

“the SON-Light eNews”

Pastor Richard James

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About your eNews

Your eNews may give you information regarding some event that may have happened during the previous month, but surely does give you upcoming events for this month. Make it a habit to read from top to bottom. Something new is always tucked into each issue. Not just at the beginning of the eNews, either. It is called sneaky! So keep an eye out for the eNews coming just near the end of each month into your email box for the upcoming month. It is your eNews. Enjoy!

From the Pastor’s Heart

“The Fellowship of His Suffering”

Seventy-five percent of the world’s Christians live in third-world nations... nations that are predominantly Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim. Persecution, in many nations, brings extortion, family division, separation, harassment and discrimination in employment and education. More than 600 million Christians live as second-class citizens. They truly suffer for their belief in Jesus Christ.

In our western church today, “intimacy with Jesus” has become no more than a phrase that echoes down the aisle of the church while they quote scriptures like Philippians 3: 10; “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection”. But somehow they don’t finish the verse; “... and the fellowship of His sufferings being conformed to His death.”

This is a powerful revelation that intimacy comes through suffering. That’s why the Holy Spirit chose to use Paul, not only to pen these words, but also to demonstrate them through His own life of suffering for the gospel.

Our culture has developed a pacifying theology of telling themselves that suffering is not God’s will, but rather Satan is having His way in the believer’s life. Accusations rise up in our heart that is against a Sovereign God’s inability to alleviate pain and suffering in our lives. For many people believe suffering means that we aren’t physically

comfortable or that persecution means our family can’t watch certain TV programs.

How do we explain Luke 9: 23-24; “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whosoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”

We overcome the enemy of our soul “by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, not having loved their lives to the death.” (Revelation 12: 11)

Let’s get bold enough to put ourselves out there in our communities and not be ashamed of Jesus!

Blessings. Pastor Richard

Weekly In-Progress, New, and/or Future Classes

How Important Are Your Relationships?

Wednesday, 7 pm in Doc Potter’s room in the CE Building, C-106.

Change your relationships. Change your life in 2011. If you are struggling with a relationship, it’s time for a tune-up. Childcare is provided upon request and donation basis for up to age 10.

Your HELP is needed

- ❖ **Do you have a Testimony of Your Own to share?** Please send to eNews to share your own Testimony.

(1 Corinthians 12:7-11) ⁷But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues, ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

Monthly Special Date Information

June 2, 3, 4

Men's Camp-out at Hat Creek Camp: Cost \$40 per person.

June 5

Deacon's Fund & Food Baskets

June 7

Young @ Heart – Adult: Pot Luck 5:30 pm - Service 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall: A night of fun and fellowship with a fun hat contest and white elephant gift exchange. They are having pizza for dinner

June 11

Northern CA Cemetery Support Group:

Fundraiser to assist with program for Igo Cemetery Veteran Cemetery for Memorial and Veteran Day, plus Wreaths Across America. Drive-Thru Full BBQ Rib Dinner. Tickets: \$10. 4:30 – 7 pm. Kuebler's Furniture Parking Lot, 1894 Churn Creek Rd.

June 12

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting: 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

June 14

Young @ Heart – Adult: : Pot Luck 5:30 pm - Service 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Military Day Celebration

June 19

Men's Bi-Monthly Breakfast:

June 20

Deadline for eNews Submissions

June 21

Young @ Heart – Adult: Pot Luck 5:30 pm - Service 6:30 pm., Fellowship Hall BBQ (meat provided), Pastor Harold Hewitt will be speaking

June 25

Women's Luncheon 12 noon at Cheesecakes Restaurant. Sign up @ Welcome Center

June 26

Bonnyview Business Meeting: Immediately following the morning service in the Sanctuary.

Summer Pot Luck: Check Sunday Church Bulletin for further information.

Kid's Auction Fund Raiser: Check Sunday Church Bulletin for further information.

June 28

Young @ Heart – Adult: : Pot Luck 5:30 pm - Service 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall.- Guest speaker will be Tim Riley, CPA, "Financial Issues for Seniors"

Each Week

Sunday Bulletin submissions need to be submitted to the office each week no later than Tuesday.

Always look below for more classes and or groups information!

Our Hebrew Roots

Author: Patricia Heinsohn. Our Hebrew Roots – Continued Part II

We learned in Part I why it's so important to learn about the Hebrew feasts which are appointments with God. They exactly typify the timing, sequence and significance of major events in the life of Jesus the Christ. Many of us were blessed to participate in Young at Heart's Seder dinner commemorating Passover and we talked about Passover last month's newsletter. But do you remember the scene when Jesus arrived from Bethany in Jerusalem to attend Passover? It is described as: "and the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, 'Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.'" (Matt 21:9). It is simply amazing that Jesus, God's sacrificial lamb for us, entered through the eastern gate of the temple just as the sheep to be sacrificed by the priests for Passover were entering through the north gate all while those present there were singing Psalms 113-118!

The Feast of Unleavened Bread immediately follows Passover on the 15th day of Nisan and lasts for seven days. During these seven days, God commanded the Jews to eat bread baked without leaven, or yeast. Leaven symbolizes sin. God wanted the Hebrews to live without sin and appointed this time (Lev 23:6) to emphasize His will for them. We grafted-in, born again Gentiles are not taught to keep the feasts which are to be holy convocations (dress rehearsals). But, of course, God still wants us to keep the leaven, or sin, out of our lives. We rely on the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to keep us on the straight path of righteousness. "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Cor 5:7-8). Guess when Jesus cleansed the temple of the moneychangers – on the first day of the feast of Unleavened Bread. There just aren't any coincidences in the Kingdom of God.

Sunday's Spiritual Well-Fare

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am

- **Communion Sunday:** 1st Sunday of the month (See below if there is a date change.)
- **Deacon's Fund & Food Basket:** 1st Sunday of the month. Give a financial gift and/or canned or non-perishable food. "If you see a brother in need...."
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 1st Sunday of the month @ 6 pm Fellowship Hall (See below if there is a date change.)
- **Church Library:** Is open on every Sunday: 9:45 am until 10 am. 12 Noon to 12:45 Rm. B 118

Library Update:

Article by Darla Wilson, Library Ministry

Everyone is invited to come by the library and take a look at the many books, magazines, CD's, audio tapes and VCR tapes – fiction, nonfiction, reference, children, teenagers and adults. Considering the high price of books today, stop by the library first and see if it's available for you – FREE !!

Sunday School teachers – Please schedule a time with me to bring in your students to see what's available for them. There are many Christian videos – including Focus on the Family and Hanna-Barbera – several with activity books - and non-Christian including Disney Films. There are also Christian and secular books including children's Bibles.

Youth Leaders - Please schedule a time with me to bring your group in to see what's available for them. There are many resources specifically for teenagers including complete sets for Bible Studies that include work-books, leader guides, CDs/DVDs and, in 1 case, Bibles for each student.

Adult Bible Study Leaders (or prospective leaders) – Before you choose your next study topic, please check out what is available in the library. There are many studies for men, women, or both. These include work books and leader guides on a large variety of topics.

When you want to start a new Bible Study for yourself, there are many, many available. I have them listed by topics and Books of the Bible (e.g. grief, forgiveness, Matthew, Hebrews, etc.)

Reference books include nearly all English Bible translations in print and audio tapes, as well as concordances, and Bible handbooks.

If you have books you no longer use or your kids have "outgrown", please bring them by the Library. There is always room for more. As you can see, there is something for everyone – including you. This is YOUR library.

Sunday's 9 am, Adult Bible Studies

"Welcome to the Family", Adult, SS Bldg., Rm. B115

"Divine Exchange", Adult, CE Bldg., Rm. C106

"Pillars of Faith". 4a Study in the Book of Romans. Adult, CE Bldg., Rm. 102

Sunday Evening Prayer, 1st Sunday of the month @ 6 pm, Fellowship Hall.

Sunday's Children Ministries

Nursery Nursery through kindergarten opens Sunday, 10:00 am, SS Bldg. Rm. B101.

Elementary Children 1st grade through 5th grade class: 10:45 am, "BIG CITY", CE Bldg. Rm. C108.

Junior High 6th through 9th grade class:
"GRAPPLE, 10:30 am, CE Bldg. Rm. C104."

High School: 10th through 12th: Bible Study. 10:45 am, CE Bldg. Rm. C103.

High School Christian Music Band The leader of the forming band is Dave Hayes. Practice is Sunday after Sunday Services in the Sanctuary.

HOLY HUMOR

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time as I am." (submitted by: Darla Wilson)

Other Bible Studies During Month

Young @ Heart – Adult

- *Note the age definition for group!!!!
- Meet on Tuesdays, unless noted under Monthly Calendar Changes
- Potluck: 5:30 PM Service: 6:30 PM
- Speakers each week.
- Contact Pastor Rodney & Linda Rock.

RETIRED WORSHIPER? NEVER!!!

The whole idea of this article is great for seniors who feel like they are 'spent' and 'done in'! Having no 'spiritual' calling to move them into a retirement age work position with salary attached, it is easy to feel that your days of contributing something worthwhile are over. Kingdom work requires youthful energy and vigor, both which may be lessening with advancing maturity of the body.

Actually, we are living, moving and having our being IN CHRIST JESUS as Christ-followers -- and yet, seeing the density of our mental reactions to lost position or place of ministry, it is a good thing to be reminded of some things.

This house of clay is not who we are. The body is the container, not the person. The person, me, is who I am inside. I am not separate from my body until the moment ordered by the Lord in the Book of Life. My days are numbered. But between now and then . . . that final day to see Jesus face to face, either in the Rapture or in moving up to heaven at His command, I have a lot of living to do. This article about work being worship is great for those still employed. It can be transferred into reality for those retired, too.

Wherever we are is the sanctuary of the living God. . . for our inner chamber of His dwelling is His sanctuary within us. Translate that into worship by simply releasing His life wherever you are and you have viability in your daily 'labor' as unto Him. He is keeping the book of works as well as the Book of Life. With my name in the Book of Life, all because of Jesus' shed blood and His saving life within, I have hope that the Book of Works will be full of the worship acts of my daily living -- the release of His Spirit-life from within my innermost being.

Every place you are is a sanctuary of His Presence which you are allowed to thrive in...or better yet, to worship my Savior through the release of His life.

Max Lucado said it this way: "Jesus' word for frustrated workers can be found in the fifth chapter of Luke's gospel. Peter, Andrew, James, and John made their living catching and selling fish. Like other fishermen, they worked the night shift, when cool water brought the game to the surface. And, like other fishermen, they knew the drudgery of a fishless night.

While Jesus preaches, they clean nets. And as the crowd grows, Christ has an idea.

He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd. (vv. 2--3 MSG)

Jesus claims Peter's boat. He doesn't request the use of it. Christ doesn't fill out an application or ask permission; he simply boards the boat and begins to preach.

He can do that, you know. All boats belong to Christ. Your boat is where you spend your day, make your living, and to a large degree live your life. The taxi you drive, the horse stable you clean, the dental office you manage, the family you feed and transport--this is your boat. Christ shoulder-taps us and reminds:

"You preside in my courtroom."

"You work on my job site."

"You serve my hospital wing."

To us all, Jesus says, "Your work is my work."

Our Wednesdays matter to him as much as our Sundays. He blurs the secular and sacred. One stay-

at-home mom keeps this sign over her kitchen sink: Divine tasks performed here, daily. An executive hung this plaque in her office: My desk is my altar. Both are correct. With God, our work matters as much as our worship. Indeed, work can be worship.

Peter, the boat owner, later wrote: "You are a chosen people. You are a kingdom of priests, God's holy nation, His very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God" (1 Pet. 2:9 NLT).

A priest represents God, and you, my friend, represent God. So "let every detail in your lives--words, actions, whatever--be done in the name of the Master, Jesus" (Col. 3:17 MSG). You don't drive to an office; you drive to a sanctuary. You don't attend a school; you attend a temple. You may not wear a clerical collar, but you could. Your boat is God's pulpit."

Bible Studies: How Important Are Your Relationships. Wednesday, 7 pm, CE Bldg. Rm. C106

Bible Studies: Women's Ministries
Ladies... It is never too late to join the Bible study entitled, "***Boundaries***." This study is already reaching deep within the lives of those attending. All of us need boundaries in our lives... When to say YES, and when to say, NO! Sign up to purchase the book and/or the study guide. \$20 for both, or \$10 for study book. Call for the addresses of the individuals' home where the studies are being held each week.

Evening Bible Study on Monday nights @ 7 pm.
Brenda Anderson's home
Katherine Livingston's home

Morning Bible Study - Thursday daytime: 9:30 am.
Pat Heinsohn - Fellowship Hall

- About the study of *Boundaries*: Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend give you biblically based answers to saying Yes and No, and other tough questions to take control of your life. Show how to set healthy boundaries with your parents, spouses, children, friends, coworkers, and even yourself.

Other Ministries in the Church

Men's Ministry

- Breakfast, 3rd Saturday every other month. Next Breakfast is June 19th.

Help!!!! Men you are needed!!!! This group is in a badly needed search for at least one man, but

more would be better, to help this group of young teens for the Air-Soft group spear-headed by Pawnee. The boys in the group need the male influence, and Pawnee needs the extra male help. So please volunteer to help this group of teens by contacting Pawnee.

Group Notice!!!! You must be responsible and turn in your parental permission slips in order for the group to proceed. Without the notices turned in, no one will be able to "Play". So be responsible.

Air-Soft Play Day. Check the weekly Church Bulletin for when a play day may be scheduled.

Give the June Graduates a Big Hand High School

Rachelle Hendrickson

Cassidy McCollum

Connor Rock

Junior High School 1- 8th Grade

Rachel Privitt

Brittany Rock

Jessica Schmitt (Darla Wilson's granddaughter)

Reschelle Womack

Little Bits

Remember that **ASAP** means "Always Say A Prayer"

Special Notes

Bonnyview is having a Special Business Meeting on Sunday, June 26, 2011 immediately following the morning service in the Sanctuary.

INSPIRITIONAL MOMENT

"Whatever the circumstances, whatever the call, whatever the duty, whatever the price, whatever the sacrifice – God's strength will be your strength in your hour of need." *God's Promises Day by Day* Billy Graham (submitted by Darla Wilson)

Monthly Calendar Changes

➤ **Notice!!!**

**Communion Sunday will be June 12th
Sunday Evening Prayer will also be on June
12th**

Submittal information

**eNews is *only* as good as the information presented
to it.**

All **Ministry coordinators** are responsible for sending in the information on their Ministry into the eNews. Please see submittal information below.

- ✓ **Use Times New Roman, with 10 - 12 point.**
- ✓ Or you may send via land mail to office or hand carried in written form at approximately 150 – 200 words.
- ✓ **Due date for eNews is the 20th of the month prior to the next issue.**
- ✓ ***All* information submitted is subject to approval by the office and editorial control.**