

A weekly thought from our senior minister, Jason Locke.

Minister's Message

Can you believe that Easter is still a month away? It feels so late this year. At any rate, the season leading up to Easter is perhaps the most important in Christian time-keeping. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is by far the most significant event in the history of humanity. Easter marks the day of his actual resurrection.

While we remember Christ's death and resurrection more often than once a year, the days leading up to Easter provide a chance to recalibrate the rhythms of life. Too often, folks get caught up in the empirical cycles of life—making money & spending money. These cycles lead you to feel insufficient, anxious and/or overbearing. You can easily find yourself thinking that it's all up to you.

But the beauty of God's time is that we think and live differently. We focus on the cycles of work, rest and remembrance. We work & use our talents to His glory.

Then we rest and rely on God's provision. And we take moments to remember how God triumphs over the forces that divide and destroy.

Resurrection is the ultimate sign of God's power. When you depend on your own power, you are bound to feel either despondent or smug. Both are sure symptoms of death. When you instead rest in God's power, you feel loved & secure knowing that nothing can separate you from what matters most in life.



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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 (3/3)	185
Bible Class	92

Contribution Report

Last Week (3/3)	\$ 9,748
Weekly Average	\$ 9,835
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,454

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

Adults

Teacher: **Clora Ann Crum** Rm 405
& **Mike Jarman**
Life Lessons from Acts

Teacher: **Kyle Mason** Rm 411
Unity in Disunity: Uncovering the
Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart

Teacher: **Wayne Massie** Rm 700
A Study of the Book of Galatians

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 extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; 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 the edge of the worship center.

This Morning's Order of Worship

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*Holy, Holy Lord
We Shall Assemble
Ancient of Days
Highest Place*

Before the Throne of God Above

Invitation to the Lord's Table

~ Stephanie Norby

Offering ~ Dale Drury

*Holy, Holy, Holy
It Is Well*

Church News & Prayer for Illumination

~ Kyle Mason

Message ~ Jason Locke, "Your Cycle of Peace"

Time of Response

I Will Never Be the Same

Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke

I Will Never Be the Same

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.

March 17, 2019

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Ellery Ellis asks that we lift up **Arthur & Carlotta Wint** in prayer: Arthur's cough.

Terry Hutchison gives thanks for the **Wesson family** and gives praise for the **Rodriguez family's** faith and abilities.

Prayers for the **Rodriguez family**: loss of **Mary Lou**.

Talamantez, Tejada & Ramirez families ask for prayers as they try to get through the first year without their mom on her birthday: emotional strength.

Dennis Soliday gives praise to God for his blessings.

Athena Mack: prayers for family.

Larry Cowger: immune therapy results.

Scharena Ervin: prayers for family and friends.

Stephen Shelley is currently at San Joaquin Valley Rehabilitation Hospital, room 229.

Ongoing:

Al Ramirez, Stephen Shelley, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Alice Farris, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley, Pam Caples & mother Verlene Burns

Expecting Moms:

Graciela Tejada, Lauren Sue

Extended Family News:

Dennis & Clora Ann Crum ask for continued prayers for their daughter **Cherie Walters**: healing from last surgery, Prayers for **Clora Ann Crum's** friend **Becky** as she goes through chemo: very weak.

Kevin Leahy asks for prayers for **May Joy Uebeline**: serious head injury from a car accident; condition worsening.

Cassandra Stafford request prayers for her son **Nathaniel Robinson** and girlfriend **Chanel Murray**. Their baby girl **Nya Robinson** was born 6-weeks early on March 6. Chanel had an emergency c-section because of her high blood pressure and is currently still struggling with this condition. Nya is on oxygen and being treated for jaundice but she is strong and doing well. Chanel and Nya are at Fresno Community Hospital indefinitely.

Roger Howell asks for us to pray for **Jeff Keck**: now in hospice.

Terry Cowger requests prayers for her friend **Carol** as she awaits the results of her throat biopsy; also, prayers for her friends who are relocating to Oregon: safe journey.



The Visalia Community Church of Christ plans to replace at least ten doors on the boys and girls cabins at Yosemite Bible Camp by June first.

The cost is \$160 each. If YBC has been a blessing in your life and you want it to continue blessing future generations, you can pay for one or more doors. Each door purchased will feature a small

plaque on the door recognizing the sponsor. Please see **Jon Frame** or contact the church office for a donation form.

Activities, Events & Church News

On the Menu:

This week, we are serving orange chicken with chow mein or white steamed rice & roasted broccoli and carrots from **Panda Express** along with fortune cookies for dessert.

Bring a Friend!

Dinner is from 6-7 p.m.

Adults—\$4 Kids & Students—\$2

MARK your CALENDAR

- 3/19 Ladies Bible Class
- 3/20 Men's Breakfast; Wednesday Night Dinner
- 3/29-31 Women's Retreat
- 4/21 Easter Sunday
- 4/30-5/3 Harbor: Pepperdine Bible Lectures
- 5/12 Second Sunday Shabach
- 7/14-20 Summer Church Camp



Current Schedule

- *Jon & Dawn Frame
3/21 @ 6:30 p.m.
- *Fausto & Maria Hinojosa
3/24 @ 5:30 p.m.
- *Kyle & Judy Mason
3/22 @ 6 p.m.
- *Shane & Darla Mason
3/17 @ 12:15 p.m.
- *Don Pierce
3/17 @ 6 p.m.

YOUTH Ministries

Today @ 10:40 a.m.

IMPACT class time ~ Youth Room

Who Is God, Anyway? - Week 5

God's Unequivocal Loyalty and Love

Tonight @ TNT 6—7:30 p.m.

St. Patty's Day Dinner & Games

Be sure to visit the Youth Board near the Nursery!

Youth Calendar

- 3/20 Wednesday Night Dinner @ 6 p.m.
- 3/31 TNT Birthday Dinner
- 4/21 Easter
- 7/14-20 Summer Church Camp

Minister's Message

If you were at our February Second Sunday service, you heard a powerful testimony from one of our sisters. It was raw, emotional, courageous, and absolutely beautiful. It was honest and gritty and as I tried to find proper words to express my gratitude and description of the experience, I was at a complete loss.

I finally settled on the idea that what we had witnessed was absolute transparency. Words become overused at times. We tend to have phrases or words that are catchy and being used even when they may not completely fit the occasion, and "transparent" is one of those words. I looked it up to see the official definition.

Transparent ~ allowing light to pass through so that something behind can be distinctly seen.

Boom! Yes! That was exactly what had happened.

In her willingness to say yes to a difficult moment, in her ability to stand vulnerable before us and share personal and private details, she had become transparent. She allowed herself to be seen and yet as we looked at her, she disappeared and we saw God through her. We saw the power and glory of one who takes all of our difficulties and our worst parts, and if we allow Him, makes them into a beautiful story.

Church, it's tempting to show only the good. Talk only about our successes. Let people see only our polished and put together family, home, marriage, life. But that's not truth.

It is in our transparency our hearts become a little stronger as we share with each other. It is in our transparency we are allowing the light to pass through so that God can be distinctly seen. Our testimony becomes powerful as we become less visible and God becomes more evident.

And the world sees.

By Worship Minister,
Sandra Henderson



March Collection Servants

Mike Jarman, David Jessie, Kevin Leahy, Shane Mason, Wayne Massie, Kyle Mason, Caesar Tejada & Matt McGrady
Coordinator: **Ken Hutchison**

Prayer Request:

Date: 3/17/2019

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

