



Mitchell Community Church

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Sharing the Love of Christ



Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:20 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts in Gym
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service & Children's Ministry

Mission Statement

Developing Passionate Followers of Jesus Christ

We at Mitchell Community Church are dedicated to providing a Biblical ministry to the people of this community. Our goal is to provide love and support for each member of this body of believers and to share the love of Christ with all members of our community. We are convinced that the Bible is God's word to man. We believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

In this newsletter you will find information about meetings and activities for the current month and beyond. We hope you will feel welcome to participate wherever and whenever you can. If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact one of our Pastors or Deacons.

May God richly bless you as you fellowship with us.



SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:30 a.m. for all ages

Adults

Leader – Location

Ed Strickler – Classroom thru Library

Gary Heppner – Portable Classroom

Jr. High – Rick Frazier

High School – Brian LaFollette

Senior Pastor – David Sotelo

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Church Officers 2018 – 2019

Chairman	Gary Heppner	
Vice Chairman	Rick Frazier	
Treasurer	Brian LaFollette	
Secretary	Cathy Black	
Elders	Gary Heppner	Steve LaFollette
	Rick Frazier	Don McFarlane
Deaconess	Cindy Kooistra	
	Jan Heppner	Jill McFarlane
	Cindy Chimente	Wanda Stone
Trustees	Floyd Killian	Vern Larson
	Bob Tucker	Randy LaFollette
	Tom Veneman	Roger Parks
	Cliff Sanders	Paul Maze
Sunday School Superintendent		Kathy LaFollette
Asst. Sunday School Supt.		Sarah Maze

Children

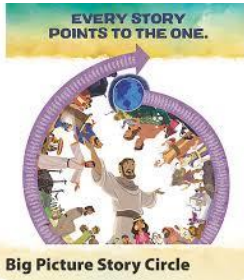
Sunday School classroom wing/south side

3 – 5 yr. olds Kathy LaFollette

K – 2nd Grade Cathy Black

3rd – 5th Grade Roger & Diane Parks

Nursery - available in church building



Children’s Church: In March we will conclude our study of Genesis and move into the life of Joseph and the book of Exodus. It’s so exciting to have up to 15 children attending some weeks. Therefore, we are looking for a few volunteers for the following areas: assist the main teacher, substitute, or volunteer to teach once a month.

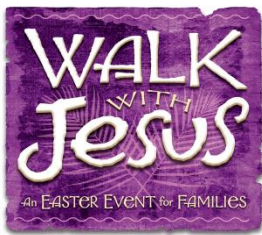
March 3rd: Unit 2, Session 4: God’s Promise to Isaac

March 10th: Unit 3, Session 1: Jacob and Esau

March 17th: Unit 3, Session 2: Jacob and Rachel

March 24th: Unit 3, Session 3: Jacob’s New Name

March 31st: Unit 4, Session 1: God Redeems Betrayal



Walk with Jesus: Save the Date! On April 13th we will host a children’s Easter event called “Walk with Jesus.” During this event families will move through different stations that portray Jesus’ last week of life. These stations include: Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Gethsemane, Good Friday, and Easter Resurrection. We will need many volunteers to make this a meaningful event to prepare our hearts for Easter.



Vacation Bible School: This year our theme is “In the Wild: Zoom In, Focus on Jesus.” We will be studying the life of Jesus each evening during the week of June 24th-28th. Our theme verse will be John 20:31 *“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”* You won’t want to miss it! More details will be coming soon.



Chatom Bible Club (Release Time): Our meeting dates will be March 12th and 26th. God continues to stir these students’ hearts and minds. In February deep questions continued to be asked. One student said, “My mom wants to know why God lets bad things happen.” Another said, “I’ve been good for one whole month straight and that’s too much!” We talked about how we can’t “be good” without Jesus and how we all need him to save us from our sin.

Chatom Tutoring Ministry: Our eight students continue to meet each week for support with their homework and reading skills. If you’d be interested in helping while Tom and Kate are in Haiti, please let me know!



Hope Box Gathering: On Sunday, April 28th at 5 pm, we will gather to fill Hope Boxes. These boxes will be distributed to hospitals and then given to families who lose their babies.



Singspiration!

Sunday evening
March 3rd at 6 pm

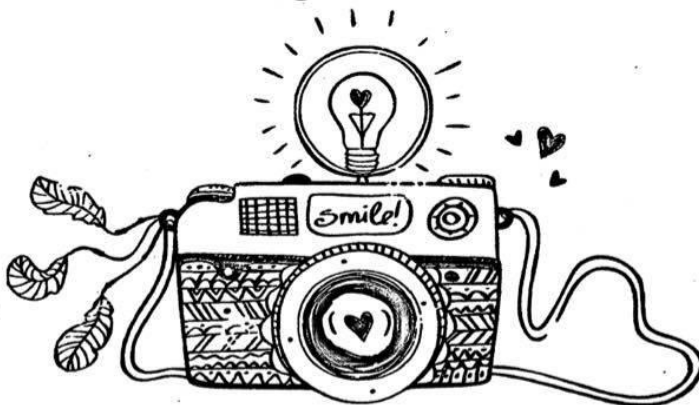
A time when we worship the Lord
with music & song. Requests taken.
A really enjoyable time!



**Hume Lake fundraiser! Mark your
calendars now! Plan to stay after
church for a "delicioso" taco lunch!
April 7th!**

Board Meeting - Tues, March 5 @ 7 p.m.

Capture my Heart Living in Focus



*Womens Retreat 2019
March 22nd-24th*

*The Lodge Christian Retreat Center
24680 CA-108,
Mi-Wuk Village, CA 95346
Cost: \$100
Speaker: Margaret Cromie*

*Psalm 73:26 -
My flesh and my heart fail but God is the
Strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Men's & Ladies' Bible Studies
See calendar for dates & times

Lots & lots of plastic Easter egg donations needed
for children's hunt! Please leave in church foyer.

Ladies! Sign up as soon as possible if
you haven't already. Contact Jill
McFarlane if any questions.
(209) 345-9028

Volleyball – Church League March Schedule

Contact Rick Frazier at 277-4303 if you have

Mon, 3/4 @ 7:30 pm
Mon, 3/11 @ 7:30 pm
Mon, 3/18 @ 6:30 pm
Mon, 3/25 @ 6:30 pm

Article provided by Pastor Dave:

TOO WONDERFUL FOR WORDS
Ro. 5:1-11 The Joy of Being the People Showered by His Grace

Justified by faith. Paul redemptive outline in Romans has taken a dramatic turn. In athletic parlance, it's the sports commentator straightening up in his chair enthusiastically concluding, *we have ourselves a whole new ballgame!* In memorable cinematic terms, it's Dorothy, now in an environment of every hue of color tentatively assessing, *Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.*

Beginning with chapter 5 and the next three chapters, Paul will lay out the features of *this grace in which we stand (5:2).* The tone warms from judicial to relationship; from logic to emotional, from propositional to personal. Of course, personal, according to reputed Romans commentator C.E.B. Cranfield, *There is between a human judge and a accused person no really deep personal relationship at all, but the relationship between God and sinner is altogether personal, both because God is the God He is and also because it is against God Himself that the sinner has sinned. So God's justification of sinners of necessity involves also their reconciliation, the removal of enmity, the establishment of peace.* How personal? That can be appreciated by the descriptions that our text uses to highlight what our relationship with God has evolved into.

Sin, Which Separated Us, has been Removed Bringing Peace

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once Condemned, Now, Under Grace, We Gained Access to God

² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

No Longer Alone, Every Painful Event will have a Refining Purpose

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

God is our *Abba, Father*, Proving His Love in the Giving of His Son

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Love Shed Abroad

GRACIOUS GOD,

My heart praises You for the wonder of Your love in Jesus;
He is heaven's darling, but He became for me despised, rejected, and crucified as my sin-bearer;
In him Your grace has almost out-graced itself,
In him Your love to rebels has reached its height;
O to love You with a love like this!
My heart is stone, melt it with Your love,
My heart is locked, let Your love be the master key to open it;
O Father, I adore You for Your great love in the gift of Jesus,
O Jesus, I bless You for resigning Your life for me,
O Holy Spirit, I thank You for revealing to me this mystery;
