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MISSION STATEMENT: As a diverse people having faith and hope in God, our mission is to make disciples who will go into our communities setting examples of the love of Christ.

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Family Picnic a Wet and Wild Success!



*By
Pastor
Rei Eusebio*

Last Sunday, July 29, the whole congregation of **MCUMC** wore their most comfortable clothes and set off to Encinita Park for an afternoon of fun, frolic, and excitement. The Family Picnic was coordinated by the **M.A.P.S** with for the purpose of building camaraderie among the members.

The picnic began after the worship service, and started with

lunch in the park. After lunch, the Young Adults led everyone in singing fellowship songs, the dance steps making them breathless. While taking a short breather, Michelle Quizon, who was the game master, distributed slips of paper for the icebreaker game. It became a flurry of action as everyone searched for people that fit the description in their lists.

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Pastor's Pen

Rev. Miguel De Guzman



Dear Friends:

An investment counselor went out on her own. She was shrewd and diligent, so business kept coming in, and pretty soon she realized she needed an in-house counsel, so she began interviewing young lawyers.

"As I'm sure you can understand," she started off with one of the first applicants, "in a business like this, our personal integrity must be beyond question." She leaned forward. "Mr. Peterson, are you an *honest* lawyer?"

"Honest?" replied the job prospect. "Let me tell you something about honesty. Why, I'm so honest that my father lent me fifteen thousand dollars for my education and I paid back every penny the minute I tried my very first case."

"Impressive..... And what sort of case was that?"

The lawyer squirmed in his seat and admitted, "He sued me for the money."

Sometimes we do something good because it's the right thing to do. And sometimes we do the right thing simply because we have no choice. The difference will manifest itself in our lives at some point, though, when we do have a choice.

We see it happen all the time with college students. For years, they attended church with Mom and Dad. But as soon as they are on their own, making their own decisions, it becomes evident whether they attended all those years because it was the right thing to do or because they were forced to go.

When our children were growing up, they used to ask if they had to go to church. I used to say they don't have to, but their mom and I would be

happy if they would; and that God would be pleased as well. Now that they are all grown up and they decide on their own, we just pray that all those experiences of love and of being with peers in the church had ingrained in them a love and reverence for God that will last through the years.

For most of us adults in the church, we grew up when going to church was not an option. We simply had to go even if we have moved out of Mom and Dad's house. Attending church was a family affair, a time, not only for worship, but a family reunion as well. Perhaps more of the latter, but nevertheless, it was always the good thing to do.

It is my prayer that your love for God will not grow cold, nor going to church be just one of the perfunctory or mechanical rituals of life. My we experience God in our worship and follow God at work in the world, meeting the needs of an aching world.

May we all seek to have the attitude of David: "I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure....I love Your law.....My soul keeps your testimonies and I love them exceedingly.....Let Your hand become my help, for I have chosen Your precepts. I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight." (Psa. 119:162,163b,167,173-174)

God bless you and God be with as you in every opportunity to do well.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mike



The Truth About Trials

Finding God at work in the troubles of life

by *Del Tackett*

By all counts, Joseph's life had been going well. Then it turned sour. Jealousy and hatred dove his brothers to conspire to murder him: they ended up relegating him to a living death, selling him for 20 pieces of silver traders. No doubts, all of Joseph's plans and dreams were shattered. Ripped from his home and his beloved father, he was now alone, a slave in a pagan land. He had every right to be angry and bitter.

Turning it around

The redeeming moment in Joseph's story came years later in his famous declaration to his brothers, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20, NASB)

This is worth meditating on. God "meant" it for good? How can this be? God was at work even in the midst of evil actions? Of course He was. This phenomenal truth is a common thread throughout Scripture. Not only is it recorded in the past, in the lives of many significant players in God's story, but it is also a reality of the future – recorded in chapters that promise both good and bad news, joy and pain. Consider these prophetic moments:

- After the Fall, God declared to Adam and Eve the terrible consequences that would result from their sin but then gave the first hint that a Messiah would come.
- Thousands of years later, God promised Simeon that he would not die before he beheld the Messiah. That specific prophecy was fulfilled on the temple steps when Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms. The Spirit of God then spoke through Simeon, foretelling that Jesus would be a

revelation to the Gentiles but that a sword would pierce Mary's soul.

- Jesus declared that His disciples could expect both blessing and tribulation and that all those who pursue righteousness would suffer persecution, yet reap a reward that Scripture hints is beyond imagination.

A fallen world

The cosmic consequences of Adam's sin wreak havoc on our lives from birth to death. Sometimes bad things come from our own foolish actions. Sometimes they come directly or indirectly from the actions of others. Sometimes they come from a world writhing in its own death throes.

However crises come to us, they will surely come. Knowing this simple reality beforehand is a big part of the solution, because it is difficult in the midst of powerful emotions to dwell upon the truth of God's sovereignty.

That is why it is critical for God's people prepare themselves for the inevitable. Recognize the reality of the fallen world you live in. There are going to be moments when you will hit serious bumps. Prepare yourself while it is easier to plant the truth of God in your heart.

Here are a few of his truth that will keep you grounded during hardships:

- God is working all things, even the difficult ones, for your good (Romans 8:28).
- Sometimes God will discipline us or "prune" us (Hebrews 12:4-13; John 15:1-2). Though unpleasant, these experiences are the righteous responsibility of our heavenly Father. Bear them with joy, because they remind you that you are His child.
- Hang on to God's promises. Read Hebrews 11 and count yourself among those who faithfully endure and who are commended because you believe in His promise of a heavenly city.

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Anger and bitterness usually come when we begin to buy the world's mantra that "it's all about me." We write our own script, and when something messes with it, we get angry, bitter or depressed.

The best preparation for difficult times is a heart and mind ready with the truth of God. If we're prepared, then all we need is the comfort of a close brother or sister who will pray with us and gently recall the faithfulness of God and His promises.

Principles Of Discipline

Mention the word discipline, and various forms of punishment may come to mind. But discipline encompasses the entire process of shaping and molding a child's attitudes and behaviors. Here are some basic principles of discipline:

1. *Balance love and limits.*

Children cannot survive without experiencing consistent and unconditional love. Your child must know that your love is rock solid – the foundation from which he can safely and confidently explore his world. Children also need, and actually seek boundaries and rules. Expressing love and enforcing limits are not contradictory but intimately related.

2. *Parents must assume leadership in the home.*

For a variety of reasons, it is possible for parents to find themselves struggling to maintain order and manage the demands of daily life. After a few years, the children may set the family's agenda and even drift into a general disrespect for the parent's authority. This is an unhealthy state of affairs. Children lack the wisdom, experience and capabilities to train and nurture themselves.

Children will ask in a variety of ways, "Who's in charge?" If the answer is "I guess I am," the result will be uncontrollable and unhappy children.

3. *Distinguish between childish irresponsibility and willful defiance.*

You will have to deal with numerous episodes of childish irresponsibility – losing her new gloves, forgetting his lunch, leaving toys strewn all over the living room. These actions need correction, but they usually do not



represent a direct challenge to your authority; a steady diet of rewards, consequences and patience will gradually introduce your child to responsible behavior.

On specific occasions, however the issue will be willful defiance. This takes place when your child clearly understands what you want, is capable of doing that you want and refuses to do so.

When confronted with such a situation, act clearly and decisively. Not only must your child not have his way, but his attitude about what he has done must be turned around as well.

At times it may be difficult to tell whether you child is being defiant or irresponsible. Did he understand clearly what you wanted? Can he actually accomplish it? Failing to get straight A's is not defiance. But refusing to shut off the TV after being told to probably is. When dealing with willful defiance, the child's attitude is the central issue.

Family Picnic a Wet and Wild Success!

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Ginny DeGuzman won the game.

For the next games, three teams were formed. Team one called themselves “*Jackfruit*”, team two, “*Rambutan*”, and team three, “*Lanzones*”. There were four group games. The first one was **Caterpillar Relay**. In this game, a player will place a foot inside the looped rope and run to the marker and back. When he returns, the next player will place his foot in the next loop and run with the first player.

This will continue until all five players have run to the marker and back. In first place was *Lanzones*, followed by *Jackfruit* and *Rambutan*.

The next game was **Water Balloon Toss**. In this game, four players will represent their team. Two will hold a beach towel and use it to toss the water balloons. The other two will catch

the balloons using another beach towel. The team with the most balloons caught will win. *Lanzones* once again grabbed first place, closely followed by *Rambutan* and *Jackfruit*.

The third game was **Sponge Bob SquarePass**. For this game, six players of each team will line up between an empty bucket and a bucket of water. The player nearest to the bucket of water will soak the sponge and pass it to the next player until the sponge will reach the player nearest to the empty bucket. He will squeeze the water into the bucket and run to the bucket of water and soak the sponge to pass it to the next player. This will continue until the allotted time runs out. Once more, *Lanzones* took first place with *Rambutan* and *Jackfruit* in second and third, respectively.

The last group game was the **Longest Line**. For this game, all players will use anything in their person to make a long line until the allotted time runs out. This time, *Rambutan* jumped ahead of *Lanzones* by making their line reach both ends more than three times. *Jackfruit* came in second, their line almost as long as *Rambutan*'s.

The last game was **The Ship Is Sinking**. The survivors were Dick Pendleton, Jewel and Elaine DeGuzman, and one more unnamed player.

The picnic ended at around four in the afternoon, but not before the awarding ceremony, where everybody won prizes and something else, for the reason behind the event was not to win competitions, but to *build closer relationships* in the **MCUMC** family.

All in all, it was a very fruitful event, and each one went home wet, tired and happy. Surely, another event like this will be very much anticipated in the future!

A little humor!!



Good News, Bad News

The pastor of Second Church stood before his congregation and announce:

“I have bad news, I have good news, and I have bad news.”

“The bad news is, the church needs a new roof.”

The congregation groaned.

“The good news is, we have enough money for the new roof.”

A cheer went up from the congregation.

“The bad news is, it’s still in your pockets.”

August

Lectons

August 5th Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hos. 11: 1-11
Ps. 107: 1-9, 43 or UMH 830
Col. 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21
Color: Green

August 12th Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isa. 1:1, 10-20
Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23 or UMH 783
Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40
Color: Green

August 19th Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isa. 5:1-7
Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19 or UMH 801
Heb. 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56
Color: Green

August 26th Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jer. 1:4-10
Ps. 71:1-6 or UMH 794
Heb. 12:18-29, Like 13:10-17
Color: Green



VICTORY FELLOWSHIP

No meetings in August or September for Victory Fellowship.

Also, there was no meeting in July, but hope that Virginia Rufino, George Gordillo, Elizabeth Carlos and Art Hill, all, had a Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to Ray Murray and Maxine Roush in August.

NEXT POTLUCK: October 18th (Thursday), Gil & Marcy Santilla are Host & Hostess.

Program: A Video given by Elizabeth Carlos about her Deaf Ministry

Everyone is Welcome!
COME JOIN US!!!

President, Dick Pendleton

September Worship Assistants

Liturgist:

Ed Organo – September 2nd and 9th
Jeffrey Quizon – September 16th and 23rd

Communion Stewards:

Martinez Family

Ushers:

DeGuzman Family

Acolyte:

Alex Mariano





CALENDAR & EVENTS



August 2007						
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- Ruby Nicolas 5
- Armado DeLeon 5
- Virginia Organo 6
- Edna Santos 9
- Tim Breen 11
- Pearl Ventura..... 12
- Ray Murray 13
- Immanuel Ventura 14
- Daniel Nathan Nicolas..... 14
- Luke Su 15
- Virginia Jarin 15
- Elijah Santos 16
- Maresa Santos..... 16
- EJ Santos..... 16
- Ronald Murray..... 16
- Maxine Roush 21
- Zhu Jun 23
- Conchita Bunaguen..... 30

Welcome Zion Angeleigh Lambino to the Mission Community Family. She was born on Monday, July 30th, weighing 6.2lbs.
 Janel and baby are doing fine, as well as the proud Father, Voltaire and her Kuya Luke and Ate Zoe.

August Altar Flowers:

- 5th – Organo Family
- 12th – Nicolas Family – In celebration of Ruby, EJ and Daniel’s Birthdays.
- 19th- OPEN
- 26th – Faye Organo – In Memory of Sal and Romy Organo.



Prayer Ministry

Throughout the year a family will be randomly selected to be the focus of the prayer by the congregation throughout the week. For the month of **AUGUST**, the following members and friends of Mission Community will be prayed for. They will be notified with a letter from the Pastor about their choice.



Week 1

August 5th – 11th

Anthony Quizon

18129 Kensington Avenue
 Cerritos, California 90703

Week 2

August 12th – 18th

Ernan Garcia

1819 Wren Avenue
 West Covina, California 91790

Week 3

August 19th – 25th

Zoe Lambino

2444 Loy Lane
 Los Angeles, California 90041

Week 4

August 26th – September 1st

Jonathan Songco

1817 S. Monterey Street
 Alhambra, California 91801



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VISITOR ALERT

Our District Superintendent for

Pasadena District,

The Rev. N. Adiel DePano

and his family will be joining us in our
worship service on August 19, 2007. Let
us prepare a warm welcome for them.