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From Pastor John

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

There are a few people who have done something close to that - emperors who have conquered vast swaths of the globe, artists who have shaped culture's perception of beauty, and the creator of Facebook can all say that they have had great impact on the world in one way or the other. While you might not value the impact that some people have had, it is impossible to deny the world change that they have brought about.

As impressive as the list of people who have changed the world is, it is often difficult to imagine ourselves included in that list. As we head into a new year, we are going to start a series on Sunday mornings that will focus our thoughts onto not only how we can change the world, but how we can change it to a greater extent and for far greater purposes. In order for that change to be realized, we must shift our thinking on two fronts.

Firstly, you and I have to think of change on a different level. We can't think about changing the world through an invention or through personal achievement. Our calling is much greater than that. We have the incredible call to change our world for eternity's sake! That means the change that we are seeking is much more than temporal comfort, physical healing, or building our own little corner of the world.

Observations from Pastor Rick

ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

Some of us, with the best of intentions, make efforts to address certain areas of our lives each new year. These often deal with weight loss, health and exercise, deepening our devotional life, and perhaps strengthening family relationships, and so on. We call these efforts, resolutions.

Maybe there is another approach! Is it possible that we could unlearn certain things as part of our new year's resolutions? Unlearning what is wrong or ineffective is probably as important as learning what is right. Perhaps an activity or approach or method that worked beautifully in the past is now no longer working. Clinging to methods that were effective yesterday and continuing to pour effort into them, may well only lead to continued diminishing returns and increasing frustration.

In the world of church life, we must always distinguish between methods and mission. Someone once wrote,

*Methods are many, --- principles (mission) are few.
Methods may change, ---- principles (mission) never do!*

Clinging to ineffective methods can in fact destroy mission or principles. Here is an example:

We generally think of "church in a box". This means our church is located at a certain street address and has services at certain times. This comes from the day when most everything we did came from a "box" of some sort. Shopping took place on certain days and at specific hours. Stores closed after 5 or 6PM. No one shopped

Secondly, we have to shift our thinking as to the world we are called to change. A pastor in Victorville, CA, has written a book entitled, 8 to 15—The World Is Smaller Than You Think. In this book, Pastor Tom Mercer of High Desert Church encourages believers to see their world through the concept of oikos. It is this "world" that we are called to change! Oikos is translated "house" or "household" in our Bibles, but included much more than a family in Greco-Roman culture. Your oikos would include your family, extended family, servants, and others such as close friends and business associates. You see this in the account of Cornelius' conversion in Acts 10. Cornelius is described in Acts 10:2 as a "man who feared God with all his household." When God sent Peter to share the gospel with this Gentile, Cornelius "called together his relatives and close friends." (Acts 10:24).

The vast majority of believers came to Christ through the influence of someone in their oikos. Over the course of this series, we'll think about who our oikos is, how we can pray for them, and eventually how we can introduce them to Jesus. Join with us as we think about how we can take this important step in following Jesus!

on Sundays. We watched our favorite TV show at a certain time on a certain night. Ed Sullivan was always on Sunday nights and was followed by Bonanza when I was young.

What about today? We shop online. We can shop at midnight if we suffer from insomnia. Or we can shop at 4 AM. Most of us watch TV on our time thanks to one of the greatest inventions ever--- DVR technology. We access music on demand today. We do not own or purchase music; we stream it.

If we only think of church as a building or location and if we only think Sunday, the mission of our church will be greatly diminished. We would be quick to agree that our campus needs to look attractive so that newcomers will be drawn to our ministry. The truth is that today, those newcomers have already "looked us over" via our website, our live streaming, and our social media postings. So, must we not be willing to spend dollars on technology as much or even more than we are willing to spend dollars for landscaping and campus maintenance? Ignoring this reality is like Sears ignoring Amazon. It could well prove to be fatal and with some long standing American shopping icons, it already has been. Perhaps there is something here we need to "unlearn" or at least rethink. We must not change our mission! Our methods?--- that is another matter entirely.

By no means should we imply that buildings or set times for services ought to be discarded. On the other hand, God's work for us is a 24/7 assignment. We long for people to find salvation daily as the church is scattered throughout the week and folks are challenged to engage their "oikos" in conversations about following Jesus.

Lesslie Newbigin expressed it this way,

The call to the Church is to enter vigorously into the struggle for truth in the public domain. We cannot look for the security which would be ours in a restored Christendom. . . . We are called, I think, to bring our faith into the public arena, to publish it, to put it at risk in the encounter with other faiths and ideologies in open debate and argument, and in the risky business of discovering what Christian obedience means in radically new circumstances and in radically human cultures.

And again Newbigin stated,

The church is not meant to call men and women out of the world into a safe religious enclave but to call them out in order to send them back as agents of God's kingship.

Changing our ideas about methods is daunting. But there is really no alternative. Thinking, speaking or living in ways that our culture fails to understand hinders a person from following Jesus. One of our mentors was trying to contact a young student's parents. She asked the third grader, "Do you have a landline?" The student looked confused and asked, "What's a landline?" We may say that is funny, sad, surprising, amusing;—call it whatever you wish. But if words and methods are used that are not understood, we cannot communicate.

As we begin a new year we may need to consider unlearning certain cherished ideas or methods. By putting at the forefront our resolve to be faithful to our mission, it will become easier to rethink our methods. May God give us great wisdom to understand our mission clearly. May He also grant us wisdom to evaluate methods, and courage to pursue those methods that help us to fulfill our mission.

Pastor Rick

Missions Update



When was the last time you challenged yourself to do something that wasn't easy to do? I'm not talking about sticking to the latest diet or exercise program but something that stretches you spiritually and mentally. Many of you heard from one of our missionaries recently that inspired us to dream beyond the comfort zone of RCF. I guess that's why I love missions so much. Our missionaries live in a place where there are no borders. They live where the phrase "it can't be done" isn't used. I have always felt that the truly blessed are those that see the miraculous work of God because they give Him opportunity to display His goodness when the "it can't be done" is done! And who gets the glory? God and only God. I think at times it's easy for us to get comfortable in our church and our Christian lives and we fall into a mechanical routine and we lose the wonder of our salvation. King David's prayer is a prayer we need to pray. "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me." (Psalm 51:12) I want to challenge you to do something outside of your comfort zone. To allow God to use you in a way that maybe you haven't thought about before and pray. If you haven't experienced the miraculous give Him the opportunity to do it in you. I know it's not easy but be reminded of 1 Peter 1.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold, though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 1 Peter 1:6-7.

I was walking the stairs at Mercy Hospital today when I read the sign on the hand rails that said "the first step is the hardest but the last step is the most rewarding." I know they were talking about physical fitness but it's true of anything of great value? It's hard to get started but once you do it, it gets easier. It doesn't mean it won't have its challenges along the way but with each step you get closer to the finish line.

Our Nicaragua team will be leaving Redding on February 15th for 9 days. Pray that their equipment and

supplies make it across all borders. Also pray that all our trained nurses and doctors don't have issues with the government requirements so that they may serve those who desperately need their talents.

Did you know?

Here are a few facts you may not know.

1. We have over 61 missionaries and ministries we support monthly.
2. Faith promise missionary support money does not come out of our general funds but out of special giving to missions known as "Faith Promise".
3. We have a missionary presence on every continent with the exception of Antarctica, South America and Australia. In the past we have had all but Antarctica.
4. Redding Christian Fellowship has sent out 3 full time missionaries from our own congregation this past year.
5. Wycliffe Bible Translators sending agency holds the largest number of missionaries we support from one agency. That number is 8.
6. We have 12 missionaries that serve full time in closed countries or in countries where prosecution of Christians is accepted or encouraged.

How are you involved? Do you pray? Do you give? Are you informed? We do have prayer calendars available at the information desk. If you aren't participating with Faith Promise why not? Do you have questions? I'm available anytime to talk about our local and global outreach. You can reach me in the church office at 222-3425. Ask for Pastor Jerry.

Just a reminder for the safety of our ministry partners we don't use social media or any form of digital mail to share specific information about our global partners. We also don't reprint their newsletters without their permission first.

CHOIR

Choir is coming back. Starting in February our choir will be rehearsing for Sundays and a Night of Worship and Praise on March 29th. If you are one of the many who joined us to sing the Hallelujah Chorus for Christmas and would like to sing with us again give me a call. He has Risen, He has Risen Indeed. Watch for more information coming your way.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



The Young Adult Ministry is going strong as we enter the new year looking forward to ministry opportunities and fellowship. We have added members to our group as well! We look forward to meeting on Monday nights in the coffee house at 7 pm. We just finished an apologetics series and are looking forward to joining other small groups in our church as we look at Oikos. We are also thinking about ways we can be involved with our church at large. We have been enjoying the many ministries we are already a part of and look forward to new opportunities loving on our Church and Redding.

WORSHIP MINISTRY



Psalm 100

*1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
 2 Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!
 3 Know that the Lord, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his; [a]
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!
 5 For the Lord is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.*

The worship Ministry is going strong. We look forward to this new season that we find ourselves in. With new music we are learning and new worship team members to get to know. We are always looking for people to join the Worship and Media ministries. If you are interested please contact Tom Bryant tom@rcfellowship.org.

We want to thank Dustin Harms as he has stepped into a newly created media ministry volunteer position mixing the sound for our Livestream services. This is really exciting as our livestream is a first door that many visitors look to before ever stepping into our church on a Sunday morning. We also hope that as we begin to working through Oikos as a church we can invite our friends and neighbors to check out our livestream.

We will be starting a new monthly Gathering called "Team Night". This will take place on Feb. 7th at 7 p.m. after worship team practice and is open to anyone who is involved in our worship Ministry and creative Ministries. The creative Ministries would include our coffee house volunteers, artists of all kinds, decorating ministry, musicians, writers, web designers and anyone who would just like to know and be a part of this group of creative people. We will get together for about an hour or so and spend time in prayer and worship, a short devotional, inspirational stories, and time to build relationship and to encourage and edify one another.

Sharon's Sharing...



Greetings, dear ladies. As I pen my thoughts for this newsletter, I am challenged to not only update you on ministries, events and activities designed for your participation here at Redding Christian Fellowship, but also what bit of inspiration I might encourage you with, as well.

As I arose this early morning, I sensed God's spirit reminding me of a favorite passage in scripture that seemed especially appropriate as we launch into 2018. In Philippians 3:13-14, the Apostle Paul tells us: "Forgetting what lies behind, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." To me, this is a strong reminder to not get **Stuck** in an attitude of how things went in the past....but asking for spiritual eyes and determination to **press on** to what God is doing right now, lest I miss it.

Did you know that neither one of God's creatures, the kangaroo or emu, are able to move backwards? It's true.....because of the shape of its body and length of its strong tail, the kangaroo cannot easily shift into reverse. Likewise, the joints in the Emu's knees make backward movement nearly impossible. Both of these animals appear on Australia's Coat of Arms, to symbolize moving forward and making progress. You might be thinking "what in the world does this have to do with me, and my walk with God?".... But stick with me here, because I am also reminded of another passage in Isaiah 43:19, where God tells His people: "Listen (and watch) carefully, I am about to do a new thing, which will spring forth...will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert" This passage resonates in my heart and mind, that I can get so **stuck** in how things were behind me, that I totally miss what good things God is doing **now**, as we move forward. I am challenged in this thought, as I'm often much more comfortable in what was, than listening, watching and trusting what beautiful new things God is birthing in our midst presently.

I pray that, we allow His Word and inspired messages given by our Pastors weekly, to dwell richly in our hearts and minds, and that we might seek to encourage one another to continue to move forward in helping others take the next step in following Jesus, and turn our eyes from what **was**, to see what God is doing **now**, in our personal lives, our church and our city. May we be daily asking Him to guide and direct us in being a part of His Kingdom's work.

As is typical of Women in Ministry, we are pressing forward in continued opportunities to dig deep into Gods' word, and also continually deepen our relationship with Him and with other like minded believers. We have our two (**morning and evening**) **Tuesday Women's Bible Studies**.

Classes are resuming, as we explore the wisdom found in I Peter, and also the powerful truth of the statements of Christ, as he declares himself "**I AM**". It's never too late to jump in and join us, if you're new to our church, or find yourself with time opening up as your life and schedules change. Tuesday Evenings, also present Precepts studies, resuming with the beautiful study of Isaiah, and on **Wednesday afternoons**, another **Precepts** offering: " Lord, give me a Heart (like yours)" two classes, though under the covering of Women in Ministry, are not limited to women alone, and men are encouraged to participate in Precepts, as well. Two additional support groups under Women in Ministry covering, are resuming: **Divorce Care and GriefShare**, and are open to both men and women in our community as well as our church, who are seeking support following painful, life impacting events. You can find out more

about these groups by calling the church office, speaking to me directly, or by contacting the individual group leaders, listed in your Sunday Bulletins.

On **Friday Feb 16th**, we will resume our **Healthy Living classes**, that so many of you found helpful in your desire to exchange some old habits for new ways to eat smarter, and be physically stronger. Classes will be from 1-3 pm in Fellowship Hall monthly and are presented by our own, Marty Freyne, along with Shasta County Health Dietitians, who will share the latest in information, idea, tips, and recipes (and sample tasting) to ensure a healthier life.

Nutrition is a confusing and changing science. We will be offering a guide through 9 lectures to aid and clear up many misconceptions concerning:

- Healthy weight loss
- Improving cooking skills
- Learning what to eat
- Adding exercise to enhance mobility and strength

Both men and women are invited to join us as we address many questions concerning diet for all, from infants though senior age.

Please **WATCH and listen** for additional and ongoing ministry updates, via weekly announcements, Email blasts, and by visiting on web site @ rcfellowship.org.

As I close , please remember that my Heart and my focus in Ministry to Women, is to be about my Fathers business, in all areas concerning our church and community, especially in connecting women to a closer relationship and awareness of Gods best for their lives. I remain available, and accessible for your communication, questions and concerns in how you might join us as we serve and glorify God here at Redding Christian Fellowship. I challenge you to prayerfully and boldly invite a friend or neighbor to join us in a Sunday Service , an event , or study, and I welcome your thoughts, ideas and opportunities for conversation, and always for ongoing prayer in that which concerns you.

May 2018 be a year of **pressing forward** together. It's my pleasure to serve alongside you as we strive to honor God by blessing and serving others.

Until next time, my blessings and Love to you,



People Enjoying People



Israel Discussion

**February 22nd at 11:30am
in the Main Auditorium**

Come and see how Genesis 12:1-3 is being fulfilled before our eyes. Discussion to be led by Pastor Rick Penner. Join us for this fun time of food and fellowship. **\$3 in advance - \$4 at the door.**

Planning for the Future

**March 15th at 11:30am
in the Main Auditorium**

Ric Komarek will be back to discuss Estate Planning, Wills, and Legacy Investments. **\$3 in advance & \$4 at the door.**



BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!



JOIN THE TEAM

HELPING KIDS LEARN TO FOLLOW JESUS
REDDINGCHRISTIANKIDS.COM

At our annual meeting, John announced that I, Mister Brown, am now officially the Kids Pastor at Redding Christian Fellowship. I am part-time because I still speak in public schools and do lots of work in the community through Proclaim Ministries, but I am very pleased that this arrangement is working out. After his announcement, some people applauded, some gave me a thumbs up and somebody was really cool and gave me a head nod. After the meeting several people gave me their congratulations and one person said, "You know we don't hear much about Kids Ministry." Well we want to put an end to that.

Not that Kids Ministry is more important than any other ministry, but it is important. So we invite you to be apart of something great. (ReddingChristianKids.com)

Here are a few ways you can be a part of something great. (ReddingChristianKids.com)

- Pray for Kids Ministry.** I am not just saying that because I am supposed to. I really invite you to pray for us - the team, parents and the kids. While we would love for more of you to get involved we understand that God can do more with nothing than we can do with an abundance. Besides when we seek Him, if you are supposed to be involved, He will work that out. We have prayer cards available as a very practical way for you to remember to pray for us. Come by the Kids Ministry area on Sunday and pick up a prayer card. Put it on your fridge or somewhere else to be a visual reminder to pray. (ReddingChristianKids.com)

- Serve** - Is there a spot for you in Kids Ministry? Answer the following questions.

1. Do you like kids?
2. Do you want to see them learn to follow Jesus?
3. Are you willing and able to give of your time?

You might be thinking, "I like kids, but I don't know if I would be any good in a classroom." I would say you might be right or you might be wrong. In addition, I would say there are other areas you can serve, not just in the classroom. Again, we invite you to be a part of something great (ReddingChristianKids.com).

- Encourage** - I'm not asking for myself but for our team. If you appreciate the work they do, please let them know. A kind word, a note or some other way to let them know they are appreciated will go along way. I'm not sure you noticed the 4 times I wrote (ReddingChristianKids.com) well 5 now. That was my attempt to send you a not so subtle message - visit ReddingChristianKids.com. I'm really excited and consider it a privilege to be a part of the Kids Ministry Team as we help kids learn to follow Jesus. You are invited to be a part of something great. (ReddingChristianKids.com)

Meet the Kids and the Kids Ministry Team



Do you remember the show, Kids Say the Darndest Things? It was a show where the host interviewed kids and even with the bright lights, tv cameras and a live audience kids still said some of the most off the wall things. We were looking for a creative way to introduce the Kids Ministry Team to the parents and the congregation so we turned on some bright lights, video cameras and a very small audience and what we found is Kids Still Say the Darndest things! While the kids were supposed to be interviewing the team we found ourselves asking the kids questions and what we ended up with was...Well you have to watch for yourself. Visit ReddingChristianKids.com and click on the videos section to meet the Kids and the Kids Ministry Team.



REVIEWING THE PAST

Over the winter break we had several great events for students to celebrate the holidays. We celebrated Christmas with an advent series in Sunday school pointing us to the person and work of Jesus. In our mid-week youth group students invited their friends to join us for our Christmas party where we got to enjoy each others company and play some Christmas themed games. We also hosted two all day youth events where we invited students to join us for fun activities, great food and a message from the Bible. Many students invited their friends and it was a great opportunity to engage new students over the school break.

CELEBRATING THE PRESENT

Middle school is a time in students lives where they often hit a growth spurt and begin to get taller and more mature. It's not uncommon for Jr. High kids to grow so much as teenagers that they pass up their parents in height. It was about this time in my life that I discovered I was able to outrun my Mom, (something I previously thought was impossible). It's fun to see kids grow up physically but we look for growth in other areas as well. Things like spiritual maturity evidenced by making better choices, being responsible, and loving those around you. It's amazing to be able to look back over the past year and see how students have grown spiritually and in their understanding of who God is and what He has done for them. Great things are happening in youth group and it's exciting to be a part of what's going on in students lives. We are continuing to work our way through the Bible hitting the big themes and major highlights to get the big picture of the Bible as a whole. Every month we introduce a new scripture memory verse that goes along with what we are studying in our Bible lessons.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The new year is upon us and that brings with it many new and exciting opportunities. We continue to do outreach into our community because we love Redding and want to reach the kids in our community to the best of our ability. It's my prayer that kids who don't know Christ will come to know Him in this upcoming year and that those who already do would continue to grow and commit their lives more fully to God's plan for their life. You can specifically pray for winter camp this year which is coming up on February 17th-19th. We are taking a weekend to go play in the snow in Oregon and escape from our normal routine so we can focus on God without the distractions of everyday life. At camp we have the unique opportunity to share the gospel and encourage students to walk with Christ. I look forward to sharing with you what God does this year at winter camp.



BRINK HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

This last winter was an exciting time where many opportunities were seized in order to serve Christ through serving people. We brought and served both a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner to the residence at the Lorenz Hotel. We also had an opportunity to help rebuild homes that were destroyed in the 2015 fires in Middletown as well as sift through ashes in the Santa Rosa areas. An army of people are necessary to pull off the many details that are required for any of these events. Thank you to so many who made this last winter an exciting place to serve.

As the 2018-year progresses Redding Christian Fellowship will be having more opportunities to serve those who lost so much due to fires. Please consider the possibility of you joining a team to show the love of Christ to those who need it down in the Middletown area.

High school winter camp is quickly approaching. Mountain Lakes Bible Camp will be hosting us this year. The camp is located between Klamath Falls and Medford, Or. We have scheduled Winter Camp on the same weekend as Presidents' Day so our camp will run Saturday February 17 thru Monday February 19. Please be in prayer that there would be snow at camp, that students would grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and that we would have safe travels throughout the weekend.

For His Glory and Honor,
Caleb



IMPACT MINISTRIES

Reaching out to families in our community is exciting and yet some of the most difficult work that I have ever been a part of at RCF. We are seeing some exciting things take place. Students are coming to church and joining our youth ministry programs who have no previous experience with church. The Gospel is being heard by students who do not live with the hope that comes from the Truth of the Gospel. With this excitement also comes the challenge of hearing the stories of the students and becoming aware of the heartache that they live in. Brokenness leaves many scars and has residual affects that can often make spending time together in a youth ministry difficult. However, as we read through the Gospels, Jesus Christ did not spend his time with only the healthy people that were easy to be around. Jesus spent his time with the sick and needy, with those who likely did not always say and do the appropriate things. Reaching out to families in our community is exciting and yet some of the most difficult work. Please be in prayer for our mentors and youth ministry teams who spend week after week pouring into the lives of students who desperately need the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would draw the hearts of many to himself. We have some impact events coming up. For all of our Impact mentors, our next Impact training will be held on Sunday March 18th directly following the second service in the main auditorium. Please make it a priority to be there. Impact is hosting a skate night at Viking Skate Country on Saturday April 28th. This is a great opportunity to invite friends with younger children to an event where they can begin to build relationships with people from RCF. It is free and pizza is provided.

Thank you for your prayers. 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

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| Betty Achten | Hal Hanesworth | Barb Spellman |
| Margaret Brady | Loretta Humphries | Debbie Walters |
| Jody Charbonneau | Darlene Idehara | Barbara Wiedenhoeft |
| Shirley Coker | Del Jacobson | Glen & Myrna Mapes |
| Mary Doboyne | Laurie Lemon | Don Mangrum |
| Pete Ferrer | Deanna Olsen | Betty Ramsey |
| Judy Gama-Strausser | Mary Olsen | Rory Woods |
| Louis & Donleita Gerdes | Ed Robertson | |
| | Kati Rosten | |

Deaths

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| Richard Cheatum | Alma Queen |
| Dixie Holden | Kay Kilduff |
| Jason (J.C.) Lanphear | Ruth Ellen Barrington |
| Mary Stacy | Bob Goodlet |

FINANCIAL REPORT

Below you will see the fiscal year to date financial status of Redding Christian Fellowship. The Elder Board would like to keep the congregation informed on the financial status of the church and the various projects that are ongoing at Redding Christian Fellowship. You are welcome to address any questions or concerns by contacting the church office.

As of December 31:

Fund:

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| General fund giving: | \$ 311,591.86 |
| Operating expenses: | \$ 251,653.26 |
| Missions giving: | \$ 82,872.00 |
| Missionary funds disbursed: | \$ 69,994.45 |

ISRAEL REPORT AND INFORMATION MEETING!



On February 18th at 6pm, there will be a meeting in the main auditorium. We will share highlights of our recent trip to Israel complete with videos and personal stories. We are also happy to announce our next trip scheduled for Nov. 5 to 18, 2018. Come and hear the details.

Come and join us for an evening of inspiration.

ATTENDANCE AND GENERAL FUND GIVING

Celebration

| | <u>1st / 2nd</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Giving</u> |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dec 3..... | 544/415..... | 959..... | \$23,745.86 |
| Dec 10..... | 510/470..... | 980..... | \$21,301.46 |
| Dec 17..... | 577/440..... | 1017..... | \$19,437.50 |
| Dec 24..... | 516/444..... | 960..... | \$12,262.69 |
| Dec 31..... | 446/360..... | 806..... | \$13,004.00 |
| Jan 7..... | 464/399..... | 863..... | \$20,370.00 |
| Jan 14..... | 443/432..... | 875..... | \$13,973.57 |
| Jan 21..... | 500/409..... | 909..... | \$14,619.84 |
| Jan 28..... | 443/450..... | 893..... | \$13,492.25 |

NEW YEAR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. Let the heavens praise your wonders O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones."

It's a new year with all its challenges and opportunities. With that statement made Tom and Jerry want to share both the challenges and opportunities that are in front of us for this winter and spring.

God has blessed us through the years with incredible musicians that love the Lord and want to serve Him. Nothing has changed we still need individuals for worship teams, both vocalists and instrumentalists. With Tom's leadership the commitment to solid doctrinal truths continue to be proclaimed through our worship music on Sunday mornings. Starting in February, our worship choir will return to regularly scheduled rehearsals for the winter and spring seasons with participation on selected Sundays and a night of worship and praise prior to Easter. Jerry will be sending out a rehearsal schedule. Redding Christian Fellowship is committed to our community and we plan to participate in our community services at the Civic on Good Friday. We are currently planning an exciting Easter Sunday morning as we celebrate our Risen Savior. We want to take the Thursday Night before Easter (Maundy Thursday) and have an evening of worship and praise. The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in "Maundy Thursday" refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. It was also a time of celebration. It was Passover, the biggest event of the year. Families and friends coming together to celebrate the love we have for the Lord but to also celebrate each other and love each other. Choir, orchestra, soloists, worship band all will be there to lead us in a night of celebration. If you haven't been a part of the music ministry at Redding Christian Fellowship and would like to contact Pastor Tom Bryant at the church office.



REDDING CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

2157 Victor Avenue
Redding, CA 96002

Celebration Services - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Main Auditorium

OUR ELDERS

Duane Helle
(chairman)
Ken Abbott
John Kelley
John Chelonis
Troy Foster

Ken McDonald
Bruce Schlange
Dan Conklin
Rick Penner
John Craft

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