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Making Memories



What is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away (James 4:14). Scripture verifies the brevity of life. Even if you were to live to one hundred, still in the light of eternity, that is very brief. We are here today and gone tomorrow, so we need to make the most of every day.

Once I had an appointment with someone in another town. Not knowing exactly how to get there or how long it would take, I decided to leave early and give myself plenty of time. Arriving at my destination, I noticed that I had well over an hour before my appoint-

ment. So, I decided to walk around a local department store instead of just sitting in the car. While browsing the store an older sales lady asked if she could help me. I looked up and said "no thanks, I'm just trying to kill some time." To which I heard her reply, "must be a nice luxury to have." Point well taken!

Bill Cosby said that life is really about making memories. While I believe that life is far more than that, I do hear what he is saying. Imagine life with no memories at all. No special moments, no past achievements, or events to reflect upon. No memory of the people, who

through the course of life, have helped to shape you into the person you are today. Life without memories is not living at all. It's the memories with the people we love, both good memories and bad memories, that we hold to and keeps us living to make more.

Time does keep moving. Before long its all used up. So make the most of every moment. Make good memories because the time will come when of some things and some people, all you'll have is memories.

Pastor Ricky

With Age Comes Wisdom

One of the precious Payoffs to being a daughter is that as we get older our mothers seem to get better and better. The lessons they sometimes had to drive home to us with bricks suddenly make

perfect sense. The advice that once seemed colossally and hopelessly outdated becomes recognizable as the wisdom we refused to see. And the person who might once have been looked upon as life's chief roadblock-

the adversary we were put on this earth to overcomes revealed as none other than the friend and ally that, in truth, she always was.

-Bette-Jane Raphael, *Family Circle*



VBS 2009

The Boomerang Express is coming to RVBC, August 2 -August 7. Sheila Gantt and I are in the process of rounding up our "outback guides".

Our first Outback training session will be Sunday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m. in

the fellowship hall. Supper will be provided. Please be in prayer now for the children and the workers, that God will prepare each heart for what HE has in store.

G'day mates!
Tiffany Peeler



Youth going to X-Fudg Camp

We would like to thank the church family for all their support for our pancake breakfast. We have 21 students going to Ridgecrest for X-Fudg Camp. Please pray for them as they experience God and grow closer to each other.

We have two more fundraisers before camp. The

first one is an insert for Mother's and the second one is a carwash.

We have been busy learning about God and doing missions. We went to Amy's house on April 15th.

We are in need of mentors for every one of our

Youth. Begin to seek God about the Youth that needs your encouragement. More information will be coming.

Sincerely,
Your Youth

Prayer & Meditation Garden

Praise the Lord for His paying a debt we could not pay so we could be Born Again,

We have just celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus and His returning to His Father.

We thank Him for praying for you and me in the Garden, As He prayed He said Father I pray not for these

alone, but for anyone that will believe on ME through their Word (which is the Bible). Praise His Holy Name!.

We thank each of you who have been an encouragement in this project. Blessings to our Church Family,

Vickie Wise and
Peggy Coffey

A gift for the Prayer and Meditation Garden Gate has been received in memory of:

Kate Cooke
By Susan Parker





AWANA

It's hard to believe that another year of AWANA is about to finish up. Our last night will be Wednesday, May 27.

Our closing ceremony will be Wednesday,

June 3, in the sanctuary. On that night we will celebrate the children's accomplishments.

We want the whole church family to come and celebrate with us.

Please check the bulletin for more information.

Marty Peeler

National Day of Prayer

It's wonderful to have the freedom to go to the court house steps and have a day of prayer for our nation on May 7.

The Prayer for our nation is around 11:00Am or the noon hour. Please check the local paper or news for details.

The Whale

A female humpback whale had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, and a line tugging in her mouth. A fisherman spotted her on the east side of the Faralon islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed for help.

Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was

so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her – a very dangerous proposition. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer.



They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her. When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one

at a time, nudged them, and pushed gently thanking them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives. The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.

May you, and all those you love, be so fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you.

Revival Services
May 17-20
Please invite
your friends and
acquaintances to
come.

April Recap

April has been a swift but very exciting month. It kicked off with “Friend Day” and we practically packed the church. Many of you responded well to the challenge of being more active in the lives of others. Hopefully we all saw what could be if we would just be faithful to invite others to come to church. Surely if there is an area that should concern us all it is the area of personal evangelism. I am hoping that inviting others will become a habit that we all just do.

Also in April our Baptist men had a cookout at my house that turned out to be a great evening. We had over 27 men to join us. It was a little nippy that night, (if you don't

believe me just ask Bill Stamey), but the fellowship was warm and very encouraging. We hope to do more of these events and would love to see all our men come and participate.

On Friday April 17th we remembered our Lord's death with a community remembrance service. Many of you attended and I believe were truly blessed –as we remembered our Lord's passion and sacrifice on our behalf. Then of course on Sunday we celebrated our Savior's resurrection. It was a tremendous service. Let me also thank Tonya Johnson, and all those who helped for making Easter a special time for all our children. They made it a fun time

but made certain that everyone understood what Easter is about.

As I conclude these thoughts let me remind everyone of our upcoming Spring revival. The dates are May 17-20 and Dr. Benny Vickrey will be our guest speaker. As we gear up for this week, we are having home prayer meetings which are already in progress. Check them out and join us if you can.

Pastor Ricky

Happy Hearts

Bring your fishing pole and meet at church on May 12 at 11:00 AM.

We are going to Terry and Amie Pfeifer's for fishing and picnic lunch.



We are sure to have a great time of laughter, fishing and food.

We may have fun telling about who caught the biggest fish!