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The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered himself.
Proverbs 11:25

If it's joy that we desire, we often defeat ourselves by going after it in the wrong way. We make it a self-centered pursuit having to do mainly with what we want to get – and we lose sight of the fact that the greatest joy is the joy of giving. The most joyful people in the world are those whose main intent is to foster joy in the lives of others as much as possible. They have great joy, but they're hardly conscious of having sought it for themselves at all.

Most of us underestimate how great a capacity we have to bring joy to others. We don't think we have anything to offer that would bring happiness, much less joy, to anybody else. But if we are Christians, we have great resources out of which we could give joy. There was probably nothing extraordinary about the Thessalonians, at least from a worldly standpoint, yet Paul was profuse in his praise for them. By their example of steadfastness in the face of hardship, they had greatly refreshed his heart and made it easier for him to endure his own afflictions. "For now we live," he said, "if you stand fast in the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 3:8).

Joy is one of those things that we get more of by paying less attention to it. When we obsess about it and seek it self-consciously, it slips out of our grasp. But when we forget about it, and focus on the needs of those around us, we find it coming our way.

Real joy, though, can be a bittersweet experience. If it comes from making possible the joy of others, that will often require letting go and losing some things that are exceedingly precious to us. Think of Jesus, for example. If joy comes from making possible the joy of others, then His joy must have been a great joy indeed! Yet He could not have known that joy without the grief that went with the sacrifice. And so it is for us, too. True joy can be very costly.

In the long run, however, it is true, as Solomon observed, that the "generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." C. S. Lewis said it differently, but no less truly, "Nothing that you have not given away will ever truly be your own." Yes, that is a hard truth to accept. But it is still true.

The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.

John Greenleaf Whittier

**WELCOME
VISITORS**

You are our honored guests. If this is your first time visiting with us we want to welcome you to our worship service. If you have worshipped with us before, we want to welcome you back.

GREETERS

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Foyer	Stacy & Carol	Nedra & Brandon
Aud.	Ken & Daria	Ron & Sarah

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Everett Hooker – was hospitalized in the early part of the week for tests to determine what is causing the weakness and other problems he has been experiencing lately.

Tom McBride – it was good to have Tom back with us last Sunday; continue to remember him in your prayers.

Nancy Chatman – recovering from surgery this past Monday.

Sarah – Gordon & Eleanor Robert's granddaughter had her tonsils removed Thursday.

Natalie Hooker – Doug & Georgia Hooker's granddaughter has problems with her eyes.

Bonnie Delos – health problems.

Chris Brewer – son of Carol Daves and brother to Lori Zimbelman; safe return from a job related trip to India.

Mildred Ballenger – having a procedure done July 14 to try to alleviate some of the pain in her back.

Angela – Seve and Darlene's daughter is recovering from pneumonia.

Sierra Bible Camp – staff and campers to have a safe and productive camp.

Continual Prayer List:

Members: Louis & Amalia Francheschi; **Martha Hull;** Jean Lemmons; **Keith Lennex;** Melvin & Frances Mason; **Tom McBride;** **George McCrea;** Bob & Belva Mellor; Larry Paris; **Bill Roark;** Garces family; Ruth Keith; **Kathy Bell;** **John Proctor;** Paula Cupp; Caleb Christensen; Doug Mason; Chuck Bryan; Mary Baker; **Ellis Jones;** Shirley Vaughn; Mildred Ballenger

Family & Friends: Roger (Belva Mellor's son); Kathy Rowe (Jim Darghty's sister); Leah Parker (Lloyd & Billie's granddaughter); Josefina Chavez (Erika Garces' mom); Jan Patterson's dad; Mary Dufford (Maryanne Fulton's mom); John Dufford (Maryanne's brother); Steven (Daria Roe's son); Kathleen Keeton (Phyllis Keeton's mother-in-law); Larry Spencer; Craig Clement; Dolly (John Graber's mom); Marianna Cox (Rhonda's mother-in-law); Doris Howell (Roger Moore's aunt); Bill Cain (Lloyd & Billie Parker's brother-in-law); Betty Anderson (Maxie's friend); Emily Parker (Clara Bryan's sister); Leslie (Billie Parker's friend); Lucille Hill's brother; Bill Brunts & Steve Garland (Wayne Fulton's friends); Paul Sarron (Roy Nunally's friend); Diego and Angelita Picetti (Jordan's brother and sister); Vida Clothier; Denise Schroeder's mom; Carolyn Carr (Shannon Dunn's aunt); Lynn (Larry Paris' friend); Mary Lloyd (Charlotte McCrea's friend); Coni (Pat Steinwandt's sister-in-law); Tilda Martin (George McCrea's sister); Jim Simmons (John Reed's friend); Linda Campbell (John Reed's friend); Dorothy Smith (Jan Patterson's aunt); Billie Parker's nephew; Gracie (Paula Cupp's roommate); Della Lewis (Audrey Watkins' mom); Ron Baughman (Diana Darghty's dad); Ruth Barge (Audrey Watkin's aunt); King Morris, Sr., Donnie (Sharon Hodge's cousin); Brittany Darghty (Jim & Diana's daughter-in-law); Sarah Livingston (Robert's granddaughter); Regie (Mike Davis' brother); Christina (Chanel Bishop's friend); Ella (Wayne Fulton's grandmother); Joseph Jones (Wayne Fulton's friend's son); Pam Ewalt (co-worker of Linda Davis); Auburn Cosentino (Starvel & Lu Junious' daughter-in-law); Blake (nephew of the Murray's); Charles Fields (Wendy Pitt's friend); Dennis McCrea (George & Charlotte's son); Michelle Harris (Steve & Diane Maggiora's daughter); Tammy Bibergal (Susie O'Hagan's niece); Oliver (Wayne Fulton's friend); Tookie, David (friends of the Fulton's); Lois Kruger (Luanna Water's friend); Doug Mason; Trevor Ahlstrom's grandfather; James Bracken, Sr. (Jeremy Petersen's grandfather); Billy & Ginger Byrd; Tabatha Braden (Murray's niece); Tim Blue (Link & Betty's nephew); Anton McCrea (great-grandson of George & Charlotte); Daisy (Audrey Watkin's aunt); Jay Pitts; Joseph Smith (Joy Willis' brother); Tiffany Waters (niece of Kerry Waters); Lisa Baker (Link & Betty Blue's daughter); Joerita Dean (cousin of Mike Davis family); Tom Cox (friend of Jeremy Petersen); Brett Davis (Mike Davis' brother); Virgil and Shirley (friends of Diane Nunally); Ken Markel (friend of Roy Nunally); Lydia (friend of Paul Watkins)

**** Please review the continual prayer list. If you, your friend or loved one can be removed from the list, please contact the office. ****

****If you are recently baptized, a new member, or your personal information (address, phone, etc.) has changed and you have not completed a New Member/Change of Address form, please pick one up from the foyer table and return to the office.****



The Scholar's Corner

The Scholar's Corner is designed to help us better understand and study the true translation/meaning of words (in the Bible) from the original language. INDepth topics give us a better understanding of those topics.

INDepth – Late Night Visitor

Jesus and Nicodemus had a private conversation late one night. We do not know whether Nicodemus had an appointment. We do not know what he wanted to say. Nicodemus came to Jesus, but Jesus guided the conversation from the start. In effect, Nicodemus took a step in the right direction, and Jesus met him more than halfway.

John's record of the meeting may indicate that some of the disciples were there as well. But it is also possible that Jesus later gave the disciples a detailed account of His conversation with Nicodemus as with the woman at the well (see Jn., ch. 4).

Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews (3:1). Jesus even called him a "teacher of Israel" (3:10), the same word Nicodemus used for Jesus, "a teacher come from God" (3:2). If Nicodemus's purpose was to find out for himself whether Jesus was really a teacher from God, he did not have to wait long. Instead of defending His own credentials, Jesus offered Nicodemus an eternal lesson.

Nicodemus was part of a group whose prestige had suffered the most because of Jesus' popularity. The Pharisees were the conservatives in Israel. They held all of the Scriptures in high regard. They believed in eternal life. They were the ones most people thought would be able to identify the long-awaited Messiah and announce Him to the people. Unfortunately, the Pharisees had begun to think of the coming Messiah as one who would elevate and honor them when He came. But Jesus showed no inclination to do this. Instead, He call all to repentance, even the Pharisees. He made it painfully clear to the Pharisees that their devotion to Scripture was undermined by their tendency to apply it wrongly and to exalt themselves over others. Although they had diligently studied the Scriptures they had not learned the central truths of Scripture; justice, mercy and faith. (Matt. 23:23)

And yet Nicodemus chose to come, even if he had to come alone. He allowed Jesus to challenge his understanding. He did not shrink from revealing his ignorance about the second birth. He listened. In spite of the fact that he was a teacher, he was willing to be taught. Undoubtedly he experienced some of God's love that night, for later John gives us glimpses of Nicodemus's changed character (compare 7:50, 51; 19:39-42).

Our sermon lesson this week is entitled "Slow to Wrath" and is based on James 1:19, 20. Sermon outlines can be found in the foyer.

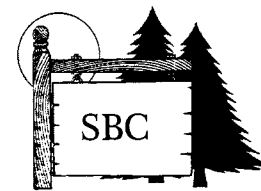
SIERRA BIBLE CAMP

We are into the final week before camp - July 10-17. If you offered to donate food by taking food tags all food needs to be returned by Sunday, **July 4** so we will know how much more food to purchase. This year we are asking that the item(s) you purchase be the largest size possible (generally found at Smart & Final, COSTCO or Sam's Club) to make it less time consuming and more efficient for the kitchen staff.

Anyone who would like to make cookies to send to camp, please make them the week before camp starts and bring them in Wed. evening (July 7) or Thurs. (July 8).

Counselors – the last Counselor meeting before camp is scheduled for Saturday, July 3 at 11am. Any counselor who has not attended one of the previous meetings should plan to attend this one.

Also, if you are able to provide a camp sponsorship, we need your sponsorship as soon as possible. Please make your check payable to SBC and memo it as a scholarship. Thank you for any and all assistance you might provide.



Jimmy Little is head of the **Communion Ministry** for those who are unable to be at service due to some incapacitation. If you wish to receive communion (or know of someone who would), please contact Jimmy on his cell phone at 248-2626.

Please note: No food or beverages (water, ok) are to be brought into the auditorium. Also, please turn off cell phones/ electronic devices.

Spring Bible Classes

■ SUNDAY	Teacher	Room	Subject
2-3 years	Pat Steinwandt	4	Various
4-5 years	Arianna Keith	1	Various
1st-4th grade	Stacy Rice	2	Various
5th/6th grade	Matt & Lori Zimbelman	8	Various
7th-12th grade	Lucille Hill/Geri Taylor	14	Girls
7th-12th grade	Eric Dunn/Wayne Fulton	Teen (16)	Boys
Young adults	Wayne Keith	13	Various
Adults	John Graber	Audit.	Life of Christ
Adults	Eddie Ketner	11	New Christian
Adults	Morgan McGowain	Hall	Answering Religious Error

■ WEDNESDAY	Teacher	Room	Subject
3-5 years	Linda Lynskey	4	Various
1st-3rd grade	Traci Graber	2	Various
4th-6th grade	Ron Neubauer	8	Various
7th-12th grade	Gregg Rice	16	Various
Young adults	Kerry Waters	13	Various
Adults	Various	Audit.	How to Study the Bible
Adults	Eddie Ketner	10	New Christian
Adults	Warren Hutson	Hall	Bible Facts

■ SATURDAY | 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Men's Leadership Training	Various	11
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A map of the classrooms can be found in the foyer along with the Children's Ministry sign-up sheet for the next quarter.

A Bit o' Humor

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



A baby shower for Jennifer Lacefield will be held July 22 at 7:00pm in the old Fellowship Hall. Jennifer and Geoff are expecting a boy. They are registered at Target.

VBS

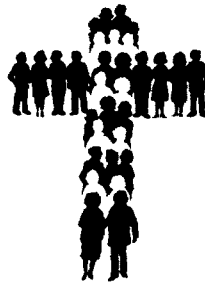
We want to thank Gregg and Stacy and everyone who assisted in making VBS a success. The children had a great time in a fun atmosphere learning about Jesus. Thank you, Steve, for leading the adult study. A big thank you to Ron Neubauer for the PowerPoint presentation he produced for the Friday night finale. And, to everyone who brought ice cream for the social afterward, **THANK YOU.**

Education Ministry

The Education Ministry meeting scheduled for July 11 has been rescheduled for July 25 after morning service.

Care Group 4

Morgan McGowain has scheduled a meeting for Care Group 4 after morning service Aug. 8. Please see the list across from the Minister's Office to see if this is your group.



Wed. Evening Devo Schedule

July

John Graber	7th
Mike Davis	14 th
Kerry Waters	21 st
Gregg Rice	28 th

August

Morgan McGowain/Mark W.	4 th
Eric Dunn / Mike Davis	11 th
Ron Neubauer/John Graber	18 th
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FYI

The Tahoe Family Encampment is July 24-30, 2010. The theme of this year's encampment is "These Things – Teach" based on 1 Timothy 4:11. For details, visit the website at www.tahoefamilyencampment.com or call Pat or Paul Methvin at (916) 989-4885 for more information.

HOMECOMING

A Homecoming is being planned for the spring of 2011. Check your attics and garages for any memorabilia you may have hidden away. If you would like to be part of the Homecoming Committee, please see Mark.

The Patient Comfort Program (formerly known as Cancer Station) needs clean used sheets, pillowcases and similar material. Please place these items in the Old Fellowship kitchen.

COMING EVENTS

Ice Cream Social (cancelled for July)
Office Closed July 5
SBC July 10-17

Monday Night for the Master 7pm
Ladies Bible Class 10am summer break
(Please note: class resumes Sept. 14)
Men's Leadership Class 9am
Singing Practice 5pm Saturday 2nd & 4th Sun.

AREA CONGREGATION EVENTS

Please check the foyer bulletin board or table for information regarding any events which may have been planned by area congregations.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

JULY 4, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Order	<i>Wayne Keith</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Ken Brown</i>
Song Leader	<i>Warren Hutson</i>
Prayer	<i>Richie Smith</i>
Communion -	
Bread	<i>Ron Neubauer</i>
Fruit of the Vine	<i>Wayne Keith</i>
Elder's Prayer	<i>Jim Farris</i>
Contribution	<i>Stacy Cockrum</i>
Helper	<i>Roger O'Hagan</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Evan Waters</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Craig Christensen</i>
Alternate #1	<i>Geoff Lacefield</i>
Alternate #2	<i>Eddie Ketner</i>

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements	<i>Wayne Keith</i>
Song Leader	<i>Doug Hooker</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Jonah Bryan</i>
Second Prayer	<i>David Bryan</i>
Communion	<i>Kerry Waters</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Jordan Picetti</i>
Alternate	<i>Jeremy Petersen</i>

**BUILDING SECURITY FOR JULY:
KERRY WATERS & CRAIG CHRISTENSEN**

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THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

Christ built **It** (Matt. 16:18)
Christ is the **Head of It** (Eph. 5:23)
It is the **House of God** (1 Tim. 3:15)
It is the **Body of Christ** (Eph. 1:22, 23))
Christ bought **It** with **His Blood** (Acts 20:28)
The **Lord** loved and gave **Himself** for **It** (Eph. 5:25)
It is subject to **Christ** (Eph. 5:24)
The saved are in **It** (1 Cor. 12:12, 14)
One is baptized into **It** (Gal. 3:27, 28)
Its purity must be maintained (Eph. 5:27)
It is **One** (Eph. 5:27)
It is part of **God's Eternal Purpose** (2 Tim. 1:9, 10)

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR the Gospel (Acts 15:7)
BELIEVE the Gospel Mark 16:16)
REPENT of Sins (Luke 13:3, 5)
CONFESS Christ (Rom. 10:9-10)
BAPTISM for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:1-4)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASS	9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP	10:45 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP	6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASS	7:00 P.M.
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FOR THE RECORD

ATTENDANCE – June 27, 2010

SUNDAY WORSHIP	158
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