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COMING TOGETHER

By Pastor Marc Heinz

In the book of Acts, Luke paints a beautiful picture of the early church and how it functions.

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all who had believed were together, and had all things in common; and they began selling their things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day, continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart: praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”
Acts 2:42-47

When you read about the beginning of the Christian church described in Acts 2, a number of characteristics jump out at you. For example, the early Christians were committed to growing

in their knowledge of God and His Word so they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching. It’s obvious that they wanted to grow deep in God and learn as much as they possibly could. As John Stott notes, “they understood that the living church is a learning church.”

The first Christians also made sharing their lives with one another a priority. There were no isolationists or rugged individualists; they were committed to God and His Word and they were committed to growing together as one. So they spent time building healthy relationships and hanging out with each other. Simply put, they were constantly together for teaching and prayer, for fellowship and for meals.

Throughout the New Testament we are reminded that the church is intended to be God’s new society, the living embodiment of the gospel, a sign of the kingdom of God, a demonstration of what human community looks like when it comes under God’s gracious rule. And it is God’s desire that the good news of Jesus Christ be set forth visually as well as verbally, or in the language of scripture, that it may be made known by both word and deed.

One of the key things we can learn from this passage is that when the church truly functions as the Body of Christ, we are able to enter into a relationship of sympathy, compassion, and empathy with one another. We grow in our knowledge of God and His Word together. We intercede in prayer for one another, care for each other, and minister to the needs of one another!


If you think about it, the demands of living for Christ in a fallen and often hostile world heighten the importance of true fellowship among the people of God. We desperately need the support of other believers who love the Lord and long for His Church to be all that it can and should be! Tremendous things can happen as we draw near to God and to each other!

“The most stinging memories from our past can be powerful reminders of God’s grace and forgiveness, living monuments of his mercy in our lives -- markers that keep us dependent and trusting.”

Nancy Leigh DeMoss
(Quoted by Randy Alcorn in his book, “Grace
A Bigger View of God’s Love”



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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.						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion	 Church Office Closed	7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm Awana			Women's Leadership Retreat Sept. 7-9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12:30pm Children's Leadership Meeting		7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm Awana 7pm Worship Kick-off			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
11:00am Class Resumes		7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm Awana			9am Work Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
12:30pm Texas BBQ 12:30pm Host Ministry Ushers/Greeters Chapel		7:15 pm FBC Youth	6:30pm Awana		6:30pm Movie Night	
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OUR MISSIONARIES AT WORK

NEW START

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for us. Last school year the younger staff said our local ministry needed a new website. We included the cost in our budget and the Lord raised the funds. Then, the web designer said we needed a new web page address. Then, we were told we needed a new logo. (Because our local ministry is in a partnership with other organizations we cannot use the Cru logos). Then, we decided we needed new items with the new logo and the new web page address for our Welcome Gifts. Oh, the e mails! Praise God that it is finished and now we are giving out our new Welcome Gifts which include a canvas bag, sunglasses, notebook, cell phone wallet, sticky note pad, water bottle, and www.eversurvent.com card.

The Lord has brought us some

new Chhristian students to help us! One student, Harry from South Korea, was at Sierra College before. Then he had to go back to his country to do his two years of mandatory military service. During this time in the military he was deeply impressed by a fellow student that always had joy. Harry found out the soldier is a Christian, and the soldier led Harry to Christ. Now Harry is back at Sierra College and excited to reach others for Christ!

Our family has some new starts too. Zach (19) decided to quit his job. He is thinking about taking classes at American River College. (Br (soon to be 18) is going to start phlebotomy at Sierra College. Matt is looking for a job in San Jose in mechanical engineering. Udrey's mom is going to try living with Audrey's older sister in New York. So many new starts! Please continue to pray for us.

Thank you!
Alan and Audrey

A NOTE

From Tom, Ginna, Kylee, & Bethany Sloan

Greetings & Thanks to all of you
From Redding, CA

This week is another big week watching God work to contain destructive fires, lead His family onward to know HIM more that we can be fruitful for HIS eternal honor and glory.

Thank you for your continued contributions, dear First Baptist, to our missionary retirement fund. Only the LoORS knew that we would be asked to adopt the raise up our grand daughters Kylee (16) and Bethany (12) and live here in Redding. HE is good and filled with surprises.

With our thanks,
Ginna & Tom

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlastring."
Psalm 107:1

FBC Youth
8:30am Men's Breakfast

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 3 of our "True University Series" - Who is Jesus? 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.



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.



**WHAT REMAINED OF THEIR FAMILY ROOM
AFTER THE FIRE IN REDDING**

Written by Skip Hoard's Niece, Caris

Caris has an amazing perspective on loosing everything!:

"...Thank you for loving us. The grief is so deep. We don't own a thing. Everything we treasured is gone. My flower gardens, our 50 foot beautiful spruce tree, my patio garden, all my shabby chic decorations and home decor. My unique Alice in wonderland chairs, my piano and probably our cat. . . All ashes!

We are clinging to the promise He makes beauty out of ashes. I know this concept seems very, very strange to our mortal minds, but this morning I am feeling the Lord tell me, even this is done to you in love. The blessings - the touch from the God of the universe - that we will and have already experienced is part of the unexplained riches of Christ. I will always trade getting a glimpse of God's holiness to material possessions ANY day! Will there be deep grief, anger, frustration? Absolutely! But seeing God work is the thing that brings the deepest fulfillment ever experienced! Does seeing God's glory out weigh the pain? ABSOLUTELY!!! The trials of the last two years has already taught me this and help me prepare for this. I believe God has great things ahead for us! (Will you please remind me of this when I relapse into being overwhelmed and destroyed?!)..."

But Skip told us later that when they were able to look at what was left of their home, to their surprise, their cat was sitting, waiting for them!



**A Favorite Psalm
Psalm 108**

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 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!



September 1: John Arnot
September 23: Eliza Fujita
September 30: Leo Dufficy



Happy Anniversary

September 7
Michael & Denise Jalilie
Dr. & Mrs. Harry Li
September 12
Francisco & Heidi Reyna
September 16
John & Kathy Whittaker
September 27
Craig & Eddy Bray



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Daily Bible Readings

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

September

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



Movie Night
Friday,
Sept.
28th,
6:30 p.m.

“I Can Only Imagine,” based on the story of the biggest-selling Christian song of all time . . . “

Popcorn, hot dogs and drinks are provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Movie Begins at 7pm.

Fall Worship Kickoff

Wed. Sept 12 @ 7:00pm



Worship Kick-Off

September 12, 7:00pm

Are you passionate about worshipping the Lord, love music, and just want to be used by God to encourage and lead others in worship? Whether you are interested in choir, play and instrument, or would like to run sound/lighting tech, the worship ministry is the place for you.

So come join us on Wednesday Night, Sept 12 at 7:00pm for our Fall Worship Ministry Kick-off. We'll be spending time in worship and sharing how the Lord will be guiding us in this ministry for the upcoming year.

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September 23rd

12:30pm

Featuring Key Speakers: Mark Spence, Andrew Rappaport & Dr. Anthony Silvestro

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1 Timothy 4: 6-8

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September 14, 15 - 2018

Friday – 6:30PM

Saturday – 8:30AM

Grace Bible Church – 2225 Euclid Avenue – Redwood City

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"What We Believe"

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:6-8

2018 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



MARK SPENCE - Living Waters Ministries

Mark Spence is the Vice President of Outreach at Living Waters and the Dean of the online School of Biblical Evangelism, with over 18,000 students enrolled since its inception. A popular speaker at conferences and universities, he also cohosts season five of the television program "Way of the Master," engaging skeptics and equipping Christians in evangelism and apologetics. A former assistant pastor, Mark is the Producer and Editor of several Living Waters films, and he and his wife, Laura, homeschool their five children.



ANDREW RAPPAPORT - Striving for Eternity Ministries

Andrew Rappaport, founder and president of Striving for Eternity Ministries, established Spread the Fire, evangelism training and outreach events, most notably Jersey Fire (NJ) and NorCal Fire (CA). He is the instructor for the Striving for Eternity Academy, an online school that teaches hermeneutics and systematic theology. Andrew is the author of the book "What Do They Believe" which is a systematic theology of the major western religions.



DR. ANTHONY SILVESTRO - Striving for Eternity Ministries

Dr. Anthony Silvestro was once an unsaved evolutionist but now is an avid Biblical creationist – teaching adults and kids alike that God didn't create man from baboons, and that the Bible can be trusted from beginning to end, starting with the book of Genesis.

Host Ministry (Ushers/Greeters)

Do you have the gift of hospitality and a heart for God's people?

Are you looking to connect with others and Christ?

Is the Lord calling you to something more?

Come, join us as we kick off the fall season of ministry with a time of fellowship and training on Sunday, September 30, 12:30pm (following the 11:00 service), Prayerfully consider how God may use you to impact the family of God at First Baptist Church San Mateo. Lunch will be provided - hope to see you there.

Still Learning By Krystal Kotter

During the women's Bible study that was held earlier this summer, I read Psalms 16:8 "I keep the LORD in mind always, Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." In our guide, a small explanation was given that "In biblical times the right hand was the most distinguished position, reserved for one's chief adviser and supporter. What you choose to focus on becomes the dominant influence in your life. You may be a Christian, but if your focus is always on your problems, your problems will determine the direction of your life. If your focus is on people, then people will determine what you think and do."

For as long as I can remember I have always been in a battle against fear and depression. As it is for many others, some seasons of my life are more victorious than others. I love the picture of the apostle Peter literally walking on water during a vicious storm when Jesus's offers His hand to him and says, "Come." So often I have struggled to leave that boat and end up sinking in the storm. Sometimes I decide to try and bring my baggage with me as I walk towards Jesus, tie a rope around my waist as a perceived life line, or second guess myself and ask those in the boat to confirm I actually heard my Savior's voice.

In our guide we were asked "What

hinders you from trusting God in everything?" I was not surprised when the word "fear" immediately popped into my head. However, when the word "pride" also appeared, I realized that "fear" and "pride" are often dancing partners in the human emotions. Perhaps that is why our Lord teaches that "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18

During this time of study and fellowship, I kept hearing my Lord say "Do I really sit at your right hand?" "Would your life be like this if I were in my right place? Who have you given my seat to?" For the past couple of months my spirit has meditated on these questions. I keep asking, "What would my life be like if there was no fear?" It amazes me how often I have to repeat the lessons and regain the victories that the Lord has given me. I'd like to end with these words from Billy Graham and C.S. Lewis for they have been such a comfort to me.

"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'"

Billy Graham
"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done."
C. S. Lewis



An Old Hymn A question for all of us to consider!

"Here Am I; Send Me"

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go to work today?
"Fields are white, and harvest waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me?"

If you cannot cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the needy nearer,
You can help those at your door;
If you cannot give the thousands,
You can give the widow's mite,
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in His sight.

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all;
If you cannot rouse the wicked,
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Saviour's waiting arms.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you;
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be,
Answer quickly while He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."