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# *the* Messenger

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July 19 – July 25, 2010

## Would We Refuse the Great Invitation?

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A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready." But they all with one accord began to make excuses.  
Luke 14:16-18

WE ARE NEVER MORE FOOLISH THAN WHEN WE SAY NO TO GOD. We act as if God were trying to force us into an unnatural, undesirable way of life, when in reality He is inviting us to experience something very, very good. He is not trying to hurt us but rather to help us. When we say no to Him, we are refusing to accept the love He longs to give us. That is, in fact, what sin always is: a foolish unwillingness to let ourselves be loved by our God.

We would not ever turn down what God has for us, of course, if we were not deceived. When we choose to do something other than God's will, we've been led to believe that we're acting in our best interests. But we should not be under any delusion as to where that lie comes from. To the Corinthians, Paul wrote, "I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians II:3). Our adversary, the devil, has had long experience in making absurd foolishness seem like great wisdom.

But we should not let ourselves be fooled so easily. The biblical injunction "Do not be deceived" (Galatians 6:7) is a command. It implies that we can make the choice to keep our eyes open, and that is what we should always insist on doing. We know far too much about God to believe that He would invite us to anything other than the greatest of banquets, and when Satan suggests otherwise, we should have enough sense to simply say, "Shut up!"

God is inviting us to enjoy everything that is truly good about life. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). What we should understand is not only that God offers us life but that He puts His offer in the form of an invitation. "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come'...Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). Who in his right mind would turn this down? When we "make excuses," aren't we making a tragic mistake?

Who would prefer to be poor? Who would choose to be sick?  
What hungry person could possibly walk away from a banquet table?  
O Lord, help me to respond warmly to your gracious invitation.

Bernard Bangley

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## 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	Paul & Ruth	Wayne & Maryanne
Aud.	Warren & Sharon	John & Traci Graber



**Everett Hooker** – his surgery is on hold for now.

**Mike Waters** – Kerry's brother needs prayers for recovery and rehab from back surgery.

Our minister, elders, deacons and their families as they endeavor to serve this congregation.

### ***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; Jean Johnson; Nancy Chatman*

**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; 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); Joseph Smith (Joy Willis' brother); Lisa Baker (Link & Betty Blue's daughter); Jocrita 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.

### Illustration

(Gk. *paroimia*) (John 10:6, 16:25, 29, 2 Peter 2:22) Strong's #3942. The Greek word can mean "proverb" (as in 2 Peter 2:22), "enigmatic saying" (as in John 16:25, 29), or "similitude." John did not use the Greek word *parabolē*, meaning "parable," which is common in the synoptic Gospels, and the synoptic Gospels do not have the word *paroimia*. The two words are nearly synonymous. The only difference is that in John's Gospel the word *paroimia* may connote the idea of a similitude or analogy. Whatever the exact definition, Jesus' similitude was not understood by his listeners because their sin had hardened their hearts and had made them unable to comprehend the spiritual truths about which Jesus spoke (see Matt 13:10-17).

Mark's lesson this morning is entitled "The Cost and Reward of Discipleship" and is based on Mark 10:28-31. Sermon outlines may be found in the foyer.

### Survey Form

The Elders are asking that each individual complete a survey form (found on the foyer table) and return to the office by Aug. 8. A box will be left on the counter in the office for your completed surveys.

### Lost Wallet

CJ Christensen lost his wallet at the Devo last Sunday evening. If anyone found it, please return it to CJ or his family.

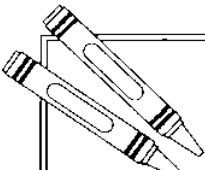
### Coming Soon

In a few weeks a new Wednesday evening adult class will be introduced. An Advanced Survey of the Old Testament. This class is highly recommended for anyone wishing to increase their knowledge of the Old Testament. Class materials are \$20 to cover one year of study. If you do not wish to purchase the study materials you may follow along using your Bible and the class Power Point presentation. A sign up sheet will be available for those wishing to purchase class materials or take the class.



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.



## Just for KIDS

**You are very special and important to God!**

In Zechariah 2:8, Deuteronomy 32:10, Proverbs 7:2 and Psalms 17:8, we find an expression that describes how special and important you are to God. Use the picture graph to fill the blanks.

**You are**

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The apple of His eye

## Spring Bible Classes

■ SUNDAY	Teacher	Room	Subject
2-3 years	Pat Steinwandt	4	Various
4-5 years	Ananna 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 Chnst
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	Pon 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.	Teacher	Room	Subject
Men's Leadership Training		Vancous	11

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

## Education Ministry

The Education Ministry meeting has been rescheduled from today to next Sunday (Aug. 1) after morning service (Morgan and Lucille will be at the TFE July 25<sup>th</sup>).

## Care Group 4

Morgan McGowain has rescheduled his Care Group 4 meeting from Aug. 8 to Aug. 15. Please see the list across from the Minister's Office to see if this is your group.



With the addition of Jim and Morgan as Elders, the Care Groups have changed. If you would like to know which Care Group you are in see the board across from Mark's office. If you would like a copy of your Care Group, there are a few copies on the foyer table.

## Wed. Evening Devo Schedule

### July

John Graber	7th
Mike Davis	14 <sup>th</sup>
Kerry Waters	21 <sup>st</sup>
Gregg Rice	28 <sup>th</sup>

### August

Morgan McGowain/Mark W.	4 <sup>th</sup>
Eric Dunn / Mike Davis	11 <sup>th</sup>
Ron Neubauer/John Graber	18 <sup>th</sup>
Ruell Cayabyab/Kerry Waters	25 <sup>th</sup>

## 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](http://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.



## Area Congregational Singing

Mariposa will host the Area Congregational Singing, Friday, Aug. 13 beginning at 7pm. Light refreshments will follow. If you would like to help lead singing, please see Eric.



Gregg and Stacy Rice plan to host a back-to-school BBQ/swim party for K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade at their home from 1-4pm, Sunday, Aug. 22. Please wear appropriate swimwear and don't forget your towel. If you have questions or need directions, please see Stacy or Gregg.



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 Babies-R-Us.

## COMING EVENTS

Tahoe Family Encampment	July 24-30
Ice Cream Social after pm service	Aug. 1
Elders & Deacons mtg. after am service	Aug. 8
Area Congregational Singing 7-8:15pm	Aug. 13

Monday Night for the Master 7pm	summer break
Ladies Bible Class 10am	
<b>(Please note: class resumes Sept. 14)</b>	
Men's Leadership Class 9am	Saturday
Singing Practice 5pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 25, 2010**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

Call to Order	<i>Wayne Keith</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Wayne Fulton</i>
Song Leader	<i>Eric Dunn</i>
Prayer	<i>David Blackburn</i>
Communion -	
Bread	<i>Geoff Lacefield</i>
Fruit of the Vine	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Elder's Prayer	<i>Morgan McGowain</i>
Contribution	<i>David Bryan</i>
Helper	<i>Mike Reed</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Barclay Bell</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Trevor Ahlstrom</i>
Alternate #1	<i>John Gruber</i>
Alternate #2	<i>Vince Garces</i>

**EVENING WORSHIP**

Announcements	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Song Leader	<i>Ron Neubauer</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Stacy Cockrum</i>
Second Prayer	<i>Link Blue</i>
Communion	<i>Ruell Cayabyab</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Ken Roe</i>
Alternate	<i>John Jones</i>

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

**MISSION WORK WE SUPPORT:**

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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.

**FOR THE RECORD**

**ATTENDANCE – July 18, 2010**

SUNDAY WORSHIP	197
CONTRIBUTION	\$1905

**CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**TO:**

# August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Education Meeting after am service Ice Cream Social after pm service	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Training Class 9am	7 Men's Training Class 9am
8 Elder's & Deacon's Meeting after am service	9	10	11	12	13 Area Congregational Singing at Mariposa 7pm	14 Men's Training Class 9am
15 Care Group 4 Meeting after am service	16	17	18	19	20 Men's Training Class 9am	21 Men's Training Class 9am
22 K-6th Back-to-School BBQ/Swim Party at Rice's 1-4pm	23	24	25	26	27 Men's Training Class 9am	28 Men's Training Class 9am
29	30	31				

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## *Birthdays for the Month of August*

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1	Bonnie Gill
2	Phyllis Staplin
3	John Graber
4	Jim Darghty
5	Antonia Hedrick
5	Luanna Waters
7	Michael Davis
8	Tom McBride
11	Ron Baughman
12	Daria Roe
14	Rachael Blackburn
14	Andrew Little
15	Michael Johnson
17	Georgia Hooker
18	Isaiah Cole
21	Stacy Cockrum
21	Eddie Ketner
22	David Cole
24	Brett Graber
24	Jessica Murray

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## *Anniversaries for the Month of August*

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3	Richie & Cara Smith
5	Ron & Sarah Neubauer
10	Roger & Susan O'Hagan
16	Wayne & Marianne Fulton
18	Steve & Darlene Harrel
20	Warren & Sharon Hutson

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE LIST**

<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	8/1/2010	8/8/2010	8/15/2010	8/22/2010	8/29/2010
Announcements	Kerry Waters	Kerry Waters	Kerry Waters	Kerry Waters	Kerry Waters
Opening Prayer	Ken Brown	Link Blue	Mark Fain	Chuck Bryan	Wayne Fulton
Song Leader	Warren Hutson	Eric Dunn	Warren Hutson	Eric Dunn	Warren Hutson
Second Prayer	Roy Nunnally	Paul Watkins	David Blackburn	Stacy Cockrum	Wayne Keith
Bread	Wayne Keith	Richie Smith	David Bryan	Paul Watkins	Mike Davis
Fruit of the Vine	Geoff Lacefield	Ron Neubauer	Ruell Cayabyab	John Graber	Doug Hooker
Special Prayer Request	Jim Farris	Steve Harrel	Michael Lynskey	Morgan McGowain	Steve Harrel
Contribution	Jim Darghty	Ken Roe	Roy Nunnally	Greg Patterson	David Blackburn
Helper	Roger O'Hagan	Bill Smith	Eddie Ketner	John Reed	Bill Smith
Scripture Reading	Evan Waters	Trevor Ahlstrom	Stephen Murray	Myles Watkins	Bracley Thornton
Closing Prayer	Jim Pitt	Wayne Fulton	Craig Christensen	Geoff Lacefield	Jim Darghty
Alternate #1	Eddie Ketner	Caleb Christensen	John Jones	Jonah Bryan	Mark Fain
Alternate #2	John Graber	Paul Watkins	Jeremy Petersen	Trevor Ahlstrom	Jim Little
<b>EVENING WORSHIP</b>					<b>5th Sunday Devo.</b>
Song Leader	Doug Hooker	Greg Paterson	Jim Pitt	Ron Neubauer	Eric Dunn & Others
Opening Prayer	Jonah Bryan	Chuck Bryan	Mark Watkins Jr.	Eric Dunn	Jordan Picetti
Second Prayer	Justin Cockrum	Jim Little	Evan Waters	Dominic Cayabyab	Ruell Cayabyab
Communion	Stacy Cockrum	Jim Farris	Mike Davis	Ken Roe	Richie Smith
Closing Prayer	David Bryan	Morgan McGowain	Roy Nunnally	Link Blue	Jeremy Petersen
Alternate	Brandon Waters	Eric Dunn	Warren Hutson	Justin Cockrum	Ken Brown

Building Security: John Graber & Gregg Rice

# SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

August - 2010

Aug. 1	Foyer	Wayne & Maryanne Fulton
	Auditorium	John & Traci Graber
Aug. 8	Foyer	Jim & Gerri Farris
	Auditorium	Stacy Rice & Larry Little
Aug. 15	Foyer	Carol Little & Brandon Waters
	Auditorium	Kerry & Luanna Waters
Aug. 22	Foyer	Ron & Sarah Neubauer
	Auditorium	Gordon & Eleanor Roberts
Aug. 29	Foyer	Ken & Daria Roe
	Auditorium	Eric & Shannon Dunn

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## *Care Group Assignments:*

<u>Care Group</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1	Tables & Chairs and Restrooms
2	Set-up
3	Kitchen
4	Activity Area & Trash Cans