



First Edition



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God's Blessing - Is It Yours?

By Pastor Marc Heinz

In Second Timothy 3:16-17 the Apostle Paul writes: *"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."*

In Joshua 1:8 we read: *"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."*

We can readily see in these verses that Scripture is not only of divine origin but it is powerful and extremely useful. It is through Holy Scripture that we meet God and come to know Him more fully and completely. Dr. Bruce Waltke says that: *"the efficacy of the Bible is likened to a hammer that breaks the rock-like heart; the sword that penetrates the totality and depth of one's being; the lamp to the feet; the imperishable seed that endures forever; the heavenly rain that makes the earth bud and flourish; the spiritual milk that nourishes new born babes, and solid food that sustains mature saints."*

It is God's desire that each of us deepen our relationship with Him and grow into maturity. But in order for that to happen you must choose to make spending quality time with God and His Word a daily priority! The reality is that you will never grow and become all that you can or should be, if you are not immersed in God and the diligent study of His Word!

So let me ask, what role does the

Word of God currently play in your life? Can you honestly say that the Word of God is permeating every sphere of your life? Does it govern and guide the choices that you make?

You know the earth was built to revolve in orbit around the sun. From the sun, it receives warmth, light, and life. But if the earth suddenly wandered off into an orbit of its own, away from the sun, all warmth and life would cease on this planet. In a similar way, you and I were designed to live in orbit around God. He is the source of the love, the light, the life we so desperately need! And the person whose life is based on God and His Word will find purpose, peace, security, strength and joy. In fact, God's promise is that they will have a life that can stand up to anything, because it is a life built for eternity.

Sadly, many professed Christians have chosen to base their lives on someone or something other than God and His Word. They are living according to their own values and plans, and their lives are orbiting around themselves rather than God. As a result they are missing out on the resources, the comfort, the hope, the peace that comes from knowing the Lord and His Word

So what about you? Are you growing in your love and knowledge of our great and Awesome God? What is the foundation on which you are building your life? Who or what defines you? What matters most to you? Where will the path you are presently on lead?

In Matthew 7:13-14 Jesus said: *Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads*

to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Jesus then went on to say in verses 15 through 23: *"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"*

Now listen very closely to what Jesus said immediately after He had given this solemn warning: *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine*

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and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

So let me ask you again; what is the foundation on which you are building your life? Are you "acting" on Jesus' Word's? Can you honestly say that the Word of God is permeating and impacting every sphere of your life? Does it govern and guide every decision and choice that you make?

Remember Jesus said that if you are building and basing your life on anything other than the rock, i.e. God and His Word, then you are building your life on sinking sand and it will eventually fail and it will eventually fall!

Brothers and sisters, if you want to live life to the fullest you need to understand it all begins by making God and His Word the center of your life! And so I encourage you day in and day out to allow God to teach you and to mold you through His Word! As you do that He will be pleased and you will not only be transformed by the renewing of your mind but you will be blessed!



Men's Breakfast
March. 4, 8:30 a.m.
In the Chapel

ALL MEN
are welcome.

**Special offerings for the month
of March will go to
facility restoration.**

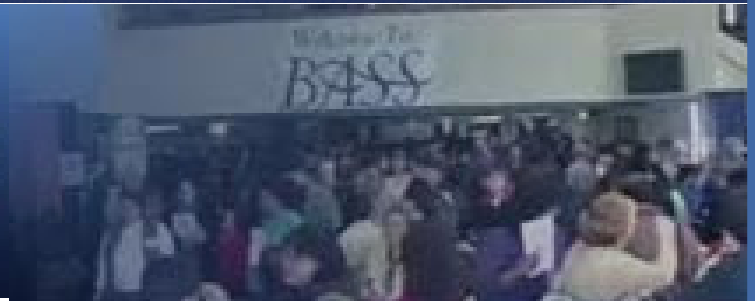


Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

BASS CHURCH WORKERS CONVENTION MARCH 3, 4, 5, 2016

BASS



March 2-4 5, 2017 at
Redwood Chapel Community Church
19300 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA

FBC has provided this opportunity free of charge to you.
Information from BASS

FBC of San Mateo has registered and is covering the cost for those who attend the conference. Please use the BASS website to print out your Express Pass and Name Badge. Cut out the Name Badge, bring it to the convention and BASS will provide the plastic sleeves when you arrive there. Here is the code you need to use to get your Express Pass: **NMPND**

Don't forget to also use the Custom Itinerary feature to create a list of workshops you plan to attend.

Carpooling information

If you need a ride or can provide transportation, check the counter in the narthex for sign-ups.

Exciting Reports by Doug Andrews

February was an exciting month for us in the youth ministry. On of the exciting things that happened was we had the opportunity to head up to the mountains for a one day retreat and ski trip. We already had our winter retreat in January that was a really amazing time growing together in the Lord, so this was just a short quick trip for kids who wanted to ski and snowboard or learn to. Even though it was raining and the skiing was challenging, to say the least, the Lord protected us and kept us from any injuries or hardships on the road. But the greatest part of the trip was the time we spend together in fellowship, worship, teaching from the word, and personal time spent with the Lord. For our one night together we studied Matthew 11:28-30. *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

What an amazing and powerful promise. That if we truly come to Jesus, we will find rest. After discussing what Jesus was saying here in this passage, We took time to individually bring our sins, burdens, and struggles to Him. We came back together to share a little about our experience.

One student later shared about his experience being alone with God out on the deck of the cabin where we were staying. He courageously ventured out into the cold and wind. And there he felt God expanding his understanding of His greatness and power as the wind howled around Him and the storm approached. To know the God who controls all nature loves him and surrounds him like that storm was a powerful demonstration. After sharing, we then went on to look more at the passage. Jesus goes on from promising rest, to instructing us to take His yoke upon ourselves and learn from Him. What we realized is that it's not enough to just pray about our problems, we have to be willing to trust Him and be willing to obey where He leads and wants us to go. If we are, we can be confident that He will teach us incredible things in His gentle and humble way. He'll take care of us and be right there with us through every thing He calls us into. And that is the secret of the easy and light yoke... It's HIS yoke... He is carrying it with us.

I'm excited to see how He transforms us as we continually walk with Him, carrying His yoke side by side with Him.

The other exciting thing in February is the start of our College/Career Fellowship on Sundays: 12:30 - 2pm. We have about 8 college students and 4 graduating seniors who have different circumstances and face different challenges than our high school/jr. high students. These college/career students are facing the new tests of life on their own in a dark world than can be hostile to what they believe. We are starting the group in a series by Focus on the Family called True University. Here we'll be able to discuss the issues they will face in college or in their new career. In the introductory video, we heard interviews of college students who faced and overcame many problems and issues through Christ. One of the most impactful interviews however was with Del Tackett, the director of Focus on the Family and he says, "We want to help equip college students to to know Christ personally, know what they believe, and stand for Him in a

way that they have a confident, winsome attitude that wins people to Christ." It was this phrase that caught my attention. The attitude that is needed to make an impact in our world today is that joyful, confident, compassionate, and winsome attitude that is able to engage people in the issues of life without becoming angry or emotionally charged so that people aren't repelled and rejected. And THAT attitude comes only from a personal, daily, vibrant walk with Jesus. Jesus said, *"If you are truly my disciples, you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."* Ultimately our goal in this series is to help connect college/career young adults to Christ so that His light shines brightly through them in this dark world.

Please pray for us, and if you know any college/career young adults that would benefit from being a part of this group, let them know about what's happening and they will be welcome!!!



Regular Meetings:

CAD-TNT (Jr. High/High School) - Tuesdays @ 7:15 - 9:00 pm

Youth Service (Jr. high, High, and College) - Sundays @ 11:00am - 12:15pm

College/Young Adult - Sunday @ 12:30 - 2:00pm

College Winter trip - Hume Lake Christian Camp

Friday - Monday, March 10-12, \$195

We're going back to Hume for an incredible weekend of great worship, speakers, and tons of fun in the snow. Tubing, snowboarding, broom hockey, games, activities for everyone! Come and bring a friend!!!

CAD/TNT Film Festival - March

Students work together to create their own movies/short stories. More info to come...

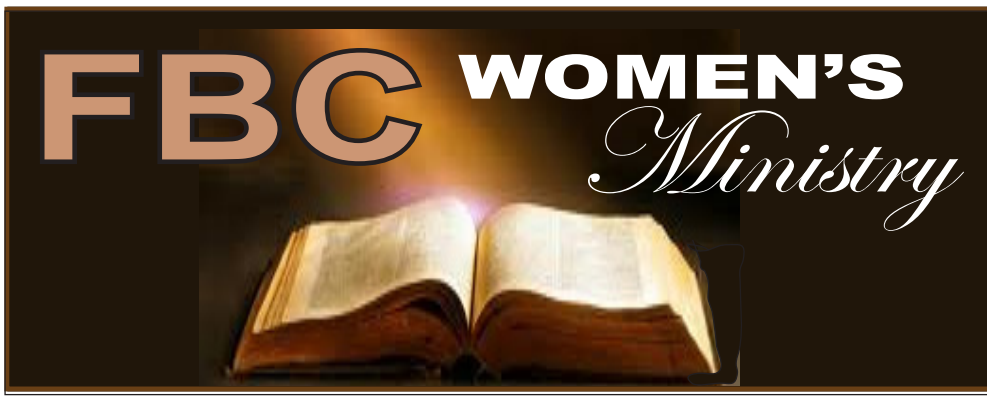
Hume Lake Summer Camp (Jr. High/High School) - June 18-24, 2017

Sunday College/Career Study and Fellowship Sundays after church... Starts Feb 26

A promotional graphic for the Sunday College/Career Study and Fellowship. The background is dark with a person sitting at a desk, looking at a laptop. Overlaid on the image is the text "ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR TOUGHEST TEST?" in large, white, bold, sans-serif font. To the right, there is a teal-colored box containing the text "Own and defend your faith and become a world changer with the TrueUseries." in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner of the teal box, there is a small logo for "TrueUseries" which includes a shield and the text "TrueUseries".

Do you have answers for the BIG Questions of life?
Are you ready for what you'll face out in the world or in college?
Come to this powerful study and GET READY!!!

We'll provide lunch and the materials for this study.



Women's Ministry Winter Event

By Sandy Murray

On February 11 over 60 ladies gathered together in the chapel for the Women's Ministry Winter Event. We had ladies attend from our church and Grace Bible Church. In addition, we had several ladies from other churches in the area. We opened with a time of fellowship led by Candace Heinz.

Not only did we get to know each other better, we found out about a lot of weird things that one can eat. After our time of fellowship we were led in worship by Janet White and Mara Prieto. It was such a joy to share in praise and worship with others who love Christ.

Our time of worship was immediately followed by our speaker, Susan Nielson, from Bible Study Fellowship. Susan began by asking various questions about the Bible and throwing Hershey Kisses for the correct answer. It was definitely a motivator to learn more facts about God's Word in the future!

Then she shared with us three questions to use during our quiet time with the Lord as we dig into His Word and a way to journal our prayers using the word **JOY!** **J** being Jesus (praising Him) **O** for others and **Y** for yourself. Finally she asked us to practice what she had taught us using several verses from

Psalm 119. Each table then shared what they learned with each other.

After our time of sharing, Tim Dufficy and his crew Al Sturken, Ken Kotter, and Ron Murray arrived with a pasta lunch! What a blessing to have our lunch cooked and served for us by the men.

We were able to offer child care for the first time at this event. Brenda Corzantes and Tami Strang planned and wrote a program complete with a Bible lesson that was a "kid version" of our adult lesson. Jose Corzantes and Skip Hoard, along with Lily Olson took charge of the children and all seemed happy and blessed.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all who contributed to the event. Your willingness to serve in so many ways was a source of joy and encouragement and certainly God was glorified. We sensed God's presence in every aspect of the day.

Our next Women's Ministry event is scheduled for May 6th at Grace Bible Church. It will be an all day Bible Conference with Colleen McFadden from the Charles Simeon Trust.

Something Worth Thinking About

Submitted by Doris Waddell

Psalm 73 - The Message

¹No doubt about it! God is good - good to good people, good to the good-hearted. ²But I nearly missed it, missed seeing his goodness. ³I was looking the other way, looking up to the people ⁴At the top, envying the wicked who have it made, ⁵who have nothing to worry about, not a care in the whole wide world. ⁶Pretentious with arrogance, they wear the latest fashions in violence, ⁷pampered and overfed, decked out in silk bows of silliness. ⁸They jeer, using words to kill; they bully their way with words.

⁹They're full of hot air, loudmouths disturbing the peace. ¹⁰People actually listen to them - can you believe it? Like thirsty puppies, they lap up their words.


¹¹What's going on here? Is God out to lunch? Nobody's tending the store. ¹²The wicked get by with everything; they have it made, piling up riches. ¹³I've been stupid to play by the rules; what has it gotten me? ¹⁴A long run of bad luck, that's what - a slap in the face every time I walk out the door. ¹⁵If I'd have given in and talked like this, I would have betrayed your dear children. ¹⁶Still, when I tried to figure it out, all I got was a splitting headache . . .

¹⁷Until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture: ¹⁸The slippery road you've put them on, with a final crash in a ditch of delusions. ¹⁹In the blink of an eye, disaster! A blind curve in the dark, and - nightmare! ²⁰We wake up and rub our eyes. . . . Nothing. There's nothing to them. And there never was. ²¹When I was beleaguered and bitter, totally consumed by envy, ²²I was totally ignorant, a dumb ox in your very presence. ²³I'm still in your presence, but you've taken my hand. ²⁴You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me. ²⁵You're all I want in heaven! You're all I want on earth! ²⁶When my skin sags and my bones get brittle, God is rock-firm and faithful. ²⁷Look! Those who left you are falling apart! Deserters, they'll never be heard from again. ²⁸But I'm in the very presence of God - oh, how refreshing it is! I've made Lord God my home. God, I'm telling the world what you do!



It's That Time Again!
March 11th - Set your Clocks Forward.

March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship After Church: College/Career Study & Fellowship		1 5pm Youth Band Reh. 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	2 5pm Youth Band Reh. 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	3 5pm Youth Band Reh. 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	4 8:30am Men's Breakfast
5 Communion 12:15 Finance Committee Meeting	6 7:15pm FBC Youth	7 7:15pm FBC Youth	8 5pm Youth Band Reh. 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	9 5pm Youth Band Reh. 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	10 5pm Youth Band Reh. 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	11 9am Work Day
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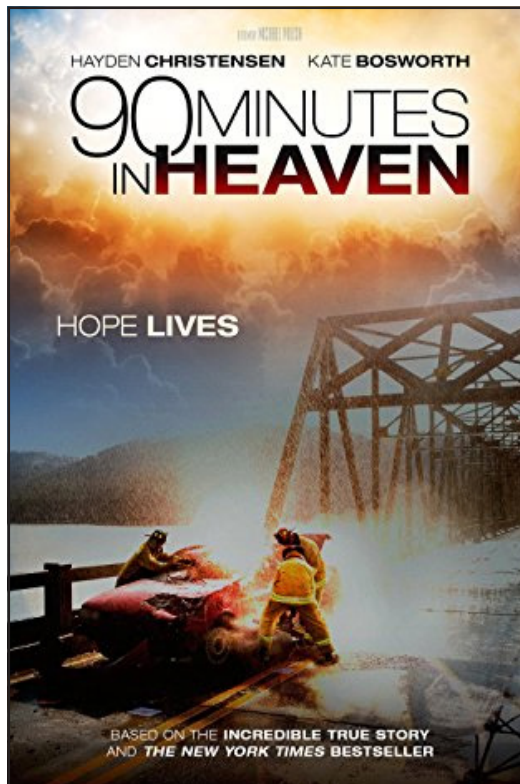
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Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

March

Wed.	1	Deuteronomy 28-30
Thurs	2	Deuteronomy 31-34
Fri.	3	Joshua 1-3
Sat.	4	Joshua 4-6
Sun.	5	Joshua 7-9
Mon.	6	Joshua 10-12
Tues.	7	Joshua 13-15
Wed.	8	Joshua 16-18
Thurs.	9	Joshua 19-21
Fri.	10	Joshua 22-24
Sat.	11	Judges 1-3
Sun.	12	Judges 4-6
Mon.	13	Judges 7-9
Tues.	14	Judges 10-12
Wed.	15	Judges 13-15
Thurs.	16	Judges 16-18
Fri.	17	Judges 19-21
Sat.	18	Ruth 1-4
Sun.	19	1 Samuel 1-3
Mon.	20	1 Samuel 4-6
Tues.	21	1 Samuel 7-9
Wed.	22	1 Samuel 10-12
Thurs.	23	1 Samuel 13-15
Fri.	24	1 Samuel 16-18
Sat.	25	1 Samuel 19-21
Sun.	26	1 Samuel 22-24
Mon.	27	1 Samuel 25-27
Tues.	28	1 Samuel 28-31
Wed.	29	2 Samuel 1-3
Thurs.	30	2 Samuel 4-6
Fri.	31	2 Samuel 7-9



and resurrection experience in 1989. 90 Minutes in Heaven remained on the New York Times best-seller list for more than five years[1] and has sold over six million copies.

Movie Night

March 24, 6:30pm

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

Movie begins at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome.

“90 Minutes in Heaven” is a 2004 New York Times best-selling[1] Christian book written by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey. The book documents the author's death