



# First Edition

## June 2014



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### A Pastoral Letter from Ron Walters of KFOX

Submitted by Pastor Marc Heinz

Good morning,

As Paul once wrote: "When I was a child, I spoke as a child; I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I enrolled in Mrs. Brooks's speech class, I put away childish things." Perhaps I may have embellished.

On my first day of class, our Mrs. Brooks, a no-nonsense guardian of the King's precious English, gave the class its first assignment: "Tomorrow," she said, "be prepared to give a three-minute instructional speech on any subject in which you excel." Cool, I thought. Piece of cake. Anybody can talk for three minutes!

The next day I volunteered to give my speech first. My title was "How to Hitchhike. I waxed eloquently. I used smooth and confident gestures. My hitchhiking thumb was a thing of beauty. I boldly spoke where no one had spoken before. I took my seat to rousing applause. They loved me! My heart pounded in my chest. I was a hit! I couldn't wait to hear Mrs. Brooks's superlatives.

Instead, she jumped from her desk shouting, "No! No! No!" She chastised me for using slang, for being flippant with my subject, for slurring my words, for my posture, for verbal pauses, and for playing to the audience. How could a three-minute speech warrant a twenty-minute critique?

Apparently, I had violated every known law of linguistics and communications code. She even accused me of inventing new words, to which I loudly protested, "Nuh-uh!"

"The assignment," she reminded, "was to teach us, not to win our approval." She concluded her rebuke by telling me I would be giving my speech again the next day. "But tomorrow," she warned, "don't just entertain us, teach us! Don't sacrifice integrity at the altar of creativity. Make your words count!"

Hitchhiking had never been so difficult. And that's because words are a science, I learned, not just an art form. Words are big business, too. In fact, last year nearly 300,000 book titles were published in America, generating about \$250 billion in sales. Nearly 7,000 magazine titles filled our supermarket check-out stands. And, according to the latest count, the Internet houses more than one trillion web pages. Suffice to say, there is no shortage of words. Consider these figures: We speak 35,000 words every day, holding 30 private conversations and another 30 at our workplaces. Each of us could write 175 pages with each day's words. At that rate, in one year we could author 320 books of 200 pages each. In a lifetime we could author 24,000 books just from the words we speak.

All told, we spend 13 years of our life just talking. I estimate I've spoken close to a billion words by now. Some I remember, most I do not. A few of those words were significant: "Mom and Dad, God has called me into the ministry." But most were forgettable: "Can you put cheese on that burger?" Some of my words were assigned, like those in Mrs. Brooks' speech class. Others were programmed; "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of Amer-

ica." While some words had an eternal impact: "Dear Jesus, come into my life."

Each week, you and I step to the pulpit, clear our throats, and launch into our next installment of words 945,000 is the average sermon. Some words are clever. Some are moving. Some find receptive ears. But never can any of our words have the life-altering impact that His words have had - all 773,742 of them found thin the covers of the Bible. "For the Word that God speaks is alive and active; it cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword; it strikes through to the place where soul and spirit meet, to the innermost intimacies of a man's being; it exposes the very thoughts and motive of a man's heart."

Although our words appear dull in comparison to the Lord's, they have a purpose: to illuminate the path that leads to salvation. Winning approval is not our goal; truth is. Our people don't need entertainment; they need to be taught and disciplined. They need to understand the power made available to them through the Words penned by a Master.

Simply put, they need the light that exposes the darkness. Ministry demands excellence. As Mrs. Brooks pointed out all those years ago, integrity must never be sacrificed on the altar of creativity; instead, every word must count.

Blessings,  
Ron Walters  
Senior Vice President  
Ministry Relations

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## Worship on Empty

By Doug Andrews

Recently our worship ministry and the church leadership heard a message from Ravi Zacharias on “Worship and the Leader in the church.” There were so many things that the Lord taught us that weekend that have stuck with me. Here’s a section from His teaching that has continued to be a powerful reminder of all that God accomplishes in us and in people who come and visit during worship. He starts with a definition of worship by William Temple:

“Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God.

It is the quickening of the conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of mind with his truth; the purifying of imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of will to his purpose—all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable.” - William Temple

The more I have thought of that definition, the more I am convinced that if worship is practiced with integrity in the community of God’s people, potentially, worship may be the most powerful evangel for this culture of ours. When people come to church, they are generally “beaten down” by the world of deceit, distraction, and demand. There is an extraction of emotional and spiritual energy that brings them on “empty” into the community. Yet that community’s task is to so prepare during the week that it is collectively the instrument of replenishment and fresh energy of soul. Even being in the presence of fellow believers in worship is meant to be a restorer of spiritual hope. We so underestimate the power of a people in one mind and with one commitment. Even a prayer can so touch a hungry heart that it can rescue a sliding foot in a treacherous time.” - Ravi Zacharias (Adapted from *Beyond Opinion: Living the Faith We Defend* (Thomas Nelson, 2007), ed. by Ravi Zacharias.)

It was over 20 years ago, I was finishing up college degree with my Summer Field Geology class. We spent two

unforgettable summer months backpacking through the Eastern Sierras in and around Bishop Pass at 9,000 feet. We mapped a huge area and spent time climbing mountains, scaling large talus slopes, taking samples, scribbling faults, folds, and contacts on our maps. The beauty of it all was breathtaking, and I spent a lot of time with the Lord alone with my Bible. But in my entire Geology class of 20, I was the only Christian. I remember that the first day off we had was about 3 weeks into the class and we spend the day in Bishop, CA. I made it a point to get up early go to church all by myself. None of my classmates were believers and were too busy sleeping in. But I was dying for fellowship, teaching, and worship. As I walked into the church I heard the simple and memorable hymn, “How Great Thou Art.” I remember how dry I felt before that, but when I started to sing in the company of fellow believers (none of which I knew), the Lord so filled my heart with joy, peace and strength I was overwhelmed. I couldn’t help but cry and thank God for all He was doing and for bringing me to this small little church when I needed it most. It was wonderful!!! Even after being out in God’s creation alone with Him, there was something incredibly powerful about being together with like-minded brothers and sisters worshipping our God. It filled me in a powerful way that I needed so desperately.

It’s so true what Ravi says. That a worshipping people are a powerful evangelistic tool in God’s hands. When we worship, serve, love, teach, preach, give, and live in Christ together, we make Him visible and real in the most powerful way to a hungry and thirsty world. He also reminded us that we cannot worship together if we aren’t worshipping as individuals. Both are critical for our growth and for the health of His body.

Are you a worshiper of Jesus Christ in your personal life and times at home? It is only there that you hear God clearly and are able to bring meaning to the rest of your life and to your corporate worship of Him here at church.

## How Can I Serve in Community?

By Tami Strang

Even though it’s been eighteen years since I attended UCSB, the recent tragedy in Isla Vista (the neighborhood surrounding campus) struck me very hard. Not for any one of the myriad “political” reasons debated on the news talk shows, and not for any particularly personal reason, either, because I don’t know any students currently attending the school. So, aside from the obvious reason of a sympathetic reaction to a tragic situation: Why do I feel this attack on such a personal level?

Over the last few days, I’ve given it some thought, and I’ve come to the realization that—despite the fact that it’s been so long since I’ve stepped foot on those streets, and despite the fact that I never felt much reason to go back there, anyway—I still feel connected to the Isla Vista community. I recognized all the street names mentioned in the news reports and I know what it’s like to walk them. I think of the friends I made while I was there, and I think of all the other friends who also happened to attend the school, and how much we bonded over being fellow Gauchos. I speak with an author at work—who also happens to teach at UCSB, and has done so since I was there—and I hear her own grief over the events. These memories and experiences have built a connection to a previous community that makes me aware that these people and places are still, somehow, a part of my own history and will remain a part of my life and experiences.

With this realization, I began to consider: what would I be doing if I were attending UCSB today? I’d be in shock. Heartbroken. Hurting. Yet I also know that I’d be gathering with fellow believers, praying for the hand of Jesus to be on the campus, and on all of the families touched by these events. I’d be asking the Lord to give me opportunities to show others His love and truth. I’d offer other forms of support via any other open doors the Lord brought my way.

Though of course I can pray, I’m not in Isla Vista, so I can’t offer my support in those other ways. So the question then becomes: how can I be doing these things when challenges arise in my own current community? How can I better support the people who are around me, when they face their own challenges (large and small)? God does provide these opportunities, large and small, on a regular basis—am I open to them?

I will be thinking about this as an individual, and I’ll also be praying about how we can serve one another in community—and how we can work together to serve the community of San Mateo as well. Will you join me?



ATTENTION ALL MEN  
**Men’s Ministry Monthly Breakfast**  
Saturday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel



Come join FBC as we.....



...for God this summer  
at VBS  
July 7-11

**Off-Campus** & **Sports and More Camp**  
10:00am-12:30pm 2:00pm - 5:30pm

### VBS Kick-Off June 14 from 9:30am-12:30pm

Summer is almost here and VBS is well into the planning stage. We would like to ask you to please prayerfully consider joining us on

**June 14th at 9:30 am**

in the Davidson Chapel to hear about VBS and Off Campus at our

### VBS Kickoff for volunteers.

This year we are excited to offer a sports and more camp during the afternoon again. What that means is that we will offer children several special interest options which they are able to choose from which will include: basketball, soccer, art, music & drama, and cheerleading/dance.

Our Jr. High Off Campus program will meet in the mornings from 10am-12:30 pm for a fun filled time in God's Word. A new component to the Off Campus program this year will be that our junior high students will be able to stay for the afternoon VBS program to serve as helpers. This will be a great way to build unity and grow the next generation of leaders.

## Wednesday Night Children's Program



Are you between the ages  
of 4 and 12?

If so, then please join us for the  
**Children's Wednesday  
Night Program**

@ 6:30 in  
Room 301

(and the playground of course!)

We will be going through the  
book of Philippians  
and enjoying the summer  
evenings together.

**Come join us!**

## FBC Youth Summer Events

**Parent Night**  
June 6th, 7:00 pm

**Off Campus Jr. High  
Day Camp**  
July 7-11, 10:00 am - 12:30  
pm, Cost \$20

**Hume Lake Summer  
Camp**

**(Jr. High and High  
School Camps)**  
July 20-26, Cost - \$480  
See the inserted  
Registration forms.

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And more  
CaMP**

**July 7-11**

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## FBC Women's Summer Ministry

### WHAT?

**A Time of Reflection  
on God's Word and Prayer**



### WHO?

**All FBC Women and their  
friends are welcome.**



### WHERE?

**The FBC Chapel**



### WHEN?

**7 PM to 8:30 PM  
Every other Tuesday**

**June 17**

**July 1**

**July 15**

**July 29**

**August 5**

**End of Summer Party (TBA)**

On Saturday morning, May 17, forty women from both FBC and Grace Bible Church in Redwood City, gathered in the Chapel for a time of fellowship, praise, and the blessing of hearing God's word from a very gifted speaker, Ambica Converse. Ambica came to us from Grace Bible Church. She is married to Steve Converse, the pastor of GBC. Besides her role as pastor's wife, she leads the Women's Ministry at Grace Bible and teaches several Bible studies, including one by Skype to ladies in India.

Ambica spoke for over an hour on Ephesians 4:1-2 on the topic "Walking Worthy of the Calling."

She began by telling us that as Christian women we are all called to walk in a manner that honors Jesus. Our walk is to be real not hypocritical. Honoring Jesus always begins in the home. How are you treating those you live with? Are you treating them in a way that brings glory to Jesus? This is a critical test, because the outside world often does not see how we act at home. Next, we are to walk worthy at our church. This often involves holding each other accountable. A good spiritual test is to note if we as a church body are drawing together or tearing each other down.

Ambica gave the gospel many times. She said we must all be careful to note that the church is not a building, but a body made up of "born again" believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit. We cannot save ourselves. Just saying a prayer doesn't guarantee salvation. We must look to our Lord Jesus to save. Then once saved, we are commanded to die to ourselves and follow him. In the

end; that is what God cares about. She then led us to :

John 12:42-43: *Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in Him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.*

She challenged us with these verses. Do we want to please God or please man? For most of us this is a daily struggle.

She also challenged us as individuals and as a church to grow spiritually. We are not to focus on numbers as an indicator of the church's success, but we are to look to the depth of spiritual growth of it's members. This is the indicator God looks at. Are we as a body seeing the fruit of the Spirit being produced in us? Humility, which produces gentleness in dealing with each other, should be a mark of a healthy church where the Spirit is working. This in turn can bring about reconciliation. Reconciliation always brings the most glory to God. It begins with God and then goes to man. She told us we should treat people with gentleness and then let God reconcile. Wise words!

Those of us who attended were very moved by what Ambica had to say. The comment I heard from almost everyone was that she was so "real." She is in the struggle along with us. We walked away challenged and with a much better perspective on our calling, and our church body, and most of all how we are to glorify Jesus, not ourselves, in our daily walk.

### Women's Sunday School Class

A few weeks ago, the class was asked to write a paragraph, "What the Gospel Means to Me." Here are three responses:

"The Roman Road (Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10, and 10:13: 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' 'But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' 'For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' 'If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be

saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.' Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

"Now that I have acknowledged Christ as my Lord and Savior and have the Holy Spirit in me, my life is no longer mine but God's. My salvation is guaranteed and I have been made new. God sent His only Son to earth to die on the cross for my sins so that I could be clean and have eternal life with Him."

G-od's

O-nly

S-on

P-aid all my sins with His

E-verlasting, Sacrificial

L-ove

### **CHRIST**

Christ came for me (His Birth)

Christ died for me (His Crucifixion)

Christ buried with me (His Burial)

Christ arose for me (His resurrection)

Christ lives in me ( His Presence)

Christ I follow and share to others

(His work in me)

Christ I await with expectation

(The Blessed Hope)

One day.... what a glorious day!"

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# June 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1  <b>Communion</b>	2 7pm Boy Scouts	3 7pm Al-Anon 7pm C.A.D. 7pm Women's Ministry	4 6:30pm Midweek Service 8pm Worship Rehearsal	5 11:30 BSF Seminar 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	6 7pm Youth & Parent Night	7 8:30am Mens' Ministry Breakfast	
8  12:30 Children's Ministry Lunch	9 7pm Prayer Meeting 7pm Scouts	10 7pm Al-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	11 6:30pm Midweek Service 8pm Worship Rehearsal	12 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	13	14 10am - 12:30 <b>VBS &amp; Off Campus KICK-OFF</b>	
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22	23 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Prayer Meeting	24 7pm Al-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	25 6:30pm Midweek Service 8pm Worship Rehearsal	26 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	27	28	
29	30	<p><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</p>					<p><b>All Events Are Subject to Change.</b></p>

# What a Summer !

## First Baptist Church of San Mateo

### Vacation Bible School/Off Campus Kick-Off

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for leaders already volunteered and others who want to help

### Children's Events

#### Wednesday Night Children's Program Ages 4 - 12

@ 6:30 in Room 301 (and the playground of course!)

#### Vacation Bible School - Sports & More

July 7-11, 2-5:30 pm

1st - 5th Graders - Cost: \$40.00



### Youth Summer Events

#### Parent Night

June 6th, 7:00 pm

#### Off Campus Jr. High Day Camp

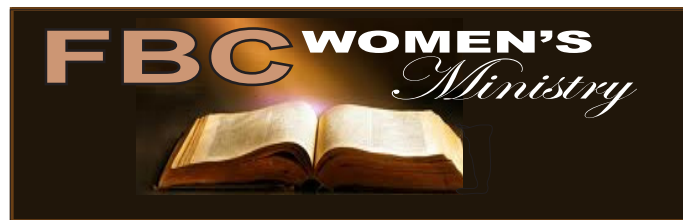
July 7-11, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Cost \$20.00



#### Hume Lake Summer Camp (Jr. High and High School Camps)

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## Daily Bible Readings - June

The following Bible reading schedule was compiled by Robert Murray McChesney in 1842. Using this Bible reading schedule you will read four portions of Scripture each day (two in the morning with "family" or individually and two in the evening in "secret" or privately), and read through the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice in a year.

Sun.	1	Deut. 5	Ps.88	Isa. 33	Rev. 3
Mon.	2	Deut. 6	Ps.89	Isa. 34	Rev. 4
Tues.	3	Deut. 7	Ps.90	Isa. 35	Rev. 5
Wed.	4	Deut. 8	Ps.91	Isa. 36	Rev. 6
Thurs.	5	Deut. 9	Ps.92,93	Isa. 37	Rev. 7
Fri.	6	Deut. 10	Ps.94	Isa. 38	Rev. 8
Sat.	7	Deut. 11	Ps.95,96	Isa. 39	Rev. 9
Sun.	8	Deut. 12	Ps.97,98	Isa. 40	Rev.10
Mon.	9	Deut. 13,14	Ps.99-101	Isa. 41	Rev. 11
Tues.	10	Deut. 15	Ps.102	Isa. 42	Rev.12
Wed.	11	Deut. 16	Ps.103	Isa. 43	Rev.13
Thurs.	12	Deut. 17	Ps.104	Isa. 44	Rev.14
Fri.	13	Deut. 18	Ps.105	Isa. 45	Rev.15
Sat.	14	Deut. 19	Ps.106	Isa. 46	Rev.16
Sun.	15	Deut. 20	Ps.107	Isa. 47	Rev.17
Mon.	16	Deut. 21	Ps.108,109	Isa. 48	Rev.18
Tues.	17	Deut. 22	Ps.110,111	Isa. 49	Rev.19
Wed.	18	Deut. 23	Ps.112,113	Isa. 50	Rev.20
Thurs.	19	Deut. 24	Ps.114,115	Isa. 51	Rev.21
Fri.	20	Deut. 25	Ps.116	Isa. 52	Rev.22
Sat.	21	Deut. 26	Ps.117,118	Isa. 53	Matt. 1
Sun.	22	Deut.27-28:19	Ps.119:1-24	Isa. 54	Matt. 2
Mon.	23	Deut.28:20-68	Ps.119:25-48	Isa. 55	Matt. 3
Tues.	24	Deut. 29	Ps.119:49-72	Isa. 56	Matt. 4
Wed.	25	Deut. 30	Ps.119:73-96	Isa. 57	Matt. 5
Thurs.	26	Deut. 31	Ps.119:97-120	Isa. 58	Matt. 6
Fri.	27	Deut. 32	Ps.119:121-144	Isa. 59	Matt. 7
Sat.	28	Deut. 33,34	Ps.119:145-176	Isa. 60	Matt. 8
Sun.	29	Josh. 1	Ps.120-122	Isa. 61	Matt. 9
Mon.	30	Josh. 2	Ps.123-125	Isa. 62	Matt.10

## Favorite Passages from God's

Submitted by Doris Waddell

Have you ever noticed how often in Paul's Epistles, he pauses and just offers praise to God? Here are a few I've been noticing:

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." (Rom. 11:33-36)

"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen." (Romans 16:25-27)

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place." (I Cor. 2:14)

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (1 Tim. 1:17)

". . . He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen" (1 Tim. 6:15-16)



### Prayer Meetings This Month: June 9 and June 23 7:00 p.m.

We pray for the church;  
we pray for those in need;  
we pray for each other;  
and through it all we praise God for  
His amazing Presence with us.  
Come see if you won't be refreshed  
at the end of a tiring day!

### Special Offerings

For the month of June, the special offering taken at the close of Communion and received all month long, will be for VBS Scholarships.

### Are You Employed!

By Alba Kellejian

According to The National Conference of State Legislatures California's unemployment rate as of April 2014 was 7.8 percent. While that is towards the top of the national average, another unemployment rate is cause for even more concern that California's joblessness. That is the unemployment rate within the church. It has been said that in the church, which scripture tells us is the Body of Christ, there is to be a 0% unemployment rate. God has given each follower gifts that are meant to bring glory to God and edify the Body (see Rom. 12, Eph. 4, and 1 Cor. 12). If you are not actively involved in using the spiritual gifts God has given you, please prayerfully consider how God desires that to change.



There are many ministries and opportunities for you to jump in and use the gifting that God has given you. One short-term area of service coming up in our church body is Vacation Bible School. I know that I, along with Pastor Doug and Dave Kellejian would love to talk to you about where you might join in serving our Lord this summer in our VBS/Off Campus program.