

Shepherding Group News...

Wint: Praise God for Sylvia Minjarez' healing process! **Prayers:** Bill & Linda Hanner: Russ' job search/sister, Karen's healing; Chisley and Irvin families: health and finances; Bill Joslin: Marvidean's recovery from surgery; Mae Pafford: health; Sylvia Minjarez: calcium level to increase; Marsha Rocha: health; internal bleeding; Manuel & Francisca Limon; the Ramirez family; Roger Howell: Margarita in San Salvador/Lena in Vienna; the Republic of Vanuatu: president Abil and prime minister Natpei; Pam Caples: family health challenges; Kenya Shelly: decisions.

Smith: Praise: We welcomed Annie Shad, who visited our class today; Making progress in efforts to feed the poor in Mendota and Huron; Clenton Wells: Successful surgery on his ear; Sue Smith Successful cataract surgery. **Prayers:** Karen Howe's mother, Janet: passed away; Carolyn Wilson: back surgery on Tuesday; Bill & Nora Barksdale's mothers: having difficult times; Margarita, a little girl in El Salvador: leukemia and currently hospitalized with an infection; Maria Hinojosa: internal bleeding; Brownie Wells: lung infection; Bob Cox from Bakersfield: colostomy; Nolan Wells: effects of chemo; Sharon Ward: cold and cough; Josh & Hilary Dildine: a long and happy marriage; Terry Tuell: traveling in Brazil; Jennifer Gray: job opportunity as Curator of the Senate.

Drury: Prayers: Eleanor Schmidt: recovering from knee surgery; Katie Barnett: home sick with a cold; Ted Nix: upcoming eye surgery; Christine Hampy: Ill; Alice Farris: continuing treatments and health concerns.

Button: Prayers: Chase Pafford: had swine flu; Grace: prayers for Kyle, Lori, and Brooke Ferguson family traveling up from San Diego next week; Gill Vasquez: a friend of Sonia's has asked for prayers for his mom Lilia who is very ill and in the hospital; Dave Morris' Aunt Autrey: recovering from hip replacement surgery; Christine Casey: sister Connie Berkie's health.

Sue: The kindergarten class practiced serving last Sunday by polishing some of our shoes. Steve Ocheltree resumes leading our study next Sunday. **Prayers:** Vincent Herrera: needs any kind of work to supplement his income, call Gene; Nick and Marilee Ade: struggles; Robert Prince: struggles; Kim Mertz: surgery went well; Marianne Douglass: low energy; Marguerite: 4 year old in ICU/leukemia; Kathy Wagner's daughter: strength; Mark Weiler: double pneumonia; Frank Geary: heart/medication/biopsy; Dellamaggiore family: sick; Mary Leist: Nov. 3 surgery; Aaron Roland: sick; Peter Ocheltree: 6 mo. at rescue mission; Mike Echrich: Nov. 2/job decision; Amanda Garcia: interview/job position; Jeremiah Standring: health/tumor; Kenny White: divorce; Jennifer Bryan: 12/9 surgery.

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October 25, 2009

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| Attendance | |
| Worship: | 331 |
| Class: | 270 |
| Contribution | |
| Last Week: | \$9,471.30 |
| Weekly Average: | \$9,865.25 |
| Weekly Budget: | \$11,406.00 |

Sunday Mornings

Church Office:

Open M-F 8:30-4:30

559-439-6530

559-439-7655 (fax)

office@collegecofc.com

www.collegecofc.com (bulletins, prior sermons and news updated weekly)

Feel free to contact us at anytime!



Worship 9:00-10:30

Nursery: During Worship & Class/Rm. 303 (Birth-2 yr.)

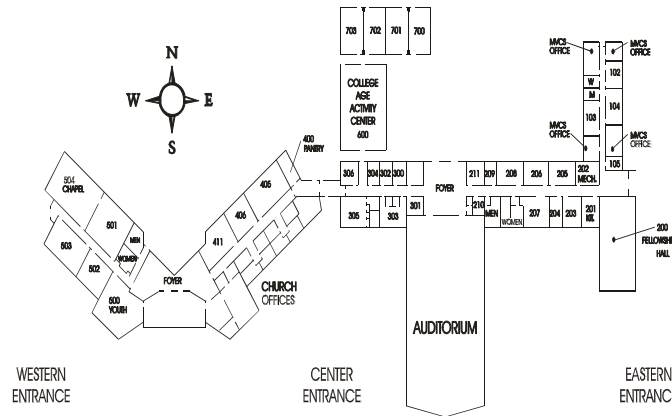
Cherub's Church: During Worship/Rm. 207 (2-4 yr.)

Children's Church: During Worship/Rm. 504-Chapel (K-5th Grade)

These offerings are available to anyone!

Classes 10:30-11:30

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| Room 103 | 2-3 Years |
| Room 104 | 4-5 Years |
| Room 203 | 4/5th Grade |
| Room 205 | Kinder/1st grade |
| Room 206 | 2/3rd Grade |
| Room 307 | 6th Grade |
| Room 500 | Youth |
| Room 502 | 7/8 Grade |
| Room 600 | College |
| Room 305 | Drury Shepherding Gr. |
| Room 405 | Button Shepherding Gr. |
| Room 406 | New Members |
| Room 411 | Hmong Church |
| Room 501 | Smith Shepherding Gr. |
| Room 503 | Wint Shepherding Gr. |
| Room 700 & 701 | Wooten/Watson Shep. |
| Fellowship Hall | Gene Sue Shep. Gr. |



College Church of Christ

November 1, 2009

Welcome!

*Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims
Higher Ground*

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Call to Worship ~ Jason Locke

*Faith Is The Victory
You Are Worthy of My Praise
Shout Hallelujah
My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Communion ~ Doug Baker
*Here I Am To Worship
Find Us Faithful*

Offering ~ Doug Baker
*My Faith Looks Up To Thee
I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

**"The Church as Storyteller" ~
Dr. Jerry Rushford**

**Invitation ~
My Hope Is Built**

Blessing ~ Jason Locke
O Lord Our Lord



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Holiday Boutique:
 November 20, 4:00pm-7:00pm
 November 21, 10:00am-3:00pm

Unique apparel, accessories, treats, and more!

Baby Shower: There will be a baby shower for Marissa Graham (Britton Ellington's fiance) on November 15 in room 600 at 2pm. Come celebrate with grandma to be, Kathy Tolleson, (Britton mom). Marissa is having a boy and is registered at Babies R Us.



Church Office Closed
 Wednesday, November 11
 ~Veterans Day~

Mountain View Christian School would like to thank everyone who came out to McDonald's last week to support the school. The staff had a great time working and we raised \$500! Save the date for our next restaurant fundraiser at Applebee's on Monday, December 7.



We invite you to share in our joy by celebrating the marriage of Joshua & Hilary at an open house:
THIS Saturday, November 7, 2009
 from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
 at the home of Jerry and Denise Dildine.
 614 N. Oxford Ave.
 Clovis Ca. 93611
 559-824-5934

Coming Soon

African Children's Choir:



Thursday November 19

7:00 pm

Guests Welcome!

Women's Retreat At Tenaya
 If you plan to attend the 2010 retreat at Tenaya Lodge and need to register, please see Grace Pendleton in the foyer after services. Paper work and your \$50 deposit are due Nov 15.

Mexico Missions: Your \$50.00 non-refundable deposit for the 2010 trip to Mexico is due November 20. See Jon Frame if you have any questions: jwfarchitect@att.net. A copy of the required forms are is available to pick up in the church office.



Save the Date



November:
 15—\$50 dep. due for Women's Retreat
 19—African Children's Choir Concert
 20—Yugo Forms and \$50 deposit due
 20—Holiday Boutique
 21—Holiday Boutique

December:
 6—Harvest Day (Mission Collection)
 24—Christmas Eve Service

February:
 19-21—RENEW Conference
 26-28—Women's Retreat

Guest Speaker Today

Dr. Jerry Rushford



Sermon: The Church as Storyteller

**All Adult Classes Will Meet in the Auditorium Today*

Adult Class: "I Heard the Song and Strove to Join" (Rediscovering the Power of Forgotten Hymns)

Telling Stories of the Past

As a community of memory, the church must, among other things, be backward looking; it has a special mission to preserve the past, to carry on a tradition. The church must be a community of memory by perpetuating the narratives of the past, by telling stories that bring the past into the present. And, while the idea of church-as-storyteller may seem to diminish its importance, this function must actually be seen as having the utmost significance. For the very likelihood of anyone in the future retaining the identity of 'Christian' depends on it.

Robert Wuthnow, Director of the Center for the Study of American Religion at Princeton University. Quotation from *Christianity in the 21st Century: Reflections on the Challenges Ahead*, Oxford University Press.

Please join us each Wednesday evening at 5:30 for dinner (menu below) and Bible study at 6:30

Wednesday Night Dinner

Penne Pasta with Marinara

Italian Salad

French Bread



\$4 Adults/ \$2 Students/College Age/\$2 Children