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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| ◆ 8:30 a.m. Sunday  | Adult Sunday School         |
| ◆ 9:30 a.m. Sunday  | Worship Service             |
| ◆ 10:00 a.m. Sunday | Children's Bible Adventures |



# A SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Church Family,

I hardly even noticed it until I turned around and saw that the entire winter was behind us. When I was a kid, a school year was an eternity. Now a decade flies by without thought. When I was seven it ended with "going on 8". Now I'm fifty six and "holding". I've been able to make a lot of adjustments and changes in life but I've never been able to turn back the clock. The world rotates once each day and that will never change. So, I am at that place in life where I must adjust to the facts of time since they won't adjust to me. The only way I can do this with peace is to believe scripture and trust that this time on earth is merely the opening act of a much larger production that I have been invited to attend.

***Revelation 22:1-5 (NIV)** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.*

I have my ticket. It was paid for with the blood of Christ. Unfortunately, I only have one ticket. You're going to have to get your own. But it's not hard. The theatre will hold everyone. The box office is open until the day you die. Of course you don't know when that will be so you better get it now - time is ticking.

May His Grace Be With You!



Pastor Carl

*Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. **Proverbs 27:1 (NIV)***

## **The Funny Side of Life**

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee. The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here so you should do it." The wife replied, "No you should do it, and besides it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." The husband replied, "Yeah, right!" So she showed him in the Bible where it says: "HEBREWS"

A woman called a church and asked to speak to the Head Hog. The secretary said I'm sorry, but we don't refer to our pastor as a hog. The lady said I was calling to give your church ten thousand dollars. The secretary then said hold the phone, I think I see that pig coming down the hall right now.



# TROUBLING TIMES FOR PLANET EARTH

It really is sobering watching the events around the world right now. Times are frightening not only because of the evils man can commit against his neighbor, but also because of what man can do nothing to prevent, such as an Earthquake in Japan and subsequent tsunami whose effect is felt all the way over here in San Diego. Times like these serve as a brutal reminder that we are truly much smaller and more vulnerable than we would like to admit.

But the reality is, we have never been anything but vulnerable, and often times the struggles that we experience in our life serve not to *make* us vulnerable, but to *show* us exactly how vulnerable we are. I am not sure what it is about the human condition, but we tend to think that we have an invisible plate of reinforced steel armor on that will keep any and all harm from coming to us. It's almost as if we forget that this is not Heaven and that we are not entitled to good things.

I am a very blessed man: I am a Child of God, I have a wonderful wife, good health, a blessed opportunity to minister to the leaders of tomorrow, and wonderful brothers and sisters who truly love me. I am also caught off guard when pain strikes me. I feel weak and naked, betrayed, anxious, and utterly vulnerable to all pains that this world has to offer. It is here, in my darkest moments, that I wonder exactly where God is and just what the heck He is doing (some of you may know the feeling). Yet, it's in these times when the rubber of faith, meets the road of this cold, dark, and dreary world, giving us the opportunity to trust in God and depend on Him even when we see or feel no sign of hope or His love. In these times, we come to understand the raw meaning of *faith*.

Regardless of where you may be, what pains are afflicting you, what distance you feel from God and His love, may you take this time to acknowledge, through pure and unadulterated faith, that God loves you and is *for* you. He is not some relentless task master who is on your back with a riding crop expecting you to be different or better than you are. He is right beside you, waiting for you to acknowledge His presence and love. He is not here to make you pay for your sins (this is what Calvary was all about). He is here to love you and accept you through the blood of Jesus.

He is available to you, and His love has YOUR name written all over it. He has even provided a place for you that you will be able to peacefully dwell in one day. A place void of pains and doubts, trials and tribulations. A place where faith ends, and real life begins.

May this be *your* hope in these troubling times for planet Earth. May it be *our* hope.

*"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13*

Andy Nelson, Youth Pastor



# A. L. T. E. R. STUDENT MINISTRIES

Hey everyone!

Blessings from A.L.T.E.R student ministries! I pray that you are all finding comfort in the supreme love of Jesus today.

The ministry is moving forward into a fairly action packed summer. As some of you may have heard, we raised close to 4000 dollars from our summer camp fundraiser pie auction (S.C.F.P.A for short?). This means that we have more than exceeded our fundraising goals with one simple fundraiser. God is good :) For those of you who want to check out exactly where we are going, you can check out Intervarsity's Campus by the Sea online ([www.campusbythesea.org](http://www.campusbythesea.org)). More to come as we get closer to August.

May 21 we will be bowling at Kearny Mesa bowl from 1-3. If you have any interest in coming to hang out with us that day, please do not hesitate to come.

June 25 we will be doing our trip to Soak City. Like last time, this will be close to an all day event with lots of sunburn and sun stroke. Just kidding. About the sun stroke part. I don't think we lost too many last time.

As far as topics for youth group this summer, I am excited to announce that we will be kicking off the vacation with a series on Heaven in which we will investigate just what the Bible tells us about our eternal home. We will also briefly be covering hell during this time.

After much prayer and dialogue about beach night, we have decided that youth group will remain unchanged in both location and time with the exception of a once a month "Student beach night" where we will be joining the rest of the church. If there is any issue with transportation logistics during this season in our time together, I will make a point to be at the church by 5:45 on Wednesdays so if anyone needs to drop their children off early then we can work something out.

We finished our series in Philippians with Christina Jacobs taking us through Philippians 4. First week of May Scott Walters will be kicking off Colossians 1. Also, Scott will be slowly transitioning into worship leader for youth group. I am grateful for his willingness to help share the weekly load.

Well, that's it folks! I hope this lived up to your daily anticipation and excitement for the student ministries updates :) -Andy



# JUST FOR FUN

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 01—Allyson Baker
- 07—Mike Minihan
- 10—Dutch Fisher
- 13—Shirley House
- 14—Michael G. Anderson
- 14—Isabella Aray
- 20—Elroie Agiro
- 22—Kurt Phipps
- 24—Kirk Staley
- 26—Mariela Flores
- 29—Marilyn Jensen
- 30—Jane Avritt

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14—Scott & Carrie Stinson
- 27—Chuck & Yvonne Gibb



In the Old Testament book of Job, the title character suffers many losses. During three separate raids in quick succession, he loses his livestock and servants. While still reeling from that news, Job learns that his children died during a furious windstorm. Later, Job also loses his health, when a skin disease causes sores all over his body.

From the list below, choose the one thing Job did not do in response to his great misfortune:

- A. tore his clothes and shaved his head
- B. cursed God and died
- C. sat among ashes
- D. worshiped the Lord

Answer: B (See Job 1-2.)

### Adult Sunday School



David Casey leads the study and discussion. We meet Sundays in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

### Home Fellowship Groups

- Monday—Angus at 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday—Cooper at 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday—Thibodeaux at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday—Cooper at 4:00 p.m.
- Friday—Armstead at 7:00 p.m.

### Study Groups

Revelation Study—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
See Bulletin or Call Church Office (858.278.2633) for More Information



**PASTOR'S  
COFFEE CLUB**

Wednesday,  
May 11  
10:00 a.m.

# JUST FOR KIDS

## Puzzle Brooch

Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

### What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

### What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!





## Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

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walk    speak    fathers    sleep    keep    always

guide    awake    son    forsake    teaching

around    heart    neck    mothers    fasten    watch

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“My    your      command  
 and do not     your      .

Bind them    on your   .

them    your  .

When you   , they will   you;

when you   , they will   over you;

when you   , they will   to you.”

*Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV*

Answers: “My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.”  
 Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	4 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Revelation Study	5 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF  	6 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Armstead HF	7
8 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit  	9 2 p.m. June Angus HF	10 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Council Mtg.	11 10 a.m. Pastor's Coffee Club 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Rev. Study	12 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF	13 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Armstead HF	14 8 a.m. God's Extended Hand
15 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	16 2 p.m. June Angus HF	17 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	18 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Revelation Study	19 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF	20 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Armstead HF	21
22 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship  Spring Meeting	23 2 p.m. June Angus HF	24 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	25 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Revelation Study	26 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF	27 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Armstead HF	28 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry
29 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship  Celebration Sunday	30 Office Closed  	31 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting				

