



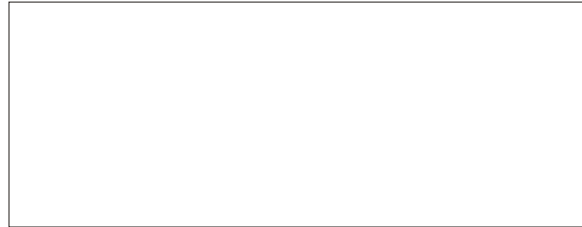
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NEWARK
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CHURCH FAMILY

Our Purpose

...to assemble together to glorify God in worship; to be devoted to prayer and to God's word; to challenge and edify believers in Jesus Christ; to become disciples and evangelize our community and the world through our words and actions.

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MIRACULOUS

I really enjoy listening to advocates of evolution paint themselves into a biblical corner!

I was recently listening to Dr. Dean Edell on the radio waxing eloquently about the beauty in nature. He spoke about the beauty of the cosmos and even of the beauty of tissue under the microscope. He complained by saying something to the effect that young people aren't interested in science these days because it is not taught as beauty in schools.

He then went on to say that beauty is where religion and science cross – adding, as I remember, “I am going to use a word that some of you may object to: it is miraculous!”

He then complimented nature for what a beautiful job she had done through the evolutionary process.

I am always amazed when people are willing to personify nature – Mother Nature – in order to put a personal touch to the random process of evolution; but they so strongly object to God being involved in Creation.

They seem to know that somehow there is more than just a random process, but they can't acknowledge God. This is what the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to write about in his letter to the Romans.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (Romans 1:18-23 ESV)

When we “worship” Mother Nature we are worshiping the creature rather than the Creator. Dr. Dean Edell is biblically correct when he praises the awesome beauty of creation – I personally love looking at it and, when possible, photographing it!

But he doesn't go far enough. Religion and science don't just happen to cross as separate entities brought together by the beauty of nature. “Religion” (in its broad sense) tells us about God – the God of science and the beauty of His creation – which includes nature!

As the Holy Spirit inspired David to write,

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. (Psalm 19:1-4 NLT)

Yes, the beauty of nature is, indeed, miraculous – declaring the awesomeness of its Creator!

Enjoy the beauty of nature! Praise God for His Creation! And, if possible, take a lot of pictures!

Pastor Ed, 8-2010

Pastor's Corner



WORKINGS OF THE BOARD

The Board did not meet this month.

Current Financial Status: End of July 2010

Budgeted weekly need:	\$ 10,000
Average weekly giving:	8,580
Budgeted need Year-to-date:	300,000
Total Gen. Giving Year-to-date:	257,393

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for Sunday school teachers and helpers (even on rotating basis). Please contact Tom Giles at 510 324-0234 if you can help. If you can help with Pre-school through Kindergarten, you may contact Sheryl Ashford at 510 745-0638.

If you enjoy working out of doors, you may be able to help us with our church landscape maintenance. There are several ways you may be able to contribute to the well-being of the beautiful grounds we have here at NCC.

Please contact Roger Nelson at 650 329-8980 or Rnl5n6@aol.com or Greg Smolin at 510 790-2809 or gssmolin@comcast.net.

You could also look them up and talk with them after church services.

We need volunteers for the NCC Coffee Fellowship; for the making and serving of java pleasure for the months of August, September and October.

The sign up sheet is on the Coffee Counter.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance. Contact Greg or Sandy Smolin, or Donna Frantz of the Caring Committee if you have any questions.



AWANA UPDATE

Pastors, Commanders, Directors Meetings

Wed., Aug. 24, 7:00pm
 Crossroads Bible Church
 1670 Moorpark Ave., San Jose
 Thurs., Aug. 26, 7:00pm
 First Baptist Church
 18550 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley

Basic Training Orientation

This is a pre-requisite to any Club Specific Role Training Class. At the Traditional Conference, Oct. 9 at Trinity Baptist Church, Livermore.

Sat., Aug. 21, 9:00am-12:30
 Sunset Church
 3836 Lawton St., San Francisco
 Sat., Aug. 28, 9:00am-12:30
 Calvary Chapel
 1175 Hildale Ave., San Jose
 Sat., Aug. 21, 9:00am-12:30
 Church of the Valley
 19001 San Ramon Valley Blvd
 For Cubbies & T&T
 Sat., Aug 21, 1-3:30pm
 Sunset Church
 3836 Lawton St., S. F.

Awana Ministry Conference Simulcast

Sat., Sept. 11, 8:30am-3:00pm
 Registration: 7:30am-8:15am
 Valley Bible Church
 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton, CA
 On line at www.awanacentralcal.org
 \$40 regular registration fee
 \$10 discount before Aug. 27
 No charge for Pastors, Children's Pastors, Youth Pastors

Traditional Annual Conference

Oct. 9, 8:30am-4:00pm
 Reg./Check-in: 7:30am
 Trinity Baptist Church
 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore
 On line, pre-registration (before Sept. 24) \$30
 \$40 after Sept. 24
 *for more info go to www.awanacentralcal.org
 or contact Tom or Amy Giles at giles.family@sbcglobal.net or 510.324.0234



THURSDAYS - LUNCH

Come "Brown Bag It" with the NCC staff for lunch every Thursday in the board room. Noon to ? Everyone is Welcome!

2010 Back-to-School Health Faire Choose to Live & Learn August 21 10 am to 3 pm

How can you help?

We need school supplies - needed by August 14th.

Pencils and pens, notebooks, binders, markers, erasers, binder paper, crayons, scissors, pencil boxes, rulers, white glue, glue sticks, protractors, pencil sharpeners, mini staplers and staples, scotch tape, colored pencils, highlighters, drawing paper and calculators. Cash donations are also appreciated!

We need volunteers to help with: registration, face painting, backpack assembly and distribution, games, haircuts, AWANAs, crafts, food, entertainment, set up and clean up. If you have another idea for a booth, please let me know.

The program this year will be held on Birch Street just off of Thornton and in the Solid Rock parking lot.

Backpack assembly will take place on August 14th at 9 am at Solid Rock.

CHILI COOK OFF - BIG HIT!

NCC's first Annual Chili Cook-off was well attended. Everyone had fun tasting and judging the one dozen or so entries. Every pot held unique rewards to the taste buds. It was a tough job but it had to be done.

When the ballots were tallied, we had our winners: 1st place Ryan Weber

2nd place Lowell & Cecilia King

3rd place Leonard & Mika Peregoy

Every entry was a masterpiece.

Dates to Remember:

Men's BBQ & Movie August 13
 "Let's Celebrate God" August 22
 Baptism at the Beach August ??

AUGUST



Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	James Baker
2	Sabrina Ruckli
2	Ryan & Rachel Smith 1998
3	Brad & Goldia Canutt 1958
4	Teresa Kennedy
5	Phil & Karen Fraher 1967
5	Tom & Amy Giles 1979
5	Stacy Dorsey
5	Jonathan Samy
7	Roy & Gwen Hernandez 1971
8	Brayden Carvalho
12	Phil Fraher
13	Demi Kokkinis (Zurcher)
14	Chloe Hu
15	Hugo & Ginette Maldonado 1994
18	Keith & Carol Wiebe
18	Andrew Delehoy
19	Curtis Hu
19	Sandy Rowe
19	Michael & LeAnn Resh 1995
20	Gregg & Lenna Boyle 1972
20	Cecile Davila
20	Emily Wiebe
20	Pat Moore
22	Michelle Ruckli
22	Derek Hernandez
25	Ed & Donna Leal 1989
26	Daniel Goodrich
27	Ramon Davila
28	Alane Bandy
28	Norita Rich
29	Jim & Peggy Cline 1970
30	Manny & Linda Franco 1986