

Minister's Message

I spent three days last week at a workshop hosted by Pepperdine University. I was part of an invitation-only group that went through a new set of training modules. The Boone Center for the Family organized this seminar.

The sessions provided insightful and practical material to help pastors and leaders deal with crucial issues in our world today: marriage relationships, parenting, being single, substance abuse, depression & anxiety, pornography and healthy sexuality. It was a whirlwind of information and interaction.

I hope you're reading this column, because I have an important question for you. Which of these practical subjects do we need to cover in our church? Or better yet, what do you need help with in your

own life situation right now?

Please give me your thoughts on this. I thank you for all the positive feedback on these last two sermon

series about giving and forgiving. I can't make every series as practical or emotionally challenging as these most recent lessons, but I can start to queue up more material in this vein as needed.

Some of these subject matters may not be suitable for the pulpit. But some are. Please send me your feedback. I'm easily accessible via text, email or FB messenger. I'd love to hear your ideas on the kinds of things we need to be tackling. Also, what do your friends and neighbors need help with? Let me know!



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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 (9/9) 178
Bible Class 131

Contribution Report

Last Week (9/9) \$ 9,332
Weekly Average \$ 8,857
Weekly Budget \$ 7,770

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

Adults

Teacher: Fausto Hinojosa Rm 405
Living with Distinction: Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount

Teacher: Lee Smith Rm 411
Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Teacher: David Morris Rm 700
In Him All Things Hold Together

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

Room 405
@ 9:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Breakfast

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

Wednesday Night Dinner

Fellowship Hall
@ 6 p.m.



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.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. (Psalm 34:1-3)

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.

This Morning's Order of Worship Call to Worship ~ Kelly Gresham

*O Draw Me, Lord
I Will Never Be the Same
Forever Reign
All the Heavens*

Invitation to the Lord's Table ~ Fausto Hinojosa

Offering ~ Blake Sheehan

*Here's My Heart
Be unto Your Name
Here's My Heart*

Church News & Prayer for Illumination ~ Tannon Pafford

Message ~ Jason Locke
**"Why We Forgive #7:
No One Is Without Sin"**

Time of Response

Just As I Am

Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke

Just As I Am

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.

September 16, 2018

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Dale Drury gives thanks for the blessings that are occurring within our church!

We continue to pray for **Deb Leahy** & all their family. She is at home.

Linda Herrera requests prayers for her family: school, work

Juana Ramirez is now staying at the home of **Elizabeth & Gabriel**

Talamantez. Elizabeth is taking off work so she can care for her mom full-time. Prayers for their whole family!

Ongoing:

Larry Wiseman, Al Ramirez, Louise Fraley, Stephen Shelley, Judy Jarman, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Alice Farris, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley & Jim York

Expecting Mothers:

Weezy MacDougall

Extended Family News:

Greg & Mona Ruland request prayers for their daughter **Chelsea**. She is dealing with some ongoing health struggles: concussion, blood clots & chest pain. Greg is with her in Kansas City.

Pat McKinzie asks us to pray for a friend who is dealing with cancer.

Brenda Standing requests prayers for her brother & sister-in-law, **Al and Joy McNew**. She is dealing with cancer, and he has heart problems.



~Christena Cleveland: Bridging the Racial Divide~
Butler Church

4884 East Butler Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727

Monday, September 24, 2018

Her presentations will be:

"Spirituality & Racial Reconciliation," 10:00-11:00 a.m. In this community forum, Cleveland will explore how the spirit empowers peacemaking. A free ticket is required, and lunch is available for \$12 by advance reservation. See christena-cleveland.eventbrite.com

"Pathways for a Healed and Healing Church: Reaching Across the Racial Divide," 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cleveland offers church leaders tools to reach across the racial divide to promote church vitality and social justice.

"The Church's Mission: Faith, Justice and Reconciliation," 6:30-8:30 p.m. This will be a missiology forum in which Cleveland will proclaim God's call to reconciliation and peace in the church and the world.

Activities, Events & Church News

Wednesday Night Dinner

September 12

On the menu:

Terry Cowger & Mae Pafford will be preparing sweet & sour meatballs, rice pilaf, salad, and ice-cream bars for dessert. Bring a friend!

Dinner is from 6-7 p.m.

Adults ~ \$4 Kids & Students ~ \$2



Eaton Elementary Tutoring Program

~Orientation—Room 405~

For those interested in volunteering to be a tutor at Eaton Elementary, you are invited to one of two orientation sessions:

Monday, Sept 17 @ 9 a.m.
OR

Wednesday, Sept 19 @ 7 p.m.
(after Wednesday Night Dinner)

For more details, please contact **Shirley Watson @ (559) 287-3001**



Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/18 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class
- 9/19 Men's Breakfast; Wednesday Night Dinner
- 10/1 Men's Fellowship Night
- 10/31 Trunk or Treat



IMPACT News!

Today:

IMPACT class time ~ youth room @ 10:40 a.m.

Tonight:

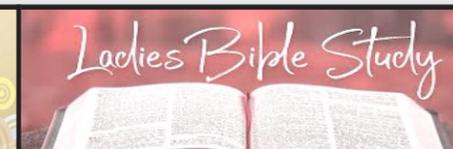
TNT @ the Mason's

9/19 Wednesday Night Dinner

9/23 TNT @ the Pafford's

9/30 TNT @ the Elliot's

Be sure to visit the Youth Board near the Nursery!



Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

When you read about the early church and consider all the odds against them...how did they launch their movement? They had the best gift ever. This year we will be studying *The Holy Spirit (The Parting Gift)*. Our study will be in John 14-16. What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit? Hope you can join us this year. Startup date is **Tuesday, September 18 @ 9:45 a.m.** in room 405 at College Church.

Minister's Message

Isaiah 55:3

"Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David."

Each new day, as my feet hit the floor I have a choice. I can choose a day of lists, or a day of listening. It seems there is not an in between mode for me. Some of you may relate to this, but for those who don't, let me explain.

I have days I wake up knowing it's a very hectic, busy, got-to-get-it-all-done kind of day. There are multiple things in multiple directions needing my attention. I know deep in my heart there is no way I'm going to accomplish everything to the level I would like to accomplish it. The truth is most days are like that.

I have two different sides to my personality. The one side feels I need to handle everything myself. This particular side makes list upon list. Sometimes I add completed things to a list just so I can cross it off and make myself feel better!

I push myself, as well as those close to me, and feel like I will never be able to finish in the time allotted, to the level I think necessary. But as I've aged, (ugh!), I've learned a different method that seems to bring about a calmness that I can't explain. I start the day listening. Listening in prayer, in scripture, in those around me. It amazes me how the day can actually become a day of blessing instead of anxiety.

I'm not saying lists are bad. I need lists.

But learning to listen to God's direction first, before the list making has become invaluable to me.

By Worship Minister, **Sandra Henderson**



Prayer Request:

Date: 9/16/2018

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

