

Jason Locke has been our preaching minister since 2009.

## Minister's Message

Renewal needs to be a constant prayer for us in 2012. Throughout the Bible, God's people ebb and flow in a repeating story of growth, decline and renewal. When God's people turn to Him with their hearts and lives, God's Spirit is capable of bringing incredible renewal.

In Ezekiel 37, the prophet described a valley full of dry bones. The bones were all scattered and "very dry." In this unusual vision, God told the prophet to preach to the bones. When Ezekiel did it, a great wind blew across the valley and caused the bones to come together. Sinews and flesh appeared on the bones, but the resultant bodies were lifeless. God told the prophet to preach again and to call upon the wind to bring

life. The bodies came to life!

What does this strange story mean for us? First, the College Church is in much better shape than those dry bones—thanks be to God! *We're not dead yet.* Quite the opposite. Some great things are happening in our midst. But other areas are still awaiting renewal.

Second, God's Spirit can bring life to any group at any time. The Hebrew word for wind or breath is the same as spirit. When Ezekiel talked about a wind, we can think of God's Spirit bringing renewal. We should all be looking for small signs that point to God's wind blowing among us, signs that God's Spirit is bringing new life.



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Welcome! If you are **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & contact information on **the card below**. **Tear it off and place it in the offering basket** later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about finding your place in this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## People, Times & Places

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**School** is a church-affiliated pre-school, day care, and primary school (K-6) that uses part of our facility. It operates under its own board, most of whom are members of our church. For info about enrollment, call 435-2923.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00-10:20 AM

During worship, a **Staffed Nursery** is available for children from birth to 2 years of age. That room is off the foyer.

**K**ids from kindergarten to 6th grade will be invited to participate in children's church, called **PowerUp**, during the second half of worship. They will be dismissed with their chaperones at about 9:30.

### SUNDAY CLASSES

10:30-11:30 AM

#### Adult Groups

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| College Age   | Rm 500          |
| Drury         | Rm 305          |
| Button/Watson | Fellowship Hall |
| Rodriguez     | Rm 411          |
| Smith         | Rm 405          |
| Wint          | Rm 406          |
| Sue           | Auditorium      |

#### Children & Youth

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| 2-3 Years        | Rm 103 |
| 4-5 Years        | Rm 104 |
| Kinder/1st Grade | Rm 205 |
| 2nd/3rd Grade    | Rm 206 |
| 4th/5th Grade    | Rm 203 |
| 6th Grade        | Rm 307 |
| Junior High      | Rm 600 |
| High School      | Rm 600 |

### WEDNESDAY CLASSES

6:30-7:30 PM

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sermon the Mount      | Rm 411          |
| Theology of Pop Music | Rm 305          |
| Prayer Group          | Rm 406          |
| College Age           | Rm 500          |
| Overcomer's Outreach  | Rm 700          |
| Disability Support    | Rm 211          |
| Teens                 | Rm 600          |
| Kids                  | Children's Wing |



*The College Church is God's safe house, a place where you can find refuge and care. Instead of judgment, you will experience the grace of God through Jesus Christ.*

*The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:7-9)*

*After the sermon, we will have a "Time of Response." Various folks will be available to talk or pray. Others will be available to assist. You can respond by moving to one of the aisles.*

### Today's Order of Worship

*At the Name of Jesus*

**Welcome ~ Michael Rodriguez**

*O Worship the King  
Glory to God Forever  
At the Name of Jesus  
I Stand Amazed  
How Great Is Your Love*

**Communion ~ Edgar Minjarez**

*Holy, Holy Lord  
It Is Well*

**Message ~ Jason Locke**  
**"Valuing Our Generations, Part 2: Boomers"**

**Time of Response**

*In Christ Alone*

**Offering ~ Doug Pafford**

*Paradise Valley  
When We All Get to Heaven*

**Blessing ~ Jason Locke**

**January 15, 2012**

## Shepherding Group News

**Button:** Arthur Wint started our new study beginning with Ruth. He will be teaching during February and part of March. David Morris will resume for the rest of March and April.

**Sue:** David Lopez continues his study of Jonah today. If you didn't get a handout for Louise Stuckert's Bible reading plan, e-mail her at [dalestuckert@att.net](mailto:dalestuckert@att.net) for the links. Sunday Night Fellowship will begin again tonight in the Fireplace Room at 6:00. Visitors are always welcome to join us for class. If you don't belong to a class, stay in the sanctuary with us. We would love to have you.

**Wint:** Praises: for our visitor, Amadeus Pittman, for Mary Tarkenton's placement on the transplant list. Birthdays: Kirrah Wint, 1/9; Pam Caples, 1/14; Renee' Wint, 1/20; Rose Perkins, 1/21.

### In Our Prayers

**Archie Barnett:** heart attack; hospitalized in Hanford  
**Pam Caples:** health, for Richard & her mom  
**Marvidean Joslin:** Janice's health  
**Maysee Yang:** recuperating  
**Kathy Wagner:** Children's well being  
**Cassandra Stafford:** returning to school, moving  
**Robin Button** & family: mourning her mom's death  
**Kathleen Schmidt** & family: mourning Randy's death  
**Larry Cowger's** brother, **Dick:** praise that treatment is in progress  
 Ted Reedy (former member): heart problems

Ongoing Concerns: **Bernice Foster, Marsha Rocha, Mary Tarkenton, Maysee Yang, Betty Brown, Jessie Jarman, Edith Hood, Gennis Fraley, Margaret Cooke, Mary Leist, Eva Trader, Christine Hampy, Faye Gresham and Florence Bedoian**

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

**Wednesday Night's Menu!**  
**Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.**  
 Fried Rice, Chinese Chicken Salad, Sweet 'n Sour Chicken  
 \$4 per Person  
 \$10 per Family  
 Classes start at 6:30.

### For the Record

**Attendance:**  
 Worship (1/1) 388  
 Bible Classes n/a  
 Wed (1/4) 101  
**Contribution:** Not yet available

"AS FOR GOD, HIS WAY IS PERFECT;  
 THE WORD OF THE LORD IS PROVEN;  
 HE IS A SHIELD TO ALL WHO TRUST  
 IN HIM." Psalm 18:30

## Upcoming Church Activities & Events



### February 10-12

Please visit our registration table in the foyer to register for our upcoming Renew conference. The fee is just \$15 per person. You can also register and pay online with paypal. The conference fee includes great sessions, a coffeehouse event & our tri-tip banquet on Saturday. Pick up a flier or visit our website to view the conference schedule. This year's guest speakers include **Mark Lau Branson**, a pastor and professor who teaches at the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Mark leads seminars across the nation about engaging your neighborhood.



### For Your Calendar

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 2/10-12 | Renew Conference          |
| 2/24-26 | Women's Retreat           |
| 2/24-26 | High School Retreat       |
| 5/1-4   | Pepperdine Bible Lectures |
| 5/6     | Sunday Spring Classic     |
| 7/15-21 | Yosemite Bible Camp       |

### Youth Group News:

~ Youth Group meets tonight for **TNT** (Teens Night Together). Be here at 6:30 for dinner provided by Charlie Hyatt.

~ Mark your calendars for the upcoming **high school retreat** on February 24-26. It will be at Yosemite Bible Camp. The theme is "Overcome." We will also be doing the 30-hour famine as part of the retreat. High-schoolers, invite your friends and relatives to attend.

### The Pepperdine Bible Lectures will be held from May 1-4.

The Bible Lectures are held at Pepperdine University in **Malibu**. Our preacher **Jason Locke** and our praise team led by worship minister Sandra Henderson are in the program schedule this year. Anyone interested in attending and staying at the College Church dorm should turn in their registration form along with payment by January 29. The Bible Lectures are free and dorms are just \$100 per person for all four nights. Registration forms and a limited number of full-color programs are available in the lobby today.

### Wednesday Night Adult Class Schedule Winter Quarter

Rm. 406: **The Sermon on the Mount**, taught by Aaron Watson  
 Rm. 305: **The Theology of Pop Music**, class led by Jason Locke  
 Rm. 406: **Prayer Group**, led by Gene Sue—sharing of needs & prayers  
 Rm. 211: **Disability Support Group**, Jennifer Bryan (1st Wed of month)  
 Rm. 700: **Overcomer's Outreach**, Roger Howell

## "Teaching the Youngest Generation" by Doug Baker

There was great laughter in our living room the other night. Our boys had recorded cartoons and television shows from my childhood. They scoffed at how corny the jokes were. They made great fun of the primitive animation quality. The plotlines were insulting for them (when the truth is, I was riveted by these same storylines as a kid). Even though I laughed along with them, there was a tiny part of me that was put off by their merriment over the deficiencies of what I hold as nostalgic.

The College Church has a history of grappling to separate the gospel from methodology. We have made a conscious effort to find our peace in Jesus rather than in the nostalgic comfort of long-standing approaches. There is need for presenting the unchanging Gospel in fresh, appropriate ways to a unique generation of children. Our Children's Ministries team has been wrestling with the best forms to bring the story of God's redemption of mankind to the youngest generation.

As our new elementary program takes shape, you will see an increased use of technology, performance story-telling, games, art, digital puppetry, music, drama, and hands-on learning. We plan to teach major Bible stories through kid-friendly multimedia studios. Each week, elementary children will enter a room decorated in a new way. Every month the entire complexion of these studios will change all over again. No more predictable Sunday School classes! Much work and many workers are required to make this investment. Please be in prayer for this effort, but also keep simmering on where you might find your place of service in this ministry. Contact **Julie Locke, Carolyn Ocheltree**, or myself if you want to know more.

"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some."  
 1 Cor. 9:22b



Communion Servers for January

Kris Ammons, Robert Chisley, Matthew Douglass, Jacob Eckrich, James Jefferson Sr., James Jefferson Jr., David Jesse, Cody McEowen

Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail): \_\_\_\_\_

## Member Requests & Information

