

MAY 2024
**BELL ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH
JOURNAL**

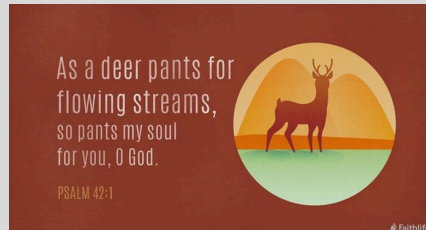
**NEED PRAYER? TEXT
OR CALL
530-460-4916**

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Wednesday's 5:30-7:30 PM Dinner/Bible Study
- 5-11 Women's Breathe Newcastle. Contact Diana Knapp or DeLynn Rosenau for info.
- -5-25 Union Gospel Mission- Dinner at the Rosenau home at 5:30 pm. Leave/carpool at 6:30 pm Service at UGM from 7:30-8:30 pm

LONGING FOR GOD

BY DAVE TUCKER



**MY SOUL PANTS FOR THE LIVING GOD? WHAT DOES THIS EVEN MEAN? AM I A FOLLOWER OF JESUS WHO LONGS TO BE IN GOD'S PRESENCE? OR DO I JUST FOLLOW HIM WHEN MY WORLD IS GOOD?
HOW CAN I LONG OR PANT FOR GOD WHEN I AM SO BUSY?**

THESE ARE PROFOUND QUESTIONS, ONES THAT I FIND MYSELF PONDERING OFTEN. IN MY MANY YEARS AS A FULL-TIME PASTOR, I'VE ENCOUNTERED A SPECTRUM OF BELIEVERS. SOME I'VE WITNESSED, TRULY THIRST FOR GOD, THEIR SOULS PANTING FOR HIS PRESENCE. YET, I'VE ALSO SEEN MANY WHO MERELY EXIST CONTENT IN THEIR CHRISTIANITY AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T DEMAND TOO MUCH OF THEM.

HAVE YOU EVER PANTED FOR WATER? I REMEMBER PLAYING SOCCER IN REDDING WHILE I WAS ATTENDING SIMPSON COLLEGE. IT WAS 100 DEGREES OUTSIDE, AND I WAS PANTING/LONGING FOR WATER. AT THE POINT OF A TIMEOUT, I WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO GET SOME WATER ON MY TONGUE. I WAS DESPERATE.

I CAN ALSO REMEMBER MANY TIMES WHEN I FELT SO DESPERATE FOR GOD THAT I WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE. WHAT BRINGS ME HERE? FRUSTRATION IN MY SINS, LONELINESS FOR GENUINE CONNECTION, A DIFFICULT SITUATION IN MY LIFE? ACTUALLY, I HAVE BEEN SO BUSY WITH LIFE, GOOD AND BAD, THAT I REALIZED I NEEDED HIM TO SUSTAIN ME. I WAS DOING OK BUT I WANTED MORE. I COULDN'T WAIT TO WORSHIP HIM THROUGH HIS WORD, PRAYER, AND MUSIC. I WAS PANTING FOR MY GOD. I COULDN'T WAIT TO SPEND TIME WITH HIM. I COULDN'T WAIT TO JOIN WITH MY CHURCH AND MEET WITH HIM.

THERE ARE A LOT OF SONGS WRITTEN ABOUT LONGING FOR GOD, BUT ONE THAT STANDS OUT TO ME IS A SONG BY CODY CARNES. "I'M CAUGHT UP IN YOUR PRESENCE. I JUST WANT TO SIT HERE AT YOUR FEET. I'M CAUGHT UP IN THIS HOLY MOMENT. I NEVER WANNA LEAVE." IN THE CHORUS, HE SINGS, "I JUST WANT YOU, NOTHING ELSE, NOTHING ELSE, NOTHING ELSE WILL DO I JUST WANT YOU NOTHING ELSE, NOTHING ELSE NOTHING ELSE WILL DO."

CAN WE SAY THAT? NOTHING ELSE WILL DO; I JUST WANT YOU, GOD! I HOPE SO.

**ANOTHER GREAT SONG WAS SUNG BY A BAND A LONG TIME AGO CALLED PETRA CALLED "TAKE ME IN".
"TAKE ME PAST THE OUTER COURTS INTO THE HOLY PLACE PAST THE BRAZEN ALTAR LORD, I WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE.
TAKE ME IN TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES TAKE ME IN BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB TAKE ME IN TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES"**

THIS SONG IS MY PRAYER EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE WE ENTER OUR CHURCH BUILDING. I PRAY AND PLEAD WITH GOD THAT WE AS A BODY MAY SEE HIM IN HIS HOLINESS. WHAT AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD AND WORSHIP HIM. MAY WE NEVER TIRE OF THIS. MAY WE BE LIKE CODY WHEN HE SINGS, "I NEVER WANNA LEAVE"

LORD, HELP US LONG FOR YOU IN THIS DRY AND WEARY LAND WHERE SIN ABOUNDS. HELP US NOT BE SATISFIED WITH JUST ENOUGH OF YOU TO BE SAVED. HELP US WANT ALL OF YOU. HELP US PANT AND THIRST FOR YOU EVERY DAY. MAY OUR HOMES, CARS, WORKPLACES, STORES, COFFEE SHOPS, WALKS, AND BUILDINGS BECOME SACRED HOLY PLACES TO WORSHIP YOU! HELP US HUNGER AND THIRST FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!



Walk for THEM BOTH
Saturday, May 18, 2024
LivingWell Medical Clinic

Check-In: 9:30 AM • Walk: 10:00 AM • BBQ: 11:30 AM
Condon Park • 660 Minnie St. • Grass Valley



O God, you are my God;
earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1

wanted
KIDS CAMP 2024
 "YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME I CHOSE YOU." JOHN 15:16

Grades 4-6: July 8-10
 Grades 1-3: July 11-13

Early Bird Registration
 4/1 - 5/20

Early Bird Camper Price: \$210
 Early Bird Counselor price: \$110

Camper Price \$235
 Counselor Price \$135

Register at campalta.org/kidscamp/

KID'S CAMP 2024
REGISTER HERE



NEW WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

***PRAYER GATHERING ON MONDAYS AT 6 PM AT THE CHURCH-SEE ALISHA ROMERO**

***BIBLE AND PLAY IN THE PARK**

**PLACE: MEADOW VISTA PARK TIME: 9AM-12PM
 WHO: LADIES AND CHILDREN**

WHAT: WE WILL STUDY THE BIBLE TOGETHER WHILE THE KIDS PLAY IN THE SANDBOX/PLAYGROUND

IF YOU HAVE A CHAIR OR BLANKET PLEASE BRING IT OTHERWISE I WILL BRING EXTRAS. CONTACT ALISHA ROMERO- (530)407-0947 FOR MORE QUESTIONS

MEN'S SERMON APPLICATION

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING, THE MEN GATHER AT OUR CHURCH IN THE CAFE FOR AN EARLY MORNING DISCUSSION/APPLICATION OF THE SERMON FROM THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY. 6-7 AM JOIN US FOR SOME COFFEE AND A GREAT DISCUSSION! THIS WILL BE LED BY OUR PASTORS AND WILL INCLUDE A TIME OF PRAYER FOR EACH OTHER. COME READY TO APPLY WHAT WE ARE BEING TAUGHT EACH SUNDAY TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

MUSICAL EXPEDITION THROUGH TIME

JUNE 17TH - JUNE 20TH

9:30 AM - 12:30PM WITH A CELEBRATORY PERFORMANCE ON JUNE 23RD

EXPLORE PAST COMPOSERS AND THEIR MUSIC BY SINGING, DANCING, AND HEARING THEIR STORIES! FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED

**1ST - 6TH GRADE
 LUNCH PROVIDED**



YOUTH CAMP-PETRA SPRINGS JUNE 27-30

ALL KIDS 6TH-12TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO

JOIN US. WE WILL JOIN WITH WOODLAND CHURCH -LIVING HOPE WE WILL BE SPENDING LOTS OF OUR TIME EXPLORING GOD'S BEAUTY IN NATURE THROUGH HIKING, SWIMMING, GAMES, ETC. WE WILL ALSO BE FOCUSING ON GOD'S WORD, DIVING INTO BIBLE STUDIES, HAVING CONVERSATIONS, AND WORSHIPPING TOGETHER.

WWW.PETRASPRINGSCHRISTIANCAMP.ORG

SEE PASTOR DAVE FOR MORE DETAILS



**WOMEN AT BELL ROAD
 BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WE ARE STARTING A WOMEN'S DIG- IN LIFE APPLICATION GROUP THAT WILL MEET MOST TUESDAYS IN OUR CAFE, THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
 6:30-8:00PM.**

JOIN US EVERY WEEK OR WHEN YOU CAN FOR DESSERT AND DISCUSSION ON HOW TO APPLY SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE AND SERMON TO YOUR LIFE!

APRIL 30TH

MAY 7,14,21

JUNE 4,11

JULY 16,23,30

PAM SOUZA- GROUP LEADER