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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS



Autumn is here and we look forward to the approaching holiday season fellowshiping with the family of God, being a blessing in the community, and celebrating our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many things in our life that we have to be thankful for—restoration, reconciliation, and even eternal life. We thank the Lord for all He continues to do in us, through us, and to us. Some events in the near future that we are privileged to partake in is our upcoming annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, a cooperation of local bodies of believers in our community. This provides an opportunity for anyone in our Community--People from our local church bodies, as well as the homeless, hungry, needy, and lonely to celebrate Thanksgiving with us and be a part of our family. Exact time, date, and location will be announced, but it is rapidly approaching. Any Food Donations, Finances, or Volunteer assistance will be greatly appreciated as well as much prayer.

Also during the month of December as we approach Christmas we are planning a Toy Giveaway. Last Year's event was held on Family Day in December and was a tremendous blessing; through the power of Jesus we received an abundance of generous donations of new, unwrapped toys, and we were able to bless local children with hundreds of toys last Holiday season. Help us be a blessing! Please bring new, unwrapped toys to church on Sunday. We will have a bin in the front of the church to place them in. To drop of Toys at the Men's Ranch or to make a financial effort toward the cause please call (760) 868-3805 for more information.

Family Day this October 15th, was a tremendous success. Mark your calendar for the 3rd Sunday of every month and come fellowship with us! Family Day serves as a time for us to fellowship with food as one family in Christ. It also provides an opportunity for the men and women at the ranches to experience an extended time of fellowship with their

family and loved ones. Our Family Day consists of Praise and Worship, Testimonies, a powerful Sermon, Prayer, Baptisms, and a delicious potluck. Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you there. During the month of October , 6 people outwardly demonstrated the inward change Christ is doing in them and publicly professed their faith through baptism. For more information about Family Day or to sign up for baptism, please call (760) 868-3805.

Jesus commands us to Go! Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, " This is what our outreach team does-they go into the highways, into the alleys, into the river bottoms, and they reach out to the lost, the hungry, the lonely, and the needy with the love of Christ. Come be a part. Evangelism training is available on Monday and Friday Nights at the Men's Ranch. Convalescent Ministry is Mondays and Wednesdays and we usually have a community outreach on Saturdays. For more information or to plan to participate, please call (760) 868-3805.

Don't forget we have opportunities for learning and fellowship throughout the week. Come join us for our Wednesday Night Bible Study as we journey through the gospel of John. All are invited. The study takes place 6pm at Set Free Men's Ranch in Phelan. For directions or more information, please call (760) 868-3805

Jesus Loves You!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

*BY PASTOR
RON THOMAS*

**God Works
Within Us
Eph 3:20-21**

Let the words slowly sink into your understanding--able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think (v.20) What an amazing description of God's ability to work with us.

Yet so often our focus is mainly on what we want Him to do around us: If He would change this situation or fix this problem, then my life would be better. But He invites us to think and ask bigger—He wants to change us!

The Holy Spirit has more than enough power to transform lives from the inside our, but working change within is usually a slow process. Spiritual Fruit takes time to grow and mature. That's why we need patience and faith to believe he is working even when we don't see the results right away. God is never in a hurry and will never give up on us.

The Lord has a purpose for your life and He is constantly working to achieve it. Although He has an individualized plan for each one of His children, He also has an overarching goal-to conform every believer to the image of His Son Jesus Christ. In order to accomplish this, He may have to bring us through some struggles and heartaches. It might make no sense to us, but God knows exactly what He is doing.

I invite you to come and grow with us as we see God work within us.

—Pastor Ron Thomas

Word of our Testimony

When I came to Set Free five and a half years ago, I was in a heavy fog from all the years of severe sicker than sick alcoholism. I believe the Good Lord brought me to Cabazon and Yucaipa to plant His seed in my heart, I was able to retain the basics, but didn't learn very much.

The Phelan Women's Ranch is the program that works if you want it and you are willing to make the changes that you need to make. I have had a real life changing experience here and now I have a strong intimate relationship with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My testimony isn't really about me, its about the All Powerful and Mighty God I serve. I am the woman I am today because I know Christ and I now know that without Him I am nothing. My experience here taught me so many things, but the most important thing has been keeping Christ first in my life. I have learned that when He is my number one

focus, everything in my life—my thoughts and behaviors—are good I choose to live a life that honors God.

Because of my teachable Spirit and life change, I will be returning home to my husband and children and that is by the grace of God. I praise Him for the Set Free Women's Ranch and what its done for me.

—Chea Yam



Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Cor 5:17 NKJV



**THE
SHEEP
AND
THE GOATS**
MATTHEW 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

