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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM *Dr. Randy Bennett*

Carol and I have attended twenty plus family camps at Forest Home Christian Conference Center since 1977. When we first started going we were the young twenty something couple with no children. It was great. The food was amazing. They had their own pastry chef which meant homemade donuts and cinnamon rolls. The music was dramatic, fun, and exciting. We heard some of the best musicians in the nation. The piano players touched our hearts as they led us in worship. We heard some amazing speakers. They had the ability to combine solid Biblical exposition and meaningful application of the scriptures. They fed both the mind and the soul.

Things are really different now. Young parents want health food. Instead of homemade cinnamon rolls we get things like cuscus and ground up cauliflower. I had to ask the food staff a few times what I was supposed to do with the stuff on the table. Was it a sandwich? A salad? The servers didn't even know what they were serving. I kept asking for a photo of what I was supposed to do with the unknown substances set before me. For dinner they serve a small piece of protein with a few drops of colored fluid laid on a bed of unknown goo.

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**John 8:32 "And you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."**

I didn't know that goo came in so many shapes and sizes. I wasn't alone in my confusion. While the women were oohing and aahing about the food most of the men were looking around confused and bewildered. What are we eating? What is this goo? When is the real dinner going to be served? I was thankful for the oranges, plums, and nectarines.

The worship services are quite different. Every song was a sorrowful call to worship. Gone were the exciting fun songs we sang in earlier years. This generation of worship leaders are so serious! I didn't see a smile on the stage all week. Also gone were the preachers calling us to salvation and service. Instead we hear a Bible lesson with little application to our lives.

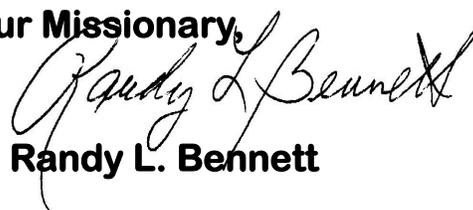
Although I enjoyed the week, I went away worried about the future of our churches. Where are the piano players? Where are the trained and skilled musicians? What happened to celebrating God through awesome songs? Why are we so serious from the first song to the last? Where are the preachers calling us to God?

I've would like to repeat a suggestion I've made before. "Intentionally train your next generation of worship leaders and musicians!" The public schools are not training pianists, keyboard players, or any other instrumentalists. Historically families believed in training each of their children in playing some kind of instrument. If the individual family doesn't seem to be doing this any longer, why not have keyboarding classes at your church? Why not have guitar and drum lessons at your church? Why not train your future worship leaders in how to create a meaningful flow in the worship service without turning it into a performance or a funeral dirge? Why not disciple a handful of young men in preaching and let them preach once a month?

I don't usually write about how I actually feel about what is happening in worship and preaching. I do not want to step on toes or hurt anyone's feelings. At the same time I believe we are in a lot of trouble related to worship and preaching. As we visit the churches week by week I can say with conviction that things are not getting better. The services are very weak. Sometimes the sermon is the only quality part of the morning experience.

Let's make it better.

Your Missionary,



Dr. Randy L. Bennett



KCSBA LEADERSHIP FORUM



July 26 at 9:00am

**Church Leaders are invited
to participate
with Pastors and staff.**

TOPIC: The Evangelism Magic Bullet

(A Brand New Resource from Nelson Searcy)

TO BE HELD AT:

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

CALL: 661-833-4345

NOTE FROM PASTOR RICK:

The meeting will be over about 12:30 or 1:00. For those who want to go to Lunch after-wards you are welcome to do that as a group.

If you are planning to come, please RSVP me at pre@juno.com

We have syllabus for each one that registers by July 21st.

Feel free to bring your staff and leadership from your church. They will need to be register as well.

1 Peter 2:16 "Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."

JUNE 2018 FINANCIALS



We sincerely thank the following churches and missions for their contributions during JUNE 2018. Financials are based upon contributions received by the last work-day of the month. Any contributions received after the last day of the month will be accounted for in the next months financials. We are grateful to these churches that make missions a priority and give faithfully to KCSBA.

Bakersfield Chinese Baptist Church
 Buttonwillow Community Baptist Ch
 Columbus St Baptist Church
 Crossover Church of Rosedale
 Country Oaks Baptist Church
 Daybreak Baptist Church
 Fairfax So Baptist Church
 Fellowship Baptist Church
 First Baptist Ch, Edison
 First Baptist Ch, Kernville
 First Baptist Ch, Tehachapi
 First So Baptist Ch, Porterville
 First So Baptist Ch, Shafter

First So Baptist Ch, Taft
 First So Baptist Hispanic Ch
 Grace Baptist Church
 Griffith Ave Baptist Ch, Wasco
 Mountain View So Baptist Ch
 Primera Iglesia Bautista, Wasco
 Resurrection Church
 Rising Star Baptist Church
 Seguidores de Jesus
 Valley Baptist Church
 Vision Plus Church
 Weldon Baptist Church
 Westchester Baptist Church

Income from Churches for JUNE 2018	2018 Monthly Budget Projection	Difference for this month
\$9,785.80	\$ 12,068.38	-2,282.58

**Working together to spread the
 Gospel of Christ . . .
 Thank you for your giving!**

KCSBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

2	Sun	SBC – Citizenship/Religious Liberty Sunday
4	Tues	KCSBA Closed – Independence Day Observed
5-9	Wed-Sun	CSBC – Centrifuge, Jenness Park
10-15	Mon-Sat	Jenness Park - CentriFUGE Week 1
11	Tues	KCSBA Associational Council Meeting NO MEETING—Financials will be mailed
17-22	Mon-Sat	Jenness Park - CentriFUGE Week 2
23	Sun	SBC – LoveLoud Sunday (Serving Your Community Sunday)
24-29	Mon-Sat	Jenness Park - CentriFUGE Week 3
26	Thurs	KCSBA Leadership Meeting—Fellowship Baptist
31-Aug	5	Jenness Park – CentriFUGE Week 4

AUGUST

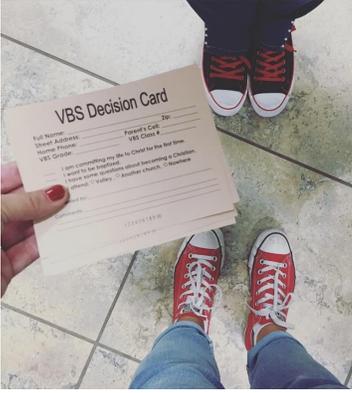
30-Aug	4	Jenness Park – CentriFUGE Week 5
5	Sun	SBC – <i>Social Issues Sunday (Emphasis – Purity)</i>
12	Sun	SBC – <i>Student Evangelism Day</i>
13-14	Mon-Tues	CSBC – Pastors' Orientation, Ministry Resource Center, Fresno
19-25	Sun-Sat	SBC – <i>Worship Music Week</i>
31-Sept	2	Jenness Park 65 th Anniversary

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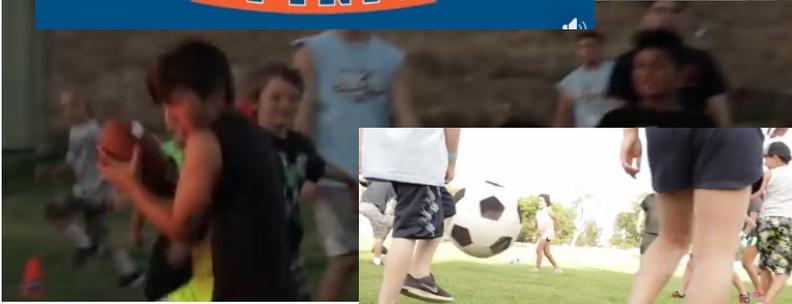
MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH in Lake Isabella hosted a free Family Day at the park. On June 9th, 300 people attended for food, bounce houses, glitter tattoos, and 9 children registered for Vacation Bible School. Many relationships were forged and strengthened with community members and within







VBS



2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."



VBS



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Galatians 5:1 "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."



Bakersfield Chinese Baptist Church

is seeking a

Children's Sunday School teacher. (1st—6th Grade)

\$200 month — Sundays 10:30—11:30am

Please contact

Pastor Joseph Chen at 661-565-7124



CSBC California Familyfest - Long Beach



What is Familyfest?

2018 Familyfest is a mission trip experience in Long Beach designed with adult groups and families with children 6 years or older in mind. This is a unique opportunity for families to be on mission and serve together.

2018 Familyfest will help Long Beach Harbor Association churches impact their communities through:

- VBS
- Community Outreach Activities
- Music in the Park
- Church Beautification
- and more!

Who can participate?

Adults and families with children 6 years and older are encouraged to participate.

How can we sign up?

Register [online csbc.com \(deadline July 19\)](http://csbc.com) or [by mail \(deadline July 12\)](#). When registering your family, please list the ages of each child.

2018 Familyfest is a partnership between the CSBC Evangelism & Missions Initiatives Team, California WMU and Long Beach Harbor Southern Baptist Association.

Location

Victory Through Jesus Church
11844 E Centralia St
Lakewood, CA 90715



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