

Jason Locke has been our preaching minister since 2009.

Minister's Message

This was the ancient promise to Abram: "I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great" (Gen 12:2). This began the journey toward the creation of the people of Israel. This promise is the foundation for understanding God's calling.

Why did God choose to bless Abram?

(1) So that Abram will know God's provision. God asked Abram to start a journey to the unknown. God told Abram to

leave the house of his father and move to an as-yet-unknown place. A leap of faith was required, yet God

promised to be with Abram and to provide for him.

(2) So that God's blessing would be passed along to others. God's blessings are intended to be shared with others. When Paul wrote about spiritual gifts, he said that spiritual blessings aren't given for our personal enjoyment. "To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor 12:7). When God promised to bless Abram, He told him "I will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing (Gen 12:2). "In you all the families of earth shall be blessed" (Gen 12:3).

God blesses people so that they can be a blessing to others. If you receive a blessing from God, enjoy it! But you are not to hoard it for yourself. God's blessing is to be shared with others.



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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.

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Mountain View Christian School

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

Kids 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

College-Age Group	Rm 500
Drury Group	Rm 305
Button Group	Rm 405
Watson Group	Rm 406
Rodriguez Group	Rm 411
Smith Group	Rm 501
Wint Group	Rm 503
Sue Group	Fellowship Hall

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

Women's Series	Rm 406
Ten Commandments	Rm 305
Prayer Group	Rm 405
College Age	Rm 600
Overcomer's Outreach	Rm 700
Stroke Support Group	Rm 211
Teens	Rm 500
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.

Where you go
I will go, and
where you
stay I will
stay. Your
people will be
my people and
your God my
God. Where
you die I will
die, and there
I will be
buried.
(Ruth 1:16-17)

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

Call to Worship ~ Doug Baker

At the Name of Jesus

I Stand Amazed

I Am Thine, O Lord

How Great Is Your Love

On Zion's Glorious Summit

Communion ~ Cory Sue

Mighty to Save

There's a Stirring

Message ~ Jason Locke

"God Can Use Foreigners: Ruth's Story"

Text ~ Ruth 2:8-13

Time of Response

He's Always Been Faithful

That's Why We Praise Him

Offering ~ Fausto Hinojosa

God Be with You

When We All Get to Heaven

Blessing ~ Jason Locke

October 30, 2011

Shepherding Group News

Smith: We are looking forward to the Trunk or Treat event, and the opportunities it provides for all of us to get to know and serve our neighbors.

Sue: Brian MacDougall & Pat McKinzie celebrated their baptismal birthdays last week. Steve Ocheltree starts a new study beginning next Sunday to the end of December. We surrounded & prayed for Lex & Sandra Henderson as Lex ended his study with us & for Sandra's work with the church. Be sure to visit & invite friends to the holiday boutique next Friday & Saturday. Gene & Linda Sue have donated their harvest of organic pomegranates to the holiday boutique with all proceeds going to Mt. View Christian School (store price for pomegranates are \$3 each); buy for less than 1/2 price at the boutique. Invite a veteran to breakfast on Friday, Nov. 11 in the F/H.

Wednesday Night Dinner

MENU

Me 'n Ed's Pizza
Garden Salad

Starts at 5:30 p.m.
\$4 per Person
\$10 per Family

Classes follow
at 6:30.

If you missed it, our Wednesday night dinner crew created some festive decorations last week.

For the Record

Attendance:
Worship (10/16) 366
Classes 310
Wed. Night (10/19) n/a

Contribution:
Last Week (10/16) \$8,722.62
Weekly Average \$9,248.80
2011 Budget \$11,078.00

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour.



Our annual Harvest Day collection is coming up on December 4. This supports all of our global missions efforts. A detailed budget will appear soon.

In Our Prayers

Nolan Wells: very weak and in hospice care
Linda Herrera's brother: hospitalized
Avery Henderson: recovering from foot surgery.

Louise Fraley: hives
Tom Patterson's mom, Elsie: vertigo
Jay Farris: healing from ear surgery
Shirley Unruh: recovering from foot surgery
Gennis Fraley: in the hospital

Ongoing Concerns: Bob Biggers, Mary Tarkenton, Betty Brown, Dorla Cross, Lloyd Vincent, Jessie Jarman, Herb Watkins, Harry Cline, Agnes Tinsley, Eva Trader, Joann Wells, Edith Hood, Margaret Cooke and Christine Hampy.

Upcoming Church Activities & Events



TRUNK OR TREAT



TOMMOROW MONDAY, OCTOBER 31!

Wear your costumes. Check out the creatively decorated cars and trunk or treat. Hot dogs for everyone. Train rides for kids and a bounce house.
5:30-7:30 p.m.

All adult shepherding groups are combined in the auditorium for class today.

Veterans Day Breakfast



Friday, Nov 11, 6:30-8:30 a.m.
Our men's ministry is providing free breakfast to all retired or active military personnel. We want you to invite a veteran as your guest—perhaps a neighbor, a relative or a co-worker. Breakfast will be in the fellowship hall. If you can help serve or prepare, please see **Mike Eckrich**. This is a great chance to show Jesus' love to some special people.

Doug Baker is turning 50! All are invited to a cake celebration.

Date: Sunday, November 6
Place: Fellowship Hall/Front Lawn
Time: Open House 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Contact Misty Baker with any questions: 250-3745

College Church member **Dr. Robert Watts** has organized a seminar this Saturday at the Piccadilly Inn on McKinley. Speakers include **Fausto Hinojosa**. It's titled "Leadership Advantage: Learning and Sharing." To read more about it and register please visit www.robertwattsjr.com or call 708-5443.

Church Christmas Party

Tickets are on sale today. The cost is \$15 for early purchase.

Holiday Boutique

Get ready to shop this Friday (Nov. 4, 4-7 p.m.) and Saturday (Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). Craft booths in the auditorium & food booths in the fellowship hall.

Women's Retreat ~ Cambria, CA

Turn in your registration forms to Grace Pendleton. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail please visit our website under women's ministry and click on the link.

For Your Calendar

10/31	Trunk or Treat
11/4-5	Holiday Boutique
11/11	Veterans Day Breakfast
12/4	Church Christmas Party
12/4	Harvest Day Collection
2/10-12	Renew Conference
2/24-26	Women's Retreat

There are always changes going on, changes to me personally, here in this church and in our country and world, and things that happen that are outside of my control. I don't like that most of the time but lately I have been reassured from several different places that it's ok... really, it's ok! As I press further into what is happening, I must constantly remind myself that change is not about me. Rather, we are called to be transformed and renew our minds and hearts every day. This is a reminder to us not because it makes us feel better but this renewal is more about reminding us that God is on His throne and Jesus reigns! I too often forget this when things change outside of my control.

It is amazing to me that God had the power to control everything we do, yet he sets us free and spends the rest of our lives beckoning and asking us to put him back in control of our lives. We are more addicted to control than we often realize, and all it takes is a bit of change for us to be reminded of our desire for control. Whether it is because of pride or because we think we can do it better than someone else, Paul reminds us in Romans 12 that when we let go and allow God to renew us and transform us into his likeness, this is worship to HIM! Worship is ultimately humility in action, bowing down before our creator. When change happens, we have two choices before us: let God reign or continue to fight for control the way we want it! As for me, I want to let God reign, how about you?

Feature Article



Aaron Scott
Youth Minister

Communion Servers for October

Taylor Dildine, Randy Feller, Paul Ocheltree, Steve Ocheltree, Jack Shields, Aaron Watson, Arthur Wint, Larry Wiseman

Prayer Request: _____ Date: _____

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail): _____

Member Requests & Information

