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Redding Christian Fellowship
Connection

From Pastor John

As we've walked through Jesus' message to His churches found in chapters two and three in the book of Revelation, I am struck (and a little scared) by the message to the church at Sardis. By all accounts, this was a thriving church—Jesus says, "You have the reputation of being alive." However, Jesus' comment on the church is that it was dead. They were doing a lot of things, but their works had no eternal significance.

I was asked the other day, "How does a church know if it's dead?" I think there are several indicators of deadness, none of which have to do with the amount of activities, the size of attendance, or the regularity of giving. First, a church is in danger of dying when it rests on past accomplishments. We have a tendency to dwell on the past, often through a very optimistic lens. When the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they complained a couple of times about being in the desert. Their argument was that they had better food, like leeks and onions, when they were in Egypt (I've often thought that if your best memories involve onions, you need better memories). The obvious omission in their complaint, however, is the fact that

they were enslaved! Dwelling on past memories hinders us from seeing what God wants to do in us in the present and in the future.

Second, a church is in danger of dying when it is more concerned with rituals and formalities than in the spirituality that rituals and formalities should foster. We can't get so enamored with the methods that we use that we neglect the fact that those methods should help us preach the gospel; if our methods hinder the growth of the kingdom, we have to be mature (and alive) enough to set aside our preferences to see God glorified more and more.

As we've said over and over, a church doesn't do anything unless the individuals in the church are doing them—that's true of positive things as well as negative. It's up to us to be individuals who are thriving spiritually, not resting on the past or being focused on methods, so that we can be a church that is alive, thriving, and glorifying God by Developing Devoted Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastor John

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MAN CAMP MAY 19 – 21

Steaks, Bacon, Guns, Paintball and Fire—Need we say more?

- . Grill your own steak night
- . Biblical teaching & Worship
- . Relationship
- . Ministry Project

Watch the Worship Folder and our church web page for details and registration information.

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ISRAEL MISSION TRIP

We are finalizing plans for another tour of Israel! Our dates are approximately October 10-22. By working directly with friends in Jerusalem we anticipate that we will provide an excellent tour for very reasonable cost. Our Global Missions Team last year took on the support of Dan and Shirit Carlson who now serve in Israel. A part of our tour will research how our church can more effectively partner with the Carlsons. More details will be available shortly. If you have an interest in being part of this tour, please contact Rick at rick@rcfellowship.org or call the church office.





Spring is such a beautiful time of the year. I love the spring storms. One minute can be sunny and warm and within minutes a thunderstorm can roll in and change everything. The clouds pass and sun returns and the air seems fresher, the grass seems greener and the sky seems bluer than ever before. Often times we find ourselves in the midst of the storm. What do we do? Psalm 107:28-31

Yet when they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, the Lord brought them out of their distress. He calmed the storm and its waves quieted down. So they rejoiced that the waves became quiet, and he led them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his gracious love and for his awesome deeds on behalf of mankind. This passage tells us first to cry out to the Lord, trust in Him. Once the storm passes by, don't forget to praise Him. Then look and see that the grass is greener, the sky is brighter, the air seems cleaner and praise Him.

Redding Christian Fellowship's music department is looking forward to a night of worship on June 25th. We are going to "Sing to the King!" The choir, orchestra, and musical specials are all designed to rejoice and worship the King of Kings. Set aside that night for fun and worship. June 25th at 6 pm.

Easter is coming April 16th. Sunrise service on our patio at 6:30 a.m. Bring your coats, blankets, gloves and a heart of worship as we watch the sunrise and worship the Creator of the sunrise. We will not be having a breakfast this year because we are encouraging you to go pick up some friends, family and neighbors and return for morning services.

UPDATE FROM STEVE & CARI WENDEL OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC



We adults were enjoying some uninterrupted conversation as all of our children happily recreated in the large indoor playground to celebrate Zuzka's and Evicka's birthdays. We enjoyed hearing about our neighbors' new jobs and family updates, plans for the summer, and we shared our upcoming events at the ministry center.

Gavin burst into the room with tears streaming down his face and cradling his arm. "Those boys jumped on it! They jumped on my arm and broke it!" As we tried our best to unravel and comprehend the source and gravity of his injury,

he continued his lamentations: "I knew we shouldn't have come here. I knew we shouldn't go to a play place. We shouldn't do something new!" We gradually soothed our son, and as graciously as possible made our exit. All the way home he repeated his vow to never again be tricked into playing in one of these playgrounds.

A couple of visits to doctors and an x-ray revealed that his arm was indeed broken. Not severely, but broken nonetheless. He's enjoying his pseudo-break from schoolwork as the doctor ordered that he be excused from writing anything and PE for the next 3 weeks. Concerned with his initial reaction to the situation and his commitment to "never try anything new again", we've discussed with Gavin the importance of trying new things and being open to new experiences. Accidents and injuries indeed happen in all situations, not just new ones. He seemed to be mollified by the larger perspective, albeit cautiously. More and more it seems in our ministry we are working with people who are operating in such a similar vein as Gavin after his injury. Particularly within the church, but even without, an entire culture of people who were stifled and oppressed for generations by a system proclaiming prosperity, are exceedingly cautious and resistant to any change that promises something better. The safest option is always that which one has experience with, whether it is effective or beneficial or not. For generations Christians have operated only on the fringes of Czech society, marginalized and shamed by the dominant atheistic narrative, and driven to the refuge of their churches. As missionaries attempting to come alongside and encourage the church with striving toward growth, boldness, and a wider perspective, it can be a painstakingly slow process. It seems we spend more time slaying the imaginary dragons than real ones. Yet, this is the true ministry. Encouraging and exhorting and equipping God's people, his hands and feet in the world, to walk worthy of their calling, wherever that may lead...even into the dragon's lair. Which is indeed where the church finds itself in this bastion of unbelief. Would you come alongside of us, and pray for your precious Czech brothers and sisters to both humbly and boldly proclaim and live the gospel of Christ in this exceedingly difficult context? That the church would not only be a shelter for the believers, but a shining light? This Sunday our church in Ceske Budejovice will be reviewing and voting on the vision and strategic plan which we've been working on for the last several months. This plan represents a lifeline and clear path toward spiritual health and vitality for a struggling church. As such, all of us in leadership have sensed the intensified opposition of the Evil One. Pray with us for this church.





Nearly two years ago, in July of 2015, Redding Christian Fellowship, in a spirit of love and generosity, sent a team of 7 to Kangundo, Kenya. While we were there, God so graciously allowed us to work for Him in various capacities. We were able to minister to our dear Hoyt and Lois Osborne, along with the pastors that work with Kenya Evangelical Missions (KEM). We visited different churches, during which time various members of the team preached, led worship, and taught kids in Sunday School. We were allowed to go into the public schools to teach the students about the importance of sexual abstinence, as well as to share the gospel. We distributed women's hygiene products to nearly 100 women. We held a conference in the community for college students, pastors, teachers, and school administration, at which we taught again about

the importance of abstinence. At this conference we also shared the five love languages, Ebola education, and HIV/AIDS education.

The trip was a whirlwind of people, work, unfamiliar sights and sounds, tears, and laughter; a truly beautiful experience. Our hope upon leaving, was that God had us to further His kingdom, His love, and His will. We suspected, however, that God had instead used His precious African sons and daughters to bless and change us. Every single one of our team members has remained in communication with various friends from Kangundo. We pray that some of these relationships, established two years ago, will last for lifetimes. We know that they will carry on into eternity. Since our return home, those who were trained in Kenya have been furthering the work that we began. Below is an e-mail, detailing evidence of real fruit:



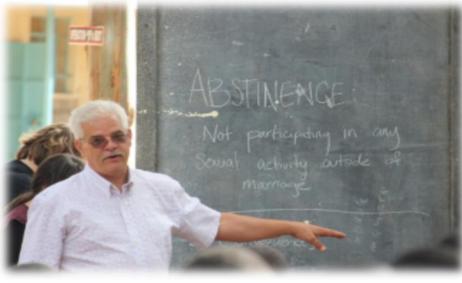
Halo Duane,

*Am fine here and everything is going well. We plan to call a meeting for lady parents probably next week in the school and majorly we will be talking about how to protect our girls at home and the village from rapists and those people who take advantage of our school girls becuz of poverty and naivity. We have a dvd player which has a usb outlet. if you send the videos thro internet it will be expensive for us to download coz of the internet cost.. If i get videos of dangers of premarital sex .drug abuse effects ...even true stories of former drug addicts .I also need gospel videos anything christian..also bible dvds for the young ones with cartoons or animation. How are you for so long ?I hope you are fine by the grace of God my name is Josephine nduku ,am a teacher in Matungulu AIC primary School. Its a school you had visited during your last visit in Kenya .Here in school i carried on with the message you trained us to teach the kids about abstinence and it is being carried on effectively during our guidance and counselling sessions .The teachers embraced this and they are doing well. **Fortunately due to these teachings ,we have not had any school dropouts due to pregnancy of late.** What we are now embarking on is to look for more training materials and especially videos because we got a donor who blessed us with one TV and Video deck and we contact some video lessons. Say hi to your wife and kids plus all the other team members.*

*Yours Faithfully
Josephine Nduku*

It seems that, not only did God use our previous trip to minister to us, but He also did use us to minister to our brothers and sisters in Africa. Hallelujah! So excited are they, in fact, about the fruit that has grown from the seeds that were planted two years ago, that Lois is asking us to bring another team in July. As a result of ongoing communication between Lois Osborne, Duane Helle, and Tom Bryant, several goals have been established in prayer:

1. To create a "missions trip template" that can be duplicated and used to guide future RCF missions trips.
2. To continue and grow this special relationship between RCF and this missionary work in Kenya, as well as to lay ground for teams to go in the future.
3. To advance the teaching of abstinence in the schools in Kangundo, and to introduce the teaching of abstinence in other areas of the country (Bungoma and Kisii) which have newly been reached by Pastors Makosi and Simon.
4. To hold another conference that trains teachers and pastors about abstinence and HIV/AIDS.
5. To assemble a team that consists of mechanics, theologians, sewing experts, and carpentry teachers. These team members would be responsible for working alongside instructors at the Bible college, teaching special classes that expand the knowledge base of both the instructors and students.



We are convinced that God is calling another team to Kenya this summer, and we are eager to see His plans unfold. We are asking you, our beloved brothers and sisters of Redding Christian Fellowship, to partner with us in this important work. A couple of ways you can support us are through faithful prayer and financial donations. Be on the look-out for upcoming fundraisers, or consider giving on-line at rcfellowship.org/give. You can also donate cash or checks specifically earmarked for "African Missions Trip 2017." We are exceedingly grateful for any support and encouragement that God leads you to offer.



Recently, Sue and I visited the church in the San Diego area where our oldest son and family attend. Early in the service, the pastor invited the congregation to meet and greet the

people around them--very much like we do here at times! The people seated in front of us immediately turned to their friends and warmly exchanged pleasantries. So I turned to the people behind me but they too were enthusiastically greeting and chatting with their friends. I stood there for what felt like 5 minutes! Finally one lady stretched out her hand and said what seemed to me to be half hearted, "Good morning". At last we were invited to be seated again. As I thought about that experience I concluded that from a visitor's perspective, the meeting and greeting time did more harm than good. I felt like I had invaded a private club of some kind. If I lived in that area and were looking for a church home, I would likely have continued the search.

My point in sharing this story is to challenge us all to learn to see our worship services from the standpoint of a visitor. Our eyes need to be searching for a new face. Our ears need to be listening for a need that a person may be expressing. A friendly smile, and a warm handshake, or even an appropriate hug should come from us in a natural relaxed manner. A quick "how are you"? and a flippant, "Oh, fine!" may in reality be completely untrue. Do we think about what we are saying? Do we speak in a language that a visitor understands? Do we think that a newcomer knows what PEP, CKM, C2, and so on, mean? We, like everyone else, have acronyms that may be well known to insiders but sound completely foreign to newcomers. Does a visitor need directions to a classroom? Are we willing to escort a visitor to our information desk if needed? Do you see how this is a mindset? If we deliberately concentrate and are alert to welcoming newcomers, much of this will become natural for us. If we

do not think this way, we will catch the eyes of our friends, decide where to meet for lunch, exchange the latest Facebook pictures of our talented children or grandchildren--- all while that visitor near us is left standing and wondering if he or she could ever belong to this "club"!

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church he deals with spiritual gifts. In chapter 14 he describes the value of prophecy. He argues that tongues have lesser value because to an uninformed person a tongues speaker will be speaking into the air! Five intelligently spoken words are better than 10,000 that are not understood, writes Paul. Someone has said that in fact I Corinthians 14 is as much about guest services as it is about spiritual gifts. There is a great deal of truth in that observation. It is critically important to connect with people at a level that they understand.

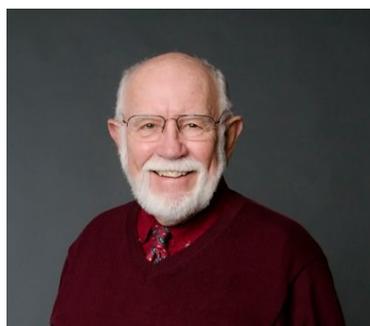
One of the challenges we face is that we must learn to meet people where they are and not where we wish they would be. Jesus modeled this so well. He did not tell Zacchaeus to clean up his act, pay his debts and rehabilitate his reputation before inviting Himself to his home. He did not push the Samaritan woman away which would have been the politically correct thing to do at that time. That is why the woman was so amazed....."You are a male. You are a jew!" ... two good reasons not to address her. But Jesus did. Maybe it would be fascinating if we were to invite that first time visitor seated near us to lunch some Sunday!

We desire deeply to focus more and more on our community. We desire newcomers to our church to experience what Zacchaeus and the Samaritan woman experienced when they encountered Jesus. We want them to see Jesus in each of us! We want them to encounter Jesus too! We all can play a part and in fact we do! We either draw people towards Jesus or repel them from Him. I pray we will always be a magnet that pulls people towards Jesus Christ.

Stewardship Resources-- Getting our Affairs in Order!

When a doctor sits you down and tells you to "Get your affairs in order!" it means you are very seriously ill and death may be imminent. Those are harsh and painful words.

As followers of Jesus, we ought to get our affairs in order long before anyone admonishes us to do so. It is what the Bible teaches. We are stewards of what God entrusts to us. For a young family this would be for the care of your children in the event that you are suddenly promoted to heaven. All of us have a certain amount of assets. We are charged by God to steward them too.



Redding Christian Fellowship desires to help us be the best stewards we can possibly be. Some time ago our elders designated Ron Largent to give leadership to Stewardship Resource ministry. Ron is not an authority on every matter pertaining to assets, wills, trusts, investments, retirement plans, and so on. But, Ron does have a strong list of men and women who are skilled in these very areas. His ministry is to listen to you explain your situation and inquiries and then to provide you with a referral of individuals who can assist you with your particular situation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss certain stewardship issues with Ron, please feel free to contact him. Email Ron at ronlargent@shasta.com or call him at 530 547 2102.



Men's Ministries



First Ride of the Season!

In Honor of Rusty Tella

Several years back, Rusty Tella - a fellow rider with RCMotorcycle Fellowship went home to be with the Lord. We have many fond memories of rides with Rusty on his beautiful orange Honda. We want to honor him with the first ride at the beginning of each riding season.

Sat. April 29 @ 9:30 A.M.

Following FUEL, meet in the church parking lot for prayer and ride information.

Sat. June 3 @ 9:30 A.M.

Following FUEL, meet in the church parking lot for prayer and ride information.



Friendship
Utmost Authenticity
Encouragement
Lasting Integrity

FUEL provides a great opportunity to meet the men of RCF. We enjoy a great home cooked breakfast, (there is always plenty to eat) we spend a little time in worship and share some time around the Word of God. Invest in a relationship with men who will encourage you, support you, pray for you and share some good times. Bring a Friend!

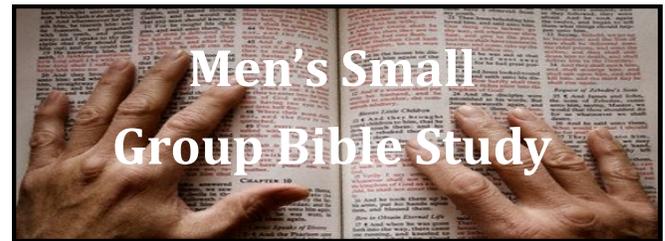
**Saturday, April 29
at 8:00 A.M.**

**Tickets: \$4.00 advance, \$5.00 at the door
&**

**Saturday, June 3
at 8:00 A.M.**

ANNUAL STEAK & EGG BREAKFAST!!!

**Advance Tickets - \$5.00
At the door - \$6.00**



Men's Small Group Bible Study

You are invited to become a part of a life-changing experience. Men's Small Group Bible Studies are a great place to deepen your relationship with the Lord, get a firmer grasp on Biblical principles for relationships, home life, and business. If you are serious about developing a heart that is *AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART* then contact Ron Mapes @ ron@rcfellowship.org or call 222-3425 and he'll help you get connected.

P.E.P.

♦ People Enjoying People ♦

Hymn Sing

to

H + M

People Enjoying People, our 55 years old and above church family, invites the Redding Christian Family of all ages to enjoy a great CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, GREAT RELATIONSHIP and a WONDERFUL TIME OF WORSHIP as we sing our favorite hymns.

Thursday, April 13 at 9:00 A.M. - \$2.00

Sign up at the table in the foyer or call the church office at 222-3425.

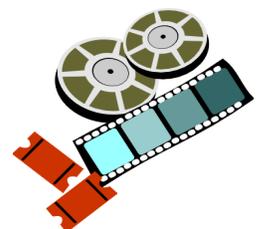


STRAWBERRY SUNDAES & a Movie

Thursday, May 25 @ 2:00 P.M.

Invite a friend and join the fun!

Sign up at the table in the foyer or call the church office at 222-3425.



Sharon's Sharing...



As I write this article, reflecting on the first quarter of 2017, I'm delighted to report that Women in Ministry continues to exhibit an ever increasing desire to serve, connect, encourage, offer hope and support, and reach our community with the love of God, through His Son Jesus. Our women are currently stepping out in new areas of ministry, most recently, Guest Services. You'll notice lots of newly trained and smiling faces greeting and welcoming attenders and visitors on Sundays.

You'll hear me repeatedly say "Each woman within the walls of Redding Christian Fellowship IS a woman in ministry." It's not JUST about a certain team of visible leaders, or facilitators, activities, or even events that we plan. Our emphasis is the relational impact that we each have as we engage with others within our realm of influence. Each of you reading this article has the ability to impact other women with the truth of God's Word, the love of Christ, and our lives lived blamelessly before Him. We then have the ability to gently influence our spouses and families, our communities and ultimately our nation. I encourage and challenge each one of us, dear sisters, to complain less about what's wrong in this world, and set our minds and hearts on what's right ! Lately, I find that I'm making a conscious effort to avoid the negative complaining that is being shared via social media that would be better addressed in a personal conversation with God, asking for HIS solution, then seeking to be that change. Saying less, and showing love more, is my desire.

Speaking of conversations with God.....I invite you to connect with me each Thursday at our NOONTIME prayer in our coffeehouse, where faithful prayer warriors join together for a powerful 30 minutes to cry out to God in behalf of our church, our community and our nation. This is another opportunity to deepen relationships within common interests.

In my morning devotionals recently, I read a quote that resonated with me: WHEN YOUR HORIZONTAL IS MESSED UP, YOUR VERTICAL WILL NEVER BE RIGHT.

God has wired us so that the vertical and horizontal go together. Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

Here's how we do that

First, be sure to pick up our beautiful , updated Women In Ministry informational flyer from the wall in the foyer. The insert lists all upcoming 2017 activities, and ways to serve, each designed to offer a variety of choices to meet and interact with our ladies, and encourage guests ! Are you getting my message to share what and who you love? I sure hope so!!! As you

preview our scheduled events, you'll want to pay special attention to these special fall options. Early awareness helps you set aside a budget for your favorites .

- **Beth Moore live** in Sacramento Oct 6th and 7th (this is on an individual reservation basis) Many of us have already decided to attend, and would love to have you grab some of your friends and join us for this time of spiritual enrichment and great fun. Visit [Life-way.com/ Beth Moore](http://Life-way.com/BethMoore) to learn more
- **Women's Retreat Weekend**, Tsasdi Resort, Oct. 27-29th Ask how you can help plan this amazing weekend.
- **Shopping Day** : TBD (possibly mid October) A perfect no stress get-away. Invite friends, mothers, daughters, and guests, to join us, as we travel in the comfort of a luxury Eagle Ministries coach to Vacaville Outlets.

More information will follow on these three, but because time flies by, you'll want to look ahead to save these dates. You can follow us by going to our website: rcfellowship.org/women. Or through personal contact with me. I'm generally available at, or near our Information desk between services each Sunday, and I warmly welcome you to stop by to ask questions, share ideas, and introduce someone new you've brought. Remember that you are dearly loved, and treasured, as a light in this world. KEEP SHINING! Until Next time.....Sharon

Encouragement to Pray!



At the beginning of the year we were encouraged to pray for our own needs, the life and ministry of our church, our nation, and the things that God lays on our hearts to pray. We suggested creative ways to do this.

One suggestion was to pray on our way to church services. Is that working well? What a great way to teach our children to pray this can be! When you hear a siren from a fire engine or ambulance, when you see a police cruiser, why not pause a second to pray for first responders and those whose lives are on the line as they perform their duties.

Please pray now for our Easter celebration services. Pray we will be faithful and creative in distributing invitation cards to folks we know. Pray for our staff as they prepare for our sunrise, 9 and 11 am services. Pray that the message of hope and resurrection life will be clearly communicated and pray that many will come to place their personal trust and hope in our resurrected Jesus, and our risen and victorious Savior.



Past Events:

Every year during the winter months Baseline heads to the mountains for a weekend retreat to enjoy the snow and each others fellowship. This years winter retreat back in mid-February was a great time for both the leaders and students. We had several new students join us on our retreat which is always fun and refreshing, we love to meet new students and invite as many kids as we can to join our events. It was a fun filled weekend, but more importantly, it was a weekend where we got to focus on who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Thank you all for your prayers and support, winter camp was a huge blessing to all those involved.

Current Events:

One of the things the Baseline leaders are passionate about is to see growth take place in Baseline. For those students who are already Christians, we want to see them grow in their faith as they mature into the young men and women God wants them to be. We also want to grow Baseline with outreach to unchurched students from our local schools. Kevin, Levi, and some other leaders have had the opportunity to go to a middle school several times a week and spend time with students during their lunch hour. Not only do we befriend them and build relationships with them, we also invite them to youth group as well. This past month especially we have seen many of these students join us for youth group which is amazing. Now we have the opportunity to present the gospel to kids who may have never heard about Jesus. We are excited to have new students and give God all the glory for the growth we have seen.

Future Events:

We are excited to see what this year holds in store for the student ministries at Redding Christian Fellowship. Our next upcoming event is a weeklong missions trip to San Diego. High school and middle school will join together for this spring break trip which is from April 9th-15th. Because this trip has some extra costs involved for transportation and lodging, the students have been involved in several fundraisers to help make the trip affordable for everyone. These fundraisers have been very successful thanks to the generous people in our church family. If you would like to partner with us in this way, please follow the Sunday announcements about upcoming fundraisers and listen for ways you could help. We are glad to be a part of those who serve here at RCF and are thankful for all your prayers and support.

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil 1:2)

Levi White & Kevin Rhoderick.



Old News:

We had a great weekend retreat up in Burney for the High School Winter Retreat. Grace Community Bible Church was incredibly generous in hosting us. Paul and Lisa West and Penny Nichols provided us with incredible food and Phil Vaughn from Simpson University was our speaker. We had fun playing in the snow, bowling, walking through lava tubes and being together. Special thanks to the many that made the weekend a success: Mallory Mckune, Marrassa Olsen, Brenda Conklin, Josh Ferrer, and Travis Forrister.

New News:

I want to thank you for the generosity you have shown to our students who are raising funds for the San Diego and Mexico Mission trips. Your support is noticed and appreciated. We have 4 more lunches coming up on the last Sunday of April, May, June and July. Sunday April 30th we will be having a Pasta Bar. Sunday, May 28th we will be having Hamburgers and Hotdogs, Sunday, June 25th we will be having Tri-tip, and Sunday, July 30th we will be having a baked Potato bar. I hope you will enjoy the meals and are able to support these mission trips.

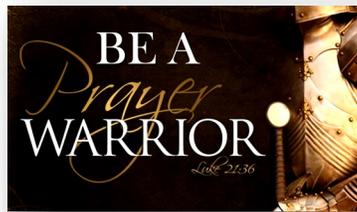
April 9th, many of our high school and middle school students will be headed to San Diego for an inner city mission trip. Please be in prayer that we would be a light for Christ in the city of San Diego and that our students would grow in their understanding and relationship with Christ. If you have any questions please check out the church website or contact the church office.

May 10th, the High School ministry will be forming a team to serve at Exodus Farms. We will be repairing fence, trimming trees, painting and whatever else needs doing. If you would be interested in lending a hand or have questions please contact the church office.

For His Glory and Honor,

Caleb

Those listed below are or have been ill or in the hospital, recuperating at home, have lost a loved one or welcomed a new little one into their family. Let's lift them up in prayer.



Illnesses

Margaret Brady	June Lee	Barbara Wiedenhoeff
Jody Charbonneau	Laurie Lemon	Betty Ramsey
Shirley Coker	Mary Olsen	Glen Mapes
Mary Doboyné	Kathy Roberts	Karen VanDyke
Ed Fishburn	Ed Robertson	Don Mangrum
Judy Gama-Strausser	Kati Rosten	
Louis & Donleita Gerdes	Barb Spellman	
Darlene Idehara	Debbie Walters	

Deaths

Nancy Best	Dana Spooner
Bob Sunter	David Morrow
Shirley Wilson	

ATTENDANCE AND GENERAL FUND GIVING			
<u>Celebration</u>			
	<u>1st / 2nd</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Giving</u>
2/5/17.....	488/451.....	939.....	\$21,002.57
2/12/17.....	467/418.....	885.....	\$17,455.96
2/19/17.....	414/385.....	799.....	\$11,600.17
2/26/17.....	489/444.....	933.....	\$16,363.42
3/5/17.....	460/467.....	927.....	\$29,286.65
3/12/17.....	390/424.....	814.....	\$16,089.00
3/19/17.....	497/489.....	986.....	\$18,249.12
3/26/17.....	468/437.....	905.....	\$11,109.14



The Young Adult Ministry is in the full swing of school, work, and life. Most all of our Young Adults are attending school and/or holding down a job of one kind or another. We also have several young professionals working as assistant architects, media creators and managers, restaurant managers, pastors, and even a fork lift driver.

We meet on Monday evenings in the Coffee House. We have been working through the book of Ephesians and have really been enjoying the discussion. We have seen some new faces join us over the last several months as well! We are looking forward to some upcoming events, Chamise Peak Hike, Service Project at Sycamore School and of course, the summer.

We are also working on the possibilities of sending a team to the Czech Republic to work with the Wendels that RCF supports and a team to Kenya to work with Lois Osborne and the Kenyan Evangelical Mission this summer. Please pray for us as we try to balance work, service, and life.

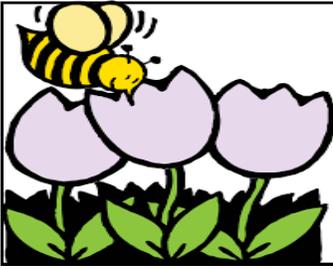
FINANCIAL REPORT	
Below you will see the fiscal year to date (as of February 28th) financial status of Redding Christian Fellowship. <i>Our leadership is carefully monitoring our finances and thank you for your faithful support.</i>	
Fund:	
General fund giving	\$418,055.38
Operating expenses:	\$430,287.23
Missions giving	\$86,342.03
Missionary funds disbursed:	\$88,720.00



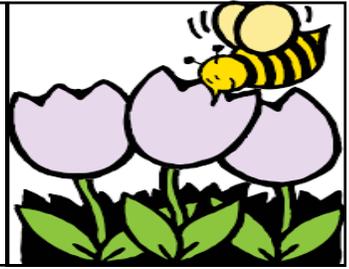
The Impact mentoring program is having a fantastic year. The most common challenge is finding ways to meet the needs that the schools bring to our attention. I am thankful for an incredible congregation and an impactful group of mentors that assist whenever and however they can. Redding Christian Fellowship is doing a fantastic job in reaching the community through the schools. Our next impact training will be directly following the second service in the main auditorium on Sunday, April 2nd. Lunch will be provided. Our final skate night will be on Saturday, April 22nd at Viking Skate Country from 4:45-6:45pm. RCF families are encouraged to come have some fun and we will be inviting the families of 4 other elementary schools. Please be in prayer that relationships would be built that would open an opportunity for some to accept the Gospel message. Our final Impact evaluation and training will be held on Sunday, May 21st

directly following the second service in the main auditorium. Lunch will be provided. At that time each mentor will have completed their commitment. This will be a time of thanksgiving, evaluating the year and dreaming for the next school year.

For His Glory and Honor,
Caleb



APRIL 2017



						1  Christina Keeler Baby Shower 2:00 pm
2 Family Life Monthly Meeting 9:00 am  Begin The Journey 11:00 am	3	4	5	6  Community Closet Sorting Day 1:00 pm	7	8  Young Adult Service Project
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BASELINE / BRINK SAN DIEGO MISSION TRIP						
 Begin The Journey 11:00 am GMT Meeting 12:30 pm				 P.E.P. PEP Hymn Sing to Him! 9:00 am		
16  Sunrise Service 6:30 am Regular Services 9:00 & 11:00 am	17	18 Elder/Deacon Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20	21  Women's Craft Night 5:30 pm	22  RCF/IMPACT Skate Night 4:45 to 6:45 pm Viking Skate
23  Mexico Mission Trip Meeting 12:30 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
FRESH GROUNDED FAITH COMMUNITY WIDE WOM-						
30  Mexico Mission Trip Lunch Fundraiser 12:30 pm						



	1	2	3	4	5  Comm. Closet Set-up and Sort 1:00 pm  Africa Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner 6:30 pm	6  Community Closet 10:00 am
7 Family Life Monthly Meeting 9:00 am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Mexico Pie Fundraiser Pick-Up  Begin the Journey 11:00 am	15	16 Elder/Deacon Meeting 6:30 pm	17 CKM: 5th Grade Graduation Celebration 5:30 pm	18	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">MAN CAMP</div>  Women's Craft Night 5:30 pm	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">MAN CAMP</div>  Comm. Closet Sorting Day 9:00 am  WIM Spring Hike
21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">MAN CAMP</div>  Begin the Journey 11:00 am	22	23	24	25  PEP Strawberry Sundaes & a Movie 2:00 pm	26	27
28  Mexico Mission Trip Lunch Fundraiser 12:30 pm	29  memorial DAY Office Closed	30	31			



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