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BELL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH JOURNAL



Remembering the union in Communion

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CHRISTIANS OFTEN COMMENT THAT A CHURCH IS NOT A SOCIAL CLUB. BUT THE VERY FACT THAT WE MAKE THIS QUALIFICATION SHOWS THAT THERE ARE SIMILARITIES. A CHURCH IS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNITED BY THEIR WORSHIP OF THE TRIUNE GOD- FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. BUT IS NOT ALL OF LIFE WORSHIP? “SO WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD” SAYS THE APOSTLE PAUL IN 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31.

IF EVERYTHING WE DO IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP, AND WORSHIP IS WHAT MAKES THE CHURCH, DOES THE CHURCH HAVE ANY RECOGNIZABLE CONTOURS? THE BIBLE IDENTIFIES PARTICULAR ACTS OF WORSHIP THAT MAKE THE CHURCH THE CHURCH. PROTESTANT CHRISTIANS HAVE TRADITIONALLY IDENTIFIED PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD WITH BAPTISM AND THE LORD’S SUPPER AS “MARKS” OF A TRUE CHURCH.

THE LORD’S SUPPER IS SOMETIMES CALLED COMMUNION, A WORD WHICH COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD KOINONIA. IN ANTIQUITY, THE TERM WAS USED TO DESCRIBE MARRIAGE. OUR BIBLES OFTEN RENDER KOINONIA AS “FELLOWSHIP,” A WORD WHOSE ENGLISH MEANING

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Mens Fellowship- 5-1 (6-7:30 pm)
- Women's Breathe- 5-13 (9 am-4:55 Slowdown Rd. Newcastle. Contact Diana Knapp or DeLynn Rosenau for info.
- All Church Fellowship- Every Wednesday -Dinner and Bible Study for all ages. 5:30-7:30
- 4th Saturday- 5-27. Union Gospel Mission- Dinner at the Rosenau home at 5:30 pm. Leave/carpool at 6:30 pm Service at UGM from 7:30 pm-8:30 pm Call Wolfgang Rosenau for more info (916) 704-8837
- Thursday morning, short hikes in the local area. 9 am. For more information and to join, text or call John Bevel 916-759-7537

TYPICALLY LACKS THE DEPTH OF THE GREEK ORIGINAL. UNDERSTANDING THE LORD’S SUPPER AS KOINONIA ALERTS US TO THE UNIFYING ELEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED BY GOD TO BE AT PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND EATING WITH OTHERS IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE WHERE ANGER AND HATRED ARE PRESENT. THE CORINTHIAN CHRISTIANS WERE WARNED AGAINST DIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUPPER. WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL SAYS THAT EACH BELIEVER SHOULD “EXAMINE” THEMSELVES BEFORE CONSUMING THE BREAD AND WINE (1 CORINTHIANS 11:28), HE IS AIMING AT UNITY AND PEACE IN THE CHURCH. AS CHRIST’S BODY ON EARTH, LET US ALSO SEEK TO BE ONE IN THE “UNITY OF THE SPIRIT” (EPHESIANS 4:3).

Musical Expedition Through Time

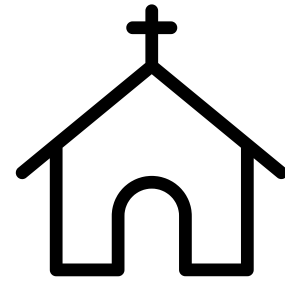
June 20th - June 23 rd

9:30 am - 12:30pm with a celebratory performance on June 25th

Explore past composers and their music by singing, dancing, and hearing their stories! For those who have completed 1st - 6th grade

Lunch provided

www.bellroad.org/events



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING BELL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH? COME JOIN US **MAY 21ST** RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE TO LEARN WHAT THAT MEANS AND HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN WHAT GOD IS DOING HERE IN AUBURN!

WONDER:
EXPLORING GOD'S BIG WORLD
CAMP ALTA KID'S CAMP 2023

Grades 4-6: July 10-12 | **Early Bird Registration 4/1 - 5/22**
Grades 1-3: July 13-15

Early Bird Camper Price: \$190 | Camper Price \$210
Early Bird Counselor price: \$90 | Counselor Price \$100

Register at campalta.org/kidscamp/

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SUNDAY MAY 21- HARVEY MARSHALL IS TURNING 90! PARTY AT 2PM AT ROCK CREEK CLUBHOUSE. PLEASE RSVP REBECCA RAMPY 325-691-5088

Your Invited



Nathan Tucker is graduating High School and invites you to a drop in party at Tucker's House! Saturday May 27th 12-4pm. 6440 Longridge Ct. Foresthill 530-601-8508

SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 20-23- Music Expedition

June 28-July 2- Youth Camp

July 10-15- Kids Camp

September 8-10- Family Camp

September 13- Family Dinner and Bible Study starts up again