

Minister's Message

Easter Sunday is approaching quickly. Is this a religious day? Or is it a secular holiday with pagan symbols and rituals? It all depends on who's asking and on what your eyes are able to see.

In popular culture, Easter means bunnies and candy. It's a time to transition from wearing dark to light colors. Easter is a day for family brunches at Max's or other fashionable dining spots. That's Easter among non-religious folks.

For Christians, Easter is a day of remembering the resurrection of Jesus. It may include candy treats and egg hunts, but the focus is on the power of life over death. Families may enjoy a meal, but the point is to revisit God's power in bringing back Jesus from the dead so that we might share in hope.

Simply put, Easter is both a religious day and a secular holiday. Does it bother you to see ordinary things spilling over into the sacred world of faith?

Think with me for a moment about things that are sacred and things that are not. The primary symbols of our faith are water, wine, bread & words. What is more ordinary than water? You bathe in it. You cook with it. You use it to water your yard & wash your car. But God takes the ordinary and injects it with divine significance. Through divine action, water becomes the medium of baptism, a symbol of cleansing & rebirth.

Instead of fearing what is secular, learn to trust that God redeems the ordinary for sacred purposes.



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Welcome! If you're **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & basic information on *the card below*. **Tear it off and place it in the offering basket** later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about joining this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Comments: _____

People, Times & Places

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For the Record Attendance

Worship (3/18)	194
Bible Class	100

Contribution Report

Last Week (3/18)	\$ 3,986
Weekly Average	\$ 9,263
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,770

Previous Week (3/11)	\$ 3,874
Weekly Average	\$ 9,791
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,770

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40-11:30

Adults

Teacher: Michael Rodriguez Rm 405
"How to Be a Christian Without Being Religious"

Teacher: AJ Sanchez Rm 411
"The Simple Power of Christian Meditation"

Teacher: D'Andra Buchanan Rm 700
"Understanding the Millennial Church"

Youth Group

Jr. High & High School Rm 600

Kids' Classes — aka *Uptown*

(10:20-11:30)

Nursery	Rm 303
Space for Moms	Rm 306
Pre-School—Grade 6	500 Wing

Nursery

Our nursery, for children up to 30 months, is available during worship and classes in **Room 303**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class

Resumes September 2018

Wednesday

Men's Breakfast

Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar Ave.
@ 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Resumes April 4



The College Church of Christ exists to encourage & equip Christ-followers as they live out the mission of God in their homes, schools, work-places, and neighborhoods.

This Morning's Order of Worship

How Great Thou Art

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

Forever Reign

Complete

What the Lord Has Done

Be Unto Your Name

Invitation to the Lord's Table

~ **Shane Mason**

Offering ~ David Morris

This I Believe

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Church News & Prayer for Illumination

~ **Darla Mason**

Message ~ Jason Locke "Who Is Jesus? part 4: He Gave Sight to the Blind"

Time of Response

The River

Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke

The River

Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the time of response. Teachers will guide them to their classes. K-6 kids can leave during the final song.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Psalm 46:1-3)

After the sermon, we have a Time of Response. Folks are available to visit or pray with you. You can respond by moving to edge of the worship center.

March 25, 2018

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Jim York: Cancer is confined to the bladder. Pray for wisdom in decisions about surgery or chemo/radiation.

Marsha Rocha: Praise that there is just one more tumor to tackle despite some complications (blood clot).

Deb Leahy continues her chemo treatments.

AJ Sanchez asks us to pray for his mom **Adalia Sanchez:** health issues. Remember the **Anderson family** while **Bryson** is away on drill duty.

Cassandra Stafford: prayers for ear infection.

Al & Juana Ramirez: Al is at a Golden Living Rehab facility. **Juana** needs prayer for her health & strength to be able to come to church.

Ruland Family: traveling mercies as family heads to Kansas City for a week.

Larry Wiseman is back in the hospital: pneumonia .

Ongoing:

Devin Leonard, Stephen Shelley, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Louise Fraley, Terry Tuell, Carolyn Wilson, Al & Juana Ramirez, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley, Alice Farris, Ron Rocha, Nick Harrison & Larry Wiseman

Expecting Mothers:

Marianne Anderson, Weezy MacDougall

Extended Family News:

Pricilla & Elizabeth Valerie: prayers for a family member who is having health issues.

Elizabeth Valerie: prayers for coworker who just lost his newborn baby.

Carol & Preston Hartsell ask us to pray for **Sherry Villeneuve:** health issues.

Helen Gonzalez asks us to pray for **Carol Lerma:** intense pain following a hip replacement.

David Morris requests prayer for his friend **Lorrie Parish:** brain cancer.

Sondra Lohman requests prayers for her & her roommate **Carol:** patience, understanding for each other, daily struggles.

Jay & Alice Farris' granddaughter, **Ali Rash:** Praise! Cancer is in remission. Thank you for your prayers.

Tom Agrava: prayers for a foster youth who ran from placement.

Adalia Sanchez: Evan Sanchez has been down with a fever for a week but is now doing better. **Sara Wyse,** 5-year-old granddaughter, needs testing done on her kidneys.

Frank Unruh has a mass in his stomach. Pray for healing.

Directory Updates

Before you leave today, please stop by the tables in the foyer to update your address and phone numbers for the directory.

Thank you!

Activities, Events & Church News

JIM CAVIEZEL OLIVIER MARTINEZ AND JAMES FAULKNER

PAUL APOSTLE OF CHRIST

WHERE SIN ABOUNDS... GRACE ABOUNDS MORE.

Dinner @6 p.m. ~ Movie @7:10 p.m.

Join us for dinner and a movie at **Maya Cinemas** (3090 E. Campus Pointe Dr., Fresno, 93710) on **Tuesday, March 27.** Admission is \$5.50. There are several restaurants to choose from at this location. Bring your family, bring a friend!

For Your Calendar

- 3/28 Men's Breakfast
- 4/10 Men's Fellowship Night
- 5/1-4 Harbor 2018: Pepperdine Bible Lectures
- 5/6 Sunday Spring Classic Car Show
- 7/15-21 2018 YBC Summer Camp

Fresno Grizzlies Christian Fellowship Night

Friday, April 13 @7:05 p.m.

Game, fireworks, and a concert! Tickets are \$18. Text or call **Sherrin Massie (559-906-1237)** or **Shannon Gray** in the church office (559-439-6530) to sign up. **Payments must be made by April 1.**

Literacy Program

We can make a difference with one hour a week for children who are struggling. Please contact **Shirley Watson (559) 287-3001** for more details.

Pepperdine Bible Lectures May 1-4

Join us for this special anniversary year. For more information and to register pepperdine.edu/spiritual-life/church-relations/biblelectures/

Sunday Spring Classic Car Show

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 6.** If you have any questions, please call/text **Avery Henderson** at 559-960-1707.

IMPACT: Youth Group News

Today:

IMPACT class time in the Youth Group room @10:40 a.m.

Tonight:

TNT: Come join us! 6-7:30 p.m.

3/28 NO Wednesday Night Dinner this week.

4/1 Yosemite Bible Camp early registration.

*Talk to **Tannon Pafford** or **Lex Henderson** to make sure you are on the Text Message Information List.



Elder's Message

I shared this during a meeting with the ministry leaders a couple weeks ago. If you're like me, we often listen to songs on the radio but don't really hear the message. That was the case for me when I would hear "Do Something" by Matthew West.

I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now, thought
How'd we ever get so far down, and
How's it ever gonna turn around
So I turned my eyes to Heaven
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery
The thought disgusted me
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, yeah, I created you"

WOW, this is speaking to me; to us. God created us to share His love with the world. We are uniquely positioned in a community that needs to experience God's love through the College church of Christ. Do you currently serve on a ministry team? If not, please ask yourself, where do I fit in God's mission for this church? Remember, God created us to "Do Something"!

By Elder, Dale Drury



SPECIAL PROJECT AT YOSEMITE BIBLE CAMP ~ Saturday, April

New windows are scheduled to be installed in the Arts & Crafts building at Yosemite Bible Camp this spring. Before that can happen, some of the siding needs to be removed. That's where you come in. If you are willing and able to lend a hand with this siding project, please contact **Tannon Pafford @ 559-970-1816** or **Ryan Buchanan @ 559-288-1646** as soon as possible this week.

Prayer Request:

Date: 3/25/2018

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

