transformation by having their minds renewed, and that they will be examples to the world in their speech, lives, love, faith and purity. I also ask for more great Christ-like role models for our students, particularly among their own peers.

(1 Tim. 4:12; Rom. 12:1-2; Psalm 24:4)

4. Purity.

I pray that God would give our students more of a hunger for righteousness than a sexual appetite, and that they would see through the enemy's lies. I ask God to strengthen them and give them the drive to flee sexual immorality and help them reserve the gift of sex for marriage.

(John 8:32; 1 Peter 1:5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:18; 1 John 4:4; James 1:12-14)

5. Passion.

May God grant this generation of teenagers an anointing of power by the Holy Spirit to be the greatest witnesses for Christ Jesus that we've ever known. I also pray that their

zeal for obedience would supersede any other human desire that they have.

(Acts 1:8; Luke 4:18-19; 1 Peter 3:15; Matt. 28:19-20; Gal. 5:24)

6. Money.

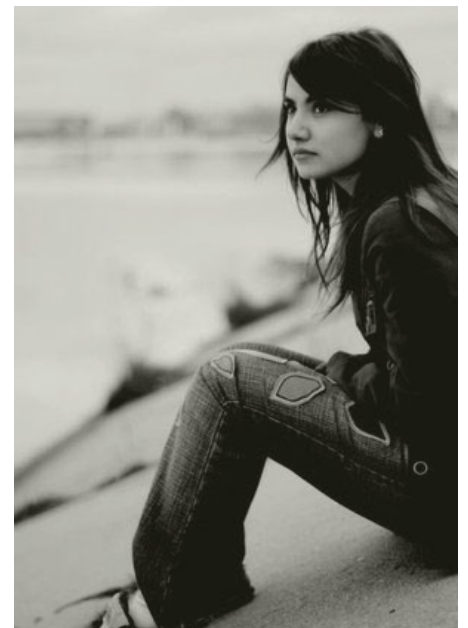
The root of all evil is the love of money. I pray that God would give spiritual eyes to today's teen and help them to view money as a great resource for Kingdom purposes. May God grant them contentment in plenty or when poor because of their richness in Christ Jesus.

(Phil. 4:19; Matt. 6:24; Eccl. 5:10; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:10)

7. Submission and Honor.

I pray that this generation would submit to Christ and to those in authority over them. May he give them grace to love, respect and honor their parents, teachers, spiritual leaders and governing officials.

(Eph. 6:2-3; Heb. 13:17; Mk. 12:17)





8. Spiritual Growth.

I pray that God nurtures soil of the hearts of young people and grants them a greater sensitivity to their spirit so that they may grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ. I also pray for more passionate workers for the harvest of youth ministry.

(Luke 2:52; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 3:16)

9. Discernment.

I pray God would give our teenagers the knowledge of the truth of God and spiritual eyes to see so that the enemy would not be able to deceive them. I pray they may also be able to discern between the teachings of the Living God and false gods or prophets.

(1 Tim. 3:9; 2 Cor. 2:11; Jn. 17:17; Eph. 6:14)

10. Hope.

May God help today's teen take every thought captive for Christ. I pray He would also fill every young person with the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and

protect their minds and hearts from hopelessness. May God also help them to cling to Christ during discouragement and soak up His strength when offering this same hope to others.

(Gal. 6:9; Eph. 6:13; Phil. 4:8; 2 Tim. 2:13; Heb. 10:23; 1 Pet 5:8-9)

Please join us for our School Prayer Walk, Saturday, August 9. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 am before breaking off into groups to pray at the schools. Written prayers & Scriptures will be provided for those who want them.

“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*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm in the Prayer Cottage

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Wednesdays, 6:30 am in the Prayer Cottage

ELDER'S PRAYER

Fridays, 6:00 am in the Sanctuary

Prayer is available after services every Sunday as well as scheduled individual prayer sessions during the week.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We create prayer shawls for those who are sick or in need of comfort. We knit, crochet, or sew the shawls as we pray for those who will receive them. Please contact Wilma Chain (760)723-0116 or Joyce Brittain (760)728-2566.

Please keep our church family in prayer:

Cathy Alexander, Jackie Alford, Elaine Orcutt Barlow, Joyce Bloss in the loss of Patrick Loyd, Helen Bright, Sam Britton, Carter (Dan and Janet McCalla's great grandson), Ivey Davies (Janet Coppock's mom), JoAnn Deming, Jim Donovan, the Dugas Family, Sarah Eckhardt, Joan English, Susan Frank, Connie Gordon, Leslie Hahn (Halibozecks' daughter), Pat Halibozek, Joe Hammer, Eleanor Hayhurst, Jeri Heiser, Jan Hilton, Todd & Debbie Hunter, Don Letts, Jayne Love, Dan Manno (Linda Shirey's brother-in-law), Winnie Mattes, Jerry Maurer, Chris McCullough, Joan McVeigh's nephew Scott, her brother Bill, and her son Jim, Stan Meyers, Sharon Miller, Loren Millsap, Penrhyn Millsap, Conrad Murphy, T.J. Murray, Wendy Murray (Pam Suchoski's sister), Vi Orcutt, Ortiz Family in the loss of Baby Dustin, Steve Perham, Carol Poston, Jenna

Reeder, Carl Rondeau, Bill Saunders, Bruce Sharp, Linda Shirey, Sonja & Jan Smit, Windy Smith, Bita Snyder, Peg Stanley, Brenda Tapley, Stephen Taulbee, Georgia Tetu and family, Patty Thomas, Carla Thomson, Dot Tibbetts, Juliana Tipton, Richard Tipton, Kelly Ullery's mom, Bethany Walker, Roger Wark (Gladys' son), Barbara Wise, Hattie Williams and Lorraine Williams.

Please keep our **church family overseas** and their families in prayer: Joey Alley, Bryan Brooks, David Cooke, Becky Dailey, Adam Garcia, Joshua Gonzales, Leslie Grantham, Matt Harvey, Kevin Low, and Scott Wooten. **(Please notify us if your loved one has returned).**

Please notify us if your loved one has returned. If you know of someone who needs prayer, please inform the office, (760)728-5804.

Car Show Winners

Raffle Ticket Winners

CRAFTSMAN TOOL SET - TICKET 725907
 AVON ENGRAVING PRINTS - TICKET 725640
 YOGA CERTIFICATE - TICKET 724832
 JEWELRY SET & GIFT CERT - TICKET 725685
 BLACK & DECKER FRIDGE - TICKET 820978
 CRADLE & ITEMS - TICKET 820914
 ESCONDIDO CENTER OF THE ARTS FAMILY
 MEMBERSHIP - TICKET 725697
 1979 SKIPPY DOLL - TICKET 724824
 2 POTTERED VASES - TICKET 820782
 YOGA CERTIFICATE - TICKET 725864
 CRAFTSMAN TOOL SET - TICKET 725526
 ROMANCE ROSE QUILT - TICKET 820876
 RAGGEDY ANN & ANDY DOLLS - TICKET
 724833
 45 MINUTE AIR TOUR - 725083

You may pick up your prize in the Church Office.

Car Show Entry Trophy Winners

Men's Choice:

Jim Massman

1966 Sunbeam Tiger



Ladies Choice:

Ray Beutler

1964 VW Notchback



Boys Choice:

Tom DiMuzio

1970 Pontiac GTO



Girls Choice:

Shawn Paggett

1964 Chevy Nova



A Special Note For Those Who Grieve

Emotional Safety Valve #1: Lift Your Fears to Jesus

Overwhelmed by your emotions? On the verge of emotional shutdown? Feeling as if there is no future but despair? Try lifting your fears to Jesus.

"People who don't know Christ have a different perspective on this because they have no option other than despair," says Dr. Jim Conway. "They only have the option of using their own energy or other people around them to try and make this ad-

justment. They don't have the person of God living in them, giving them the capacity to adjust and the sense that there is a future."

You do have an option. Choose faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Make it a habit to mentally and verbally give each emotion to Him the moment that emotion arrives. You may want to picture yourself wrapping up that emotion in a package and handing it into His loving, powerful arms to keep. Repeat this exercise as needed, and trust in God to take

those burdens each time.

You can take this action because God cares for you. First Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Second Chronicles 15:7 says, "As for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

Lord, I am constantly tormented by these thoughts and emotions. I need to give each one to You, one at a time. Take them from me, and I will trust in You for strength and healing. Amen.

Grief Share: From Mourning to Joy ~ We have a special group here at the church for those who've lost someone they love through death. Please contact Jan Hilton for more information.

Reaching Out to the Community

*If you have a heart to serve
and a love for people, please
consider volunteering.*

FEEDING AMERICA

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

2nd & 4th Mondays

every month

11:30 am, Parking Lot

BREAD OF LIFE

Please join us as we serve a delicious hot dinner to those in need. Please call Judy Saunders 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

MARINE CORPS FOOD

DROP BOX

We have a food drop box availa-



ble in the Narthex every week for those who'd like to donate food items to our military.

FALLBROOK FOOD PANTRY

We participate in several food drives throughout the year in support of our local food pantry.

LOS AMIGOS TUTORING

This ministry reaches out to the Hispanic students in Fallbrook through tutoring in our after school program. Contact Charlene Mann for more information.

**Currently on Summer
Break**

AWANA

After school Bible memory program for children ages three through sixth grade.

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Break**

FALLBROOK PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

We do all we can to support this wonderful community resource as they supply practical and compassionate Christian care and truthful advice on sexual integrity, pregnancy, parenting and adoption in an effort to promote a Culture of Life.

FALLBROOK COFFEE CO.

The coffee house is a warm, welcoming place to gather for fellowship and is already being 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 6-4/Sat & Sun 7-2

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

A ministry reaching out to those in prison through writing letters and twice a year delivering baked cookies to the inmates. Contact Norm Leraas for information on how to get involved.

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." 1Cor 12:12

FROM THE MISSION FIELD



By Gayle Kott

Recently, I felt the Lord urging me to return home to visit my aging mother, so I went. A couple of days driving, some time spent with family, a few tears shed – a fairly normal American experience. For missionaries Sarah and Jay, being directed by the Lord to return to her childhood home in Africa has been another experience entirely. Eighteen years ago, the country where she grew up, became a believer, and finished school was unraveling, so her parents urged their children to leave, while they remained behind, financial prisoners, until they passed away.

Sarah writes, “Watching the tragic demise of (her home country) I’d never dreamt I’d return...I had no desire to witness the collapse of a country I’d loved as a child. Jay made numerous ministry trips there, birthing a desire in him to live

(there), to deepen existing relationships, and further his ministry despite the problems and challenges. I prayed earnestly, not wanting my reluctance to be an obstacle.”

She continues, “First I had to deal with the grief of my personal loss regarding (this country). Then I experienced a season of deep mourning... About a year ago, after a time of deep brokenness, I found myself embracing Jay’s desire to move (there). It seemed impossible, given the country’s political and economic condition. However, this last year has proven that God is so much greater than any earthly power, so that by early April every obstacle had been removed save one – a house!”

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While the exodus of people from this country over the

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last 15 years has left many vacant homes, there has been little to no maintenance and many are in poor condition, with basic services unreliable at best. As Sarah says, “Once again we trust the Lord for his provision.”

Jay and Sarah ask for continued prayer and support as they and their teenage son make this transition in their lives for the Lord’s service. Sarah concludes, “Flexibility and patience will be a big part of our lives there, but we’ve said our goodbyes and we’re ready to embrace this next chapter.”



August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6a Elder Prayer, SAC 5:30p OneLife & Breakaway Com- bined Fun Night, WC	2 7a Men's Group, Fallbrook Coffee Co.
3 COMMUNION 8:30a Traditional Service 10a Chuck Boatman Group, CAC 10:30a Contempo- rary Service 10:30a Fuente de Vida, Chapel	4 5:30p Youth Self Defense, Chapel 6:30p Boy Scouts, CAC	5 6:30p Intercessory Prayer, Cottage 7p AA, Room 103 7pMen's Group, Jerry Maurer's Home 7p Deacons Mtg	6 6:30a Pastor's Prayer, Cottage 7a Men's Coffee, Flbk Coffee Co. 2p Staff Mtg, FS 6:30p Men's Vball 7p Small Group, Glasgow Home	7 7p AA, Room 105 7p Fuente De Vida, Chapel	8 6a Elder Prayer, SAC	9 7a Men's Group, Fallbrook Coffee Co. 9:30a School Prayer Walk, meet in front of Wilson Center
10 8:30a Traditional Service 10a Chuck Boatman Group, CAC 10:30a Contempo- rary Service 10:30a Fuente de Vida, Chapel 12:15p You Lost Me Class, Rm 105	11 11:45a Feeding America, Pkg Lot 5:30p Youth Self Defense, Chapel 6:30p Boy Scouts, CAC	12 6p 2 For Tuesday 6:30p Intercessory Prayer, Cottage 7p AA, Room 103 7pMen's Group, Jerry Maurer's Home	13 6:30a Pastor's Prayer, Cottage 7a Men's Coffee, Flbk Coffee Co. 2p Staff Mtg, FS 6:30p Men's Vball 7p You Lost Me Class, Rm 105 7p Small Group, Glasgow Home	14 9a WOW Leader- ship Meeting 4:30p Prayer Committee, Cottage 7p OneLife, WC 7p AA, Room 105 7p Fuente De Vida, Chapel	15 6a Elder Prayer, SAC 6p Breakaway, WC	16 7a Men's Group, Fallbrook Coffee Co. Choir Reunion, SAC & CAC
17 *Sherry McFarland Reception 8:30a Traditional Service 10a Chuck Boatman Group, CAC 10:30a Contempo- rary Service 10:30a Fuente de Vida, Chapel	18 FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL 4:45p Bread of Life Defense, Chapel 6:30p Boy Scouts, CAC	19 2p Finance Mtg, FS 6:30p Intercessory Prayer, Cottage 7p AA, Room 103 7pMen's Group, Jerry Maurer's Home	20 6:30a Pastor's Prayer, Cottage 7a Men's Coffee, Flbk Coffee Co. 2p Staff Mtg, FS 6:30p Men's Vball 7p Small Group, Glasgow Home	21 7p OneLife, WC 7p AA, Room 105 7p Fuente De Vida, Chapel	22 City of Refuge 6a Elder Prayer, SAC 6a Brother Benno's, Carpool 6p Breakaway, WC	23 City of Refuge 7a Men's Group, Fallbrook Coffee Co. 7:30a FUHS Beautification Day
24 8:30a Traditional Service 10a Chuck Boatman Group, CAC 10:30a Contempo- rary Service 10:30a Fuente de Vida, Chapel	25 11:45a Feeding America, Pkg Lot 5:30p Youth Self Defense, Chapel 6:30p Boy Scouts, CAC	26 6:30p Session, FS 6:30p Intercessory Prayer, Cottage 7p AA, Room 103 7pMen's Group, Jerry Maurer's Home	27 6:30a Pastor's Prayer, Cottage 7a Men's Coffee, Flbk Coffee Co. 2p Staff Mtg, FS 6:30p Men's Vball 7p Small Group, Glasgow Home	28 7p OneLife, WC 7p AA, Room 105 7p Fuente De Vida, Chapel	29 6a Elder Prayer, SAC 6p Breakaway, WC	30 7a Men's Group, Fallbrook Coffee Co.
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Church Family News

Happy August Birthdays

2	Charlene Mann	10	Cherie Van Wechel	23	Hattie Williams
4	Ynema Nixon	11	Michael Foli	24	Ed Blanz
6	Chuck Boatman		Joe Roderick	26	Bob Halibozek
	Jackie Brooks	15	Victoria Kohout		Charlene McNary
	Bettye Englert		Karen Parry		Betty Meyers
8	Jack Grantham	20	Emily Calescibetta	28	Garrett Johnson
	Abigail Knox		Wilma Chain	30	Catie Timme
10	Terry Bibbens	21	Art Deming	31	Dekotah Fluck
	Jennifer Hamby		Kelly Ullery		Norma O'Donnell
	Brenda Tapley	23	Abigail Mora		

Celebrating Anniversaries

2	Pat & Bob Halibozek	27	Fritz & Heather Tatzer
5	Richard & Natalie Franks	30	Jim & Gracie Fowler
10	Chad & Colby Duty	31	Leslie & Ann Seymour
26	Dan & Janet McCalla		

Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Ortiz Family in the loss of baby Dustin. And also to Joyce Bloss in the loss of Patrick Loyd.



Congratulations to Brian & Pam Suchoski as they celebrate the birth of their newest grandson.

We pray for & bless Sherry McFarland & Brenda Tapley as they walk in faith to their next venture.

Please welcome our newest members:

*Alan & Lynne Auret
Karen Cunagin
Martha Garcia
Troy & Jessica Ortiz
Danny & Suzette Phillips
Steve & Jean Smith
Heather Tatzer*

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
Be of the same mind toward one another." Rom 12:15*



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Heart to Heart Camp Pendleton Appreciation Luncheon

9 • 27 • 14
10:30 am

*We invite you to partner with us in honoring
our Active Duty Military Women & the
Wives of our Active Duty Military.*

*A \$60 donation sponsors
one military woman.*

*Call Judy Lindley for more information
on how you can help.*

