

# Redeemer *news*

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**Ever wonder what faith  
in action looks like? ...  
Join us as we study  
A FAITH THAT WORKS!**

## A FAITH THAT WORKS

Speaking as someone who is celebrating a birthday this month I can say that often it feels better to say that I'm "maturing" rather than getting older. Of course when I was younger being mature still sounded like being old. So I guess there's no way around it the two sort of mean the same thing. And yet they don't.

We must admit that it's possible to grow older but not necessarily to mature. I think we all know those people who are up and age but never outgrew the immaturity of their youth. Maturity is also not the same as experience. It's been said that a person may have 20 years of experience – but that just may mean they've had one year of experience 20 times over. In other words, they are not necessarily learning from their experiences; they are just repeating the

same mistakes over and over. Maturity, however, learns from its experience.

Maturity also has nothing to do with our achievements or academic degrees. A person may accomplish a number of things or have a string of letters behind their name and still be immature. I am sure we all know someone like this.

So what is maturity? And in particular, what is *spiritual* maturity? That is what we are going to be discussing the next few months at Redeemer by the Sea as we go through the book of James verse by verse. James is one of those books that you love to hate and you hate to love. James pulls no punches. He says so many things that we need to hear, but do not *want* to hear. The Apostle says things like:

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds"*  
– James 1:2

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## FAMILY MINISTRY CORNER

*Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn. Isaiah 51:1*

Each of us is the result of the forces within our environment and how we responded. Our faith, parents, significant relationships and experiences have profoundly shaped our character and attitudes. How we have reacted to circumstances, whether defensively or responsibly also has shaped our being. Establishing the limits of the environment in which our children grow is an essential task of parents. Guiding and modeling responses to life experiences is just as critical. Children reactions are influenced by our parenting within the environment established and in ways that have been modeled.

We parents have some tools that we can influence our children's environment and responses; Teaching, modeling and doing. We teach our children to ride a bike, and tie their shoes. We also teach those boundaries to the environment in which they have their being. Modeling is different than teaching. Children look, listen and observe how adults operate within their environment. They watch and emulate us. Doing something is how we each internalize that value, making it a part of ourselves. It's making the fact a reality. These tools work in concert, shaping, molding and influencing our children's environment and life.

In Christ,

Jeff Moeller, DCE

Family Ministry Director

## SHAREHOLDER'S BANQUET

Experience the National



Youth Gathering Sunday, August 21 at 5:30 – 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our young people who attended the 2016 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be sharing their experience through personal testimonies and a multi-media presentation. Menu includes Jambalaya, Shrimp Po Boys or Chicken Alfredo with salad and beverage.

*(I) had an amazing time at the National Youth Gathering with 25,000 other teens and worshipping God in New Orleans. The theme was In Christ Alone, meaning that you will never be alone because God sent his Son to die for us and that he will never leave our side. I can't wait to go back in 2019 where it will be located in Minnesota. – Emy Kiernan*



## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

Parents of

children in grades 6-8 are invited to register their child for Confirmation and attend this briefing meeting on Sunday, August 21, at 9:45-10:15 in Room 3. Details of this ministry will be shared. Classes start the week of September 11.





## TURN UP THE VITALITY IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE!

Joining/leading a Growth Group is life shaping! Perhaps God is inviting you to connect and supercharge your life in a faith community. Our fall semester is just around the corner. It's September 18 through Dec. 4. New Growth Groups returning from a semester off include:

- Family Game Night
- Fantasy Football
- Hiking San Diego
- Joining Jesus in Mission

Get our new church app or our web page at [www.redeemerbythesea.org/growth-groups/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/growth-groups/). Registration opens August 21.



- Jeff Moeller

## BRIDGE GROUP

It was a beautiful afternoon on June 22nd when the RBTS BRIDGE Group met at the home of Lois O'Donnell for dessert and bridge. It was also a pleasure to greet Tom O'Donnell who is now at home after several weeks at a local Skilled Nursing Care facility.

Going home at the close of the afternoon was the happy high scorer, Jo Voertman, who held beautiful cards and bid them properly. Following closely behind was second high score player Arlyn Schmad.

Next day of play will be at the home of Audrey Wickstrand on August 26th, the 4th Friday of each month, (with the exception of November which will be the third Friday).

Newcomers to the RBTS Bridge Group are always welcome. If you are interested in playing regularly or would like to substitute please contact Faye Bacon at 760-707-6677 or send an e-mail to: [fobacon@att.net](mailto:fobacon@att.net).

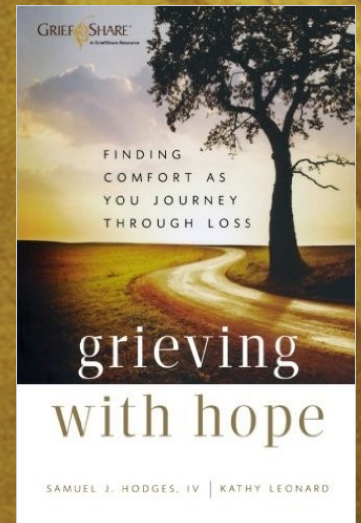
I look forward to hearing from you.

- Faye Bacon

## GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief Support: "Hope, Your Journey to Joy! Thursday, August 18th at 1:30 P.M. in the fellowship hall. Chapter 3: Will This Pain Ever End.

- Norma Russell



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

We celebrated the birthdays of Bobbie and Jerry Ankenbrandt, Jim Brunner, BJ Lahr, Lois O'Donnell, Lois Palmer, Patricia Sax and Marie and Earl Voien at Mimi's Café, on Thursday, July 28. A joyous time was had by all, celebrants and non-celebrants alike. We contributed two hundred-sixty (\$269) dollars to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

On THURSDAY, August 25, at 11:30a.m. we will celebrate the birthdays of Pastor Augie, Alice Lehmann, Gary Reiswig, Carolyn Schmaltz, Lois Taron, Ken Voertman and Gary Wilson at the Hunter Steakhouse, 1221 Vista Way in Oceanside (Vista Way on-ramp to Interstate 5). The restaurant opens precisely at 11:30.

In addition to your lunch we request a one dollar contribution per celebrant which will go to Del Mar/Solana Beach Optimist Club for Rady's Children's Hospital. The President of the Optimist Club is our own Choir Director/August Birthday Celebrant, Gary Wilson.

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

- Jo Voertman



## 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.



- 1) Next 'Theater Group' meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 27 5pm at @ MaryAnn Meinardus' home (2061 Escenico Terrace, Carlsbad, CA 92009). We will continue our practice of 'sharing a salad' (a lite supper) before the meeting. Meeting agenda will be to pick future schedule of theatrical picks for the beginning of 2017 season. Want to help decide? Let MaryAnn know if you plan to attend (760) 216-4922.
- 2) Next Scheduled Play is a Christmas Musical: 'The Girl Singers Holiday show Hit Parade': Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm (No. Coast Rep- Solana Beach), featuring sing-a-long songs of the 50's era. Ticket sales will be early in the month of October; TBA.

- Mary Ann Meinardus

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to the Fall Bible Study. It will be held each Wednesday starting at 9:15m, Oct. 5th- Nov.16th in the Fellowship Hall at Redeemer.

Gayle Timken will be the group leader, and she is a very talented discussion leader of God's Word. The member books will be \$15 and the sign up sheet will be in the lobby.

We will be studying the "Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer - Day, after day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.

His battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Arm or of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory!!



-Evelyn Meyer

## HOLY HACKERS

Holy Hackers will be meeting on Saturday, July 16, with first tee time starting at 11:30 PM. We are playing at St. Marks Golf Club in San Marcus and cost is \$49 including cart/range balls. Deadline for signing up is Monday, July 11. Contact Di Haarmeyer at [di.haarmeyer@icloud.com](mailto:di.haarmeyer@icloud.com) to register.





# SALT & LIGHT

We are living in troubled times, but when are they not? Every period of time has its challenges. Life is never perfectly in order. However, what Christians are experiencing is unlike any other time in America. A nation founded on religious principles and acknowledgement that civil liberties are God-given, inalienable and self-evident, has been challenged. Churches are now forced by the government to pay for abortions.<sup>(1)</sup> Or the government granting rights to minorities at the expense of 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment religious liberties.<sup>(2)</sup>

Many surveys have shown that Americans are losing faith in all aspects of their Christian heritage; that religious behavior is being radically reshaped; that the unchurched population is growing; that Americans were once proud of their country and their government but not so much now; that people have less hope for the future of America. As a result, research was recently conducted by the American Culture & Faith Institute, a division of United in Purpose – Education, a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization located in northern California. This was an attempt to evaluate the potential role of the Christian Church in the 2016 election. It was a national survey of spiritually active Christians who are politically conservative or moderate. It found, among other things, that they would like to see their church more involved in the political process by hearing what the Bible has to say about today's social and political issues.<sup>(3)</sup> We lose our religious freedom because of apathy, ignorance, and hostility toward religion. Our best hope for the future is when the Church reengages in these important issues.

The Salt & Light group is determined to not being apathetic. We are dedicated to educating ourselves and members of Redeemer regarding the issues of today. We celebrate our religious heritage in the founding, growth and success of this great nation. A birth like no other in the world. We trust you will be motivated to find out more and join our group so that we may do the Lord's work in a nation He has so richly blessed. We encourage you to be involved in the civic area and heed the words of President James Garfield who said:<sup>(4)</sup>

*"Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature... If the next centennial does not find us a great nation... it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces."*

1. <http://www.lifenews.com/2016/06/21/obama-administration-forces-california-churches-to-pay-for-abortion/>
2. <http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article80208127.html>
3. <http://www.culturefaith.com/gods-people-want-to-know-2/>
4. [James A. Garfield, The Works of James Abram Garfield, Burke Hinsdale, editor (Boston: James R. Osgood and Company, 1883), Vol. II, pp. 486, 489, "A Century of Congress," July, 1877.]

-Dan Bitner

## LWML

**LWML Tuesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Men & Women invited.**

Our speaker will be Melanie Burkholder, did you know that she worked for the Secret Service? We should hear some interesting stories.

"Former Special Agent (SA), Melanie Burkholder served in the Department of Homeland Security with the United States Secret Service for 6 years. As such, her duties included protection details for the President, Vice-President, and many foreign dignitaries. As an investigator of Identity Theft, Fraud, Money Laundering, Bank Fraud and Counterfeit in the Los Angeles Field Office, SA Burkholder was an integral part of an investigation into international identity theft organization based in Nigeria. She successfully completed a course in Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor at The Graduate School, in Washington, DC, and was a Team Leader at the time of her separation from the Government."

- Barbara Gehring



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Eva Bruning	Aug 1
Pat Lynch	Aug 2
Barry Machado	Aug 4
Gary Wilson	Aug 4
Pastor Augie Iadicicco	Aug 5
Janice Oplinger	Aug 5
Sherrill Moore	Aug 7
Alice Lehmann	Aug 9
Deo Iadicicco	Aug 9
Karen Leber	Aug 9
Carolyn Schmaltz	Aug 10
Jonathan Woods	Aug 11
Nancy Golnick	Aug 11
Shirley Hawley	Aug 11
John Russell	Aug 15
Ken Voertman	Aug 16
Christopher Ambrose	Aug 17
Melanie Burkholder	Aug 18
Roy Faulstick	Aug 21
Christina Shourds	Aug 22
Lois Taron	Aug 22
Mary Meyer	Aug 24
Marguerite Kaupp	Aug 24
Carol Jacoby	Aug 24
Norienne Saign	Aug 24
Carl Gehring	Aug 25
David Taylor	Aug 27
Billy Fulton	Aug 31

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel & Janice Oplinger	Aug 1
Bill & George Ann Barnes	Aug 1
Charles & Cindy Um	Aug 5
Craig & Cheri Huenergardt	Aug 6
Patrick & Tracey Kiernan	Aug 10
Tony & Karen Whitmarsh	Aug 17
Brian & Jennifer Frost	Aug 17
Kevan & Courtney Bustillos	Aug 18
Roy & Joyce Faulstick	Aug 21
Joel & Roxana Rabe	Aug 26

## COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Greetings Redeemer By The Sea Family,

We are very blessed in this nation to be able to take care of our families with freedom and religious liberty. If you find that you are in a season of life where your family is running smoothly; I would ask that you consider our church family's needs.

We are in our annual season of building a list of nominees to serve in council positions which begin in January. Taking a leadership role in church life not only blesses our congregation, but you as well. "God's will, done God's way, does not lack God's supply". Don't worry that you may feel ill-equipped for a position. If God is guiding you in a desire to serve Him in this way, He will take care of the rest. Your faith will grow as you trust in Him. You also have the church family to help you along the way.

You can find "Navigating our Future" forms in the foyer to recommend yourself or other members for positions on the council. Please fill it out and give it to me, Dave Taylor. You may add it to the plate during offering and the church office can get it to me as well.

Thank you!

- Dave Taylor

## WHO CAN I CONTACT?

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# GREETINGS FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

August is a busy time for our choirs as we continue rehearsals again this month. The Chancel Choir and Children's Sunday School Choir took July off and now we're ready to go for the next church year.

Wednesday, August 3, our CHANCEL CHOIR resumes rehearsals from 7:00-8:30 in the Sanctuary. We have a 15 minute devotional from 6:45-7:00pm and you are invited to join us. Our Choir sings three Sundays a month during the 8:30 service, and for Lent, Advent, Christmas, and Easter Services. We are a wonderful group of individuals who love to "sing praises to the Lord." Why not give us a try next Wednesday night at 7:00pm? We would love to have you join us for singing, fellowship, and a good time together.

We begin this month on rehearsing for our Christmas Cantata which will be performed on Christmas Eve at the 7:00pm candlelight service. We also have community members who join us for the Christmas Season so they can enjoy singing for a full house on Christmas Eve. We will begin rehearsing our Cantata from 7:00-7:30pm every Wednesday if this fits in your schedule. COME AND JOIN US FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



The CHILDREN'S CHOIR will begin rehearsals on Sundays during second service Sunday School. We

plan to sing for Rally Day and also during the Christmas Season. I enjoy working with your children on Sundays and I thank you in advance for bringing them to church on Sundays.

Our new HANDBELL CHOIR, under the direction of Kay Boland will resume rehearsals at 6pm on Wednesday evenings, starting on August 17th. Call

Kay at the church office for more details at 760 431-8990.

This great group of young adults of all ages began last spring and they

have performed for our services three times. They plan to continue rehearsing for their next performance in the fall. Come and join this new group and "RING THOSE BELLS FOR THE LORD."



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A MUSIC CONCERT COMMITTEE? We plan special events throughout the year bringing in guest artists and performing groups for our church and community to enjoy. In the past year we featured The Mission Vista Steel Drum Band, The San Diego Children's Choir (North Coast Singers), and the Handbell Choir from Concordia, Irvine. This year, we have another great list of concerts for our congregation and community to enjoy. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12, at 7:00pm for THE VISTA HILLS SINGERS. This is a group of senior ladies who sing Barbershop, Sweet Adeline's, Show tunes, and feature a professional Ragtime / Jazz Piano player who will get your toes tapping to the rhythms. There will be something for all ages, so mark your calendar for November 12.

On March 5, 2017, we will be presenting the San Diego Women's Chorus (SORELLE) at 4:00pm in our Sanctuary. This group performs around San Diego County and has a great following. Their music is classical and unique. More information will follow in the next newsletter on the featured music for their concert. March your calendar for March 5, 2017.

If you have ideas on what we might want to offer for our 2017 Concert Series, please contact one of our Music Concert Committee Members through Gary Wilson, Choir Director 858 864-3491

We hope to see you on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for Chancel Choir rehearsal

- Gary Wilson



## FELLOWSHIP

It's Picnic Time!  
Join us on Sunday  
August 28th for our  
Annual Church  
Picnic from 12-3PM  
at Avira  
Community Park.  
We will be serving  
up burgers, dogs  
and brats cooked  
by Big Jim's Grill  
and will have  
vegetarian and  
gluten free options  
available as well.

Bring your family, bring your friends. All are  
welcome! Musical entertainment will be provided  
by our Praise Band and there will be games for all  
ages.

Have you ever wanted to get someone's phone  
number or address? Have you searched for your  
church directory and never found it? I may have a  
solution! Sign up for the Basic Database Training  
class. This training class is designed to give users  
a brief introduction to the database features,  
various uses, information retrieval, and Small Group  
management functions. It is my hope and dream  
that one day Redeemer will fully utilize our  
available technology for managing events, soliciting  
volunteers and fostering Growth Groups. The first  
session will be offered Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> at  
10AM in the Fellowship Hall.

We're looking for some new  
folks to join our Fellowship  
Committee. If you have a heart  
for service, enjoy planning  
parties, or just like interacting  
with others please let me know!

God Bless,

- Dorothy Doughty  
Fellowship Chairman



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are well into the "Faithweaver" curriculum for our  
Sunday School and have received great reviews from  
both the teachers and kids. This curriculum works on  
the same idea as VBS and creates great interaction  
with the kids and helps them connect their daily lives to  
God.

Rally Day is fast approaching and will be held in  
conjunction with the Annual Church Picnic on August  
28<sup>th</sup>. On that day we will celebrate what the children  
have learned this past year and move them into the  
next grade level. The children will sing during the 10:30  
a.m. service, attend Sunday School and then off to  
Avira Park for an old fashion BBQ, games & fun for all.  
Hope to see you there!!

We also have teachers that are on the move – we  
sadly said goodbye to Liz Ford (8:30 teacher) as the  
family is being transferred to Japan for 3 years. We  
also said goodbye to Shelly Lynaugh (Grade 4-5) and  
soon to say goodbye to Rachel Moeller as she begins  
the next chapter of her life at Concordia in Irvine. We  
wish them all the best!!

I am currently in need of teachers for the 8:30 Sunday  
School. Please let me know if you are interested in  
teaching God's little ones!!

We are also in the process of "Rebranding the Sunday  
School". The official unveiling date to be announced –  
Stay Tuned.....

Until next time, keep serving the Lord!

- Rhonda Sutherlin  
Sunday  
School  
Director





# ELDERS THINK BIG!

Regarding our members worship experience during the first service, the Elders decided to also place our scripture readings on overhead on a trial basis. Feedback has been very positive and it looks like it will become a permanent addition.

Elders member care program, lead by Dave Berrier, continues to be very successful, especially our gift basket program. The program has received many acknowledgements of appreciation. In addition to the sick, in hospital, and shut ins, the Elders are now adding sympathy gift baskets to express our caring for those in bereavement.

The Elders are presently planning; Advent and Christmas worship services, worship service training event in October, an activity connecting the Elders with our youth, and supporting a new volunteer "short term," approach.

- Otis Haarmeyer

## WHO ARE YOUR ELDERS?

Otis Haarmeyer

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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

# 7 HABITS OF A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STEWARD

## Habit 3: Be Content

We live in a world of obsession with material possessions. Far too many of us find ourselves in debt because we've been swept up in the frenzy of accumulation. In our consumerist society, it is difficult to distinguish between our needs and our wants and desires. We often believe that the more money we have, the happier we will be.

There's an interesting paradox when we finally recognize that nothing we have really belongs to us. Even though we have many things, none of them actually belongs to us. As we come to understand that everything belongs to God, our perspective changes...we become more content.

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, ..." (Hebrews 13:5) A Christian steward is content because he knows that God will give him everything he needs. In speaking at a regional conference, Ted Boers, Chair of a stewardship task force, indicated he had just read a book by a secular author entitled, *Want What You Have*. Ted commented, "This was the secular author's secret to happiness, but what a great way of restating the truth of Hebrews 13:5 ... want what you have!"

We wrestle with the question, "How much is enough?" most of our lives. What is the limit? As Christians, we need to actively seek God's guidance to help us continually differentiate between our real needs, and our wants and desires.

Accept God's provision in your life, and find contentment in the source, not the supply. (1 Timothy 6: 6-8).

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## SAVE AND RECYCLE

Ink/Toner Cartridges – at the office to purchase supplies

Amazon Smile: When you make purchases on amazon.com, go to amazonsmile.com. Login normally and choose Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church as your charity! They then send us a check!

Box Tops for Education – in the box in the lobby for the K & Preschool

Cans & Bottles (CRV) – by the trash containers in the parking lot to support the art program at the Kindergarten & Preschool

Grocery Coupons—drop off your clipped coupons at the Ladies' Table — they are sent to military bases overseas

## 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!

## DISCOVERY CLASS

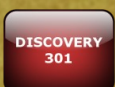
Redeemer by the Sea wants to help you walk closer with Jesus Christ. The four sessions of our Discovery Track offer the tools necessary to make this happen in your life. All the way from membership to life-changing ministry, we will lead you step-by-step from discovery to growth into a fulfilling ministry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



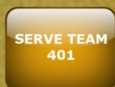
**Church 101-** This session is an introduction to the ministry of Redeemer and will help you understand our core beliefs and what church membership is about. Offered the first Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 8/7.*



**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 8/14.*



**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 8/21.*

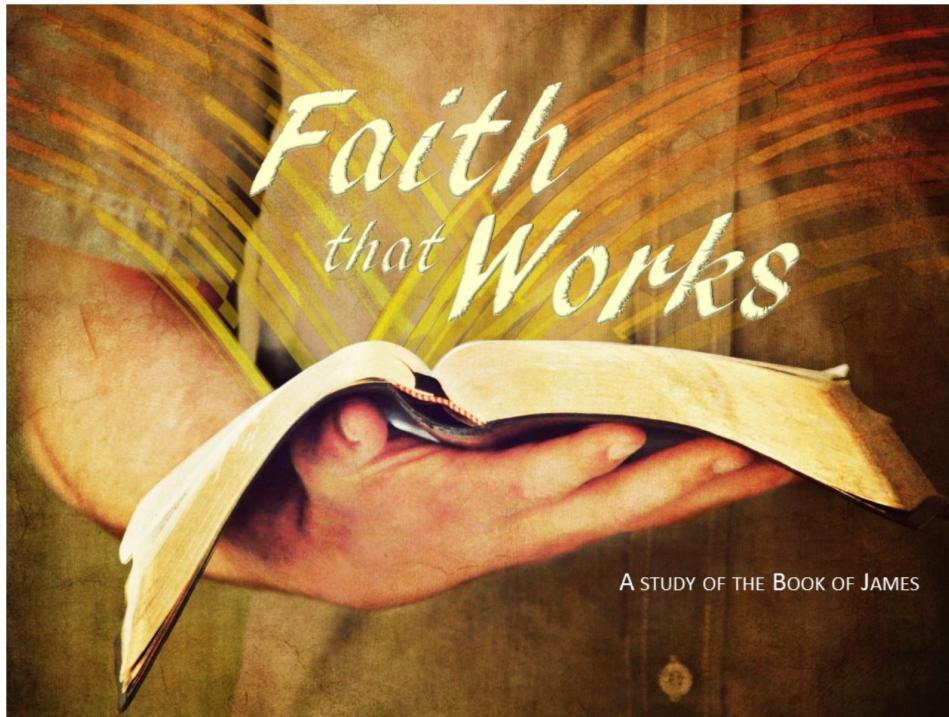


**Serve Team 401-** This final step of the discovery process gives you the opportunity to be informed about ministry projects and to get connected in specific ministry areas that interest you. It's easy, and fun!





EVER WONDER WHAT FAITH IN ACTION LOOKS LIKE?....  
JOIN US AS WE STUDY A FAITH THAT WORKS!



8/28 Profiting From Your Problems  
9/4 Making Up Your Mind  
9/11 Standing Against Temptation  
9/18 Being Blessed By The Bible  
9/25 Treating People Right  
10/2 Demonstrating Real Faith  
10/9 Managing Your Mouth  
10/16 Relating Wisely to Others  
10/23 Avoiding Arguments  
10/30 Not Trying to Playing God  
11/6 Facing Your Future  
*11/13 Veterans Day Celebration*  
11/20 Being Wise With Your Wealth  
11/27 Developing Patience and Prayer

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST  
JULY 17, 2016—HELENA YIN



NEW MEMBER WELCOME  
JULY 24, 2016  
ERICH, MICHELLE, EVAN & ANDREW LANGER

The Langer's were born and raised in Vista, CA and have been back in Carlsbad for about 4 years. As a family, they enjoy the beach, cooking, camping and mountain biking. Both Evan and Andrew play competitive baseball, so we travel and watch a lot of baseball.



# A FAITH THAT WORKS, *CONT.*

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."* – James 1:22

*"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it"* – James 2:10

*"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"* – James 2:17

*"Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you"* – James 5:1

Even Martin Luther struggled with the book of James because it could be taken out of context to emphasize works over faith. However Martin Luther understood that faith and works must go together just as the Apostle James says. And so we are embarking on a three-month Journey seeing and understanding our faith to be one "that works." This is a catchy phrase that reminds us that a true faith does good works but also that the kind of faith the Christian is to have must actually work in their life.

And the faith that we profess in Jesus Christ *does* work. It works to form us into the image and likeness of God's Son. Our faith creates believers who understand that we live in a sinful and broken world that will cause us trouble and give us challenges but though these may *test* our faith, our faith can withstand them - and even find *joy* in the struggles of life.

A mature faith is one that understands that even if our

neighbor is our enemy, we still can have love for them, and desire for them to repent and return to the Lord. A mature faith understands that the words that come out of our mouth, represent what is in our heart. And so as our faith matures, we will desire to serve others rather than self. We will grow in patience and prayer as we wait for the Lord's return.



Perhaps it's fitting that we begin this journey as the Summer Olympics begin in Rio de Janeiro. Just as an Olympic athlete trains tirelessly to grow in their skill

for the Games, we too as Christians must "work" to train our faith up to maturity – to be more Christ-like. There is much to unpack in the book of James! It will take us a few months to get through it, and ultimately it will take a lifetime in order to mature.

Growing in Christ,

Pastor Augie.



## FAITH THAT WORKS

Verse by Verse  
through the Book of  
James

August 28 -  
November 27

