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# BELL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH JOURNAL



## DEVOTION- REST

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AS THE SUMMER OF 2023 CLOSES, I FIND MYSELF ASKING, "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE IDEA I HAD AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY THAT THIS SUMMER, I WOULD SLOW DOWN, TAKE SOME TIME OFF, REFRESH AND REFOCUS?"

OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES IN PSALMS HAS BEEN ENLIGHTENING AND REFRESHING YET AFTER PREPARING FOR AND PREACHING ON PSALM 10 "WHERE ARE YOU LORD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE", I THOUGHT OF SKIPPING AHEAD TO PSALM 23; "HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET WATERS, HE REFRESHES MY SOUL."

SUMMER VACATIONS AND ACTIVITIES WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS CAN BE FUN DISTRACTIONS FROM WORK AND WORLDLY THINGS THAT CONSUME OUR TIME, STRETCH OUR MENTAL CAPACITIES AND TAKE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL RESERVES BUT OFTEN DO NOT RESULT IN GIVING US TRUE REST AND RESTORING OUR SOUL.

IN MATTHEW 11, JESUS SAYS, "28 COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. 29 TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND LOWLY IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT."

SITTING BY A COOL BODY OF WATER AND MEDITATING ON THESE SCRIPTURES REMINDS ME THAT THE SOURCE OF OUR TRUE REST AND THE ANSWER TO WHERE IS GOD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE ARE FOUND ONLY IN OUR INTIMATE AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. SPEND TIME WITH HIM!

SOME ARE NOT, (DICTATION CHECK) SUMMER OR NOT.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

- Women's Breathe- 8-5 (9 am) 455 Slowdown Rd. Newcastle. Contact Diana Knapp or DeLynn Rosenau for info.
- 4th Saturday- 8-26 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



**WE HAD A GREAT MONTH OF JULY WITH OUR YOUTH CAMP AND KIDS CAMP. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH, 6 OF OUR YOUTH HEADED UP TO THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE SIERRA CITY AND ENJOYED A FUN WEEKEND AND HEARING FROM GOD. WE JOINED A YOUTH GROUP FROM WOODLAND AND SPENT TIME HIKING, SWIMMING, STUDYING GOD'S WORD, PLAYING GAMES, AND ENJOYING THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION!**

**"EVERY ATHLETE EXERCISES SELF-CONTROL IN ALL THINGS. THEY DO IT TO RECEIVE A PERISHABLE WREATH, BUT WE AN IMPERISHABLE. SO I DO NOT RUN AIMLESSLY; I DO NOT BOX AS ONE BEATING THE AIR. BUT I DISCIPLINE MY BODY AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL" 1 CORINTHIANS 9:25-27**

**IN MID-JULY, 10 OF OUR 1ST-6TH GRADE KIDS HEAD UP TO CAMP ALTA FOR A FEW NIGHTS OF WONDER! WE HEARD OF GOD'S WONDER AND HOW MUCH HE LOVES US! WE DID CRAFTS, HEARD BIBLE STORIES, PLAYED WATER GAMES, AND SPLASHED IN THE POOL!**

**"I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE; YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL, I KNOW THAT FULL WELL." PSALM 139:14**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY TO OUR CHILDREN! IT IS SO IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE!**

# FAMILY DAY/CAMP

## ROLLINS LAKE

**WE ARE MEETING AT GREENHORN PICNIC AREA 2 -SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, FOR AN ALL-CHURCH LUNCH AND LAKE DAY. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, SNACKS, KAYAK, PADDLEBOARD, BEACH CHAIR, OR WHATEVER YOU NEED. WE WILL SWIM, BOAT, FISH HANG OUT, EAT, AND ENJOY EACH OTHER. PLEASE SIGN UP AT [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/OSLPZHH](https://signup.com/go/OSLPZHH) SO THAT WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AVAILABLE.**

**THERE IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAMP FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY AT GREENHORN IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO. PASTOR DAVE AND FAMILY WILL BE CAMPING THERE AND INVITE YOU TO GO TO THE WEBSITE AND JOIN THEM. BOOK YOUR SITE EARLY, AS THEY WILL BE FILLING UP. ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT PASTOR DAVE**

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**DO YOU EVER FEEL HELPLESS OVER ALL THE PEOPLE IN OUR WORLD WHO GO DOWN BROKEN ROADS IN THIS LIFE? DOES YOUR HEART LONG FOR THEM TO BE ON GOD'S PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEIR LIVES?**

**IF SO, YOU HAVE THE HEART OF JESUS IN YOU!! YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BRBC MINISTRY THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR 31 YEARS! YES, IT IS TRUE! WE HAVE BEEN "GOING" TO THE UNION GOSPEL MISSION EVERY 4TH SATURDAY FOR GOD'S GLORY!**

**WE LEAD WORSHIP! MUSIC, TESTIMONIES, SERMONETTES, AND PRAYER HAPPENS THROUGH US!! WE BECOME THE HANDS & FEET OF JESUS!! THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY MINISTRY! WHY DO WE GO? THIS MINISTRY BEARS MUCH JOYFUL & ETERNAL FRUIT IN REAL PEOPLE'S LIVES!**

**CALL OR TALK TO DEACON WOLFGANG ROSENAU WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. HIS CELL # IS 916-704-8837. CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE & BE BLESSED! [UGMSAC.COM](http://UGMSAC.COM) YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THIS FAITHFUL MINISTRY!!**

### Summer Schedule

**September 8-10-** Family Camp at Rollins Lake

**September 13-** Family Dinner and Bible Study starts up again

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In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus!