

OCTOBER 2023  
**BELL ROAD  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
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MONTHLY EVENTS

- 10-14 Women's *Breathe*- 9 am- 455 Slowdown Rd. Newcastle. Contact Diana Knapp or DeLynn Rosenau for info.
- 10-28 Union Gospel Mission- *Dinner at the Rosenau home at 5:30 pm. Leave/carpool at 6:30 pm Service at UGM from 7:30-8:30 pm*  
*Call Wolfgang Rosenau for more info (916) 704-8837*



**THE NOR CAL ROOTS OF THE JESUS PEOPLE  
MOVEMENT**

*BY PASTOR RYAN RINDELS*

FOR THOSE WHO WATCHED JESUS REVOLUTION, WHICH RECOUNTS THE BEGINNINGS OF THE JESUS PEOPLE MOVEMENT (JPM), THE FILM FEATURES THE UNLIKELY PAIRING OF ESTABLISHED PENTECOSTAL PASTOR CHUCK SMITH WITH HIPPIE STREET-PREACHER LONNIE FRISBEE IN 1968. SMITH'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE THE STYLE AND PREFERENCES OF YOUNG HIPPIES—AT THE REQUEST OF FRISBEE—LED TO MANY CONVERSIONS AND THE CONSEQUENT INVIGORATION OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY IN THE U.S.

WHILE DOING RECENT RESEARCH ON THE JPM, I DISCOVERED THAT A YEAR PRIOR, A SIMILAR SERIES OF EVENTS UNFOLDED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

LIZ WISE BEGAN ATTENDING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MILL VALLEY IN 1964. RAISED IN AUBURN, LIZ'S FAMILY ATTENDED THE FIRST CHURCH IN TOWN. SHE HAD MARRIED TED WISE IN 1961. TED AND LIZ WERE PART OF THE FREE SPIRIT "BEAT" CULTURE INTERESTED IN ART AND EXPERIMENTAL DRUG USE. TED WAS RESISTANT TO ATTENDING CHURCH, BUT UPON NOTICING A CHANGE IN HIS WIFE—"SHE CAME BACK JUST GLOWING"—HE READ THE NEW TESTAMENT, CONCLUDED THAT JESUS WAS GOD, AND WAS SAVED.

A REMARKABLE DIMENSION TO THE WISE'S STORY IS THAT THEY OCCASIONALLY USED DRUGS (LSD AND MARIJUANA) FOR SOME TIME AFTER THEIR CONVERSIONS. FOR MANY HIPPIE CHRISTIANS, LETTING GO OF DRUGS TOOK TIME, SOME EVEN CLAIMED IT MADE OTHERS OPEN TO LISTENING TO THEIR EVANGELISTIC APPEALS!

JOHN MCDONALD, THE PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST OF MILL VALLEY HAD TO DO A TIGHT BALANCING ACT OF SUPPORTING THE WISES AND PLACATING ESTABLISHED, CONSERVATIVE CHURCH MEMBERS. MCDONALD CLAIMS HE LOST HALF OF HIS CONGREGATION BECAUSE OF THE HIPPIE CONVERTS. ALONG WITH OTHER BELIEVERS, THE WISES BEGAN DOING EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH IN SAN FRANCISCO. LONNIE FRISBEE'S EARLY STREET PREACHING CAREER BEGAN AT THIS TIME, A YEAR BEFORE HE MET CHUCK SMITH.

I WAS STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT OUR NATION'S LAST MAJOR REVIVAL BEGAN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND THAT AN UNKNOWN BAPTIST PASTOR PROVIDED SUPPORT AND DISCIPLESHIP FOR RAW AND MESSY NEW CONVERTS. WE PRAY FOR REVIVAL, BUT WHAT ARE WE READY TO SUPPORT NEW CHRISTIANS IN ALL THE WAYS WE CAN AND SHOULD? PERHAPS THIS ACCOUNT CAN PREPARE US TO THIS END.

YOU CAN READ THE STORY OF WISES, PASTOR MCDONALD AND OTHERS IN GOD'S FOREVER FAMILY: THE JESUS PEOPLE MOVEMENT IN AMERICA (2013) BY LARRY ESKRIDGE.

# ALL CHURCH BIBLE STUDY AND DINNER



*WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FAMILY DINNER, AND BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT. WE OFFER CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, AND DURING THE FALL SESSION, PASTOR MARK WILL BE TEACHING OUR ADULT CLASS USING THE BOOK OF MARK. WE ALSO HAVE A NEW YOUNG ADULT CLASS MEETING SO IF YOU KNOW ANYONE 18-25 OR SO INVITE THEM TO COME.*

*WE BEGIN AT 5:30 WITH A MEAL TO SHARE TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY A COUPLE OF WORSHIP SONGS WITH A SHORT DEVOTION BEFORE HEADING OFF TO OUR CLASSES AT 6:30.*

*JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND AS WE EAT, WORSHIP AND STUDY GOD'S WORD TOGETHER.*



## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING BELL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH? COME JOIN US OCTOBER 22ND RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE TO LEARN WHAT THAT MEANS AND HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN WHAT GOD IS DOING HERE IN AUBURN!

## COMING NOVEMBER 3-4

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

WE ARE HOSTING A FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING MARRIAGE "TUNE-UP." THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THOSE STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGE BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO ARE DOING GREAT. WE ALL NEED REGULAR CHECKUPS AND NEW TOOLS TO HELP US COMMUNICATE BETTER. WE ARE BRINGING IN DR. ADAM GROZA FROM GATEWAY SEMINARY TO SHARE PRACTICAL WAYS TO LEARN TO COMMUNICATE BETTER. JOIN US AND INVITE ANOTHER COUPLE AS WELL. IT WILL BE HELD AT OUR CHURCH, AND CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

## TEXT IN CHURCH

**\*TEXT MESSAGING HAS A 98% OPEN RATE AND 45% RESPONSE RATE.**

**\*60% OF PEOPLE READ TEXTS WITHIN 1-5 MINUTES**

**OUR CHURCH NOW HAS A NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR TEXTS AND CALLS. IT IS (530) 460-4916. WE WILL BE USING IT FOR GROUP TEXTING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. MAKE SURE THAT YOU ADD THIS NUMBER TO YOUR PHONE AS BELL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH. THERE IS ALSO A FEATURE WHEN YOU CALL TO PRESS 3 AND LEAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR JUST TEXT IT, AND WE WILL PRAY AND PASS IT ALONG TO OUR PRAYER MINISTRY.**