

# First Edition



## June 2017

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## Knowing vs. Seeing

By Worship Pastor, Doug Andrews

If we were to actually count all the ways in which God has blessed us that we know about it would be amazing to see. If we were to actually see all the ways He has blessed us that we didn't know about, I believe we would be overwhelmed. The times God protected us from illness, disaster, theft, failure, loss or disease. The list would go on and on. We don't realize just how great and how good our God is. But the temptation, even in the blessings that we receive from God, is to be more grateful for the blessing than the God who provided it.

The only way we can do that is to endeavor to spend quality time with Him each and every day. Too often we are satisfied with just receiving His blessings and the benefits of being His child, rather than deeply knowing and experiencing Him. In a recent devotional by Henry Blackaby, he challenges us from Psalm 103:7. "He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel."

Are you satisfied with merely knowing the acts of God, or do you also want to know His ways? There is a difference. This difference is illustrated in the lives of the

children of Israel as compared to Moses. The Israelites witnessed the miracles God performed; they walked across the dry Red Sea just as Moses did. They ate the manna and quail from heaven even as Moses did. They were content to receive God's provision without ever knowing God Himself. Yet Moses saw beyond the provision of God to the person of God. Others, such as the Egyptian magicians, might perform miraculous acts, but no one else did things the way God did (Exod. 7:11-12).

The way God acted provided a window into His nature. If Moses had been content with only God's power, he could have accepted the presence of an angel and been victorious in his efforts (Exod. 33:15). But Moses wanted to experience more. He wanted to experience God Himself, not just God's activity.

Some, today, like the Israelites, are content to experience God's activity without ever coming to know God. They are the recipients of answered prayer, yet they never come to know the Provider. They are blessed by God's providential care over their families, their homes, and their jobs,

yet they are satisfied not knowing the One from whom the blessings come. They benefit from God's protection, yet they never become acquainted with the Protector.

Have you come to know God more personally as a result of your experiences with Him? As you observe the acts of God, look beyond them to the revelation of His character (Gen. 22:14; John 6:35).

God created us, designed us in His image; then when we sinned and rebelled, Jesus came and redeemed us, and sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and with us. This was for relationship; real, deep, transforming, powerful relationship. And while at the same time He is so good to us and takes such great care of us, we are tempted to just want the benefits He gives without the real relationship that He offers.

But, when we devote ourselves to Him, and knowing Him, we discover that He really is better than any blessing or benefit we might have received from Him in this life. So let's pursue Him with all we have and He promises we will not be disappointed.



# Salmon Bake

**Wed., June 14. 6:00 pm**

**Please bring a dessert, salad or side dish to share.**



**Special offerings for the month of June will go to Teen Challenge.**



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.

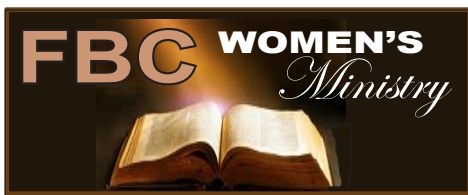
The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

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**Consummate Man**

**Men's Breakfast, June 3, 8:30 am  
In the Chapel  
ALL MEN are welcome.**



On May 5th and 6th many of the women from our church traveled to Grace Bible Church in Redwood City to participate in a two-day Bible Conference. Our teacher and trainer was Colleen McFadden. She is the Director of Women's Workshops at the Simeon Trust, which is an organization based in Chicago whose purpose is to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world by training the next generation of Bible expositors. Colleen is in charge of Workshops for Women on Biblical Exposition. On Friday Colleen spent the day training those of us how to better study the scriptures.

She stressed the importance of reading the scriptures in context. She

also taught us to find the structure of a passage, or how the text is organized. This along with key words and repeated phrases will often lead to the emphasis or main idea of the passage. On Saturday Colleen gave three talks from the Book of Revelation all prepared with the tools she had taught us the day before.

Besides, the excellent teaching, we enjoyed a time of worship and fellowship with the ladies from GBC. Janet White led the worship team made up of Mara Prieto and several GBC ladies. We are looking forward to more joint events with this wonderful group of women in the future.



## Psalm 8

### A Psalm of David

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries, to make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; what is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty!

You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!



**Come, join the class.**

**Studying the book of Haggai.**

**Rebuilding God's Temple**

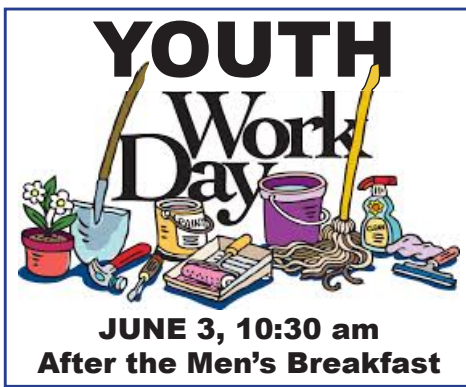
Meeting on Sundays in Room 250

after the first worship service.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Psalm 46:1-2





## College/Career Fellowship Update

By Doug Andrews

Over the last several months our college group has been meeting and examining the scientific and historical evidence of God's existence through the "Focus on the Family" series designed for college students, called "True U". We've been looking at cosmology, biology, DNA, statistical probabilities, and evolutionary arguments. What we've discovered is that there has been so much evidence that science has uncovered over the last 100 years, and especially within the last 20 years, which points to the existence of an all-powerful, incredibly wise, and intricately, perfect designer of life.

As we concluded the first part of this study we examined some of the foremost atheists' arguments against the evidence for God, and it's been astounding to hear what they say. Their anecdotal reasoning, lack of real evidence, and poorly concocted arguments are quite amazing. But what has stunned me the most is their lack of respect and cavalier attitude towards the possibility of a God and

disdain for those who believe in Him. Amidst all this, God calls us to give an account for the true hope that is within us, the gospel, with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15). We've been discussing just how to listen and relate to others who don't know Jesus, and how to show His love to them.

But most of all, we've been discussing that the only way for us to be confident and secure in who we are and what we believe, is to truly KNOW Him.

Now that we've developed a strong case for the existence of God, the next part of our study, which will take us through the summer, will move to the evidence for the validity and reliability of the Bible. Here is where many of the attacks and some misunderstandings come regarding our faith in Jesus.

Each week we meet Sunday's from 12:30 - 2:00pm. Lunch included. If you are a college/career age person or know of one, come join us for a really great time of fellowship and learning together.



## Graduating Students - 2017

### High School

- John Dufficy - Hillsdale High School
- Samatha Moose - Home School
- Daniel Bjornson- Home School
- Katrina Linn- Home School
- Kayla Schleining- Home School
- Darrius Grate - Milpitas High School
- Justin Clark - Granite Hills High School

### Middle School

- Lily Olson - North Shoreview Middle School
- Abby Capabras - Abbott Middle School

## Summer Regular Youth Events

### FBC YOUTH Service- Sunday Mornings 11:00 - 12:15 pm

Games, fun, worship, and our next teaching direction for our Sunday youth group meeting is going to focus on Exploring God's word and integrating knowing Christ into our daily lives.

### College/Career Fellowship - Sundays 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Part 2 of our "True University Series" - The Reliability of the Bible. As always we have great discussions together about the topic we are discussing but are relating it to our own personal relationship in knowing Jesus. Lunch provided.

### FBC YOUTH Mid-Week - Combined CAD and TNT (High/Jr. High) - Tuesday Nights 7:15 - 9:00 pm

Our teaching direction for our mid-week youth group meeting focusing on "Walking with the Lord" in our lives.

*"The joy of the LORD is your strength."*

Nehemiah 8:10



# *Summer Camp 2017*

## *Jun 18-24<sup>th</sup>*

### *Sign-up NOW!!!!*

# *\$550*



## **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.**

## **June 18 - 24, 2017**

**Cost \$ 550.00**

**Scholarships available  
Sign-ups start April 23**



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# 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)

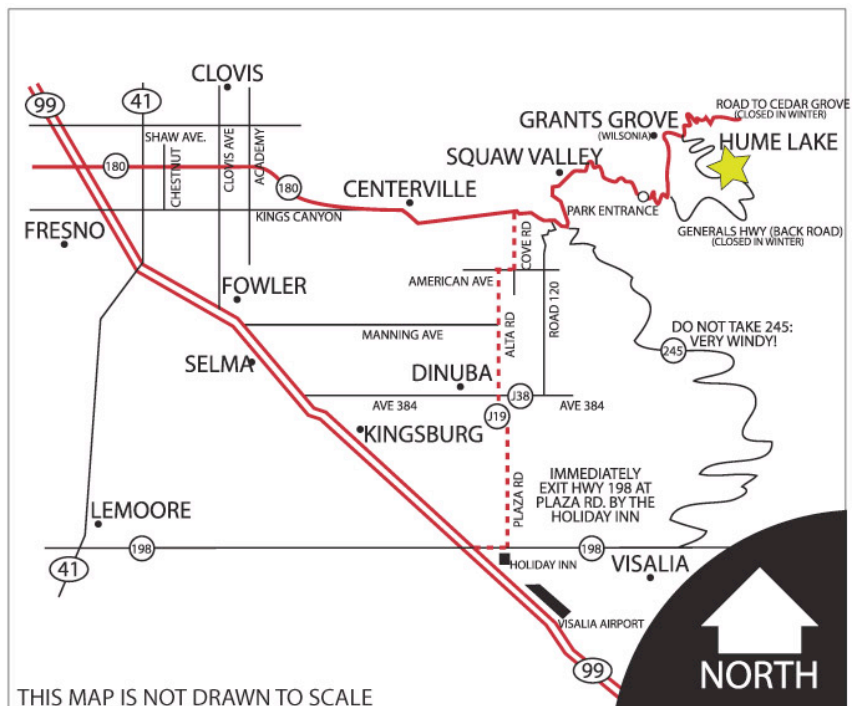
Camper Name / Church registered with  
Meadow Ranch Camp (Date of Camp)  
64144 Hume Lake Road  
Hume, CA

### 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







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### Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) for our use.

#### June

Thurs.	01	Job 34-36
Fri.	02	Job 37-39
Sat.	03	Job 40-42
Sun.	04	Psalms 1-5
Mon.	05	Psalms 6-10
Tues.	06	Psalms 11-15
Wed.	07	Psalms 16-20
Thurs.	08	Psalms 21-25
Fri.	09	Psalms 26-30
Sat.	10	Psalms 31-35
Sun.	11	Psalms 36-40
Mon.	12	Psalms 41-45
Tues.	13	Psalms 46-50
Wed.	14	Psalms 51-55
Thurs.	15	Psalms 56-60
Fri.	16	Psalms 61-65
Sat.	17	Psalms 66-70
Sun.	18	Psalms 71-75
Mon.	19	Psalms 76-80
Tues.	20	Psalms 81-85
Wed.	21	Psalms 86-90
Thurs.	22	Psalms 91-95
Fri.	23	Psalms 96-100
Sat.	24	Psalms 101-105
Sun.	25	Psalms 106-110
Mon.	26	Psalms 111-115
Tues.	27	Psalms 116-120
Wed.	28	Psalms 121-125
Thurs.	29	Psalms 126-130
Fri.	30	Psalms 131-135



# MOVIE NIGHT

**FRIDAY**  
**June 30th**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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

**Bring a  
 dessert or  
 salad to share**

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

The film is based on the true story of Maria Altmann, an elderly Jewish refugee living in Cheviot Hills, Los Angeles, who, together with her young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg, fought the government of Austria for almost a decade to reclaim Gustav Klimt's iconic painting of her aunt, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I, which was stolen from her relatives by the Nazis in Vienna just prior to World War II.