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COMING JUNE 3 - *FRIDAY FAMILY FUN*

By Pastor Randy Brannon

This school year is winding down so quickly and our last *All For The Family* session will be on Wednesday, May 11. *All For The Family* is tied in with the AWANA calendar and thus the ending date is set. Youth ministries will continue throughout the summer, and we will all come back together in late August.

It is our desire that we grow in our ministry fellowship and care for each other at all times. One of our core values is: To Be a Loving and Caring Family. So often summer presents a big gap in our weekly contact with the church body other than on Sundays. Many years ago we had a ministry called *Friday Family Fun* that we ran throughout the summer. It was centered around having good fellowship in a picnic environment for the whole church body on Friday nights.

We are reinstating *Friday Family Fun* at Grace Community Church beginning June 3. Here is what you can expect to experience:

- >A relaxing picnic atmosphere where people can come and enjoy a good time together for the whole family. This is for the individual as well. Invite friends and family.
- >The BBQ will be fired up and you can bring whatever you so desire to cook on a particular evening. Each family or individual is expected to bring their own food (which of course they can share with others) as if they were going on a picnic. People are also asked to bring their own paper plates and utensils. The BBQ will be ready for cooking @ 6 p.m. The church will provide lemonade and water along with drinking cups. (You may bring other beverages such as soda pop.) By the way, if anybody has access to grape wood, please let us know!
- >A variety of games/activities will be set up for the evenings. In some instances, we will have a theme night where there is more emphasis on particular activities. The following games and activities will/may be a part of these evenings:
 1. Volleyball
 2. Disc or Frisbee golf.
 3. Bocce Ball
 4. Mush Ball
 5. Bicycle riding
 6. Playground for young children
 7. Board games (whatever people bring that others like to play)
 8. A possible obstacle course
 9. Other things you might like to do that will involve others
- >John Henson and Tony Tavares, along with me, are giving leadership to *Friday Family Fun*. If you would like to assist in setting up & overseeing the BBQ, getting games ready for the night, preparing the beverages, or any other aspect of this ministry, please contact John, Tony or me, and we will get you enlisted for a very rewarding summer ministry.
- >Our intent is to provide a safe and enjoyable place for people each Friday night without over programming. We have seen this work in the past and there is no reason why it will not work today as people have the same needs of relaxation and building friendships. Children will look forward to these nights, especially as the summer drags on, and parents will be thankful that there is something to do, especially at the end of the week.

I am ready for an enjoyable summer & refreshing Friday nights with the family of God at Grace.

Until the Whole World Hears

2011 Short Term Mission Trips

The East Asia mission team will be serving June 5-18th. They will meet Wilson and Tanya and join in the ministry their family has been doing. Wilson's position as Administrator at an English school will provide us opportunities to build relationships with students. In the evenings the team will encourage the believers as well as build relationships with those who are "seeking" and share Christ with them. Because of the group the Lord put together much of the ministry will be done through music and drama. The team includes: Austin and Leslie Rogers, Cris Andaverde and Pastor Mark Lacaze.

The Czech Republic team will be working with Jim Liljegren in his ministry to the Slavic immigrants in and around Prague. The team from Grace Community Church will join two other American churches and Slavic Christians from Prague. Together they will build relationships with unchurched Russian speaking people in the Czech Republic leading them to Christ. Each morning they will be involved in teaching English. The afternoons will be used for recreation, seminars, music, etc. The team includes: Caleb Magnuson, John Henson and Brian Loftis. They will be serving July 6-19th.

The largest group (18 people including children and youth) being sent from our congregation this year will be sent in New Mexico. As in previous years our team will do light construction on their church buildings, put on a small VBS ministry for the children and teach the adults. In addition to this the leaders within House of Prayer have expressed the need for knowledge and training in the teaching of God's Word. Two of the pastors at Grace Community Church and one elder will be leading this team as we teach the people how to teach the Bible. The New Mexico mission team will be serving July 15-23rd. The team includes: the Tavares Family, the Molina Family, Pastor Greg Perkins, Kyle Olgun, Donald Hamblin, Karen Reimer, David Garcia and Pastor Mark Lacaze.

Please be in PRAYER for our mission teams as they prepare to go out. If you would like to financially support the teams and/or individuals going please contact Mark Lacaze at the church office at 674-1172 or mark.lacaze@gmail.com

Let's continue to work together to Pray, Give, Go and Send Until the Whole World Hears!

GOT HOPE?

Nearly 40 churches participated in this Outreach Campaign and over 100 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Pray for continued fruit from the laborers. The ministry (Prayer House and Door to Door Ministry) will continue with an adjusted schedule. Continue to GIVE HOPE to Madera! If you are interested in more business cards to give out see Mark Lacaze.

This Month's Missionary Highlight...

Bob and Sharon Hilts have followed the Lord's lead to travel overseas for ministry. Bob and Sharon lead Christian camps throughout Eastern Europe and Russia, equipping and encouraging church leaders. They teach Marriage seminars, Leadership seminars, etc. Their ministry continues to multiply as young men and women they led to faith years ago are continuing the ministry the Hilts initiated. Pray for the Hilts and their ministry overseas.



SUMMER CAMP 2011

THEME

Throughout history, unity has been the key to reaching goals that seemed too difficult to achieve. Nations have come together to defeat a common enemy; our body parts work together so that we can operate as we were designed.

1 Corinthians 12:12 states: "The body is a unit, and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." (NIV) The human body is one unit, incredibly complex yet functioning as one. If you take any part away from it, that part will not be able to sustain life. The Apostle Paul tells the church of Corinth about the importance of being one body. Like that church, we live in a society where cultural diversity is so great it is easy to be influenced by the negative trends put in our path. Paul reminds us that we are **ONE** body, one Church.

Two years ago, we learned what it meant to be **BRANDED** by Christ and set apart from this world. Last year we were **TRANSFORMED** through the renewing of our mind. Part of this transformation is becoming one in our reflection of Christ as the church. This year we are changing the focus from "I" to "We." It's time that we transform our relationships with each other, and share with the world, as one body, the love of Christ. It's time for us to Unite! We are **ONE** Body.



AWANA

What's Happening in May

May 4, 2011

Crazy Hat Night. Show up in your craziest hat ever!!

May 11, 2011

Bring your family and friends tonight to watch as you receive recognition and awards for your hard work this year.

WOW!!! Unbelievable how time flies when you are having fun.
Have a great summer and remember to keep in God's Word!!

10th Annual Madera County Men of Integrity Retreat

May 13—May 15

Camp Sugar Pine—Fish Camp

Guest Speaker: Pastor Eug

\$130 per person / \$100 youth

New Comers Class

The next New Comers Class will begin Sunday, May 15th in Room 301 at 9:00am.
If you are interested in membership or just want to learn more about our church,
this is the class for you! This is a four-week class.

Help Needed for Concert

John Henson is need of helpers for the food booths at the Jeremy Camp Concert
Saturday May 21. If you can lend a hand, please contact John.

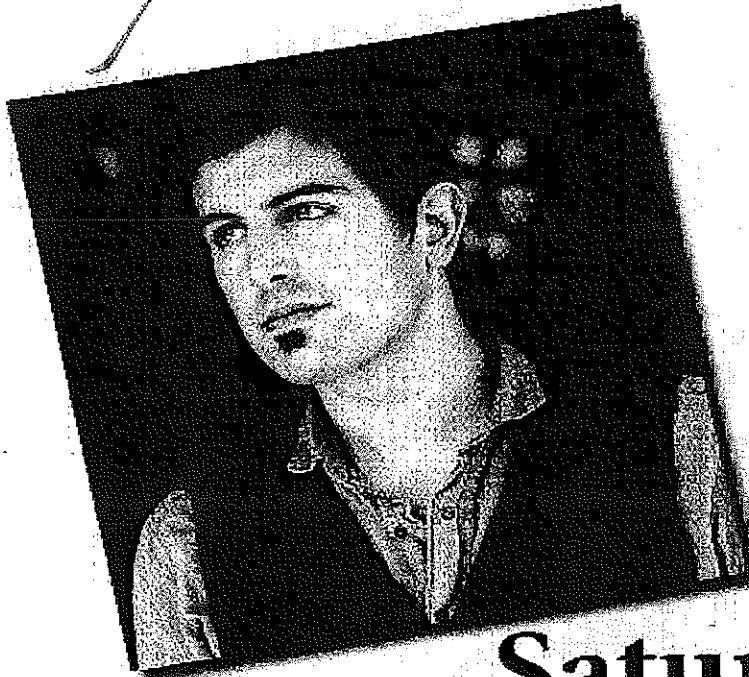
Vacation Bible School

VBS is coming July 11th—15th and Wendy Henson is in need of helpers.
It takes many hands to put on VBS and if you would like to assist (it's great fun!!)
please give Wendy a call at 673-6572.

Be part of "Son Surf Beach Bash" and help a child learn of the love of Christ.

101.5 KAMB
Celebration Radio
presents

*Jeremy Camp &
Francesca Battistelli*



Saturday
May 21 at 6 P.M.
GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
MADERA

Opening Artist
Richard Andrew



Ticket Prices:

\$15 in advance • \$18 at the door

\$10 for groups of 10 or more

Kids 5 under FREE

Tickets available at:

Berean Christian Stores – Fresno

Hope Christian Stores – Merced

Family Bible Center – Turlock

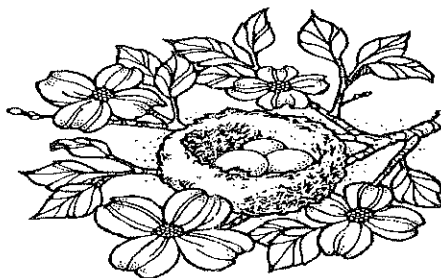
Beardsley's Book & Bible – Modesto

at KAMB Studios and online





at Celebrationradio.com

Friendraiser Celebration Concert

Proceeds benefit KAMB Celebration Radio



MAY 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am	2	3	4 Men's Study, Chubby's 6:30 a.m. Pursuit / AWANA 6:30 p.m. Ladies Precept Study 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	5 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 	6	7
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15 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am	16	17	18 Men's Study, Chubby's 6:30 a.m. Pursuit 6:30 pm	19 *Hispanic Ministry 7:00 pm College Group 7:00 pm	20	21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Jeremy Camp & Francesca Battistelli Concert 6:00 pm </div>
22 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am	23	24	25 Men's Study, Chubby's 6:30 a.m.	26 *Hispanic Ministry 7:00 pm	27	28 Adult Family Fellowship Night 5:30 at the Tavares'
29 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am	30 	31		*		