

FBC NEWSLETTER

Making God's kingdom relevant to our community

Summer 2011



Communication by Pastor Joe

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I've recently been learning a new way of communicating, at least new to me. My grandkids are teaching it to me (texting language, txt lingo, SMSish, or txt talk). It's the way they converse to each other, and ultimately to me, if I want to stay involved in their every day lives. I frequently find myself in Wikipedia, learning how to respond to a text message I just received. But my older grandkids type it with the speed of a legal secretary.

Those cryptic phrases above are an excerpt from some text conversations that I read. **The translation into English is "you've got to be kidding. Think positive. Talk to you later. Call me back. Bye, Bye for now, Hi five."**

Text messaging is becoming popular today, with all ages and personalities, because people are busy, which demands creative new ways to communicate.

Abbreviation is essential with texting because only 160 characters can be in a single text. So messages contain symbols (<3 which stands for "heart"), phonic jumbles (4eva means "forever"), and acronyms (AFAIK which stands for "as far as I know").

Now I am sure that some of you are wondering why I'm telling you all of this. It occurs to me that text messaging is an ideal way to encourage people. A simple phrase like "I believe in you" (IBIU) can make a great difference in the life of someone. So many people are living lonely, discouraged lives with little hope, and might respond to an

unexpected, uplifting message. As Christians we are called to build each other up and to bear one another's burdens.

Texting is an easy, non-threatening way to approach someone with a word of hope. You can text something simple like P4U (which means "praying for you"). Think about the joy and encouragement that such a simple act can spark in someone's life, perhaps you will feel more encouraged to call someone or invite them for coffee and get involved in the important calling of edifying friends and family in their daily journeys.

It does not take a lot to become a positive force in the lives of those around you. You just need to take the first step.

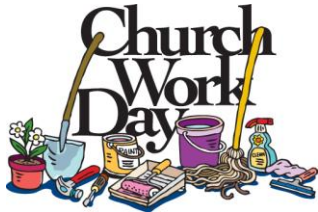
If you are like me, you would prefer face to face conversation with almost anyone than sending a text message, but what if you took the initiative to learn a little bit about texting, then send a message to someone, inviting them to that opportunity for real one on one interaction.

I believe that God prepares the way for us to share the gospel with the world. Centuries ago He enabled the Word to reach the known world over Roman roads with the Greek language. Both were new to the people of that day, and other means of communication are new for our day. Besides, can you think of an easier way to cross the language barrier to the teenagers of today?

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ" Col 2:2

**HOOD PROJECT
NOW UNDER WAY.
WE PLAN TO HAVE
THE KITCHEN HOOD
AND FAN INSTALLED
THIS SUMMER**

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WEB Check it out!

There are lots of things to be done around the church this summer.

Painting, yard work, cleaning, organizing, and much more.

Please plan to help us.

We will be working most days and we will have a special Church Work Day on Saturday, July 23.

Pastor Joe has a list of things that need to be done. Call the church any day you are available.

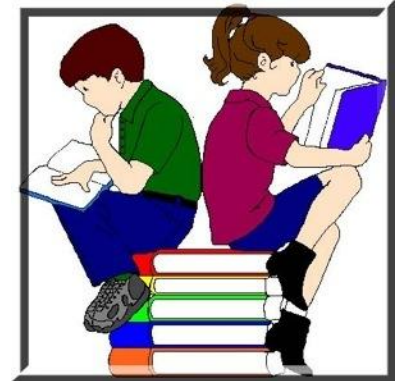
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Needle Art
Like to sew and fellowship?
Join the group!
2nd & 4th Friday
10 am

Carpinteria Christian School Excels

Our CCS students have completed the Stanford Achievement Tests.

The Stanford 10 is a nationally normed test which gives us information on how our students compare to other students across the country. The average score of our elementary students was one and a half grades above their current level.



The Junior High students had all but two above their grade level, and all had improved dynamically this year.

All students were promoted at the graduation ceremony, and each received at least one award for excellence in some area.

This has been a great year academically, socially, and spiritually for every student in CCS.

We are especially thankful to the Lord for providing such excellent teachers and Board Members.

Enrollment is now under way for the next school year.

Help us have another great school year - tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our school!

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

God has been blessing our church in a special new way recently. We have been wanting to reach out to the non-English speaking people in our community, but have had very little success over the years. However, the Lord has brought two new exciting ministries into existence; International Bible Study (Russian and English), and Friday Night Worship (Spanish). Both of these ministries provide English interpretation and any FBC member is encouraged to participate.

You may also have noticed that our Sunday morning worship service now includes interpretation into Russian, and we are installing Spanish interpretation equipment.

The International Study meets on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The Friday Night worship meets on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

“so that all nations might believe and obey him”

Rom 16:26



HEART LINKS

All ladies are invited to join this fun support fellowship.

A great opportunity to make friends and encourage each other.

This has become an important event to a growing number of women.

Set aside the 1st Friday evening each month, you'll be glad you did!

Celebrate Recovery

The purpose of FBC's Celebrate Recovery ministry is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the "8 Recovery Principles." This experience allows us to "be changed." We open the door by sharing our experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our lives' problems. By working and applying these Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others. As we progress through the program we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power - Jesus Christ

We meet each Monday at 6:30 p.m.



CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

WMU[®]

(Women's Missionary Union)

offers approaches, and ministries, that enable every member of the church to learn about missions.

Areas of focus:

- Pray for missions.
- Engage in mission action
- Learn about missions.
- Support missions.
- Participate in the work of the church and the denomination

1st Thursday 1:30 p.m.

JULY—AUGUST

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Jul 1	7 pm	Heart Links
Jul 4	11am	Concert, BBQ,Celebration
Jul 6	6pm	VBS Meeting
Jul 7	11:30am	Pastors Prayer
Jul 11	8:30am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 12	8:30am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 13	8:30am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 14	8:30am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 15	8:30am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 15	7 pm	VBS Family Night
Jul 23	8 am	Church Work Day
Jul 25	6 pm	Celebrate Rec. Potluck
Jul 28	6:30pm	CR Leaders Meeting
Aug 1		CCS Registration Due
Aug 4	1:30am	Pastors Prayer
Aug 5	7 pm	Heart Links
Aug 7	11:30am	Exec. Com. Meeting
Aug 8	6:30pm	Ann Duval speak at CR
Aug 22	6 pm	Celebrate Rec. Potluck
Aug 25	6:30pm	CR Leaders Mtg
Aug 28	11:30am	School Board Mtg
Sept 1	11:30am	Pastors Prayer
Sept 2	7 pm	Heart Links
Sept 4	11:30am	Exec. Com Meeting
Sept 5		LABOR DAY
Sept 6	8 am	CCS School Starts
Sept 11	10 am	Chosen People
Sept 14	6:30pm	Teamkidz starts
Sept 18	11:30am	Quarterly Business Meeting
Sept 21	12:30pm	CCS Minimum Day
Sept 22	6:30pm	CR Leaders Meeting
Sep 23	11:30am	School Board Meeting

Regular Scheduled Activities

Sunday 9 am Sunday School
Sunday 10 am Worship Service
Sunday 6 pm International Bible Study
Monday 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday 6:30 pm Prayer Group
Friday 7 pm Spanish Worship
1st Sunday Communion
1st Thursday Pastors Prayer 11:30 am
1st Thursday WMU 1:30 pm
1st Friday Heart Links 7 pm
2nd & 4th Friday Needle Art 10 am
4th Thursday CR Leaders Mtg 6:30 pm
3rd Saturday Heart Links 10 am

Financial Update

Month	Income	Expenses
January	4,419	7,383
February	5,289	8,582
March	4,814	6,177
April	11,067	8,401
May	<u>9,234</u>	<u>8,956</u>
	34,823	39,499



CPR and First Aid Training

This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to get this valuable training through a four hour Saturday class for just twenty eight dollars. If you work with children, teens, or seniors you should consider this training. It would be a good idea for everyone. Let Pastor Joe know so the class can be scheduled soon. Thank you

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Additional teachers are needed for **Children's Church**. Please consider the possibility of serving and contact Jeanie Epley.

Young Life

Background: Young Life is a Christian outreach program for junior high and high school students. It has been in action for more than six decades. It has a mission to reach kids with the gospel; these kids may have never stepped foot in a church, or heard anything about God or Jesus before. They earn the right to be heard by getting at their level; then they share the gospel with them.

Focus: Mission Statement: Young Life is a mission community of Christ-centered people committed to reaching adolescent youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ

This is all done at a meeting called "club". Young Life club consists of songs, mixers, high-energy games, fellowship, food, and a brief message.

Additional Information: Young Life also provides wonderful weekend getaways, and summer and winter camps for kids to attend
Carpinteria: We are moving ahead to start a Young Life ministry here in our city. Several Pastors and Parents are forming a Board, and planning its kickoff.



GREETERS

Extending the hand of fellowship at the entrance to the Sanctuary prior to services is an important part of our Christian experience. If you have been blessed with the spirit of hospitality and would like to team up with other greeters, please call the church office (684-3353).

HOSPITALITY

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Jesus – the sharer of life & love



The **Hospitality Teams** are made up of three or more people. Each team provides a snack or light lunch for the fellowship time after church. Presently, the teams rotate every six weeks. If you would like to join one of the teams or start another team, please contact Betty Delk or call the church office at 684-3353.

NURSERY CARE



Needed: **Nursery Worker**

If you are willing to work one day in six months, please contact Letty Clark!

Nursery Department Head: If anyone feels called to take over this position, please contact Letty Clark or call the church office 684-3353.

TEAMKIDZ CLUB

Our exciting midweek children's program is on summer break.

It will resume in September



Dear Church,

Jeanie and I want to Thank You all for your encouragement, support, and prayers over the past months. We have both spent time in the hospital and surgery, and you have all been right there with us. We count it a privilege to be a part of this church family. Your prayers are continuous and powerful, and your concern is deep. God has blessed us mightily through you.

God bless you all,

Pastor Joe and Jeanie



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VACATION Bible School

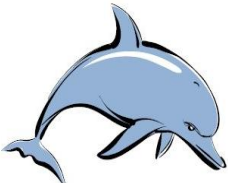

July 11-15



JULY 4TH

Patriotic Concert
Pie & Cake Contest
Chili Cook Off
Tri Tip BBQ

11 a.m.

	<p>Carpinteria Christian School Now Enrolling Age 4 Kindergarten – 8th Grade</p>	
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