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Pastor's Corner by Pastor Tony Rodriguez

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.
Galatians 5:13
(New Living Translation)

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Freedom, Independence, Courage, Sacrifice. These are the words that come to mind when I think about July. In fact many countries celebrate independence day in the month of July as well. Burundi (1), Cape Verde (5), Colombia (20), Comoros (6), Democratic Rep. Of Congo (30), Kiribati (12), Liberia (26), Malawi (6), Maldives (26), Mongolia (11), Peru (28), Rwanda (1), Solomon Islands (7), US (4), and Venezuela (5).

People fight so that there may be freedom from whatever or whomever is imposing their power on them. These battles are fought in the pursuit of peace. Who would have thought that it takes war to achieve peace. The scriptures talk about the war in heaven in which Satan was cast out of due to his rebellion. From then on there has been pain and suffering. It's unfortunate but we've almost gotten used to pain

and suffering to the extent that it's almost as if it's a way of life. Freedom for the Christian occurred at Calvary. The place intended for a criminal is the exact locale in which our Savior died so that we may have eternal life, so that we may have peace.

I wonder if we have peace? Do we have peace in our walk with God? Or is there still oppression and captivity occurring? If Jesus has set us free at Calvary then do we have any reason to not feel free? Let me define what I mean when I use the word free. I'm referring to leaving the world that we ourselves are way too familiar with. Living a life that in regards to the daily activities of life is free of regrets. There's a peace that comes from being with Jesus. But there's also a peace that is the fruit of what we find in James 4:7, 8 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come

near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

We either surrender to God or we surrender to Satan. The truth is, there's only peace, love, acceptance, respect, justice, mercy, forgiveness and a future when we surrender to Jesus. And because Satan knows that this is the case, he's doing everything possible to make his kingdom look more enticing. That's the battle that we are in. Aren't you glad that we can surrender to Jesus everything and in the process we gain what we really need? What we really need isn't independence, what we really need is Jesus.

Health Nugget

Food should be eaten slowly, and should be thoroughly masticated. This is necessary, in order that the saliva may be properly mixed with the food, and the digestive fluids be called into action. If your time to eat is limited, do not bold down your food, but eat less, and masticate slowly. The benefit derived from food does not depend so much on the quantity eaten as on its thorough digestion; nor gratification of taste so much on the amount of food swallowed as on the length of time it remains in the mouth. Those who are excited, anxious, or in a hurry, would do well not to eat until they have found rest or relief; for the vital powers, already severely taxed, cannot supply the necessary digestive fluids.

-Counsels on Diet and Food, p. 107



July Birthday Celebrants

*By living fully,
recognizing that
all we do is by
His power, we
honor God; He
in turn blesses
us.—Becky Laird*



- 6 Tony Hermosillo
- 8 Kim Han
- 11 Ed Aronson
- 16 Sandra Martinez
- 17 Ramona San Miguel
- 17 Fernando Mora
- 18 Gloria Lopez
- 19 Gilberto Ortiz
- 23 Osman Tablang

San Jose Central to stay open during Camp Meeting

Our church will stay open during the camp meeting in Soquel, CA from July 17-26. If you are not able to join most of our members in Soquel, you can still watch via satellite downlink the adult evening meetings and Sabbath Divine Worship services here at San Jose Central. The Camp Meeting Sabbath program starts at 11am and the evening meetings start at 7pm.

Camp Meeting 2008 at Soquel, CA July 17-26, 2008



July 18-19 Opening Weekend

Henry Wright, probably the most requested speaker for Soquel camp meeting, return for his fifth time. God uses Wright's dynamic preaching and tell-it-like-it-is style to bring the Word of God alive with practical applications.

His messages are powerful and unforgettable. He has spent thirty-four years in pastoral leadership, evangelism, teaching, and preaching. Through his own experiences, both successes and failures, Wright gets vulnerable and real, all for the glory of God.

July 25-26 Closing

Weekend

Doug Batchelor, president and speaker of Amazing Facts Ministries and senior pastor of Sacramento Central Church, is a gifted preacher and teacher. Known worldwide for his down-home approach, intriguing facts and personal experiences, his unique presentation keep audiences on the edge of their seats. He is also an author of several books including *The Truth About Mary Magdalene*, *The Richest Cavemen* and *To See The King and Broken Chains*. You can also hear him every week on his live call-in radio program *Bible Answers Live*.



Featured speakers in the Spanish Tent

Main Speaker Julio Chazarreta

Other speakers include: Guillermo Garcia, Eddie Canales, Pedro Martinez, and

Joel Armenta.

- source: Central Acts

His Commandment is Life Everlasting by Ellet J. Waggoner

Look up the following texts:

Genesis 1:3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 24

Psalm 147:15-18, 148:8

Job 37:6

Matthew 5:37

Ephesians 4:28, 29, 31, 32

Philippians 2:5

Colossians 3:15,16

1 Peter 3:10, 11

Romans 12:9

John 12:50

Psalm 85:8

Isaiah 55:3

Daniel 10:16-19

Note from these texts that whatever God says, is so. This does not mean merely that He tells the truth, but that whatever He says ought to be, comes to pass. He "calleth those things that be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17), because the very calling of their names bring them into existence. His Word creates. When God wanted the earth and the things that are on it to come into being, He

simply said, Let them exist, and immediately they were.

Therefore if anyone wishes to learn the way of life and righteousness, (Job 12:7-9 quoted). What will these teach us? They will teach us that if we hear what God the Lord speaks, we shall have life and peace.

There is life in simply hearing the Word of the Lord. "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24 (see also verses 25, 28, 29)

When the prophet Daniel had a vision from God he lost all strength, and even his breath left his body. Then the Lord spoke to him and said, "Be strong, yea, be strong," and immediately he was strengthened. (Daniel 10:19) That same Word says to us, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10). "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:1). (See also Joshua 1:9).

It will be well worthwhile to look up other places in the Bible where direct commands are given, and whenever one is found, instead of thinking, "What a hard thing to do!," remember that the word which commands that these things be done is the same word that in the beginning created all things, and caused the light to shine out of darkness. "This commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither is it far off." (Deuteronomy 30:11, R.V.) If we hear the Word of the Lord, not for one moment merely, but continually, it will be as easy for us to do according to the commandments of God as it was for the earth to bring forth grass at His command.

Read Psalm 81:8-10 very carefully. See what a wonderful promise God makes to His people. Now read Exodus 20:1-3, and see that this is the same thing. From this learn that all the commandments of God are but "exceeding great and precious promises" (See 2 Peter 1:4).

-to be continued next month

Employment Opportunity

Mountain View Academy is accepting employment applications for the following positions for the 2008-2009 school year.

Facilities Manager (FT), Task Force Worker, English Language Development (ELD) Teacher (PT).

If you are interested or for more information please call Dan Meidinger at (650)967-2324.

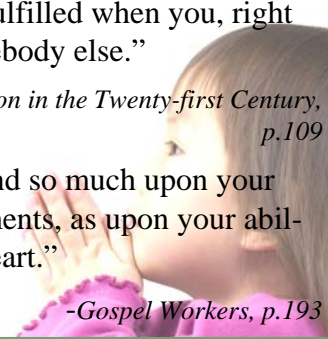
Thoughts for Today

"The Great Commission is fulfilled when you, right where you are, disciple somebody else."

-Walter Douglas, Adventist Mission in the Twenty-first Century, p.109

"Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart."

-Gospel Workers, p.193



July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 6:30pm—Elders Meeting	8 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group	9 7pm Prayer Meeting	10	11 Sunset: 8:29pm	12 Sunset: 8:29pm 9am—Sabbath Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 2pm Spirit of Prophecy Class
13	14 7pm—Church Board Meeting	15 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group	16 7pm Prayer Meeting	17 Camp meeting Starts	18 Sunset: 8:26pm 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink	19 Sunset: 8:25pm SP: Henry Wright 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink
20 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink	21 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink	22 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink	23 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink	24 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink	25 Sunset: 8:21pm 7pm—Camp meeting Satellite downlink	26 Sunset: 8:20pm SP: Doug Batchelor 7pm—Campmeeting Satellite downlink
27	28	29 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group	30 7pm Prayer Meeting	31	August 1 Sunset: 8:15pm	2 Sunset: 8:14pm 9am—Sabbath Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 2pm Spirit of Prophecy Class
3	4	5 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group	6 7pm Prayer Meeting	7	8 Sunset: 8:08pm	9 Sunset: 8:07pm 9am—Sabbath Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 2pm Spirit of Prophecy Class



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Sabbath Services: Sabbath School: 9:20 am
Divine Worship: 10:50am

Mission: Our mission is to spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ to our community through the power of the Holy Spirit and to provide an affectionate and welcoming place of worship in the unified and spiritual body of Christ through prayerful Bible study and involvement in soul winning and hospitable activities with the goal of preparing ourselves and the city of San Jose for the second advent of Jesus Christ.

Vision: We, the San Jose Central Church through the power of the Holy Spirit, strive for an environment filled with unified disciples who work diligently for the cause of advancing the Kingdom of God.

