

DATES AHEAD:

July

6th-10th Williams Church VBS
12th Church Picnic

August

23rd Community Church Sing

September

8th Back to School

July Birthdays

4 Mike Joyce
12 Shirley Belanger
15 Louise Isbell
16 Debbie Sosey
19 Jerome Guy
23 Charlotte Butcher
23 Doug Prowell
29 Vickie Prose

August Birthdays

5 Lillyona Eldred
7 Colton Leet
8 Johnny Ciesla
10 Velma Greer
11 Dave Burkelo
17 Brenda Conway
19 Teal Kimball
20 Kate Guy
28 Eli Whaley

September Birthdays

3 Emma Johnson
7 Mary Zimmerman
8 Naomi Wilantt
11 Paul Slater
18 Lance Brush
19 Gwen Bernard
19 Marilyn Marsh
19 Dan Whaley
22 OB Beckham
23 Cameron Leet
23 Logan Eldred
24 Norm Behm
29 Terrie Brush
30 Susan Beckham

Vacation Bible School!

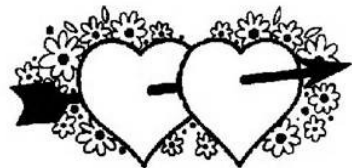
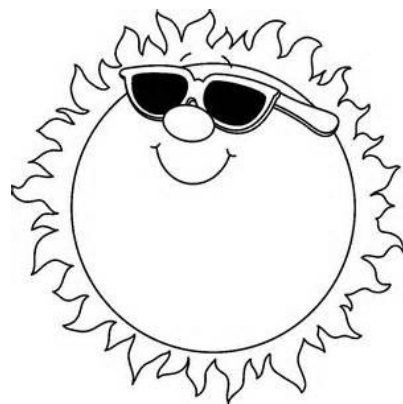
Monday, July 6th

Through

Friday, July 10th

9 a.m. to Noon

**Williams Community
Church**



July Anniversaries

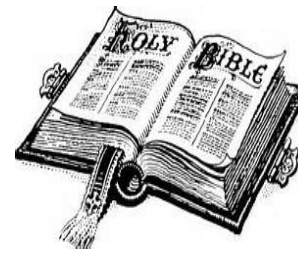
8 Kendon & Jessie Leet
8 Joe & Leta Neiderheiser
14 OB & Susan Beckham
20 Gary & Chris Richardson
27 Vane & Bonnie Jones

August Anniversaries

6 Bob & Beth Piete
7 Brian & Kelly Johnson
27 Paul & Judy Slater

September Anniversaries

18 Dan & Necy Whaley



NEWSBREAK

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The "Pastor"

Does your understanding of "the pastor" rise more from personal experiences with "church," or from what the Bible actually teaches about the pastor? That is a question the elders have been pondering. Each month at our meetings, we have begun with prayer and moved to a book study that has us looking to the Scripture to find answers.

In fact the book is entitled, *Biblical Eldership*, for good reason. An elder is a pastor and a pastor is an elder. In the Bible, the terms "elder" (*presbuteros*), "overseer" (translated "bishop" in older versions—*episkopos*) and "pastor" (*poimen*) are words that refer to the same office. The qualifications for an elder (*presbuteros*) in Titus 1.6-9 are clearly parallel to those of an overseer (*episkopos*) in 1 Timothy 3.1-7. In fact, both terms are used by Paul in Titus 1 to refer to the same man (*presbuteros* in v. 5 and *episkopos* in v. 7). All three terms are used interchangeably in Acts 20. Verse 17 says that Paul "sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders [*presbuteros*] of the church." As he instructed these elders he said, "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers [*episkopous*], to shepherd [*poimainein*] the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (v. 28).

Peter conveyed the same idea: "Therefore, I exhort the elders [*presbuteros*] ... shepherd [*poimanein*, i.e. pastor] the flock of God among you, exercising oversight [*episkopountes*, i.e. as an overseer] ..." (1 Peter 5.1-2). So what we are seeing as we look again to the Scripture on this subject is that the pastor *is* the elder *is* the overseer. Now, I would prefer that you simply call me "Brian," but if you insist on calling me "Pastor Brian," then consistency demands that you address Bill as "Pastor Bill," Mike as "Pastor Mike," and Les as "Pastor Les."

In light of what the Bible teaches, I find myself asking, "Why does the sign outside the foyer say, 'Pastor: Brian Johnson?' Why does our website have a separate category for 'Pastor Brian Johnson,' followed by 'the elders' and 'the deacons?' Why does our phone message identify ACC as the church where I am 'the senior pastor?'" I am asking these questions because what I am seeing is that these kinds of distinctions are not found in the Bible. Why is Grace Church called, "John MacArthur's church?" Why is Ruch Community Bible Church called, "Ron McKay's church?"

It seems that the structure of our local churches is *misl*eading people to believe that there is such a thing as "the pastor" of a church, who stands above and is distinct from the elders and the deacons. I cannot find this sort of thing in the Bible. Perhaps some of you can help me. If not, it seems that we need to make some changes. Stay tuned.

Brian

Applegate Community Church Picnic

Sunday, July 12th immediately following the church service

At the Burkleo's



Please bring a Main Dish

And

Either a Dessert or Salad!



COMMUNITY CHURCH SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

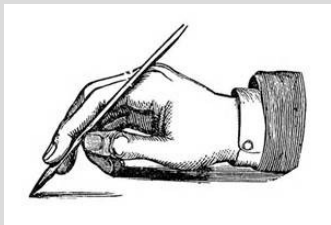


Sunday, August 23rd
7:00 p.m.

Williams Community Church
Please bring a Chair & Your BEST Homemade Ice Cream!

New Address for:

Josh & Anna Hoeft
28085 Whites Canyon Rd.
Unit 131
Canyon Country,
CA 91351



Men's Bible Study
& Fellowship!
Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.
Church Fireside Room
Serving Breakfast!
See Les Hill.



As the Summer heat rises so will our use of air conditioners. If you use one of the Annex rooms please remember to turn the unit off when leaving. Use only the arrows and fan button to adjust temperature and force. Please DO NOT touch any other function as they are synced with the other units and will not work properly if the functions are changed. If you encounter a problem see Vickie or Les.

*Thank
you*