

Jason Locke has been our preaching minister since 2009.

Minister's Message

The headlines of the world's major newspapers are filled with news about the death of Steve Jobs, the long-time leader of Apple Computer. No corner of the world is untouched by the technological boom led by companies like Apple. Jobs' genius created not just products but experiences. Imagine where our economy would be without entrepreneurs like him. We could learn many lessons from his life.



I heard a clip of a 2005 commencement speech Jobs gave at Stanford. He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a cou-

ple years before. As I heard him speak, I was fascinated by his clarity. In the closing of his speech, Jobs spoke about the inevitability of death. He called death the world's "greatest invention." He said death clears the playing field and allows opportunities for new people to make their mark. Death, he reasoned, helps us see the things that are truly important in life. Jobs was a man of unusual fiber.

The Bible tells us that life is temporal and short. *For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes* (James 4:14). *The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty if we are strong* (Psalm 90:10).

No one can thwart the inevitability of death. But we can focus on the most important things. We can work in this life so as to hear our Lord welcome us into the next life: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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 Group	Rm 600
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 502
High School	Rm 500

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.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Heb 13:1-2

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

Our God, He Is Alive

Call to Worship ~ Doug Baker

*How Great Thou Art
Great Is the Lord Almighty
You Are God Alone
There's a Stirring*

Communion ~ Danny Allan

*Be Exalted, O God
I Exalt Thee
You Are Worthy of My Praise*

Message ~ Jason Locke

"God Can Use Outsiders: Jethro's Story"

Text ~ Exodus 18:1-12

Time of Response

*Salvation Belongs to Our God
No Other Gods*

Offering ~ Aaron Scott

On Zion's Glorious Summit Stood

Blessing ~ Jason Locke

October 9, 2011

Shepherding Group News

Smith: We continue in prayer for the transitions regarding Children's Education. We are thankful for the hard work of Lee Smith and his "Crew" who prepared and served a delicious meal to those who gathered to discuss more of the plans for those transitions.

Sue: Our class will meet in the auditorium today for the Ukraine mission trip presentation. Roman & Helen Gonzalez Celebrated their anniversary last Monday 10/3. Lex Henderson will continue leading our class study next Sunday & continue for the month of October. We also enjoyed having Sandra in class to support Lex. We will present Seth Elliott with pictures of the homeless ministry & notes of thanks and encouragement. We expressed our appreciation for Randy Feller last Sunday for his interview during worship. We think he is a great "scoundrel." He also does a great job facilitating Sunday night Fellowship Bible study.

Wednesday Night Dinner

MENU

Chinese Food:
Fried rice, Chow Mein, sweet/sour chicken/ chicken salad
Starts at 5:30 p.m.
\$4 per Person
\$10 per Family

Doug Baker is Turning 50!

All are invited to a cake celebration.
Open House: Sun, Nov. 6
Time: 1:30-4:30p.m.
Place: Fellowship Hall
Contact Misty Baker with any questions. 250-3745.

For the Record

Attendance:
Worship (10/2) 373
Classes 315
Wed. Night (10/5) 110
Contribution:
Last Week (10/2) \$12,046.35
Weekly Average \$9,262.46
2011 Budget \$11,078.00

In Our Prayers

Karen Howe: comfort after the death of her father
Bridget Smith Wooten: Comfort for family after the death of her mother-in-law
Louise Fraley: cancer treatments
Mary Tarkenton: waiting for a liver transplant
Jay Farris: surgery to repair eardrum
Maysee Yang: recovering from liver surgery; awaiting chemo
Bob Biggers: in St Agnes
MVCS: enrollment
Ongoing Concerns: Betty Brown, Marsha Rocha, Lloyd Vincent, Jessie Jarman, Herb Watkins, Nolan Wells, Harry Cline, Agnes Tinsley, Edith Hood, Margaret Cook and Christine Hampy.

Homeless Weekend

Friday October 14:
6:30p.m. Meet for dinner at Country Fair Restaurant (4662 E. Belmont).
7:30p.m. Meet at the Sue's house to make sandwiches.
Saturday October 15:
9:00a.m. Meet at "F" St. & Santa Clara for homeless ministry.

Upcoming Church Activities & Events



Ukraine Presentation Today During Class!

For all interested: Four of our members spent two weeks this summer working with Ukrainian orphans. Today, they will present an overview of their trip. **Most shepherding groups have their normal meetings**, but you are free to stay in the auditorium for the presentation if you wish.

Combined Shepherding Group Classes on October 30

We are pleased to welcome Mr. David Touni the principal of the Nairobi Great Commission School. All adult classes will be combined on Oct. 30 in the auditorium to hear him speak.

Church Christmas Party

Sunday, December 4
Tickets go on sale **October 23**
Catered by Cool Hand Luke's
Adults: \$15 Children: \$3
(Children's party has its own menu.)
Adult prices increase by \$4 after November 16.

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

Communion Servers for October

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

Women's Retreat

February 24-26 2012

The Cambria Pines Lodge in Cambria CA has been reserved for the 7th annual Ladies Retreat. Vice Chancellor of Pepperdine University, Sara Jackson will speak at the retreat. See Grace Pendleton in the foyer today for detailed information including registration and pricing. Deposits are due by **November 13, 2011.**

Trunk Or Treat ~ October 31

Please help us fill the candy donation bin in the foyer. We need lots and lots of candy to hand out to the cute little children of this church and the surrounding community. Candy can be dropped off in the church office as well.

Holiday Boutique ~ Nov. 4-5

The deadline for securing a space at the holiday boutique is October 28. Registration forms are in the foyer and the church office. Please contact Tina (322-7300) or D'Andra (260-9231) if you have any questions.

We are on a journey.

A corporate effort among children's ministries leaders has begun to take shape. A large contingency from this church family has been on a quest to enhance our ability to fortify kids here in this place. Consequently, a pursuit has manifested itself in many forms to think through our priority in working with children. We attended the Children's Pastors Conference in San Diego. We toured many local, growing churches to see a spectrum of approaches and resources. Experts outside of the College Church have been sought out. Vested workers within have been interviewed to mine their wisdom (speaking of which, you can go to the College Church's website and click on a link that will allow **you** to give your insight in regard to children's ministries). We have prayed. We have waited. We have listened.

We are still listening, but some early conclusions have been reached:

- Sparking faith in children is an endeavor worthy of premium teachers, resources, classrooms and efforts.
- Vision is paramount. Mediocrity is found without it.
- We have to be more concerned about newcomers and safety issues.
- We must increase the congregation's ability to own this ministry and improve our scouting for spiritual talent (especially among males who are often a minority in children's ministries).
- The Bible is as relevant today as ever. Kids must know God's story and their place within it.
- Teachers are grown, not born. They necessitate an investment.
- Our kids and this ministry should have an eye to a broken world.
- If willing and equipped, moms, dads, guardians, and grandparents are mightier than a Sunday School when expanding a child's faith.

We will soon share more of what God continues to reveal. I am thankful for this journey and I'm looking forward to our future destinations.

Please visit our website at www.collegecofc.com to take part in the **Children's Ministries Survey**. There is a link on the home page. We value your input. For those unable to access the internet, we have placed some hard copies on the information booth counter.

Prayer Request: _____ Date: _____

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

Message from Associate Minister **Doug Baker**



Member Requests & Information

