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A CHANGELESS GOD IN A CHANGING WORLD

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

Hebrews 13:8 was the theme verse for this year's Pastors conference with the Pacific Southwest District. I was blessed to be able to attend this year's conference (my 16th year in our district!) along with Rachele and learn a number of things about how our God remains changeless even in a rapidly changing world.

It seems that with all the news about Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump dominating the media (and our conversations) it is clear that we are living in a changing world. Our older members see this when they consider how the culture of our society has changed in a handful of decades. Our younger members see this when they witness new technology emerging day after day, week after week, and year after year. It does seem as though the rate of change is speeding up not slowing down, doesn't it?

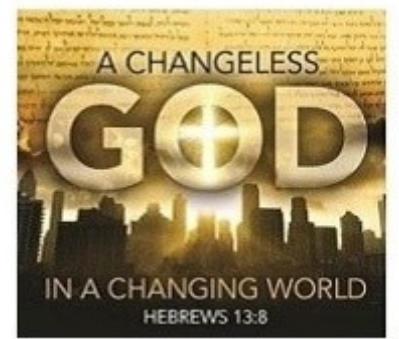
And so how does a Christian respond in these changing times? As we have been learning from the Apostle James in our “Faith That Works” message series, let me suggest that we put our faith into action, and let our thoughts and emotions be guided by our changeless God, rather than by the changing circumstances around us. How does God direct us ...

... **In a changing WORLD?** One trend that we must recognize globally is that the “West” (meaning Europe and North America) is no longer the epicenter

of Christianity. One conference speaker said that in the 1800's approximately 90% of Christians worldwide lived in Europe and North America. In the 1990s 60% of Christians were living in Africa, South

America Asia and the Pacific – and that trend is increasing. This means that as Christians, we need to respond in humility, not seeing ourselves as “rescuers” of Christians around the world, but *partnering* with them as together we serve the same God – diverse in cultures, but united in His Spirit. It also means that we must be careful that all of our ministry remains rooted in the Cross of Christ. Anything else won't transcend cultures, and ultimately won't matter.

... **In a changing NATION?** Trends in the business world have informed some church practices over the last several decades. Interestingly, what we are learning now is that the business world has begun moving toward “values-driven” leadership. What this means is that today's generation is more interested in what a company stands for than just the products they sell. This is a good thing for the Church because it means that this generation is interested



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FAMILY MINISTRY CORNER

I feel as a parent I have trouble understanding that psychological and relational consequences don't influence real change, at best, it is temporary. Like a water faucet, I can turn on my anger, guilt messages and nagging but I am understanding this approach doesn't change behavior, decision – making or attitudes in my children. It doesn't influence my children's character, faith journey or life development. Genuine change comes from reality consequences such as losses of time, money, enjoyment, possessions and valued relationships. Genuine shaping comes from the natural outflows of success and the good we experience. We reap what we sow.

The Law of Sowing and Reaping is a law we depend on each day. Both positive and negative outcomes of this law shape us. For example;

If I work hard enough, I will advance.

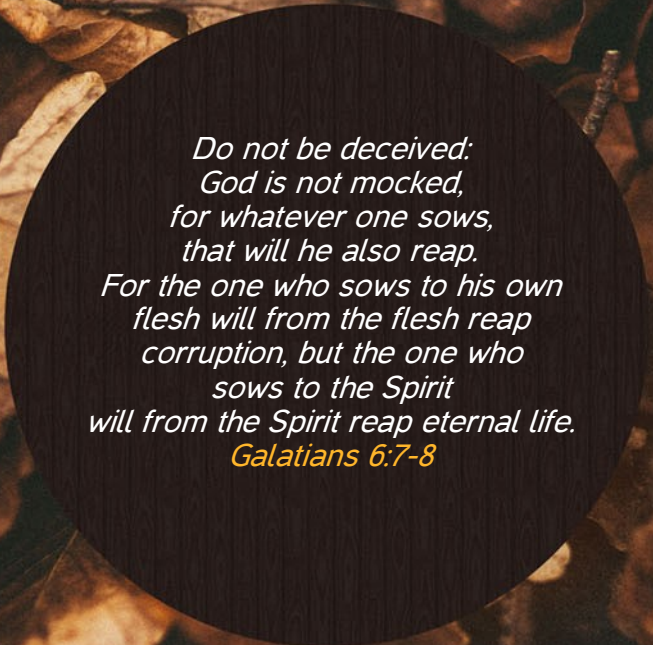
If I eat all I want, I will gain weight or develop heart disease.

If I read my Bible, I will grow spiritually.

If I don't push myself in my job I will stay at the same at the same level.

Reaping and sowing gives us a reasonable sense of control and influence over our lives.

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*Do not be deceived:
God is not mocked,
for whatever one sows,
that will he also reap.
For the one who sows to his own
flesh will from the flesh reap
corruption, but the one who
sows to the Spirit
will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
Galatians 6:7-8*

Our healthy fear of bad things keeps us living in reality and moving in a good direction. While understanding that diligence, perseverance and responsibility produce good fruits in life.

The Law of Sowing and Reaping produces the spiritual gift of self-control. The content of this law changes with age but the law remains the same. This law balances freedom, choices and consequences. It's not about micro-managing or controlling your children but influencing what they want. Most children desire things that are incompatible with each other. They desire things to go well, but they want it done in their terms. We parents desire things to go well for our children but we want them to do things right.

The key is balancing freedom, responsibility and consequences. If any of these is out of balance problems result. For example if more freedom is given than what a child is held responsible for, then character issues arise. As parents, the Law of Sowing and Reaping requires us to give kids freedom, hold them responsible, deliver consequences and love them throughout.

May our children live wisely, make good choices, do the right things and have a good life of faith in Jesus Christ.

Jeff Moeller, DCE

Family Ministry Director

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

JR. HIGH STUDENT MINISTRY

PADDLEBOARDING AT THE LAGOON!

It's fun to connect with friends and take on a new adventure. This month 3rd Saturday fun is checking out the Carlsbad Lagoon, 4215 Harrison Dr. On Saturday, October 15th 6-8th graders are meeting at 9:45 am to enjoy a morning on a paddleboard, or an aqua cycle, kayak or canoe. Cost is \$15. Vessel rental is from 10 am till noon. Parents need to electronically sign their waiver at www.carlsbadlagoon.com. Be sure to sign up on the Jr. High web site and bring a friend!



6th GRADERS FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT!



First Communion is Sunday, November 6th. In order to prepare for that special day 6th graders and a parent are invited to a retreat at church, Saturday, October 29, at 9

am – 12 noon. Pastor Augie and Family Minister Jeff Moeller will lead the retreat as we explore the mysteries of this Holy Meal. Register by Sunday, October 16.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation is in full swing, teaching the truths of scriptures and the foundations of our Christian faith. We just finished a unit on Holy Communion. Our SUNDAY AM class meets in Room 3 at 9:45 each Sunday morning and ends at 10:20 am.. **613** continues each Wednesday at 6:13- 7:30 PM. A pizza dinner is provided and we do more active learning and community building. We also are learning to play hand bells! Homework assignments and additional resources can be found on the Jr. High web site. Students need to bring their Bible, Luther's Small Catechism and *My Journey in Faith* workbook to each class.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HUDDLE

The Huddle trains young people for leadership. A Bible study gives a biblical background and the training session teaches specific skills in leadership. Every Sunday, our high school youth huddle up in the Lounge at 9:45-10:40 am to grow in faith, in leadership skills and to make a difference in our congregation and community for Jesus.

FRIGHT NIGHT AT SCREAM ZONE



October is the month for screams and costumes. The high school youth will be going to Screaming Zone at Del Mar Fairgrounds on Saturday October 22. Meet at church at 7 PM. Cost is \$20 and includes pizza afterwards. Screaming Zone is San Diego's largest scariest experience. Bring a friend in you have the nerve!

PROJECT EPHESUS LANDS ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

The Project Ephesus gang has been meeting weekly for over 2 years. Recently they changed their connection time to Tuesday nights at 7 to 8 PM at Starbucks. It continues to be a great time to take a break from homework and connect with your friends over a coffee.

Currently they are exploring the sermon series Faith That Works – a study of James. Friends are always welcome.



GROWTH GROUP NEWS

We are into our 2nd week of our Fall Semester and there is still time to get plugged into a Growth Group and add vitality to your life.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY begins October 5th at 9:15 am. They are discussing Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God*. The book is \$15 and childcare is available upon request.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT is a fun, low key Growth Group where kids and adults genuinely enjoy each other and connect just to have fun playing a variety of Minute to Win It challenges, board games and card games. Our next gathering is Sunday October 9, at the Moeller's, 3705 Arapaho Pl. at 6:45- 8 PM. We play fun games, have a devotion and enjoy a high calorie desert. Families of all ages and sizes are invited!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY meets Tuesday nights at in the Lounge at 6:30- 8 PM. Dave Ramsey's much acclaimed household financial training will help you to manage your money, get out of debt, and save for your future. Membership kits are \$93 and gives you access to all of Dave's online resources and tools.

HIKING SAN DIEGO upcoming hikes include the Elfin Forest on Saturday, October 8 and Iron Mountain on Saturday, October 22. We meet at 9 am each Saturday at the church parking lot to car pool. Dust off your boots and enjoy God's creation!

FAITH THAT WORKS is a new Growth Group that continues to explore the Sunday sermon series over a pizza and some Monday Night Football at Pizza Port in Bressi Ranch. They meet each Monday at 6 PM beginning October 10. Drop in for a slice!

- Jeff Moeller

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will be studying Chapter 4:: "Grieving With Hope" on Thursday, October 20th, 1:30 P.M. at Redeemer by the Sea.

- Norma Russell

HOLY HACKERS - We may not be good but we have loads of fun! If you are a golfer, good, bad, or anywhere in-between, come join us for a fun day of golf and fellowship. The format is a scramble so expertise is not important. Location and times vary, so if interested, please notify Di Haarmeyer at di.haarmeyer@icloud.com or call/text 936-537-2122 to get added to the golf list for more information.

-Di Haarmeyer



THE THEATER GROUP

If you love the Arts (Musical Theater, Plays, Music & Dance performances & interesting get-togethers (tours, dinners & outreach projects), please join us!

Church members and Guests are welcome to activities.

Upcoming Theatrical Event – 'The Girls Singers Holiday Show of the Hit Parade' (@ the North Coast Rep Theater in Solana Beach)!

Date: Sunday, December 11 @ 2 p.m.

\$32 per ticket! Need 10+ participants for group rate (regular price \$42).

Story byline: 'The Girl Singers' bring to life popular holiday songs of the 50's, including Santa Baby made famous by Eartha Kitt, Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree by Brenda Lee, as well as, favorites to sing-a-long to likes of Winter Wonderland, Silver Bells and others in the stylings of The Andrews Sisters, Lennon Sisters and McGuire Sisters. 'The Girls' will also be celebrating the music of Hanukkah. For those young at heart or just young, there's a 'Frozen' Medley.

1 Join us for an unforgettable evening of great music, 'sing-a-longs', nostalgia and laughs. A wonderful holiday musical for the entire family!

EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS: Sunday, October 2.
PLEASE CALL: MaryAnn Meinardus 760-216-4922 or email ma.meinardus@hotmail.com.

PURCHASE (\$) DEADLINE: Sunday October 9, outside on Fellowship Patio between services. Pay me before or by deadline by cash or check, written to Mary Ann Meinardus in person or mail check to 2061 Escenico Terrace, Carlsbad, CA 92009 before deadline. (Do not put in Sunday collection basket.) I'll be purchasing tickets on October 10th by noon.

Note: There will be not extension for ticket sale as I'll not be available after that date.

- Mary Ann Meinardus

BRIDGE GROUP

September 23, 2016, was a glorious fall day when we drove to Ladera Ranch and enjoyed a lovely lunch and played bridge at Bobbie Ankenbrandt's beautiful home.

The scores were not high scores but cards dealt are what you bid, play and, hopefully, win in that order! High score was held by Faye Bacon, 2nd place-Carolyn Schmaltz and the one dollar went home with George Ann Barnes. It's always interesting to me that cards run in streaks of high value (cards with colorful faces!) for several weeks and then there's a dramatic change when one wonders, "Why do I even like this game called Bridge?" when the cards held have little or no "colorful" faces!

I think this game is one of tenacity, hanging in there because the tide will change! The real value here is to know the end result will always be Fellowship with Christian women.

We play Bridge once a month, on the 4th Friday, beginning at 12:30 and finishing play approximately 4 PM. If you like playing and are interested please contact me at 760-707-6677 and I will be happy to place your name on the list. October Hostess is Carolyn Schmaltz, the date will be October 28 with play commencing at 1 PM following a light dessert served at 12:30.

God is Good and Christian Fellowship is a lovely way to spend time together!

- Faye Bacon, RBTS Bridge Coordinator

SEWING TOGETHER

Sewing Together is a small group of women who like to sew. Projects have included pillowcases, bags, purses and quilts. It doesn't matter, we just like to gather around our common interest. The iron is always hot and the cutting station is set up. We could round up an extra sewing machine if that is helpful. Come and join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9 to noon (or so). We meet at Kay's house so call (817-929-2034) for the address and directions. And let's get those project started and eventually done!

- Kay Boland



MOPS

MOPS meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month

We had a great first meeting on September 16th. We had six moms and about 9 children show up on Friday Morning. To learn a bit about God's plan and how he works in our life and complete a little craft.

Our Upcoming meetings are: **October 7th and 21st and November 4th at 9:15** in the fellowship hall.



Childcare Volunteers Needed

The most critical part of MOPS is the kids (we call them MOPPETS). To help the moms attend and get time to learn and connect with the other moms we really do need the children to be apart from mom. So this is where we need help. We need volunteers to work in the Nursery for the two hours during our meeting. If you can help us with this it would be greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Suzan at MOPS@redeemerbythesea.org

-Suzan Colgan

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

We celebrated the birthdays of Suzanne Hanthorn, Bettye and Don Howard and Barbara Kramer on THURSDAY, September 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Macaroni Grill, and tried out their brand new menu. Some got the new three course lunch which looked like enough food for a week.

We sent one hundred forty-nine (\$149) dollars to Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Our next get together will be THURSDAY, October 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Miguel's Cocina, 5980 Avenida Encinas in Carlsbad (northwest of I-5 and Palomar Airport Road. Birthday celebrants are Wilma Boggs (100 years), Jo Brandt, Erika Burke, Ann Doering and Paul Lahr.

In addition to your lunch we request a one dollar contribution per celebrant which will go to Brother Bennos in Oceanside which offers food, clothing, housing and substance addiction aid to the needy.



Everyone is welcome to join us but reservations are needed. To make yours, contact Jo Voertman, 1-760-721-6674, jvbythesea@cox.net.

- Jo Voertman

GREETINGS FROM THE CHOIR LOFT!

Welcome to October and good bye to summer. The Chancel Choir has been busy working on our Christmas Cantata and rehearsing new music for the Fall Season.

The choir will present THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS BY ROBERT SHAW SUITE 1 on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm. Our string trio will be accompanying us along with Heeya Hwang on piano.

We have added four new members to our choir, along with some who are just singing the Cantata. Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-8:30pm if you would like to sing with us on Christmas Eve. We have a group of singers from The Praise Band, and a few second service folks who are joining us exclusively to sing for Christmas. Some of the familiar carols are GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE, SILENT NIGHT, PATAPAN, WILLIE TAKE YOUR LITTLE DRUM, AND O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL. This arrangement is beautiful, but not difficult. Why not come next Wednesday night at 8:00pm and join us for the rehearsal on the Christmas Cantata.

The regular Chancel Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00pm. We also have a short devotion from 6:45-7:00pm, if you wish to join us.

Last Sunday, the Chancel Choir sang the popular spiritual "JESUS, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME." Next Sunday, October 2, the Chancel Choir will sing a brand new anthem entitled " CREATION PRAISE." Also, our Children's Choir will begin shortly to rehearse songs for our Christmas Pageant. We had over 50 children join us for our last presentation to the congregation in August. Please bring your child to Sunday School for the next three months so they can participate in our Christmas Pageant in December.

Our Chancel Choir is also looking for a few singers who would like to sing on Sunday mornings for first service. Many of our choir members take trips in the Fall, and we could use a few extra voices to fill in the parts. We have a wonderful group of young adults / and senior adults that would love for you to join us.

The Chancel Choir plans to do some Christmas Caroling on Saturday December 17, at 10:00am at Sunrise Retirement Home in Carlsbad. Why not plan to come along with us?

- In His Service, Gary Wilson
Choir Director

THE BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir rang "Holy, Holy, Holy" during the first service the last Sunday in September. This familiar hymn exalts the name of our Lord beautifully! "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee..." If you saw us ringing, you may have noticed the table of bells with no one ringing them. We have another octave of bells (2 more cases) that we haven't been able to use because we can't play them. If you have ever wanted to ring in a bell choir, come and join us on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 for rehearsal. We are just starting out and we have room for you! Contact Kay (817) 929-2034 with questions. Come and be a Dingaling!

- Kay Boland

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The rebranding of the Sunday School has begun and it is AWESOME!! Thanks to Kathy Hemphill and Alicia Haase who made it come alive. The children are so excited about the new theme, "Faithcraft – Putting on the Armor of God" built on the "Minecraft" concept. This new theme gives each child the opportunity to "put on the armor of God" and grow in their faith. They will each be given a passport (picture and all) to start this journey. Each week they will earn items from the "toolbox" by learning Bible verses, Books of the Bible, The Lord's Prayer, to name a few. At certain points in their journey they can take a trip to the Treasure Chest that will have all new items to choose from.

We have also added new age appropriate Bibles for all children and their very own Weekly Offering Envelopes. So, if you haven't already, take a trip downstairs and check it out as we build God's Kingdom one brick at a time!!

In addition, we have added "Check-In" for the 8:30 Sunday School. Parents, please stop by the registration desk in the Lobby.

I would like to welcome 2 new teachers to the Sunday School – Kim Moeller for the 8:30 Sunday School and Kris Urdaht to 10:30 Sunday School in grades 4-5. Please let me know if you are interested in teaching God's little ones!!

Until next time, keep serving the Lord!

- Rhonda Sutherlin
Director

FAITH JOURNEY BOXES

A recent project of the GROW team at Redeemer, the Faith Journey Box project was originally intended to be a way to connect with families when a new baby is born. We are pleased to report it has turned into a way to connect with many more people than we thought!

A Faith Journey Box is just a decorated durable box intended to be a collection spot for all the memorabilia collected along a child's "faith journey" in their life – things that might become scattered or lost over the years will be in one lovely location to enjoy and treasure the walk a person has had with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in their journey of faith. It would be for the type of stuff that doesn't really fit into a photo album or a computer file – like the candle one

receives at baptism, the cloth used to wipe the brow at baptism, perhaps a vacation bible school memento, a program from the church Christmas program performed in, etc. Redeemer will help provide special mementos to help mark significant events along the faith journey.

To launch our new ministry, we have invited anyone in the congregation who would like to have one of these boxes for anyone in their life to come to a fun event where we will decorate/prepare the boxes together, have some food and a little fun. Families may want to make some for the children in their family (any age – my kids are 11 and 13 but this is going to be a great thing for us as I have their mementos scattered all over the place!) Grandparents may wish to make one for a grandchild, maybe a Godparent for a Godchild – you see what I mean. *(article continues below)*



This project is accessible to anyone at any age – and we are thrilled. We have received a tremendous amount of positive feedback and sign ups already. As the first batch of boxes will likely be the largest, we are hosting an event where people can come help us make the boxes, enjoy some food/fellowship and fun. Sign up on a connection card for Saturday, October 22nd at 4:00 p.m. If you enjoy crafting, consider helping me with the ongoing maintenance of the program in the future. Any questions? Call me at 760-831-5599! Thank you for your prayers and support as we launch this joyful new ministry!

-Kim Glassman

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still a few opportunities to sign up on the Flower Chart, at the bottom of the stairs, to donate the money for the altar flowers. This is a great way to honor a special day, special person, or to praise God for all His blessings. Cost is \$17.50 for one or \$35.00 for both. We are always open to new volunteers to arrange the flowers. If interested, contact Di Haarmeyer, 936-537-2122.

- Di Haarmeyer

DISCOVERY CLASS

Redeemer by the Sea wants to help you walk closer with Jesus Christ. The four sessions of our Discovery Track offer the tools necessary to make this happen in your life. All the way from membership to life-changing ministry, we will lead you step-by-step from discovery to growth into a fulfilling ministry role. Enjoy a light lunch before each session. Held Sundays from Noon—1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



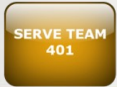
Church 101- This session is an introduction to the ministry of Redeemer and will help you understand our core beliefs and what church membership is about. Offered the first Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 10/2*



Essentials 201- This session discusses prayer, small groups and Bible study, and provides the necessary tools every Christian needs to grow in their walk with Christ. Offered the second Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 10/9*



Discovery 301- We want to help you realize what makes you so unique. This session will help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose in life and see how God combines them for the best fit in ministry. Offered the third Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 10/16.*



Serve Team 401- This final step of the discovery process gives you the opportunity to be informed about ministry projects and to get connected in specific ministry areas that interest you. It's easy, and fun!

CHRISTMAS DINNER MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

December 3rd
at the home of
Otis and Di Haarmeyer
5:30—9:00pm

LWML—CELEBRATING WILMA BOGGS' 100TH BIRTHDAY!

A SPECIAL INVITATION...Men and Women of Redeemer....You are invited to: WILMA BOGGS.....100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11 AT 10 A.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

"What life has been like for 100 yrs!"

Lunch following the program.

IF YOU HAVEN'T RESPONDED TO THE EVITE, PLEASE DO!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE E-MAIL AND YOU WISH TO ATTEND RSVP TO bjclahr@cox.net and include # attending.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONTINUES ON OCTOBER 29TH!

Another great opportunity to celebrate Wilma's 100th birthday....Russ and Linda, Wilma's children invite you to attend a birthday party for Wilma's friends & neighbors on Saturday, October 29-12:00-2:00 PM at the Holiday Inn banquet room on Palomar Airport Road. In order to plan, please RSVP to:
www.boggsbirthday.myevent.com

Any additional questions, contact BJ Campbell-Lahr 1-760-945-3750 or bjclahr@cox.net

NEW MEMBER WELCOME—SEPTEMBER 25, 2016



MICHAEL AND TAMMY REDL

Michael and Tammy moved from Phoenix, AZ 4 months ago. Michael is an architect and Tammy is a district manager for the Hearing Center's for Sam's Club. Together they have 6 children, the youngest is 16, and 3 grandsons. They love the outdoors – hiking, bike riding, being at the beach, fishing and kayaking.

SYLVIA SANCHEZ

Sylvia's hometown is El Paso, Texas. She's been in California since 1960 and in Carlsbad for 3 ½ years. She likes to sew, loves plants, loves children. She likes taking care of people and likes to work. She likes to sing. She would like to teach Spanish to young children.

CAROL MCGEARY

Carol grew up in Kansas and is a graduate

of Kansas State University. She and her husband have lived in The Woodlands, TX and also Richfield, OH before moving to Carlsbad. They have lived in Carlsbad for 5 years.

Carol and her husband, Glen, have 2 daughters, Megan and Katelyn. She is a homemaker and enjoys family beach time and walks. She has attended Redeemer by the Sea Women's Bible studies and is thankful for the opportunity to study the bible, pray and have fellowship with other faithful women.



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WHO ARE YOUR ELDERS?

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Your elders are a resource to you for your spiritual and ministry needs. Feel free to contact them with any needs or concerns – or just to say hello!

They are: Charles Um, Otis Haarmeyer, Ken Swick, Dave Berrier, Jim Brunner, Carl Gehring, Lyle Meyer, Wayne Chapman, Jerry Meyer, and Tom Burke

SALT AND LIGHT

Throughout our brief history as a nation, the central vision was to have a government determined by and working for all of its people. In order to achieve that vision, voting laws have evolved over the years:

- 1788 – all slaves counted as 3/5's of a single person
- 1870 – 15th Amendment allows all male citizens the right to vote
- 1920 – 19th Amendment guarantees all citizens regardless of gender the right to vote
- 1964 – passage of the Civil Rights Act outlaws discrimination
- 1971 – 26th Amendment sets the minimum age for voting at 18
- 1990 – American Disabilities Act ensures voting accommodations for those with disabilities
- 2009- Military and Overseas Empowerment Act helps troops overseas to vote more efficiently

Voting is one of the most cherished rights we have. The people we elect don't necessarily represent the beliefs of America. They represent the wishes of those who voted. Therefore, when Christians vote, their vote makes a major difference. The easiest example is the 2010 election. It had the highest Christian turnout recorded. As a result, we had the highest number of candidates, who represented Biblical values, elected to legislatures, state and federal, of any previous election. They proceeded to pass legislation reflecting Christian values. We often hear that God and politics don't mix, but President Barack Obama said in a speech

in 2006, "So to say that men and women should not inject their 'personal morality' into public policy debates is a practical absurdity. Our law is by definition a codification of morality, much of it grounded in Judeo-Christian tradition'.

To help Christians focus on what their candidates say about Biblical values, your Salt and Light group has prepared a voting guide. This easy to use guide only relays information as it relates to Biblical values. It will be available to you soon.

As one of our Founding Fathers said;
Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual – or at least that he ought not do so; but he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country. Samuel Adams (1781)

- Daniel Bitner

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Looking for an easy way to make your donations? Stop by and pick up an electronic donation form in the brochure rack and have your donations automatically deducted from your bank account — at no cost to you or the church. You can make changes at any time!

SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND MISSIONS PROJECT TEAM

I am hoping to build a team of people who have a heart for service, outreach, and missions. I have some ideas for a possible short-term missions trip with the "B.C. Mission Boat" that shares the Gospel and God's love with isolated First Nations communities up the coast of British Columbia Canada and would love to discuss any ideas on your heart! I will be holding a meeting at church on October 9th, starting at about 12:15/12:30 p.m. in the Lounge. We will also discuss mission's funds and other service/outreach/missions possibilities. Pizza will be provided! If you are unable to make it but are interested in being part of this team, please feel free to call or email me: (858) 922-1928 or cashourds@gmail.com.

- Christina Shourds

ELDERS

During the month of October, the Elders are focused on two major events. The first event that the Elders sponsored and planned for October 1st was the Annual Worship Support Teams Training Event. This event brings volunteers together to update their designated roles, make necessary changes, and build stronger teams by adding new members. The second event that is considered very important is that of providing a special Sunday to honor and recognize our veterans. Veterans Sunday will be November 13th and the Elders are working with Pastor and various teams to make it a special day. Regarding special teams, the Elders want to thank Bob Hawley, Head Usher, at our first service, for the many years of leadership he provided in that area. He is moving to Oregon in mid November. Darrell Golnick is assuming his leadership role.

- Otis Haarmeyer

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STEWARDS

Habit 5: Live Within Your Means

What do you think when you read, “Live within your means?” Do you think, “Who me?”...yet often you find yourself wishing you had more money? Perhaps you have too much “month” at the end of the “money” because of a lifestyle you’ve created that is hard to maintain. Many times this may happen when we try to keep up with others and don’t live within our means.

Discontent and financial difficulty can happen when we compare ourselves to those who have more. Some use comparison to justify spending more than they should...“keeping up with the Joneses”. As Howard Dayton said in his book, *Dollars and Sense*, “someone once said that you can never keep up with the Joneses. Just about the time you catch them, they refinance their home and go deeper in debt to buy more things!”

We certainly live in a society of acquisition. Advertising is geared to encourage us to desire a better lifestyle and to aspire to a higher standard of living. According to society, we should acquire as many expensive possessions as possible because these things are evidence of a successful, important person. When we want to live this counterfeit, media-induced dream but cannot afford it, we suffer discontentment, envy and coveting. And, most importantly, it prevents us from giving freely and sacrificially back to God.

As God’s stewards, our fundamental lifestyle choice is to concentrate on what we have instead of what we lack. Debt is a terrible trap in which to fall and an even harder one to escape. It’s not surprising that the Bible discourages borrowing. In Prov. 22:7 we read, “...the borrower is servant to the lender”. Yet, despite these warnings, it’s easy to fall into the temptation of debt. As George Fooshee, author of [You Can Beat](#)

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[the Money Squeeze](#) aptly states, “People buy things they do not need with money they do not have to impress people they do not even like.”

Scripture contains a number of challenging principles that we should consider when choosing a lifestyle. As Paul indicates: “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” *Phil. 4:12-13*

Income alone should never determine our lifestyle, even if we have plenty of money to live the way we wish. The choices we make will depend not only on how much we make and what needs our family has, but also on the way we view the world and our responsibility as God’s stewards. God’s ownership, the gifts God has given us, the opportunities we have to develop our gifts are crucial in helping us to decide how to live.

When we as Christian stewards choose a lifestyle, we must come to terms with some basic questions:

([Firstfruits: Managing the Master’s Money](#) by Lillian Grissen)

- How many luxuries can we enjoy without endangering our spiritual health?
- How many wants can we indulge in when there are so many in need?
- In a world of limited resources, how many resources may we expend simply for personal pleasure?

Possessions require time, attention and often money to maintain and can then take away from our relationship with God and others because of the time and energy they consume. We need to prayerfully consider our lifestyle and spending habits and how that affects our stewardship responsibility. Is our lifestyle enhancing or sacrificing our giving?

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A CHANGELESS GOD IN A CHANGING WORLD, *CONT.*

in the deeper issues that drive our ministry rather than just the externals of our presentation. But truthfully, this raises the bar for us. Today's younger worshippers are not attracted to simply a "slick presentation," but are more concerned with what is really driving our faith underneath. They want to see the changeless God shining through us. They want to join a church where people are deeply transformed by their relationship with God and are filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit. They want to belong to a church where the friendships are deep, marriages are strong, and the people are full of joy and love. Unfortunately, when they look at the Church, they don't see patterns of spiritual and relational health that are much different than the world. Quite simply we cannot have a faith that is divorced from our life. This generation is not interested in our knowledge. They need someone to show them Jesus. Let's show them the unchanging God who is *"making his appeal through us."* (2 Corinthians 5:19)

... **In a changing COMMUNITY?** At Redeemer we want to "Join Jesus in our Community." This means that we actually need to get out into our community. You will be seeing more opportunities at Redeemer to get the message of the Gospel out to our neighbors and friends. But at the same time, you need to begin to expand your "invite list." Ask God to reveal to you: Who are the people in the circles that you travel? Where is God already at work in their life? Where can you shine the light of Jesus into

both their joys and their struggles? Who is God leading you to invite with you along your journey of loving and serving the Lord and His people?

... **In a changing HOME?** Unfortunately, the landscape of our homes has also changed in recent decades. Sadly, many children experience homes where faith is not evident. Perhaps even more sadly, though, many children grow up in *Christian* homes where the faith that is professed on Sunday somehow does not make it to the home on Monday. Too often our homes have "outsourced" the faith education of their children. The message of the Church needs to be bolstered in our families as we continue to expose our children at all ages and stages of life to the unchanging God who is there for them, reaches down to them, loves them, saves them, and who calls them to Himself!

At Redeemer, we share a **Changeless God in a Changing World** - with **people groups** who don't look like us - with **a nation** that desperately needs to see the faith of Christians expressed with authenticity and integrity - with a **community** that needs us as much as we need them - and with **homes** that are rich in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)!

Sharing the message and mission of Christ,

Pastor Augie



PRESCHOOL INSTALLATION AND WELCOME!

Darjené "Miss Dee" Graham, Director

and

"Miss Rhonda" Sutherlin, Office Coordinator

Sunday, October 9th

At Redeemer by the Sea

9:45 a.m. Q&A

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Installation

11:45 p.m. Ice Cream Social

