

# First Edition



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## Hold Back? Or Surrender All?

By Pastor Marc Heinz

During communion last month the Lord put the hymn, "I Surrender ALL" by Judson Van De Venter and Winfield Weeden, on my heart. And I knew that we needed to sing this song to Him as a prayer of commitment and dedication. Listen closely to the lyrics of this powerful and beautiful hymn.

"All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

"I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live; Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now. I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

"All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou are mine. I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

"All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power; Let Thy blessings fall on me. I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all."

This past month these words have often come to mind and reverberated in my heart. And each time I contemplated them, I found myself wondering what am I willing to surrender to Jesus? Is there anything that I would be unwilling to give up for Him? Will I really follow Him wherever He leads? What about you? Are you willing to surrender everything and follow Jesus?

Think back to that day when you first encountered Jesus personally. When He said to you "Follow Me," what did you do? Did you stop and consider His offer? Did you discuss your terms of surrender? Or did you simply follow Him? Can you remember that feeling of being cleansed and made white as snow? Do you remember the excitement and peace that came over you when you first set your feet on the Rock? Do you remember packing anything before you left?

Many people begin their Christian life, eager and intent on following Jesus Christ. But when He says to us "Follow Me", how many people actually leave everything behind and follow? How many unwittingly hang on to material obsessions, ungodly relationships, crippling emotions, incorrect perceptions of God, or personal habits that are less than glorifying to the Lord? Probably all of us have done that at one time or another. No one is made perfect at the time of conversion. We all have things that we must, over time, learn to let go of, if we are ever to grow and mature in Christ. I think the real issue is whether or not we will exercise our God given freedom for liberty or for enslavement.

The writer of Hebrews said in 12:1-2: *"Therefore since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith."*

Saints, Jesus desires, actually He

commands that we walk in step with Him, that we run to win, but in order to keep up we must lay aside those encumbrances and entanglements! I want to encourage you to not be afraid to ask the Lord for the strength to look deep inside yourself and take stock of what you are carrying, or struggling with. Personally, I have found that it is a whole lot easier to run with Him when I am not carrying unnecessary stuff. Now if you are like me, you'll probably discover a few things that need to be offloaded in order to run full speed. But it is incredibly comforting to know that when I do find myself getting bogged down with the things of life, Jesus, does not leave me behind. Instead, He circles around to help me out. By faith, I know that He is always there, eager to help. The key question each of us must answer is, "Will I truly surrender all to Jesus, my blessed Savior? Or will I stubbornly choose to rely on myself and try to live life on my own terms?"

### Special offerings

for the month of October will go toward funding the Harvest Festival Outreach, covering such needs as the petting zoo. Also needed, of course, are lots of people available to provide help with all the various activities.

All are needed to help!

# Good News!

September 24th

*Do you like to sing?  
It's time for you to  
join.*



## *Hawaiian Luau*

*September 17,  
12:30 p.m.*

*In the Court Yard*

*Fun for everyone! Get into the tropical theme: dress in your favorite tropical clothes, and bring food to share: tropical fruits, salads, or a side dish.*



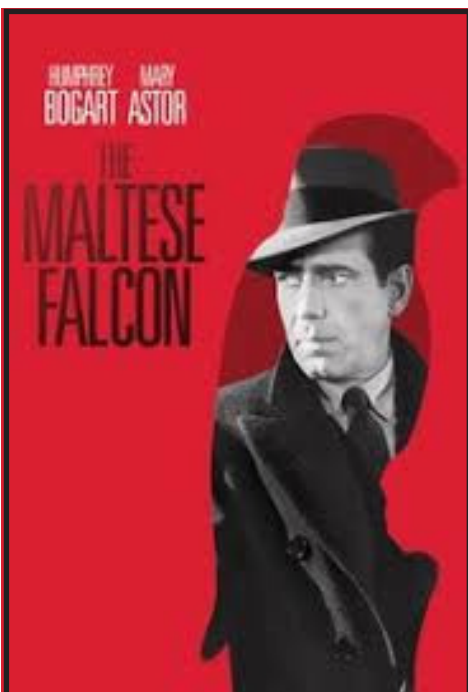


# God's Incredible Care for Us - Summer 2017

By Doug Andrews

How much does God take care of you? How many times has He protected you from harm you didn't know existed? OR acted on your behalf to work things out in your favor? The number is probably so high it would overwhelm you to know. Now how many times do you actually see and acknowledge God's great tangible care for you. We experienced it all summer, and in many ways. Not to say that things were easy for us, in fact, in many ways, this summer was difficult. But each time we turned to the Lord, He demonstrated His love for us and His care for us, and provided for us.

Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic are His deeds,  
and His righteousness endures forever.  
He has caused his wonders to be remembered;



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**FRIDAY**  
**September 22,**  
**Dinner at 6:30 P.M.**

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

**Please bring a**  
**dessert or**  
**salad to share**

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

In San Francisco in 1941, private investigators Sam Spade and Miles Archer meet prospective client Ruth Wonderly. She claims to be looking for her missing sister. After receiving a substantial retainer, Archer agrees to follow her that night and help get her sister back.

That night, Spade is awakened by a phone call from the police and informed that Archer has been killed. He meets his friend, Police Detective Tom Polhaus . . .



the LORD is gracious and compassionate.  
He provides food for those who fear Him;  
He remembers His covenant forever.

He has shown His people the power of His works,  
giving them the lands of other nations. Psalm 111:2-6

Summer camp was the hottest and most difficult we've ever experienced. We had several injuries and setbacks. But, God worked through those trials to bond us closer together and also teach us individually about His powerful nature and character. He provided! Not always what we wanted, but always what we needed. He often did that through using other people in our lives. He loves to do that. He blessed all of us together and taught us incredible lessons about His presence and power. He showed us that finding our identity in Him and not what other people might think or say about us, will always set us free.

Throughout many summer events He demonstrated His presence and care. Even just going to see fireworks, visiting the beach, or giving some of us the opportunity to go to Oregon to see the total solar eclipse. He provided! This summer has been different than we planned, and in a way maybe not what we'd expected. But through our coffee and bible meetings, workdays, service projects, and weekly times of games, worship, and teaching, the Lord worked in powerful ways in the hearts of those who sought after Him.



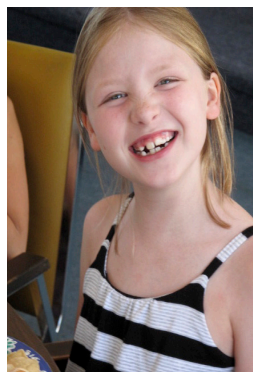
A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT

# THE SALMON BAKE

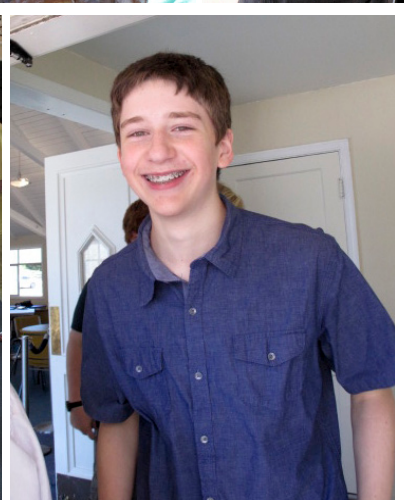
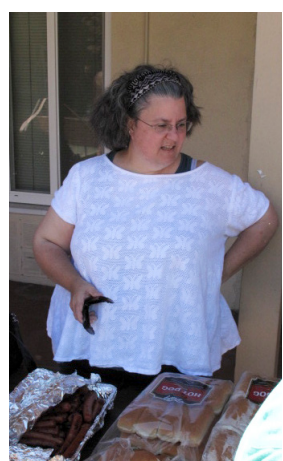
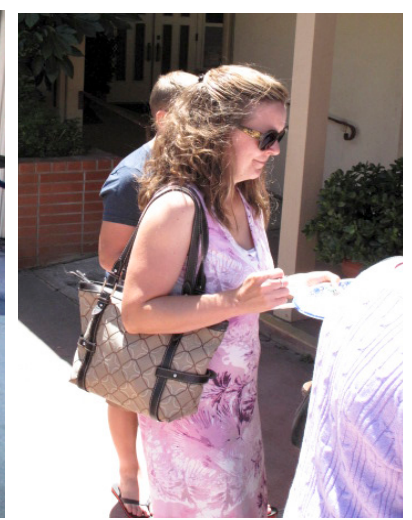
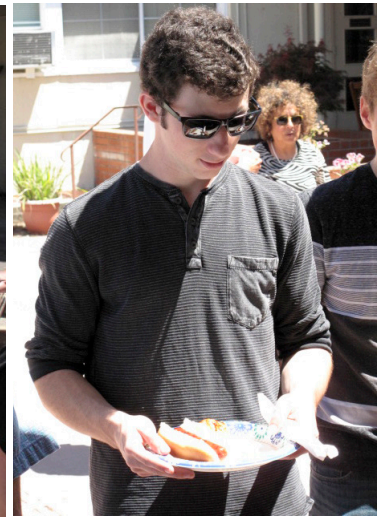
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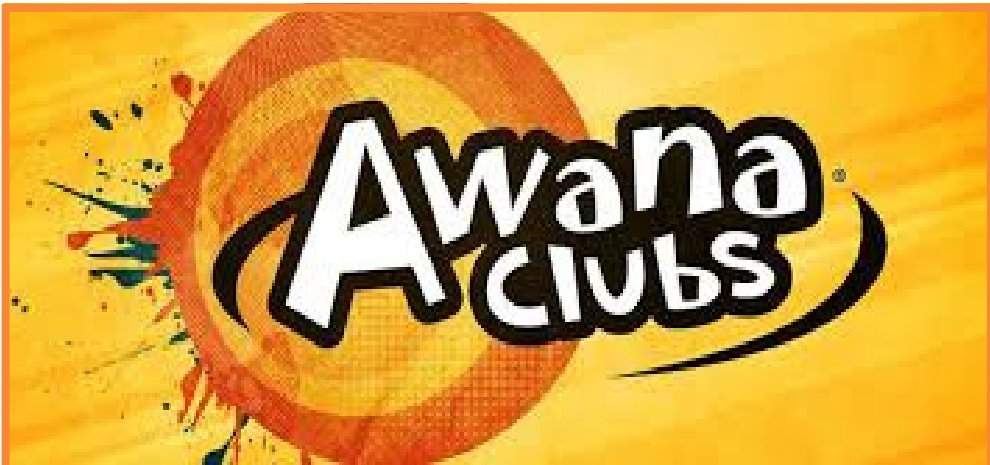
GOOD FELLOWSHIP











**AWANA CLUBS RESUME SEPT. 6, 6:30 P.M.**

Registration forms are available on line at [fbcsanmateo.org](http://fbcsanmateo.org) and in the narthex.

By Cathy Thomas

First Baptist will again be hosting the Awana Program, beginning September 6th. The Wednesday night program runs from 6:30-8:00 PM.

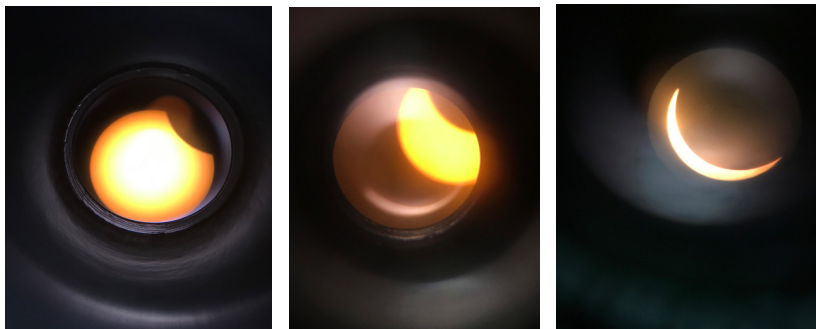
Awana Clubs provides an opportunity for children to: hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives, listen to Bible Stories and/or stories of great Christian leaders to inspire and encourage them to walk in obedience and faith in Jesus Christ, learn the Word of God through memorization and recitation of key verses, fellowship with others through activities and games.

**The Awana Clubs offered this year will be:**

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| Cubbies          | Three through Five Year-Olds                 |
| Sparks           | Grade K thru 2nd (5 to 7 years old)          |
| Truth & Training | Grade 3 thru 5 (8 to 10 years old)           |
| Trek/Journey     | Junior High/High School (11 to 17 years old) |

We are looking for dedicated Christian men and women who love the Lord and love to serve Him in a ministry with children. This involves a weekly commitment of time with the children. Leaders encourage the children to be attentive during story time and participate in singing. They listen to the children recite verses and help them participate in game time. We have an application process for all potential workers (some checking of references) and we provide training. If you are interested or need more information, contact Ron Thomas at [awanaronthomas@yahoo.com](mailto:awanaronthomas@yahoo.com).

***Thanks to Janet White for sharing photos of the eclipse. These are only three, selected from several.***



***What a wonderful reminder of how great our God is!!!***



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Sept. 2, 8:30 am**  
**In the Chapel**  
**ALL MEN are welcome.**



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.



- Sept. 1: John Arnot
- Sept. 22: Garrett Smith
- Sept. 30: Leo Dufficy




*Happy Anniversary*

- September 7  
Mike & Denise Jalilie  
Harry & Aihua Li
- September 12  
Francisco and Heidi Reyna
- September 16  
John & Kathy Whittaker
- September 27  
Craig & Eddy Bray



# September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						8:30am Men's Breakfast College/Young Adults Weekend at Hume Lake - Sept. 1-4 →
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Weekend at Hume Lake →	<b>SUNDAY MORNINGS:</b> 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	7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm Prayer Night 6:30pm AWANA			
	 Church Office Closed					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12:30pm Children's Leadership Lunch	7:15 pm FBC Youth	7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm AWANA			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
11:15am Coed Class Resumes 12:30pm Hawaian Luau	7:15 pm FBC Youth	7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm AWANA		6:30pm Movie Night Dinner 7:00pm Movie Begins	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30 & 11:00 Worship Choir	7:15 pm FBC Youth	7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm AWANA			

This winter and spring 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 are now examining the archaeological, and historical record of the events in the Bible. We've been asking the question: "Is the Bible truly reliable as a historical document and is it also God's word?"

It has been a powerful study and the discussions that have followed have taken us deeper in our understanding and confidence in what we believe as Christians and in what the Bible teach-

es. We are growing in our ability to follow the biblical directive "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 is 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.

Dear Friends,

Erica (below) is a student at University of the Pacific in Stockton. She has a weekly Bible Study for international students. Audrey and I had a video call with her in July. We told her we would like to help her by providing Welcome Gifts for her to give to new international students at UOP's International Student Orientation. She told us, "Its like a dream come true!"

Erica is a leader for InterVarsity in Stockton. For years we have tried to start an international student ministry in Stockton (an hour away from us), but God has not raised up a local leader there. This semester, after consulting with the leaders in Cru, we decided to see if InterVarsity would like to give out our Welcome Gifts (laundry bag, water bottle, Gospel of John, pen, pencil case, and How to Survive in the USA book) at UOP and Delta College. We asked them if they would follow-up the new international students using their staff and student leaders. They responded very positively. Please pray for Erica and InterVarsity staff Julie as they follow-up new international students at the two schools. Pray for an effective international students ministry in Stockton.

### Fall Youth Regular 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.

(Note: No College Group on Sept 3 and 17th because of other events)

#### FBC YOUTH Mid-WeeCombined

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.

### Fall Youth Special Events:

#### Hume Lake College Weekend

September 2-4, \$195 - Our college kids are going away for the weekend to draw closer to the Lord, be challenged to place him first in their lives, and bond closer with each other. Contact Doug for more info

#### Endless Summer Beach Night

September 9, 3-9pm - Free - We'll end the summer with this great evening together at the beach. Fun games, BBQ, Smores, etc...

#### LaserTag Night

Tuesday, September 12 - 5:00-9:00pm. Laserquest in San Carlos is opening and offering us 2 FREE TRIAL GAMES. We'll head down to In-n-Out Burger for dinner together, then over to the new LaserQuest in SC. Tell your friends and bring some \$ for dinner only!!!







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## Daily Bible Readings

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

### September

.Fri.	01	Ezekiel 10-12
Sat.	02	Ezekiel 13-15
Sun.	03	Ezekiel 16-18
Mon.	04	Ezekiel 19-21
Tues.	05	Ezekiel 22-24
Wed.	06	Ezekiel 25-27
Thurs.	07	Ezekiel 28-30
Fri.	08	Ezekiel 31-33
Sat.	09	Ezekiel 34-36
Sun.	10	Ezekiel 37-40
Mon.	11	Ezekiel 41-44
Tues.	12	Ezekiel 45-48
Wed.	13	Daniel 1-3
Thurs.	14	Daniel 4-6
Fri.	15	Daniel 7-9
Sat.	16	Daniel 10-12
Sun.	17	Hosea 1-3
Mon.	18	Hosea 4-6
Tues.	19	Hosea 7-10
Wed.	20	Hosea 11-14
Thurs.	21	Joel 1-3
Fri.	22	Amos 1-3
Sat.	23	Amos 4-6
Sun.	24	Amos 7-9
Mon.	25	Obadiah
Tues.	26	Jonah 1-4
Wed.	27	Micah 1-3
Thurs.	28	Micah 4-7
Fri.	29	Nahum 1-3
Sat.	30	Nahum 1-3

An Old Hymn that's all about Jesus Messiah:

### **"Nailed to the Cross"**

By Mrs. Frank A. Breck and Grant Colfax Tullas

There was One who was willing to die in my stead,  
That a soul so unworthy might live,  
And the path to the cross He was willing to tread,  
All the sins of my life to forgive.

Chorus:

They are nailed to the cross, They are nailed to the cross,  
O how much He was willing to bear!  
With what anguish and loss, Jesus went to the cross!  
But He carried my sins with Him there.

He is tender and loving and patient with me,  
While He cleanses my heart of its dross;  
But "there's no condemnation," I know I am free,  
For my sins are all nailed to the cross.

I will cling to my Savior and never depart --  
I will joyfully journey each day,  
With a song on my lips and a song in my heart,  
That My sins have been taken away.