

KERMAN COVENANT CHURCH

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FROM PASTOR DAN'S DESK

Vision Process Update

1 church family united in Christ,
2 years focused on the vision of:
3 hundred strong worshipping God.

It's been well over a year since we began a formal vision process for our congregation. I've been receiving weekly coaching from my ministry coach for just over a year. Last fall/winter, our leadership team set our vision as a congregation. Three words are significant in the vision: united, focused and worshipping.

United: Unity in Christ can only be attained through the work of the Holy Spirit. As we enter this Pentecost season, we are reminded that we affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit. It is only through the Holy Spirit that people of differing backgrounds, culture, language, class, ethnicity, etc. can come together as a new family with Jesus Christ as our head. It forces us to put aside our differences and focus on what ties us together, Jesus Christ. Question: How are you allowing the Holy Spirit to work in your life to unite you to the larger church family?

Focused: Focus helps us keep God's priorities as our priorities. It keeps us from heading down a path that will only distract us and keep us from reaching our goal. Focus helps us to evaluate our current activities and determine if they are helping us or keeping us from reaching our goal. Focus keeps us on track. Questions: How are you focused in helping the congregation meet our goal? What activities do you need to stop doing that impairs reaching our goal? What activities do you need to start doing to help reach our goal?

Worshipping: I normally go ahead and include the word "strong" with "worshipping". What we are referring to here is more than just Sunday morning worship. Yes, worshipping together on Sunday mornings is an important aspect of our life in Christ. I'm pretty sure you cannot truly have a life of strong worship without coming together in unity with the family of God on a regular basis. But that's not enough. In "strong worshipping" we are talking about whole-life worship. It is worshipping God in all aspects of our lives. We cannot, as much as we may try, segment God out into a little section of our lives with other parts of our lives lived as though worship wasn't in the picture. One method to make sure you are a "strong worshipper" is to make sure that whatever you do, you do to glorify God and not yourself or someone else. Question: How can you worship God in the comings and goings of your everyday life?

As you ask the questions, listen and put into action what God says. Your life will be transformed! The world around you will be transformed by God through you!

Blessings,

Pastor Dan

ps: Be sure to check out the article on Page 4 regarding Olga Martinez. Olga has been attending KCC for a few months. This article helps us get to know Olga. Be sure to introduce yourself to her on a Sunday morning!

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Save the date for Vacation Bible School June 22nd-26th

On Tuesday, June 2nd, the Boys Bible Study group will be handing out VBS flyers in Kerman. If you would like to help with the flyers, be at the church by 5:00pm!



**THE WALK FOR TRIENNIAL XIII HAS BEGUN.....**The first steps in the 2800+-mile trip to Washington D.C. were taken as women began the virtual walk that will take place over the next year. On May 16 the group gathered on the church patio were given pedometers, maps, bottled water and lots of encouragement by Dena Yates to ‘get out and get walking’!

You can check the map in the church foyer to see where ‘flat Gertie’ is to chart the progress. Also on that bulleting board are log sheets to take home, a place to turn in completed log sheets and Dena’s email address so you can update her on your mileage via computer. It will be important to tabulate all the miles walked every week to see how far we’ve gone, so please keep that current.

Some groups want to walk in the evening, others in the morning. If you want to meet up with others to walk, please call or email Dena, 846-5255, or [dy12588@kermantel.net](mailto:dy12588@kermantel.net). Keep walking!



TRIENNIAL XIII  
JULY 22-25, 2010 / WASHINGTON, DC

Reflecting  
God's Glory

Have you been pondering it? Are you ready to make the commitment? Are you ready to board a plane, train, or automobile in 14 months? I hope so, because it's time! In 14 months Triennial XIII will be here. Don't miss out! It is a wonderful experience!

When: July 22-25, 2010  
Where: Washington, DC  
Additional info: <http://www.triennialxiii.org/>  
Registration: Limited Special: \$260 (6/1/2009 - 7/31/2009 only)  
Group Registration (for groups of 10 or more): \$288  
(20% discount on Regular Registration) (8/1/2009 - 5/31/2010)

If you want to get in on the early registration special savings, please contact Debbie Shelton at [ddhlshel@sebastiancorp.net](mailto:ddhlshel@sebastiancorp.net) or at 846-3343.



Do you like to play Bunco? Have you always wanted to play but don't know how? Want to learn? Women Ministries will be starting a Bunco group on Monday night, June 29th at 7pm in the Main Building, Rooms 1 & 2. The group will be meeting monthly on the 4th Monday of the month. Come join us!

**DID YOU KNOW.....** Women from our congregation who love to read meet regularly to discuss books they have read.

The date for June is not set yet, but the meetings are always on a Saturday morning at 8:00am and will be in the bulletin. The

book for June & July is East of Eden by John Steinbeck.

The book for August is Castaway Kid: One Man's Search for Hope and Home by R.B. Mitchell. Please call Carolyn Scott, 846-5743, for any additional information.



**NEW OPPORTUNITIES.....**

Moms and Tots will meet weekly for play-days at parks in Kerman. Joann Gutierrez is organizing this activity which will offer mothers of preschoolers an opportunity for networking with others in our congregation. The first play-day will be Tuesday June 30th at 10:00am at Soroptimist Park at the corner of Siskiyou and Kearney. Mark your Connection card if you'd like a reminder card or you want to help. Call Joann if you have questions: 842-7778.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Many items are needed for VBS for crafts and for snacks. Items that do not require refrigeration can be dropped off at the office during regular office hours. Items requiring refrigeration can be dropped off the first day of VBS, Monday, June 22nd. Please write the items you wish to donate on the back of your Connection Card. That will help us to keep track of donated items. Thank you!



Arts & Crafts Items:

- 140 empty 2 liter plastic bottles
- 140 toilet paper or paper towel rolls
- 280 empty 16 oz water bottles
- 280 drinking straws
- 140 empty milk jugs

Snack Items:

- 280 cake ice cream cones
- 20 baskets of strawberries
- 30 bananas
- 1 large box of granola
- 10 large cans crushed pineapple
- 40 cups plain yogurt
- 14 12 oz cans frozen pineapple or orange pineapple juice concentrate
- 12 16 oz bags frozen blueberries
- 140 3 oz paper cups
- 12 1 gallon ice cream assorted flavors
- 50 cups Chex cereal, any flavor
- 20 cups dried fruit
- 20 cups raisins
- 20 cups M & Ms
- 2 large bags pretzel sticks
- 150 snack size Ziploc bags
- 5 watermelons
- 10 cantaloupes
- 145 assorted fresh whole fruits (apples, oranges, pears, etc)
- 150 cake size paper plates



The men of Kerman Covenant will host a pancake breakfast on June 14th from 8:00am until 9:15am.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Come enjoy some hot pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee before the worship service begins. Anyone interested in helping with the breakfast should mark the back of your Connection Card!

Hello, everyone! Thank you for being willing to help me pack up my apartment!!! I REALLY appreciate it! I decided to plan some "packing party" days. Please come by for any portion of these days that you are able.



- ✘ Tuesday, June 2nd, 1:00 PM-9:00 pm
- ✘ Thursday, June 4th, 9:00 AM-3:00 pm

Here's an additional BIG need, for all of the muscle men in your life. I am planning to have the moving van here on Friday evening, June 12th. Hoping to have muscley types to help load it, from 6:30 PM on until done. I am hoping that later in the day it will not be AS hot. Please let me know if none of these work for you, and you would like to come hang out with me another time. Thanks! Pastor Stacey

The Leadership Team invites you to a "going away" dinner for Pastor Stacey to be held on Saturday, June 13th from 6-8 pm. Come join us as



we thank Pastor Stacey for her service to Kerman Covenant and wish her well in all her future endeavors. Main Dish will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP by no later than June 7th by marking the back of your Connection Card.

**Summer Office Hours**

(June 8th-Aug 14th)

Monday-Friday

9:30am-1:30pm



**Summer Office Hours**



# Girl Scouts®

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*The Key to Her Success? She Begins With Excellence!*

*Having her own business has given Olga Martinez a place to mentor other women.*

**Fresno, CA 5-12-2009** On Thursday, June 11, at 11:30 a.m., Girl Scouts of Central California South will honor Olga Martinez, CEO of Allright Diversified Services, Inc., during the Women Inspiring Girls Awards Luncheon at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon Avenue, in Fresno. Ms. Martinez along with Nancy Hinds and Mayor Ashley Swearengin will be honored at this luncheon for their exemplary achievements in the community, their professions, and as role models for girls.

"I wanted my business to stand for something," Ms. Martinez said. "I want it to be a place where I can mentor other women and hire employees that want to grow. I want our company to be a healthy environment, for mind, body, and soul." Olga Martinez has been recognized for doing just that. Raised in Fresno County, Olga attended California State University, Fresno where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She then attended Tuck School of Business Executive Education at Dartmouth. With Olga's quest for excellence she attained her California State General Contractor's License, and was certified in Construction Quality Management with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In 1998, Olga Martinez started Allright Diversified Services, Inc., her Fresno-based construction firm specializing in Federal projects throughout the State of California. Today it has grown and grown into a successful construction company. According to Olga, "Our vision is to build communities in a world that works. We have an unconditional commitment to empower and enable people to fulfill their dreams." Today Olga Martinez has successfully positioned Allright Diversified Services, Inc., to obtain and complete contracts with many federal agencies including the Navy, Air Force, NASA, National Guard, Veteran Affairs, Army and the National Park Service. Allright Diversified Services, Inc. has been listed in the Hispanic Business Magazine's Top 500 Businesses in the U.S. and the Wall Street Journal. Olga and her company have received honors from the Latin Business Association of Los Angeles, and received the SBA Women Owned Business Award, and the National Minority Small Business of the Year Award of San Francisco.

Two years ago, Olga suffered a brain aneurysm, forcing her to be absent from her company for months. "I remember people rallying together for me and helping me rebuild my company and continue to do so," said Martinez. "It made me committed to giving back and making a difference in people's lives." Olga is an active speaker and mentor to high school, and college women's groups. Her most recent extraordinary community experience was serving as a volunteer and a sponsor for the Extreme Makeover Home Edition in Fresno. She also supports the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. According to Cathy Ferguson, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Central California South, "We are pleased to honor a woman who seeks to fulfill her entrepreneurial dreams, and encourages so many others to pursue their individual talents."

For event ticket, information or sponsorships please contact: Sarina De La Rosa, (559) 291-5078 [sdelarosa@girlscoutscs.org](mailto:sdelarosa@girlscoutscs.org) or visit our Web site: [www.girlscoutscs.org](http://www.girlscoutscs.org)

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# CITY OF MENDOTA

*"Cantaloupe Center Of The World"*

May 5, 2009

Rev. Dan Shelton and Church Members  
Kerman Covenant Church  
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Reverend Dan Shelton and Church Members,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Mendota, City staff, and our community members, I would like to thank you and your Church Membership for your generous contribution and efforts in conducting the recent food giveaway. It is because of partnerships and organizations such as the Kerman Covenant Church that we are able to have successful food giveaway events and assist numerous Mendotan families with surviving during these trying times. The City's intent is to host similar events in the future in an effort to combat the devastating, and long lasting effects of the drought on our residents.

We appreciate your sincerity and commitment in assisting the families in our City and look forward to working together in the future to ensure the prosperity of the region.

Thank you,  
CITY OF MENDOTA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Silva".

Robert Silva  
Mayor

**Crucifixion: from the ones who rejected and forsook**

**Resurrection: from the ones who saw and are still basking in the wonder**

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Life is gray.

Hard to see our Saviour fall underneath.

The battle of overcoming death is below and has been overcome.

~ Codi Guidry, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

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Jesus in cave

Resurrected from grave

Happy we stayed

~Alexis Angel Ortiz, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

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I'm going fishing

Spent all night did not catch one

With God, boat full fish

~Kevin Carlson, Youth Ministry Volunteer Team

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There once was a couple of guards  
Their heads and their hearts were hard

They took Jesus with them

They mangled and hurt Him

And left Him alone in the yard.

~Chris Andresen, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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From Thomas

Jesus, I sorry about my doubt.

I didn't know what I was talking about

Your words I didn't believe,

And all I wanted to do is leave

But now, for You I will stand and shout.

~Anonymous

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There once was a man named Mark

Who left Jesus in the dark

Did He do it with reason

Or was it just treason?

What does it matter!

~Joseph Cobb, 9<sup>th</sup> grade

Dear Jesus~

I am sorry for denying You. I wish I would have never done what I did. I wish I would have free You so You would not suffer. Love, Pilate

~Anonymous

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I sent Him for this reason alone

To lie within the tomb and stone

Only to be raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day

Death could not make Him stay

I am known by His resurrection

~Dallas Nord, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

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Betrayed by His own.

Sentenced to torture and death.

All for human's sake.

~Dallas Nord, 10<sup>th</sup> grade & Joseph Cobb, 9<sup>th</sup> grade & Jorge

Cubillos, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

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Dear Jesus~

I love you so much because you are my one and only son. It is so hard for me to let You die. But it is for the best. I am sorry that I have forsaken You.

Love, God the Father

P.S. I love You so much my Son

~Anonymous

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From Peter to Jesus

The best years of my life were spent with

You. You showed me how to live my life through the things You do. I didn't believe the hour would come

when I would come completely undone. I am not worthy of You who are mighty and true.

~by Matraca Nord, 12<sup>th</sup> grade & Junior Cubillos, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

My heart grieves knowing You have suffered death. For You had done nothing to deserve the unbearable pain. It hurt to know that I could not take Your place because my love for You is so overwhelming.

But then my pain and grief were healed and I saw You. The love of my life had come back to me. I saw Your face and Your body, and felt Your Spirit and love! The Father has showed amazing grace. I am forever grateful that my sins are gone and I will love you till I take my last breath.

Love, Your disciple

~Anonymous

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What a jerk!

Can't He see we're trying to work?

We've been fishing all night, and

He thinks we'll catch something on the right.

If He really wanted to help maybe He'd offer to pray.

What's that He's trying to say?

Watch a batch, the biggest catch!

Quick bro, the net's gonna snap.

What's that Andrew? You said that's Jesus too?

Splash!

-I don't care if I make this a bloody hash.

-I've got to see Him. I've got to go out on a limb.

Maybe He could love me again.

Do I love You?

-I know I haven't been true.

Do I love You?

-I know I've utterly failed You.

Do I love You?

-Yes...I do.

Yes I'll feed Your sheep

They'll always be to my keep.

Yes I'll guard the flock

From now on, I'll be Your rock.

I love You Jesus

All I'll do is please You.

I love You Jesus

Thanks for always coming through for me!

-Josh Daniels, Youth Ministry Adult Volunteer Team



## Random Acts of Prayer By Donna Savage

I enjoy offering quick prayers for strangers throughout the day. If you like to do the same, here are some opportunities you may not have thought of:

- \* While driving through a school zone, pray for God's love to be shown through Christian teachers at the school.
- \* When you pass a hospital, intercede for those having surgery that day.
- \* If you're stopped in traffic, pray the driver next to you will experience Christ's unconditional love.
- \* As you enter a store, pray the managers will use wise and compassionate leadership skills
- \* In a checkout line, pray that people waiting with you will make sound financial decisions.
- \* When you get the mail, ask God to encourage your postal worker.
- \* As you turn on the radio, ask the Lord to provide Christian friends for the on-air personality.
- \* When you enjoy a meal out, invite God's blessings on the cooks who prepare it. If you notice a wedding ring on your server, intercede for the person's marriage.

# SURPRISE DAD

..... at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.\*

**What you need:**

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

**What you do:**

1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

**Other ideas:**

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.



\*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



## Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

**Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.**

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**Directions:** Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

“ \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: "The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today. Fathers tell their children about your faithfulness." Isaiah 38:19, NIV

# JUNE 2009

## Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15-Gathering

9:30am-Worship

10:45am-Fellowship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:00pm-Guys' Bible Study Service Project 7:00pm- Leadership Prayer	3 6:30am- Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 10:00am- Admin Core Team Mtg 7:00pm- Kerman High Baccalaureate	4 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's)	5 6:00pm- Kerman High Graduation	6
7 See Morning Schedule 6:30pm-Core Values Class	8 11:30am- Lunch Bunch Bible Study	9 1:30pm- Country View Visit 7:00pm-Guys' Bible Study 7:00pm-Core Ministry Team Mtg	10 6:30am- Women's Study Group (Goosev's)	11 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's) 6:00pm-Central High Graduation	12	13 6:00pm-Pastor Stacey's Going Away Dinner
	8th Grade Promotion Trip					
14 8:00am Pancake Breakfast See Morning Schedule	15 11:30am- Lunch Bunch Bible Study	16 7:00pm-Guys' Bible Study 7:00pm- Leadership Business	17 6:30am- Women's Study Group (Goosev's)	18 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's)	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY See Morning Schedule	22	23 7:00pm- Missions Core Team Mtg	24 6:30am- Women's Study Group (Goosev's)	25 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's)	26	27
	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>					
28 See Morning Schedule 11:00am-CHiC Mtg	29 7:00pm- Women Ministries Bunco	30 10:00am-Mom & Tots Park Playday				