

"Inviting all to Jesus... Following Him together"

Message From Pastor Rich



Out golfing this past summer, on a gorgeous coastal course, I was paired with another pastor and a restaurant manager. In between shots we spoke about the many things church and restaurants have in common. Eventually the other pastor inquired about the manager's personal faith. The manager respectfully stated that he was not a Christian because Christian doctrine teaches that Jesus is the only way. Both the other pastor and I had to agree that he did have it correct and we respected his choice and he respected ours. Later I got to thinking about that response. You see, if Jesus was just one among equals, just a man like any other man, then, yes I would have to agree with my golf partner. It would be ridiculous to believe that Jesus was the only way. But what if Jesus was a prophet? Well the same response would be true, because there are many who have claimed the title of prophet. If Jesus was just another prophet then he would have no right to claim he is the only way. But, what if Jesus was more than a prophet? I asked myself, what if Jesus was a type of superman, a being created special by God, one who was higher than mere humans, one who might be identified as the literal son of God? Would this level of uniqueness convince me that Jesus was the only way? This position is one many would agree with, but for me I just don't want to put all my faith in a super being created by God. No, for Jesus to get my vote and loyalty he would actually need to be co-equal with God. This would make Jesus completely unique and worthy of the claim to be the only way. If Jesus was just one among equals then of course I would agree with my golf buddy and feel free to reject his exclusive claim. But if Jesus was God "with skin on" then His claim to be the only way has validity. The reason I am a Christian since March 9, 1969 to the present day is because of whom I believe Jesus to be. I don't believe Jesus was just a man, or a religious genius, or a prophet or even the literal son of God. I believe that Jesus is God, and that is why I am a Christian.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich Reimer

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Newest ARCC Staff

Most of the church has become acquainted with our four newest staff members. But just in case you feel out of the loop on these part-time paid persons here is a quick update.

In June we added **Nate Turton** to be our part-time Youth Minister. Nate and his wife Sherilyn lead the mid-week youth group known as “Elevate” for Junior and Senior High age youth. Nate also teaches a youth Sunday School class during the 9:30AM worship time. We also added **Nicole Pickering** to be our part-time Children’s Minister. Nicole leads our Children’s Church program during the 9:30AM worship time. Next is the addition of **Suzanne Vaughan** as a paid nursery attendant for Sunday mornings and mid-week ministries who need child care.

In August we added **Mrs. Karen Bolte** as part-time Minister to Seniors. The Diaconate created this position in February and it was funded in the 2011-2012 Budget. Since Carmichael has a large population of Seniors the Pastor, with the support of the Diaconate, determined to add a part-time staff person to see if we might enhance our outreach to the senior population around the church campus.

The job description lists the following responsibilities:

- a. Develop a clear ministry strategy that produces numerical and spiritual growth in those aged 55 and up,
- b. Recruits and trains leaders and helpers as needed,
- c. Organizes special events for outreach and spiritual growth,
- d. Partners with local agencies that provide care for seniors.

Karen attends the Crusader Sunday School class and the Traditional Worship service. **Karen is fully degreed for church ministry and will be invited to preach on occasion. Our church endorses the full participation of women in ministry based upon both the calling and gifts of God.** She is also a volunteer chaplain for Sutter Hospitals 3 full days a week.

Leadership Course

“EVERYTHING RISES OR FALLS ON LEADERSHIP” Starting Thursday evening October 6th 6:45pm to 8:15 pm. Pastor Rich will offer a 7 week leadership course for friends and members of the church who are current or potential leaders. The course is demanding: Two books will be read and discussed, weekly Bible Study homework, and memorization of the books of the Bible and the Bridge Method of explaining the Gospel message are required for graduation. Even seasoned leaders will benefit and grow from this course. Just ask a graduate! All books and materials will be provided.

"News From Nate"



What a month it's been! For the students of Elevate, school is back into full swing, complete with homework, papers, tests, and the like. They're doing their best to learn their readin', writin', and 'rithmetic, but here at ARCC, we're going to be using the same techniques to teach them something a little different.

Any paper they write this year is going to have to address the Six Fundamentals of a Story: Who, what, when, where, why, and how. Over the next few weeks, the students will be asked to take a very real look into themselves to see what is really and truly there, while making use of these six questions.

Sunday, September 18, they were asked to look at "What" they are in Christ. Together, we looked at various Scriptures that, in a sense, spell out exactly what we are as people AND as Christians. Starting in Genesis, then bouncing around the New Testament, we learned that we are God's creations, His friend, His child, His reach into the world, and spiritually fulfilled. We also looked at the significance of each idea and how it effects (or *should* effect) the way we interact with each other and, more importantly, the world that surrounds us.

Please keep your Elevators in prayer the next few weeks; they've been under spiritual attack when they're outside the church campus. They're on the front lines to the explosiveness that the world offers and many of them are having a rough time right now. They need strength, courage, wisdom, support, and other Christian friends at school to help them through the day-to-day life that our next generation leads. Inside church, they're going to be challenged to grow as they examine themselves and how it is they and the Lord interact. It isn't always as easy as it might seem. God is good. God is faithful. God loves teens. Please support them in prayer during this time of growth.

All the best,
Nate Turton, Youth Minister
nate.turton@arconline.org

Numbers Report:

09/04= 06 (Sunday Morning)
09/08= 08 (Elevate Wednesday Night)
09/11= 05 (Sunday Morning)
09/15= 09 (Elevate Wednesday Night)
09/18= 06 (Sunday Morning)
09/22= 09 (Elevate Thursday Night)
09/25= 03 (Sunday Morning)

Mission News



Hello,

I sure hope you have been enjoying a beautiful Fall so far. I haven't always cared much for Fall, I lived in Quincy for 11 years before moving to the Central Valley and up there it only meant cold weather was coming soon! But since moving to Sacramento my opinion has changed, I love going to Apple Hill and all the other fun activities and color related to the season and the weather.

This September we have been taking a special World Mission offering, an International Ministries fundraiser. To date we have collected \$519.00. On October 9th we will have our annual Mission Sunday coinciding with our monthly Potluck. I hope to bring in a special speaker from the Luis Palau Festival along with others representing Missions we here at ARCC support such as William Jessup University, Union Gospel Mission, Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH), and more depending on availability.

On October 6th, another planning meeting for the Luis Palau Festival will take place at the Sun River Church on Sunrise Blvd. from 8:30AM to 10:30PM. I will be attending and any who would also like to attend are welcome, please contact me a few days ahead so I can let them know how many are attending.

Sorry for such a short letter this month, it's been a super busy past week for me. I did deliver another couple of roses from our Memorial Garden and to plan to take more out soon.

“Laus Deo”

Barbara Morgan, Mission Chair

HeArT sTrInGs

Worship HIM in one voice

I attended Pray California on Saturday September 17 at Mars Hill Church in Natomas. What a wonderful powerful blessing of experiencing God's presence. We worshipped the Lord Jesus for nearly two hours with men and women looking to the heavens adoring and praising our awesome Saviour. I can only imagine what it will be like when we are ushered into heaven on that glorious day. In the book of Revelation chapter 19 verses 4-6 says “ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who sits on the throne saying, amen hallelujah! And a voice came from the throne, saying, give praise to our God, all you his bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great. And I heard as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying Hallelujah! for the Lord God, the Almighty reigns”. What a wonderful picture of what it is like to worship our Lord and Savior each Sunday as we give Him our praises and adoration.



Tom Senter, Song Leader
Traditional Worship Service



Coffee Talk

Join with other women of ARCC on Saturday, October 8 10:00-11:00 AM in Rasmussen Hall to hear Karen Bolte share her story of her Faith Journey.

Please call the church office at 483-3465 to arrange for free childcare.

ARCC - WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EVENT



with
PRISCILLA SHIRER
&
ANTHONY EVANS
BECAUSE GOD WANTS TO
MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE

OCTOBER 28-29
CAPITAL CHRISTIAN CENTER

Early Bird Registration \$39 Ends August 29th

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CINDY REIMER
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September Coffee Talk was once again a full house. Seated left to right: Charmaine Ward, Jackie Turley, Joyce Eastin, Phyllis Bottino (standing), Glenda Thompson with her granddaughter Vicky Yee and Arlene Bruce.

The Thursday morning bible study group will be starting the book of Philippians, October 13th.

All are welcome to join them in the conference room at 9:45AM

Encouraging Women in their relationship with Christ and one another.

"And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other onto love and good deeds."
(Hebrews 10:24)

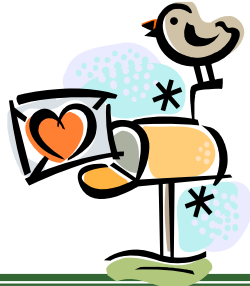


Questions about women's ministry? Please contact Cindy Reimer at cindyreimerarcc@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Joan McConnell would like to thank those who have donated greeting cards for the *Card Cart*!

The *Card Cart* is located in Rasmussen Hall and is there for you to please help yourself. Send a card to someone & let them know you are thinking of them.



Happy Anniversary To:

October 1: Cyndie & Randy Holland
 October 11: Pearl & Bob Aldridge
 October 14: Nancy & Nick McCreery
 October 18: Robyn & Jerry Trudeau

November 7: Bud & Joan Cothrin
 November 27: Barbara & Jerry Morgan
 November 28: Georgia & Sherwood Brock

2011 Thanksgiving Fellowship Fund Offering

Dear Church Family,

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, we think especially of our Church and Wonder-Land School families who are experiencing particularly tough times. Last year, because of your generous support, we were able to help 22 families by giving them a gift card to purchase their Thanksgiving holiday goods.

Again this year we are asking the congregation to prayerfully think about adding some extra to your Fellowship Fund offerings so that we will have enough to help those in need. These offerings can be given anytime so please mark your giving envelope "Fellowship Fund."

Thank you for your faithful support and consideration.

In His Service,
 The Fellowship Team

Birthday Blessings

October:

02: Sherwood Brock & Lillie Reimer
 07: Alexandra Pickering & Mary Baker
 08: Jennifer Connor
 09: Andrew Breese & Joe Heinz
 21: Elsie Hall
 23: Diana Hearnley
 25: Charlie Turley & Nancy Snyder
 26: Chantal Corpus-Hatton
 27: Bob Aldridge
 30: Ed Burgess
 31: Brittany Hanney

November:

02: Ken Brizzi, Jonathan Reimer
 03: Elaine Housh
 05: Dave Brais
 07: Gumaro Rubalcaba
 08: Liliya Pachuliya
 12: Eva Willis
 14: Kyle Brittain
 15: Nikki Reimer
 16: Nancy McCreery, Ruby Romovich
 17: Larry Bryan
 19: Elizabeth Riley
 20: Sharon Johnson
 21: Joel Trainer
 24: Brian Dodrill, Owen Wilhelm
 25: Sue Mangis

Senior Adult Ministries



Dear Esteemed “Seniors,”


What a pleasure it has been – thanks to your warm and generous hospitality – to get to know some of you during the first month of my employment as “Minister to Seniors.” That title carries many responsibilities, which I count all joy, and which I want to outline here so that you feel free to “make my joy complete” (Phil 2:2; 1 Jn 4:4) by approaching me to serve you in these ways! My purpose is to gather and nurture the social and spiritual life of adults 55 and older, in the following ways (feel free to suggest more).

- Nurturing YOUR spiritual life: I am developing a ministry strategy to increase ARCC’s senior adult population spiritually, as I see what pleases and builds *you* up spiritually (which includes mentally, physically and emotionally with a purpose of loving God better). So please be sure to tell me what you like and don’t like about what’s already going on here, and what you’d like to see happen here for seniors.
- Attracting others to ARCC – Outreach to Christians and Seekers: My theory is that, if some activity attracts *you*, it is likely to attract others in the senior community. To let Carmichael seniors know what is going on at ARCC, we have already given an interview to an on-line paper (Patch.com), and will continue to use local papers. I also connect with community agencies that serve Carmichael’s seniors (I’ve met with The Chateau and with Eskaton already, for example). When I meet with them, I tell them about our wonderful church and look for ways to bring their resources (and other seniors) here. Our ARCC campus is extremely level in its sidewalks and entryways and, therefore, particularly friendly for seniors.
- Connecting you to resources when you are in need: When you find yourself in need of particular community resources, or have a need but cannot discern the appropriate remedy, I can be your sounding board. My goal is to be able to *listen to you*, *discern with you*, and *connect you to other resources* or people within or without the church to help you. This can be as simple and practical as needing to find a particular product, or more complicated, entailing spiritual and emotional aspects as well. We are all here to help one another, and I would like to be an additional point of connection among you.
- Organizing, arranging and/or facilitating certain Senior events, Bible Studies, and activities: If you would like to explore certain studies, or bring particular speakers on topics that interest you, please let me know. I am currently arranging a speaker from our congregation to bring slides from a recent trip to the next senior gathering.
- Gathering information for posting on this Newsletter page: To better share information and announcements, please bring to me items you’d like other seniors to know! I will also feature on this page a senior of the month, whom I will interview ahead of time. If you would like to “nominate” a senior to be our guinea pig for this purpose, please don’t be shy!

As you can see, many of these require me to find out what *you* want and *know*, so that we can share our seniors’ assets among us to benefit one another (even more than we already do), and attract other seniors from the community to share in, and add their own spiritual gifts to ours. This means I not only *want* to hear from you, but I *rely upon* hearing from you. Thus far, we have enjoyed great fellowship in the Crusaders’ class on Sunday mornings, which seems to be a good time to get your feedback on a variety of things I’m doing. Remember, my office hours are on Tuesdays, but you can always leave a message for me, and I’ll get right back to you.

Bless you all,
 Karen Bolte, Minister to Seniors
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October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday: 9:00 AM Passionate Prayer Core Conference Room 9:30-10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Crusaders: Fireside Room & Ambassadors: Conference Room</p>						<p>1 6:30 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>
<p>2 Both Services: Holy Communion</p>	3	<p>4 5:30PM Handbell Practice</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>	<p>6 9:45AM Women's Bible Study 6:00PM Elevate 6:45 PM Leadership Course</p>	<p>7 3:00 PM Women's Home Bible Study</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Coffee Talk 6:30 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>
<p>9 Celebration Sunday! Pastor & Cindy Appreciation Day! 12:00 Noon Potluck Mission Sunday</p>	10	<p>11 5:30PM Handbell Practice</p>	<p>12 7:00 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>	<p>13 9:45AM Women's Bible Study 6:00PM Elevate 6:45 PM Leadership Course</p>	<p>14 3:00 PM Women's Home Bible Study</p>	<p>15 8:00AM All Church Work Day 6:30 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>
16	17	<p>18 5:30PM Handbell Practice</p>	<p>19 7:00 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>	<p>20 9:45AM Women's Bible Study 6:00PM Elevate 6:45 PM Leadership Course</p>	<p>21 3:00 PM Women's Home Bible Study</p>	<p>22 6:30 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>
	In Touch Home Gatherings					
<p>23 4:30PM Iron Man Men's BBQ & Horseshoe Tournament</p>	24	<p>25 5:30PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Diaconate Meeting</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>	<p>27 9:45AM Women's Bible Study 6:00PM Elevate 6:45 PM Leadership Course</p>	<p>28 3:00 PM Women's Home Bible Study 6:00 PM Trunk R Treat</p>	<p>29 6:30 PM Home Bible Study Group</p>
<p>30 5:00PM Young Adult "Love Study" gathering</p>	<p>31</p> 					



Helen Robinson was our oldest church member until her passing, August 30, 2011. She joined our church in January of 1979. She gave her life to Jesus when she was just seven years old and served our Lord until the end. Helen was active in First Baptist Church of Oakland during the 40's & 50's when the church was at its peak. She also was active in First Baptist Church of Stockton. In 1990 Helen moved into the senior apartment complex known as Sierra Sunrise when it first opened. There she quietly worked as a missionary to start a weekly bible study. This bible study gradually grew to be a small house church. Helen took the responsibility for having a preacher each week, a pianist and a song leader. Pastor Rich preached for this group for 10 years and Norm Rasmussen gave messages even longer. Helen gave up the leadership of this group just a couple of years ago but the group continues to this day. Several Members of our Fellowship Team honored her with a surprise party for her 99th birthday. She was a loving servant with an evangelistic heart beat. She is with Jesus...her greatest desire fulfilled.

	08/07	08/14	08/21	08/28	Attendance
Worship	112	120	125	120	
Nursery Plus 2-3 Year Olds	7	7	10	7	
Preschool Kids Church	3	5	6	3	
Grade School	9	11	7	5	
Elevate Jr/Sr High	9	7	9	6	
Adult Sunday School	19	20	19	19	
Total	159	170	176	160	

Thank you!

There is someone from our church family who sends the most beautiful cards and messages to us when we are in need of a word of encouragement.

I know how much those words of encouragement have meant to me over the past months so I wanted to say **“thank you”** I hope you know how much you brighten my days.

Lovingly,
Anonymous

Money Matters

	08/07	08/14	08/21	08/28	Total Received	Monthly Need	Difference
Offerings Received	\$9,388	\$4,436	\$5,940	\$1,726	\$21,490	\$26,949	\$5,459

ARCC 24/5 Prayer Room

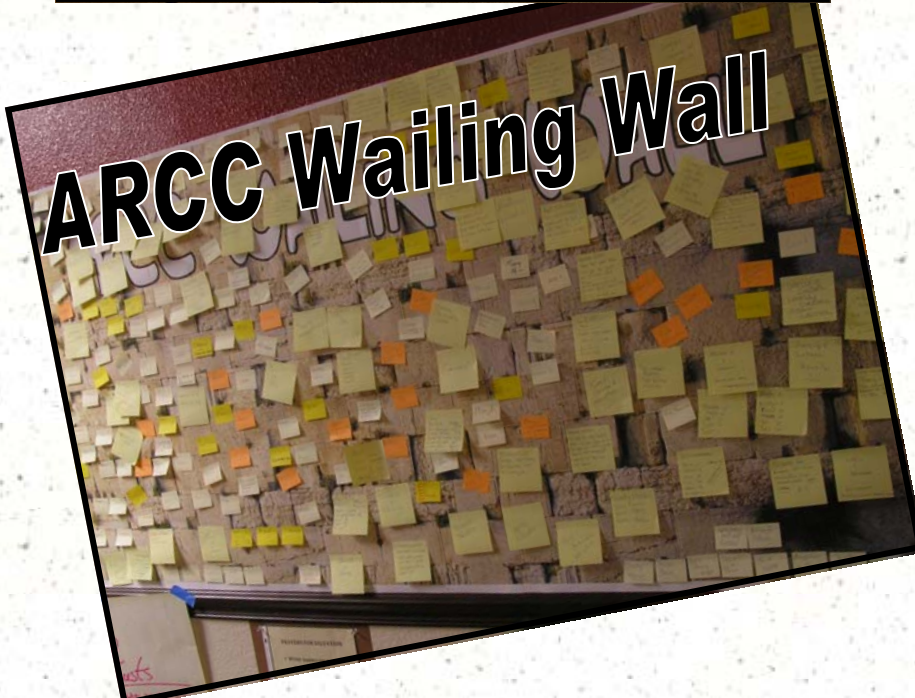
Cleansing Your Soul



**Pray for your:
Neighborhood**



ARCC Wailing Wall



Refreshments



Art Center



Soaking in Prayer



American River Community Church



and
**Wonder-Land
School**

Present the 6th Annual

Fall Harvest Festival &

Trunk

or Treat!

Friday Oct. 28th • 6-8:30 PM
ARCC Parking Lot and Gym

Save

the Date!

American River Community Church
3300 Walnut Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608
916-483-3465
www.arcconline.org

Return service requested

Women of all ages, you NEED a time to sit and talk with friends over a cup of coffee!

Coffee Talk

Karen Bolte will share her Faith Story!

Saturday Oct. 8th
10 - 11 AM.

*Childcare by Pre-Arrangement Only.
Please RSVP if needed.*



For more information, Call 483-3465 or e-mail: Cindy.Reimer@arcconline.org
American River Community Church

MISSION SUNDAY OCT. 9TH

FEATURING **GUEST SPEAKERS**
FROM SEVERAL MINISTRIES

Both Services

Sponsored by your
ARCC Mission Team.



Potluck

Sunday Oct. 9th

Lg. Fellowship Hall

**Immediately
Following
2nd Service**

Please Bring enough to Share
with 10 People



All Church Work Day

Saturday

Oct. 15th
8AM to Noon

Contact the Church Office Today to Sign Up!



Men's Ministries

Sunday
Oct. 23rd

4:30PM

Contact Dennis Riley
for Details

