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Servants growing in unity and love

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Sunday Schedule:

Church School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Fellowship Time: 12:00 pm
Choir Practice: 12:30 pm

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OUR STATEMENT OF CALLING

Using the gifts of our members, we seek to expand the reach of this congregation to bring the blessings of a life of faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ to an ever widening circle within our community, and – joining with other churches – to share the Church's Mission to the ends of the earth.

Saturday, October 9, 2010, 10 AM

Guadelupe River Park / Discovery Meadow, San Jose

- Giant Pumpkin Patch
- Scarecrow Row
- Giant Sunflower Contest
- Fresh Apple Cider
- Lots of Free Kid's Activities
- Children's Concert

Contact Tim if you want to car pool.

DISCIPLES MEN GROUP

Last Saturday, ten men gathered to show their support for a renewal of men's ministry at PAFCC! We all have limited time in our busy lives, but this was seen as a priority to us! We needed to devote time for service, the lifting of our burdens, and the development of relationships.

Please come to our next meeting, the third Saturday of each month at 10 am. (The time was moved back because most of us wanted a later meeting!) May our actions and our voices in support of Men's Ministry be a form of worship to our God!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

October 3rd

Message: " ....."Who Can We Leave Out?", Jon Smith
Text .....Mark 9:38-48
Acolytes .....Micaela & Angela Leong
Children's Moment ..... Tim Cole
Communion Preparation ..... Eleanor & Bob Stienstra
Deacons ..... Rex Garr & Susan Wood
Elder .....David Tuttle
Fellowship Time ..... Membership Department
Scripture Reader .....Harry Casler
Usher/Greeter .....Reiko Okamoto
Flowers .....

October 10th

Message: " "Being Hypnotized by the Line", Jon Smith
Text .....1 Cor. 12:27-31
Acolytes .....Angela Leong & Galilee Wirth
Children's Moment ..... Tim Cole
Communion Preparation ..... Eleanor & Bob Stienstra
Deacons ..... Janet Tuttle & Wayne Pepple
Elder ..... Cindy Prioste
Fellowship Time .....Reiko & Itsuo Okamoto
Scripture Reader .....Susan Gillespie
Usher/Greeter .....Bob Stienstra Sr.
Flowers ..... Jane & Harry Casler

Coming Events

Saturday, 10/2.....Disciple Women's Group
Saturday, 10/2.....6:54 Live! Planning Meeting
Wednesday, 10/6 .....Kid's Club
Wednesday, 10/6 .....Taizé Service
Thursday, 10/7 ..... Executive Committee
Friday, 10/8 ..... Youth Group
Saturday, 10/9.....6:54 Live! Planning Meeting
Sunday, 10/10..... Newsletter Articles Due
Monday, 10/1 .....Republican Women Event
Wednesday, 10/13 ..... Volunteer Day
Thursday, 10/14 ..... Knitting Group
Saturday, 10/16..... Disciple Men's Breakfast
Saturday, 10/16.....6:54 Live! Planning Meeting
Wednesday, 10/20 .....Kid's Club
Saturday, 10/23..... Knitting Group
Saturday, 10/23.....6:54 Live! Planning Meeting
Sunday, 10/24..... Newsletter Articles Due
Wednesday, 10/27 ..... Volunteer Day

October 14th Newsletter
In by Sunday, October 10th
October 28th Newsletter
In by Sunday, August 24th

Bulletin Inserts or announcements –
In by the preceding Wednesday morning at 11 a.m.

Board Packet Reports – (Next meeting: Nov. 18th, 2010)
Due two Wednesdays before the Board Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

01 - David Garr
03 - Nancy Oblander
08 - Rob Gianino
11 - Doug Hornbeck
11 - Robert Hornbeck
12 - Rickey Pearson
21 - Matthew Bratton
22 - Robert Stienstra, Sr.
27 - Doris Sencenbaugh
27 - Joshua Botsford

Anniversary
09 - Aaron Stienstra & Christian Frock

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Membership is planning an exciting and challenging stewardship emphasis this year for us! The theme is "Service above Self." There will be speakers, meditations, and opportunities to support our Lord during the month of October! Thanks for being such faithful stewardships in your service and your love.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Worship is needing people to volunteer to participate in our Thanksgiving and Advent services. At Thanksgiving, we need three readers to portray people from the first Thanksgiving who will share their stories.

During Advent, we will need five family groups to share a brief, prepared meditation before lighting the Advent wreath candles. These "families" may include groups of friends, children, or participants in a church activity. Please let Lyn or Jon know if you can help us out!

Monday, Nov. 1, 7pm

"Funny in Farsi"

A memoir of growing up Iranian in America

Remember our homebound family:

Willie A; Evelyn N; Doris S; Marjorie H.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST – IT'S MORE THAN JUST A NAME!

Being a *Disciple of Christ* is more than just taking up space on a pew.
We are called to grow in His Spirit –
to embrace and exemplify our name
as Christians who are *disciples* of Jesus Christ
as the very essence of our identity and life!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

CHANGE!

Kid's Club now starts at **7 pm** with dinner at **6:30 pm.** The **Youth Group** meets at **7:30pm.**

On Oct . 9, 10am-4pm we'll go to **"Pumpkins in the Park"** in downtown San Jose. Everybody is invited!

I'll be gone Oct. 3 for a family reunion as well as Oct. 31 for my mother's birthday.

Tim Cole

Regional News!

Christian Church in Northern California – Nevada

acts
ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING AND STUDY
Christian Church in Northern California - Nevada

Conflict 101: Tools for Healthy Communication

First Christian Church
San Lorenzo - Oct. 1-2

Registration Forms in the church office!

A SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTED BY CONGREGATIONAL CARE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PAUL POCIECHA

The Collaborative Leader: Shaping Our Future Through Conversations that Matter

October 30, 2010, 9:30am-3:00pm

location(s) to be announced.

Cost: $25 which includes lunch.

This event is open to all past, current and future leaders of the church! **Church leadership is considerably different than a business or a corporation because we are in the business of tranforming people rather than selling a product! How do we lead transformation?**

CCNC-N DISCIPLES MEN

2010 Men's Retreat
at
Hotel de Oro

13070 State HWY 33/I-5
Santa Nella, CA 95322
Phone: 209-826-4444

October 22-23

Check In Friday 2:00 P.M.
Program Start Time Friday 3:00 P.M.
Dinner Time Friday 6:00 P.M.
Ending Saturday 5:00 P.M.

PRESENTER
Dr. David Matson
Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Hope International University and member of First Christian Church, Torrance, California

BRING YOUR BIBLES!!!!!!

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PASTOR'S LIFE – September 30, 2010

Recently, I was counseling a young man who had made some significant poor choices. As we talked, I suspected there were some deep seated self-esteem issues that might well have led to those choices. So, I asked him about his growing up years.

He looked at me and said: "Oh, I know where this is going. You want to know what my relationship with my parents was. Well, that's easy. My mother didn't think I was good enough and my father didn't think I was important enough."

How sad. Whether they meant it or not, this man believed his parents questioned his worth. No wonder he had such a poor image of himself!

Of course, if I had been talking with this man's parents, they might well have had a different view of the matter. But the sad fact is that the perceptions of what we hear and experience become as important – and sometimes even more important – as what actually transpired. So, if we feel unimportant to or detached from those around us . . . if we feel awkward or undeserving . . . if we feel like a fool or a laughing stock it becomes the truth to our psyche.

I wonder if people realized how much damage their words could inflict on others?

As a family of God, I hope no one feels not good enough or not important enough because of the way you are treating them as a fellow church member. Make the time to get to know the ones you haven't had the time to get to know better before. You will discover a whole treasure of blessings, for God has told us that He has brought each of us here to this Body of Christ to be a family with everyone else. All our strengths can serve others. And all our weaknesses can be helped by others.

Jon