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The Joy of Knowing Jesus

By Worship Pastor Doug Andrews

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

“Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne. Think of all the hostility He endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,

“My child, don’t make light of the Lord’s discipline, and don’t give up when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”

Hebrews 12:1-6 NLT

This Easter season, the passage in Hebrews took on new and deeper meaning for me in light of all the events we shared together. When I considered what Jesus did for me and why, it became clearer that He endured the cross keeping in mind something amazing and wonderful that was going to happen because of His own suffering. The “joy awaiting him” or as it says in other translations, “the joy set before Him” was not only about returning to heaven and being back with His Father.

Jesus already had that in heaven. He is perfect and complete in himself, He is overflowing happy in the eternal fellowship of the Trinity, and he does not need us and is not deficient without us. And yet He still willingly chose to come for us.

So, since He already had perfect joy in heaven within Himself (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), what was the “joy” that brought Him to take on flesh and be born human? What was the “joy” that sustained Him through His life and ministry here on earth? What was the “joy” that was before Him as He endured the shame, scorn, pain and suffering of the cross? Clearly the joy that awaited Him was the joy of bringing us along with Him into the Father’s presence. It was His great joy to love us and include us in His glory. That thought amazes me and makes me want to love Him so much more.

It’s this passage that calls us to keep this in mind as we serve Him. He endured everything because He kept our future together in mind. And so should we!

Remember how much He endured and suffered. Know that we have never come close to experiencing the kind of suffering He did. Perhaps some have experienced the pain of execution, maybe even sufferings that may have lasted longer, been worse. But none who experienced the pain of separation from the Father and weight of the sins of the world placed upon His shoulders. We need to remember that. There is a possibility that we too could suffered

extreme persecution for our faith, and it could possibly be comparable in a way to what Jesus physically endured on the cross, but in those moments we can count on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to strengthen, uphold, and inspire us. Jesus had to bear this alone.

The affects of remembering His suffering for us, according to this passage, are that we will then be motivated to discard sin and keep our hearts and minds engaged with Jesus. We can even know that what we endure is His loving discipline for our growth and His glory.

When things get tough, or we are discouraged, is God at the forefront of our hearts? When life takes its turns in the directions we don’t expect or desire, or even when things seem to be going great and everything fits, is Jesus is our joy? No matter the circumstance, He is what life is all about. With Him leading and directing, everything fits, even when we don’t understand. He knows exactly what is best and what is needed in every situation.

So let us together keep our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus, the One who authored and is perfecting our faith in Him. We know that in our heads. But whether we truly LIVE this out in a personal real relationship with Him is proved true only by our lives. Are we filled with stress, worry, and concern? Do we function like He is right here with us, every second? Do we trust His love for us combined with His presence, power and authority?



Dear FBC Family,

Please join us for our Awards Program here in the sanctuary on 5/10 at 6:30PM. The children will be sharing music they have learned and will receive awards for their memory work.

About 75 children and 25 leaders have been involved in Awana this year. Each evening they hear Bible stories or stories of missionaries and great Christians, sing songs of praise to the Lord, spend time memorizing specified Bible verses, and play active games. It is through these activities that we strive to achieve the goal of Awana which is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

The first night of Club in the fall will be on 9/6/17. Registrations will be received during the month of August. Go to: fbcsanmateo.org, "ministries" and then "Awana" to find a downloadable registration form which is to be completed and mailed with the appropriate fees to the church. There is also a "Special Nights" schedule which can be printed and used as a reference during the year.

Thank you for your support of Awana. We so appreciate those of you who have come each week to minister to the children. We are also thankful for your prayers and financial support, and we could not have Awana if we were not able to use the facility. Thank you so much!

Commander Ron Thomas and
Cathy Thomas, Sparks Director

A Unique and Lovely Description of Our Lord.

Submitted by Doris Waddell



I've been so impacted reading John Piper's book, "God Is the Gospel" that I wanted to share a short passage with you.

"The glory of God in the life and ministry of Jesus was not the blinding glory that we will see when he comes the second time with "his face . . . like the sun shining in full strength" (Rev. 1:16; cf Luke 9:29). His glory, in his first coming, was the incomparable exquisite array of spiritual, moral, intellectual, verbal, and practical perfections that manifest themselves in a kind of meek miracle-working and unanswerable teaching and humble action that set Jesus apart from all men.

"What I am trying to express here is that the glory of Christ, as he appeared among us, consisted not in one attribute or another, and not in one act or another, but in what Jonathan Edwards called 'an admirable conjunction of diverse excellencies.' In a sermon titled 'The Excellency of Christ' Edwards took as his text Revelation 5:5-6 where Christ is compared both to a lion and a lamb. His point was that the unique glory of Christ was that such diverse excellencies (lion and lamb) unite in him. These excellencies are so diverse that they 'would have seemed to us utterly incompatible in the same subject.' In other words,

- we admire him for his glory, but even more because his glory is mingled with humility;
- we admire him for his transcendence, but even more because his transcendence is accompanied by condescension;
- we admire him for his majesty, but even more because it is a majesty in meekness;
- we admire him because of his equality with God, but even more because as God's equal he nevertheless has a deep reverence for God;
- We admire him because of how worthy he was of all the good, but even more because this was accompanied by an amazing patience to suffer evil;
- we admire him because of his sovereign dominion over the world,

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		<p>Men's Breakfast May 6, 8:30 a.m. In the Chapel</p> <p>ALL MEN are welcome.</p>
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Special offerings for the month of May will go to Youth Camp Scholarships.



Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

but even more because this dominion was clothed with spirit of obedience and submission;

● we love the way he stumped the proud scribes with his wisdom, and we love it even more because he could be simple enough to like children and spend time with them;

● and we admire him because he could still the storm, but even more because he refused to use that power to strike the Samaritans with lightning (Luke 9:54-55) and he refused to use it to get himself down from the cross.

“The list could go on and on. But this is enough to illustrate that beauty and excellency in Christ is not a simple thing. It is complex. It is a coming together in one person of the perfect balance and proportion of extremely diverse qualities. And that’s what makes Jesus Christ uniquely glorious, excellent, and admirable. The human heart was made to stand in awe of such ultimate excellence. We were made to admire Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

How can we not admire and love Him? Can you read this without pausing to worship?

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

For **God**
has not given us a spirit
of fear or timidity, but of
power,
love,
and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7

OUR MISSIONARIES AT WORK

A Letter from Missionary Alan Dianich

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for us and for supporting our family and ministry. We are so grateful for you!

Marshall (photo), a Christian student from South Africa, has a burden to reach out to the many students from India at Sacramento State University. A guy from India came to the Maze (Christian illusionist) in March and indicated interest in knowing Christ. Marshall set up a time to meet this student and went over the plan of salvation with him. Marshall texted me right after the appointment: “He just prayed to receive Christ.” WOW!



Marshall is planning a social tomorrow night for students from India. He would like to do these socials monthly so Christian students can make friends with students from India. **Please pray for students from India to come to the social, and please pray for God to continue to use Marshall in the lives of students from India.** Thank you so much!

A student from Vietnam has been coming to our meetings for over a year at Cosumnes River College. I shared the Gospel with him last year, but thought I should try again. We met and looked at the “Knowing God Personally” booklet together. He said he wanted to think about it some more. Two days later he texted me and asked if he could meet me. I thought that maybe he needed help with homework or something! When we met, he told me, “I prayed to receive Christ last night!” He even brought me a Bible to show me the verses he was reading. I have met him once so far for follow-up. Please pray he will be willing to meet me weekly.

A student from Libya ran into the room right when a few of us were getting ready to start our Bible Discussion following Talk Time. He has come “off and on” for a year even though he is from the prominent religion of the Middle East. Anxiously, he said, “Is it the prayer time now? I want to be in the prayer time.” We stopped and asked him what was wrong. He said he had not slept in two nights because he was going to have two hard exams. We prayed for him and he ran out of the room to go take one of the exams. Please pray that this student will see that the Lord Jesus is real.

Thank you for making it possible for us to share the Good News with all these international students! We thank God for you all the time!



- May 2: Harry Li
- May 5: John Neciuk
- May 7: Cathy Thomas
- May 14: Jose Corzantes
- May 22: Mayda Hernandez

- May 24: Brenda Corzantes
- May 24: Marc Heinz
- May 24: Maria Triarsi
- May 27: Bruce Andrews
- May 29: Lee Hamady



Happy Anniversary

May 23

Tim and Janine Dufficy



Summer Camp 2017

Jun 18-24th

Sign-up NOW!!!!

\$550



THE EAGLE & CHILD



ALL MOMENTS

First Baptist Youth Presents: Hume 2017

One of the many things we love about Hume Lake Summer Camp is the opportunity to get away from the distractions that young people face on a daily basis and have an incredible camp experience.

When you come to Hume, you will hear the gospel, be challenged through scripture, engage in powerful worship through music and get some time alone and with your church to know what God is doing in your life up here at camp. Hume Lake has high-energy recreation allowing kids to be kids.

If you allow it, a week at Hume can and will change your life forever.

Sunday thru Saturday is a cost of only \$550.00.
Includes all transportation, meals, lodging,
retreat materials and events.
Scholarships available.

Cost \$ 550.00
 Scholarships available
 Sign-ups start April 23



June 18 - 24, 2017

First Baptist Church of San Mateo (650) 345-1965

REGISTRATION FOR HUME LAKE - PONDEROSA CAMP

June 18 - 24, 2017

Please fill out and return to church or youth leader.

NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE (Fall 2017) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

REQUESTED CABIN PARTNER(S) _____

PARENT'S NAME _____ PARENT'S EMAIL _____

In order to complete the registration, parents will receive an email from register@humelake.org with directions to fill out the medical release form.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

DO NOT GO ONLINE AND SIGN UP ON YOUR OWN AT HUME LAKE WEBSITE. Make out your deposit of \$50 to First Baptist Church, fill out the above information, tear it off, and then turn both in to Doug Andrews at church. Later your parents will receive an email from Hume Lake instructing how they are to complete your online registration. Doug will also send an email with more info about the trip. Keep the rest of this flyer for your information.

PONDEROSA OVERVIEW

To PONDY we GO! Ponderosa is a phenomenal place for high school students to get away from the everyday distractions and into the quietness that Hume Lake has to offer and learn more about who God is. From outdoor activities, energetic recreation, silly videos to exceptional speakers, inspiring dramas and impactful worship, your time at Hume will make you want to come back for more! The relevant programming and passionate staff will help ensure that your time in the meadow will be life changing.

WHAT TO BRING:

Bible, notebook, pencil, flashlight, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, warm and cool clothes, jacket, sandals, athletic shoes, modest one-piece swimsuit (no tankinis) and \$70 recommended spending money.

*REMEMBER: Girls - no short shorts, bare midriffs, yoga pants or spaghetti straps. Guys - no sagging of shorts.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor), alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, firearms, weapons, or electronic devices.

SPIRIT DAY:

Princes and Paupers, Fairy Tales and Fables

Camp Schedule:

Meet at First Baptist Church on June 18 at 11:00 am in the Chapel, ready to go. We'll have an orientation and time of prayer.

We will return June 24 around 4:00 pm

You may send mail to the following address:
(Please send 5 days prior to desired delivery day)

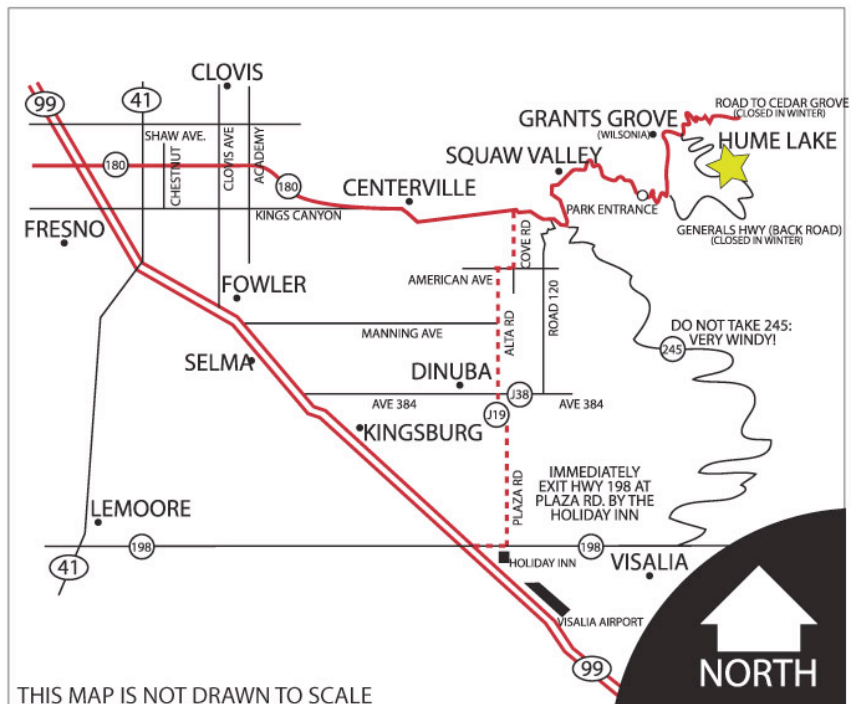
Camper Name / Church registered with
Meadow Ranch Camp (Date of Camp)
64144 Hume Lake Road
Hume, CA

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

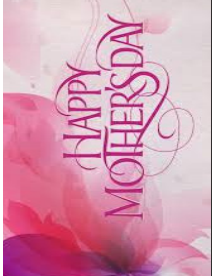

High Adventure (\$20)
Paintball (\$20)
Boats/Canoes/Kayaks (\$5)
Paddle Boards(\$5)

Free Activities

Disc Golf
The Blob
Noah's Nightmare
Swimming Pool
The Ark
Basketball
Roller Skating
Billiards
Ping Pong
Foosball
Beach Volleyball
The Skate Park



MAY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1	2 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	3 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship	4	5	6 8:30am Men's Breakfast	
7 Communion	8	9 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	10 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANA 8pm Worship	11	12	13	
14 	15	16 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	17 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 8pm Worship 6:30 pm	18	19 7pm Parent Night	20	
21 12:30 Children's Leadership Meeting	22	23 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	24 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 8pm Worship	25	26 Movie Night at FBC 6:30pm dinner & 7pm Movie	27	
28	29  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	30 6pm Youth Band Reh. 7:15pm FBC Youth	31 5pm Youth Band Reh. 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 8pm Worship	SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship After Church: College/Career Study & Fellowship.			All Events Are Subject to Change.



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Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

May

Mon.	01	2 Chronicles 7-9
Tues.	02	2 Chronicles 10-12
Wed.	03	2 Chronicles 13-15
Thurs.	04	2 Chronicles 16-18
Fri.	05	2 Chronicles 19-21
Sat.	06	2 Chronicles 22-24
Sun.	07	2 Chronicles 25-27
Mon.	08	2 Chronicles 28-30
Tues.	09	2 Chronicles 31-33
Wed.	10	2 Chronicles 34-36
Thurs.	11	Ezra 1-3
Fri.	12	Ezra 4-6
Sat.	13	Ezra 7-10
Sun.	14	Nehemiah 1-3
Mon.	15	Nehemiah 4-6
Tues.	16	Nehemiah 7-9
Wed.	17	Nehemiah 10-13
Thurs.	18	Esther 1-3
Fri.	19	Esther 4-6
Sat.	20	Esther 7-10
Sun.	21	Job 1-3
Mon.	22	Job 4-6
Tues.	23	Job 7-9
Wed.	24	Job 10-12
Thurs.	25	Job 13-15
Fri.	26	Job 16-18
Sat.	27	Job 19-21
Sun.	28	Job 22-24
Mon.	29	Job 25-27
Tues.	30	Job 28-30
Wed.	31	Job 31-33



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**FRIDAY
 May 26th
 6:30 P.M.**

**Popcorn, hotdogs,
 and drinks are
 provided.**

**Bring a
 dessert or
 salad to share**

**Movie begins at 7:00
 P.M.**

Remy (Patton Oswalt), a resident of Paris, appreciates good food and has quite a sophisticated palate. He would love to become a chef so he can create and enjoy culinary masterpieces to his heart's delight. The only problem is, Remy is a rat. When he winds up in the sewer beneath one of Paris' finest restaurants, the rodent gourmet finds himself ideally placed to realize his dream.

