



the Messenger

7111 Mariposa Ave. Citrus Heights, CA 95610

July 5 – July 11, 2010

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INVINCIBLE FAITH

For I know that my Redeemer lives.
And He shall stand at last on the earth.
Job 19:25

Faith in Jesus Christ, if it is genuine, is one of the strongest forces known to the human race. In fact, it's possible to possess a faith that is, for all practical purposes, *invincible*.

Invincible faith, however, is not merely the intellectual acceptance of the fact that Jesus is the Son of God. No, the power to withstand great hardship comes from believing that, as the Son of God, Jesus Christ is one day going to gain complete victory over every form of evil and injustice. *The person who truly believes that will not be defeated by anything that happens in the meantime.*

Toward the end of Revelation, we have this description of one of John's visions: "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19:11-16).

Invincible faith comes not from finding a way to be unconquerable ourselves, but from disciplining our minds to believe in the unconquerability of our King. It is impossible that He will be defeated, and this truth is well attested by everything that has ever been known about Him. When, in the face of temporary opposition, we choose to believe that the ultimate victory will be His, then we adopt a faith that the devil can do little to vanquish. And it is to us that Jesus Christ says, "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (Revelation 3:21).

Perseverance is our supreme effort of refusing to believe that our hero is going to be conquered.

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WELCOME VISITORS

You are our honored guests. If this is your first time visiting with us we want to welcome you to our worship service. If you have worshipped with us before, we want to welcome you back

GREETERS

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Foyer	Nedra & Brandon	Mike & Linda L.
Aud.	Ron & Sarah	Eric & Shannon



Everett Hooker – had para-thyroid surgery this past Monday. He is expected to be hospitalized for several weeks. He is in Mercy General Hospital, Rm. 268-B; phone 732-9667.

Nancy Chatman – recovering from surgery and preparing for another.

Bonnie Delos – health problems.

Mildred Ballenger – undergoing a procedure this Wed. (July 14) to try to alleviate some of the pain in her back.

Sierra Bible Camp – staff and campers to have a safe and productive camp.

Tim Blue – the cancer has been confined to between the stomach lining and stomach wall.

Mary Baker – prayers she can regain her strength so can return to church and lead a more normal life. She is mostly in a wheel chair and needs to at least be able to use her walker. She is confined at home so visits (please call first) and calls would be welcome.

Our minister, elders, deacons and their families as they endeavor to serve this congregation.

Continual Prayer List:

Members: *Louis & Amalia Francheschi; Martha Hull; Jean Lemmons; Keith Lennex; Melvin & Frances Mason; Tom McBride; George McCrea; Bob & Belva Mellor; Larry Paris; Bill Roark; Garces family; Ruth Keith; Kathy Bell; John Proctor; Paula Cupp; Caleb Christensen; Doug Mason; Chuck Bryan; Mary Baker; Ellis Jones; Shirley Vaughn; Mildred Ballenger*

Family & Friends: Roger (Belva Mellor's son); Kathy Rowe (Jim Darghty's sister); Leah Parker (Lloyd & Billie's granddaughter); Josefina Chavez (Erika Garces' mom); Jan Patterson's dad; Mary Dufford (Maryanne Fulton's mom); John Dufford (Maryanne's brother); Steven (Daria Roe's son); Kathleen Keeton (Phyllis Keeton's mother-in-law); Larry Spencer; Craig Clement; Dolly (John Graber's mom); Marianna Cox (Rhonda's mother-in-law); Doris Howell (Roger Moore's aunt); Bill Cain (Lloyd & Billie Parker's brother-in-law); Betty Anderson (Maxie's friend); Emily Parker (Clara Bryan's sister); Leslie (Billie Parker's friend); Lucille Hill's brother; Bill Brunts & Steve Garland (Wayne Fulton's friends); Paul Sarron (Roy Nunally's friend); Diego and Angelita Picetti (Jordan's brother and sister); Vida Clothier; Carolyn Carr (Shannon Dunn's aunt); Lynn (Larry Paris' friend); Mary Lloyd (Charlotte McCrea's friend); Coni (Pat Steinwandt's sister-in-law); Tilda Martin (George McCrea's sister); Jim Simmons (John Reed's friend); Linda Campbell (John Reed's friend); Dorothy Smith (Jan Patterson's aunt); Billie Parker's nephew; Gracie (Paula Cupp's roommate); Della Lewis (Audrey Watkins' mom); Ron Baughman (Diana Darghty's dad); Ruth Barge (Audrey Watkin's aunt); King Morris, Sr., Donnie (Sharon Hodge's cousin); Brittany Darghty (Jim & Diana's daughter-in-law); Sarah Livingston (Robert's granddaughter); Regie (Mike Davis' brother); Christina (Chanel Bishop's friend); Ella (Wayne Fulton's grandmother); Joseph Jones (Wayne Fulton's friend's son); Pam Ewalt (co-worker of Linda Davis); Auburn Cosentino (Starvel & Lu Junious' daughter-in-law); Blake (nephew of the Murray's); Charles Fields (Wendy Pitt's friend); Dennis McCrea (George & Charlotte's son); Michelle Harris (Steve & Diane Maggiora's daughter); Tammy Bibergal (Susie O'Hagan's niece); Oliver (Wayne Fulton's friend); Tookie, David (friends of the Fulton's); Lois Kruger (Luanna Water's friend); Doug Mason; Trevor Ahlstrom's grandfather; James Bracken, Sr. (Jeremy Petersen's grandfather); Billy & Ginger Byrd; Tabatha Braden (Murray's niece); Tim Blue (Link & Betty's nephew); Anton McCrea (great-grandson of George & Charlotte); Daisy (Audrey Watkin's aunt); Jay Pitts; Joseph Smith (Joy Willis' brother); Tiffany Waters (niece of Kerry Waters); Lisa Baker (Link & Betty Blue's daughter); Joerita Dean (cousin of Mike Davis family); Tom Cox (friend of Jeremy Petersen); Brett Davis (Mike Davis' brother); Virgil and Shirley (friends of Diane Nunally); Ken Markel (friend of Roy Nunally); Lydia (friend of Paul Watkins)

**** Please review the continual prayer list. If you, your friend or loved one can be removed from the list, please contact the office. ****

****If you are recently baptized, a new member, or your personal information (address, phone, etc.) has changed and you have not completed a New Member/Change of Address form, please pick one up from the foyer table and return to the office.****



The Scholar's Corner

The Scholar's Corner is designed to help us better understand and study the true translation/meaning of words (in the Bible) from the original language. INDepth topics give us a better understanding of those topics.

INDepth – Stephen the Martyr

In the Book of Acts, the infant church faced opposition from Jew and Gentile alike. But with every successive wave of persecutions, the church grew more and more. In hardships and trials, Christians depended increasingly on the Lord for strength and guidance. In so doing, they demonstrated their faith to others.

Stephen, one of the seven men chosen to minister to the needs of the neglected in the early church, became the first martyr of the Christian faith, but he certainly was not the last. Although falsely accused of blaspheming Moses and God, his unfair treatment and violent death would serve as an example to persecuted believers throughout the centuries who would face similar trials for upholding the name of Christ.

The Book of Acts tells us that right after the stoning of Stephen, a zealous young Pharisee named Saul continued the persecution of the new faith by hunting its members down and imprisoning them to face similar charges and similar fates. Although Saul was trying to stop the spread of the Christian faith, other eventual persecutors such as the Roman Emperor Nero (A.D. 37-68) cared little about the blaspheming of a Jewish deity. Nero was merely looking for scapegoats to take the blame for the great fire that destroyed most of Rome in A.D. 64).

Later Christian martyrs would face death at the hands of their so-called fellow believers. William Tyndale (1494-1536) was burned at the stake for heresy because he dared to translate the Bible into the English language, thus making it more accessible to the common person. Others have traveled into remote areas fully aware of the dangers of retribution from pagans. In 1956, five American missionaries were murdered in the jungles of Ecuador by headhunters called the Aucas. This same tribe was eventually converted to Christianity through the persistence of missionaries, who emulated the perseverance of the martyred missionaries who had gone before them.

Since Stephen's death, countless Christians have died for their witness to the truth of the gospel. They set their eyes on Jesus instead of on this world. They did not value the approval of people over the approval of their Savior. Therefore, they refused to disown Jesus. For their courage to stand up for the truth, Jesus promises to acknowledge them before His Father in heaven (Matt. 10:32, 33).

As Mark is at camp today, Morgan McGowain will present this morning's sermon lesson. Waren Hutson will present our evening lesson. Please join us at 6pm.



We rejoice and offer our congratulations to Daniel James Mathews (Jessica Murray's boyfriend) who became a child of God June 30. Daniel will be in Care Group 3. His address and phone number were unavailable at time of printing.

Directory Updates

Please update your directories to include our newest members:

Care Group 1

Mark Fair

7605 Anne Marie Ct., Citrus Heights 95610
(H) 721-6460

Care Group 2

Michael & Sana Johnson

Address and phone unavailable

Care Group 3

Tosh & Arminda Campanella and Pierce
7370 Chestnut Hill Rd., Georgetown 95634
(H) (530) 333-0362

Delos & Bonnie Gill

6695 Hickory Ave., Orangevale 95662
(H) 987-8133

Care Group 4

Ken Brown and Jasmine

7489 Florincreek Ct.

Sacramento 95823

(H) 393-3930

Jimmy Little is head of the **Communion Ministry** for those who are unable to be at service due to some incapacitation. If you wish to receive communion (or know of someone who would), please contact Jimmy on his cell phone at 248-2626.

Please note: No food or beverages (water, ok) are to be brought into the auditorium. Also, please turn off cell phones/ electronic devices.

Spring Bible Classes

■ SUNDAY	Teacher	Room	Subject
2-3 years	Pat Steinwandt	4	Various
4-5 years	Arianna Keith	1	Various
1st-4th grade	Stacy Rice	2	Various
5th/6th grade	Matt & Lori Zimbelman	8	Various
7th-12th grade	Lucille Hill/Geri Taylor	14	Girls
7th-12th grade	Eric Dunn/Wayne Fulton	Teen (16)	Boys
Young adults	Wayne Keith	13	Various
Adults	John Graber	Audit.	Life of Christ
Adults	Eddie Ketner	11	New Christian
Adults	Morgan McGowain	Hall	Answering Religious Error

■ WEDNESDAY	Teacher	Room	Subject
3-5 years	Linda Lynskey	4	Various
1st-3rd grade	Traci Graber	2	Various
4th-6th grade	Ron Neubauer	8	Various
7th-12th grade	Gregg Rice	16	Various
Young adults	Kerry Waters	13	Various
Adults	Various	Audit.	How to Study the Bible
Adults	Eddie Ketner	10	New Christian
Adults	Warren Hutson	Hall	Bible Facts

■ SATURDAY 9:00-10:00 a.m.			
Men's Leadership Training	Various	11	

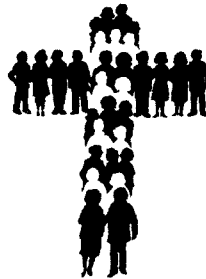
A map of the classrooms can be found in the foyer along with the Children's Ministry sign-up sheet for the next quarter.

Education Ministry

The Education Ministry meeting rescheduled for July 25 has been moved to Aug. 1 after morning service (Morgan and Lucille will be at the TFE July 25th).

Care Group 4

Morgan McGowain needs to reschedule his Care Group 4 meeting from Aug. 8 to Aug. 15. Please see the list across from the Minister's Office to see if this is your group.



Wed. Evening Devo Schedule

July

John Graber	7 th
Mike Davis	14 th
Kerry Waters	21 st
Gregg Rice	28 th

August

Morgan McGowain/Mark W.	4 th
Eric Dunn / Mike Davis	11 th
Ron Neubauer/John Graber	18 th
Ruell Cayabyab/Kerry Waters	25 th

FYI

The Tahoe Family Encampment is July 24-30, 2010. The theme of this year's encampment is "These Things – Teach" based on 1 Timothy 4:11. For details, visit the website at www.tahoefamilyencampment.com or call Pat or Paul Methvin at (916) 989-4885 for more information.

HOMECOMING

A Homecoming is being planned for the spring of 2011. Check your attics and garages for any memorabilia you may have hidden away. If you would like to be part of the Homecoming Committee, please see Mark.

The Patient Comfort Program (formerly known as Cancer Station) needs clean used sheets, pillowcases and similar material. Please place these items in the Old Fellowship kitchen.

A Bit o' Humor

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"



Swimming Party

Gregg and Stacy Rice plan to host a back-to-school BBQ/swim party for K thru 6th grade at their home from 1-4pm, Sunday, Aug. 22. The time is 1:00 – 4:00pm. Please wear appropriate swimwear and don't forget your towel. If you have questions or need directions, please see Stacy or Gregg.



A baby shower for Jennifer Lacefield will be held July 22 at 7:00pm in the old Fellowship Hall. Jennifer and Geoff are expecting a boy. They are registered at

COMING EVENTS

SBC	July 10-17
Tahoe Family Encampment	July 24-30
Ice Cream Social after pm service	Aug. 1
Elders & Deacons mtg. after am service	Aug. 8

Monday Night for the Master 7pm
Ladies Bible Class 10am
(Please note: class resumes Sept. 14)
Men's Leadership Class 9am

summer break

Saturday

AREA CONGREGATION EVENTS

Please check the foyer bulletin board or table for information regarding any events which may have been planned by area

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

JULY 11, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Order	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Ken Roe</i>
Song Leader	<i>Eric Dunn</i>
Prayer	<i>Wayne Fulton</i>
Communion -	
Bread	<i>Roy Nunally</i>
Fruit of the Vine	<i>Paul Watkins</i>
Elder's Prayer	<i>Michael Lynskey</i>
Contribution	<i>Jim Darghty</i>
Helper	<i>Bill Smith</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Link Blue</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>John Jones</i>
Alternate #1	<i>Ruell Cayabyab</i>
Alternate #2	<i>Eddie Ketner</i>

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Song Leader	<i>Warren/Greg P.</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Chuck Bryan</i>
Second Prayer	<i>Jim Little</i>
Communion	<i>Mike Davis</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Morgan McGowain</i>
Alternate	<i>Eric Dunn</i>

**BUILDING SECURITY FOR JULY:
*KERRY WATERS & CRAIG CHRISTENSEN***

MISSION WORK WE SUPPORT:

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THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

Christ built It (Matt. 16:18)
Christ is the Head of It (Eph. 5:23)
It is the House of God (1 Tim. 3:15)
It is the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22, 23))
Christ bought It with His Blood (Acts 20:28)
The Lord loved and gave Himself for It (Eph. 5:25)
It is subject to Christ (Eph. 5:24)
The saved are in It (1 Cor. 12:12, 14)
One is baptized into It (Gal. 3:27, 28)
Its purity must be maintained (Eph. 5:27)
It is *One* (Eph. 5:27)
It is part of God's Eternal Purpose (2 Tim. 1:9, 10)

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR the Gospel (Acts 15:7)
BELIEVE the Gospel Mark 16:16)
REPENT of Sins (Luke 13:3, 5)
CONFESS Christ (Rom. 10:9-10)
BAPTISM for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:1-4)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASS	9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP	10:45 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP	6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASS	7:00 P.M.
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FOR THE RECORD

ATTENDANCE – July 4, 2010

SUNDAY WORSHIP	166
CONTRIBUTION	\$4765

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