

Pastor's Corner - Pastor Paul Brown

A Joyful Heart

Thanksgiving and Christmas are two wonderful times of the year set aside to celebrate God's gracious provision! During this time of year I like to reflect on the blessings the Lord has showered upon me and give Him thanks.

I read a statistic that adults laugh 15 times a day, but children laugh 400 times a day! You might be thinking that you don't have much about which to smile about, let alone laugh out loud. Let me remind you of some important facts. We once were hopelessly separated from God (Rom. 6:23a), spiritually dead in our sins (Eph. 2:1-3), hostile to God (Rom. 5:10a), blinded by Satan (2 Cor. 4:3-4), held captive by him to do his will (2 Tim. 2:24-26), powerless to overcome sin's hold on us (Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 1:28-32), unable to understand the things of God (1 Cor. 2:14), unable to please God

or to walk in His way (Rom. 3:9-12, 23), and incapable of living a spiritually fruitful and meaningful life (John 15:4-6).

BUT GOD, the infinite, eternal, sovereign, holy, just, loving, omnipotent, creator of the universe, chose to love us! He graciously sent His perfect Son to pay the price for our sins (Rom. 6:9), and destroy the devil (Heb. 2:14). Through Jesus we can have our sins forgiven (Col. 1:13-14), be declared righteous (Rom. 3:21-22), be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:18-19), experience a spiritual new birth (John 3:3), receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16), have access to God (John 14:16), be a member of God's family (John 1:12), understand the things of God (1 Cor. 2:9-13), become a new person and live in a totally new way (Rom. 6:4-22), and be empowered to grow into

Christ likeness (Rom. 8:28-29)!

As a result of our relationship with Jesus we now are partakers of God's divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4), joint-heirs with Jesus (Rom. 8:14-17), citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20), blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3), complete in Christ (Col. 2:9-10), strong in the Lord (Eph. 6:10-17), members of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16), more than conquerors through Him (Rom. 8:37), delivered from the domain of darkness and into the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13), ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20), members of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, citizens of a holy nation, a possession of God (1 Pet. 2:9), filled with His peace (John 16:33), and joy (John 15:11), changed by the Word of God (1 Thess. 2:13), led by the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:14), and empowered to practice biblical love (John 13:34-35)

That ought to make us smile, laugh, shout Hallelujah, and give

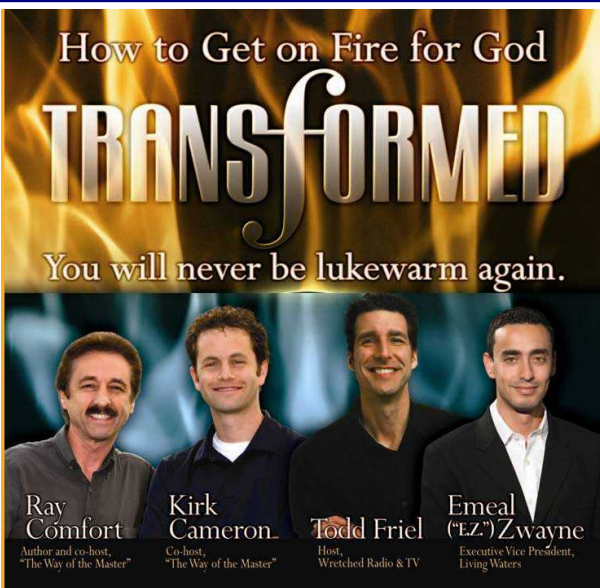


non-stop thanks to God! It should compel us to go tell people everywhere about Jesus and what He has done for us (2 Cor. 5:14-21).

And it should motivate us to exercise our spiritual gifts in the local church to build each other up and grow into mature Christ likeness (Eph. 4:11-16)

Are you thankful? "A joyful heart is good medicine" (Prov. 17:22). Then join us at our special holiday services on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25th, and Christmas Eve, December 24th, as we celebrate God's goodness to us!

Make sure you bring lots of family and friends so they too can give Him praise!



How to Get on Fire for God

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"The Way of the Master"

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Host,
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Executive Vice President,
Living Waters

Hosted by *The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

Transformed Conference

Cornerstone Church

Saturday November 7th

2080 Winifred St., Simi Valley

Two identical sessions:

- 8:30 am - 12:30pm
- 1:30 pm—4:30 pm

The conference is FREE, but you need to register at www.livingwaters.org

Women's Ministry invites you to attend



Christmas Presence to One Another

Saturday December 5th

2:00pm-4:30pm at the Main Campus

\$10.00 per guest

Our Special Guest Speakers: Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge is an organization that helps women & men overcome life controlling addictions through Jesus Christ and God's word.

Beautiful music: from Teen Challenge & our TBBF ladies and wonderful Christmas treats...

Tickets will be available starting November 1st. Tickets are limited, so please purchase early.

The Bridge Bible Fellowship



**Annual Men's Conference
November 13-15, 2009**

The Oaks Conference Center



**Your Life...
God's Workmanship**

**Guest Speaker:
Pastor David Hegg**

For we are **His** workmanship, created in **Christ Jesus** for **good works**, which **God prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10

Cost: \$195... You can STILL sign up!

For more information or if you need financial assistance to attend, contact Pat Kearns, 818.996.1496 or David Karkenny, 818.775.0131.



By Pastor Bruce Groves

What has been going on with our youth? Well, the Junior and Senior Highers are currently covering the book of 1 Peter, which teaches us how to live righteously under God's ordained authority, especially when we suffer persecution for our faith. Jesus is not only our example, but He is our ultimate future hope which is our source of daily strength. The biblical princi-

ples which students learn on Sunday morning are what they discuss in their cell groups on Wednesday nights with the challenge to apply it to their own lives. Our schedule is as follows:

- Sunday Underground:** 10:15 am-11:45 in ELL
- Wednesday Groups:** 6:45pm-8:30pm in ELL
- Sunday Discipleship:** 5:30pm-7:30pm

Youth Outreach at the LA County Fair

On Saturday, October 3rd, fifteen Jr. and Sr. High students and five adults had the privilege of sharing the gospel at the Child Evangelism Fellowship booth at the Los Angeles Fairplex in Pomona, CA. Our team was divided up into 3 teams which served 2 hour shifts, each to explain the gospel using the Wordless Book to those who walked by the CEF booth from 5:00-11:00 p.m. Over 70 children, teens and parents heard the gospel and over 10 made a

profession of faith. One of the most memorable responses of the evening began with two teenage young men walking into the booth together. They entered with a cocky attitude and appeared to be coming with ulterior motives. Kean McHaddad, a senior at Faith Baptist, began to share the Wordless book with them and he mentioned how both of their faces completely changed once he began discussing the truth of the "dark page", which represents that every man is a sinner and has violated God's holiness. Kean marveled at the way in which both young men entered the booth with hard hearts, yet the Holy Spirit brought them the gift of eternal life!

Next month, we will highlight the ministry our students have through Bible clubs on public school campuses, both elementary and high school. If you are interested in learning how to share your faith using the Wordless Book, mark on your calendar for July 9-16, 2010 for our Summer Evangelism & Teacher Training course.

It's A Charlie Brown Christmas At TBBF!

Come watch our youth perform on

Sat., Nov. 28th

5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

In the Amigo Building



Upcoming Dates...

Nov. 10	Missionary Support Circles
Nov. 13-15	Men's Conference
Nov. 14	Titus Two Women's Breakfast
Nov. 21	Crop-a-thon
Nov. 25	Family Prayer & Praise Night/Baptisms
Nov. 28	A Charlie Brown Christmas, 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Nov. 30	Steve Lively Benefit Christmas Concert for the Pregnancy Resource Center
Dec. 5	Women's Ministry <i>Christmas Presence</i>
Dec. 13	Adult Choir Christmas Concert, 5 & 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18/19	Youth Choir Christmas Concert 7-9 pm, \$5
Dec. 20	Christmas Services, 8:15 and 10:15 p.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.

The Bridge Bible Institute



Rightly dividing the Word of Truth!

Classes are held on Monday nights in the "K" Bldg for The Bridge Bible Institute. These are college-level classes, but with a relaxed atmosphere.

The next session will begin January 4th! Each class costs \$30.00, plus text book. *For more information, you may contact director Jack Littlefield at 818.885.8813.*

Library

Need something exciting, interesting or life-changing to read? Check out some of the new titles now available in the library!

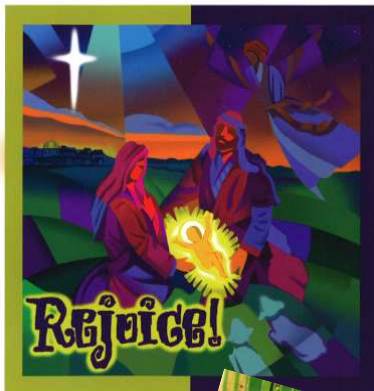
Radical Reliance: *Living 24/7 with God at the Center* by Dr. Joseph M. Stowell

Waiting for the Second Coming: *Studies in Thessalonians* by Ray C. Stedman

Sermons and Outlines on the Lord's Supper: by Alexander Maclaren, F.B. Meyer, C. H. Spurgeon and others.

REJOICE!

A Soulful Celebration of the Season



Come join us for two wonderful Christmas musical programs!

- "Shepherd's Voice" Adult Choir
Rejoice, A Soulful Celebration of the Season
Sunday, December 13, 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.
Light refreshments served between services.
- "Lifted Up" Youth Choir
Cradle That Rocked the World Christmas Café
Friday and Saturday, December 18 & 19
7:00 –9:00 p.m., Amigo Campus (\$5 admission)

Be sure to mark your calendars so that you can invite family and friends to experience a memorable and remarkable evening!

Main Campus:

18644 Sherman Way
Reseda, CA 91335
Phone: 818.776.1500
Fax: 818.881.0327

West Campus:

22222 Saticoy St.
Canoga Park, 91303



The Bridge has a beautiful website which features church events, ministry information, staff contacts and other features. Very user friendly!

You can find us on the web
at www.TBBFChurch.org

Opportunity Message Board

On this board you can list items for sale, rooms to rent, employment opportunities, or free stuff. This is mainly to be used for the equipping of the church body and the opportunity to serve each other as they did in the early church. If you have anything that you would like to list in the next issue, please send it to tbbf_editor@yahoo.com.

Room for Rent

Room for rent to a female in a quiet neighborhood in Woodland Hills. \$750 + utilities included. Contact Arline @ 818-348-8897 or email Happyfeetdn@aol.com

Car for Sale

2004 Saturn Ion—\$4250 OBO

Power windows and doors, cd/dvd player, factory alarm, rear spoiler, 102k miles. Runs great w/34mpg on hwy! Contact Alex at javassil@aol.com.



The Media Center is open on Sundays from 9:45-10:15am (between services) and 11:45-12:00pm (after 2nd service) It is located outside the West Wing. You can pick up sermon CD's as well as music CD's from Diane Brown, Steve Lively and Chasing Cadence (featuring our College Director Patrick Carmichael).

We also have BridgeWear available for purchase, including men's, women's and children's hoodie sweatshirts, polo shirts and t-shirts, as well as mugs, caps and tote bags.

Also, the Media Center needs YOU! If you would like to volunteer to serve in the Media Center on Sunday mornings, please contact Ellen Hankinson at Media@TBBFChurch.org or call 818.716.6269 for details.

Children's Ministry - Faith to Grow On

By Angela Main

Now that we are well into the fall, I hope everyone has their routines down and your families are well on track to another year of growth in the Lord. This fall will bring us another Thanksgiving season and then give way to the Christmas season. Thanksgiving is my second favorite time of year (Easter is my favorite) because focusing on God's goodness makes us more content and as the apostle Paul put it, "godliness with contentment is great gain." Plan some focused time with your family to give thanks and to draw everyone's attention to Christ at Christmas.

Children's ministry continues to grow strong as we continue to teach the Bible survey first hour with all of your kids learning a version of the same lesson. We continue to offer other age-appropriate classes during the second hour that give your child a chance to really build on and develop his or her understanding of God. His Word, and the world in which they live from a Biblical Worldview.

We pray that God will grow and mature your family this winter!

Some upcoming events to consider for your child:

ART CAMP

- * On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
- * Hosted at Heart of the Valley Christian School
- * For children grades 1st thru 6th
- * Mr. Andrew, who is currently the art teacher at HVCS, is teaching drawing, arts and crafts.

This can be a great outreach to the community so come bring your child and a friend!

AWANA

Under the leadership of Commanders Winston and Marie Lopez, Awana is for children preschool through elementary. Nursery is also provided for little ones! We meet every Wednesday night from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the K building.

We have many opportunities to serve right now during both Sunday morning services and on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in serving the children of this church, even if it's just once a month, please contact Angela Main at (818) 776-1500 ext. 35.

