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## Pastor's Corner by Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr.

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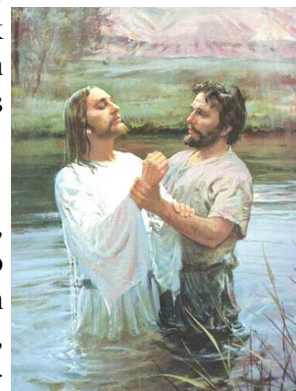
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September, ah yes what a wonderful month. It starts with a day off (Labor day) and ends with the welcoming of autumn. This month is very special to me for several reasons. First of all, it was a year ago that I arrived to this church and it is exciting to see all that God is doing in our church. What exactly is He doing??? I thought you'd never ask. God is raising leaders up and placing them in our church so that our church can be in a position to take the necessary steps that God is leading us to do. I know this next detail may not sound like much, but it actually is very significant. We are praying. Is prayer anything new? No it isn't, but when we as a church deliberately spend time praying for our congregation and our community then God will make things happen when they need to happen and how they need to happen. We have already started to see

some of the fruit of this as witnessed by the active participation shown by our congregation in the distribution of the "Final Events DVD". And more fruit is on it's way, as we continue to pray and seek God's will then His blessings will abound.

Second, this happens to be the month of my birthday, yipeee! Actually many of our members' birthday's are in this month: David Miguel, Pamela Simpson, Helen Varela are just a few for starters. Although we were born a few moons ago, there's another birth that's on my mind. I'm talking about when we were baptized. Do you remember that day? Where was it? Who performed it? Who else was there? Remember the day you were baptized, for

it was a very, very special day. Whether we were baptized recently or not, we can be spiritually renewed any day of the year.



Maybe today is that day. Better yet, I know it's today. It's not enough to have certain years in the faith, we need to be born again each and every day. Not only is it imperative to be born again today, but also we need to seek out how God is going to use us for His honor and glory.

And lastly, I know that this year coming will be a better one than this one that just finished. Do I have any scientific data to support that? No, I simply have faith. And that's all I need.

## September Birthday Celebrants

5 Clara San Miguel	15 Helen Varela	24 Caryl Chaney
7 Michael Millena	19 Regina Diaz	24 Sarahi Benko Jr.
10 Hoa Ta Nguyen	20 Valerie Barraza	26 Jesse Oropeza
13 Pastor Tony	21 Jenna Truax	
14 Pam Simpson	22 Sandy Ortiz	



## Health Nugget

Grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables constitute the diet chosen for us by our Creator. These foods, prepared in as simple and natural a manner as possible, are the most healthful and nourishing.



- C. D. F. p. 81

## His Commandment is Life Everlasting (conclusion) by Ellet J. Waggoner



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:1,4). “That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” (v.9). Therefore the same word which in the beginning caused the light to shine out of darkness, says to us, “Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.” (Isaiah 60:1). If we will hear that Word, we shall as surely be “light in the Lord” as the light in the beginning shone when God said, “Let there be light.”

“God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit;” “and it was so.” There was no struggle on the part of the earth to perform the commandment of the Lord; only the reception of the Word of Life, which works effectually wherever it finds an opening for it. Now “as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.” (Isaiah 61:11).

“And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord they God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:1-3). Now how did God suppose that we were to keep that commandment? Israel of old made the mistake of supposing that they themselves must furnish the power to do it, and they did not attain to the righteousness of the law. But God did not expect anything of the kind. Hear what He says, repeating almost the words that are in Exodus 20:1-3. “Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee; O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto Me, there shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. I am the Lord they God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt; open they mouth wide, and I will fill it.” (Psalm 81:8-10). There was to be no straining to manufacture power which they did not have, but a simple yielding to the self-acting Word. Let the people but hear, and continue to hear, the Word of the Lord, and He will take the responsibility upon Himself of seeing that strange gods are kept from among them.

The first commandment includes all the ten. The tenth commandment, “Thou shalt not covet,” is only another precept against idolatry, for covetousness is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5). The law ends just where it begins, and is as a whole but an exhortation to love God. But love is of God, and he sheds His love abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. So instead of expecting us to do what the flesh cannot possibly do, God simply asks us to submit to His love, to submit to His righteousness. “His commandments are not grievous,” but they are love.

Thus we see that the commandments of God are in reality promises of what He will do for us, or rather statements of what He has already laid up for us ready to our hand. His grace supplies all that His justice demands. He never asks anything of us that He has not first given to us. “How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them.” How precious is the thought that no matter what God requires us to be, no matter what He tells us to be or do, the very same Word that makes known to us the requirement supplies the thing required. Let us read all the commandments of God in the light of the first chapter of Genesis, and life will assume a new phase. Then the greater the commandment, the greater will be our thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for us; and even in the midst of the thunders of Sinai we can say, “Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul.”



The Bible has a lot to say about reaching children with the good news. “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). It is the job of our families and churches to give our children a strong foundation in the Lord.

But did you know that the average child spends more than 2,000 hours in front of the television each year? They also watch more than 40,000 commercials and saw an estimated 10,000 acts of violence. Moreover, they were given thousands of sound-bites, both blatant and subliminal, about what they should think, say, eat, wear, buy, and do.

### Reaching the young with the gospel!

That’s why Pastor Doug Batchelor, president of Amazing Facts, will present **Amazing Adventure** — a brand-new, live satellite evangelistic event for kids ages 8 to 12 to air this fall!

Pastor Doug says, “Our children are constantly being assailed by diabolical messages that are molding their characters and view of the world. And I’m convinced that God’s people could be doing a

lot more to help them resist these influences.”

Aimed at reaching our children with the gospel and ground them in God’s Word, Amazing Adventure will be enjoyable for both kids and parents. There will be exciting illustrations, interactive Bible questions, stirring music, and then a gospel message aimed at their hearts that is both intriguing and inspirational.

They will learn about young Bible heroes like David, Samuel, Daniel, Josiah, and others that will encourage today’s kids to stand up for God. And most important, we will highlight a strong personal relationship with the MOST amazing individual in the Bible — Jesus Christ.

So be sure to join us for this thrilling one-week event broadcast live from Richardson, Texas, on 3ABN or through your local church’s satellite downlink, September 12 thru 20 from 6:45-8:30pm. It’s a great time for kids to invite their friends, both from school and their neighborhood, to a fun and interesting event that can help them get a strong spiritual start in the new school year.

-Source: [amazingfactskids.org](http://amazingfactskids.org)

## San Jose Central Week of Prayer (September 6-12)

This month’s week of prayer will start from September 6 and conclude on September 12. Meetings will start at 7pm. The theme of this prayer meeting is **“What is Your Gift?”**

Discover the talents that God has given you and learn how God can use you to further His work.


Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. will lead this prayer meeting. Come and be blessed!



### Donations Needed!

We need used clothing in good condition; cans of beans, corn, green beans, spaghettios, tuna, and soup. Boxes of cereal, jars of peanut butter, jelly, loaves of bread, dry milk, packages of top ramen noodles, boxes of mac and cheese, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, sanitary napkins, used towels, linens, toys and whatever else you can give. We also need packages of new socks, and underwear for the San Jose Family Shelter. We want to help out the needy in our area and our own members. Let us come together as a church and share what we have in excess with our community. If you need someone to pick up the items, please call Mary Varela at (408)836-0448 or bring your donations to San Jose Central Church this Sabbath.

# September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>7</b> 7pm Week of Prayer	<b>8</b> 6pm Business Meeting 7pm Week of Prayer	<b>9</b> 7pm Week of Prayer	<b>10</b> 7pm Week of Prayer	<b>11</b> 7pm Week of Prayer	<b>12</b> Sunset: 7:20pm 7pm Week of Prayer 6:45-8:30 Amazing Adventure	<b>13</b> Sunset: 7:19pm 9am—Sabbath Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 2pm—Spirit of Prophecy Class 6:45-8:30 Amazing Adventure
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Autumn Begins	<b>23</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group	<b>24</b> 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Sunset: 6:59pm	<b>27</b> Sunset: 6:57pm 9am—Sabbath Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 2pm—Spirit of Prophecy Class
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group	<b>October 1</b> 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Sunset: 6:48pm	<b>4</b> Sunset: 6:47pm 9am—Sabbath Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 2pm—Spirit of Prophecy Class
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7pm—Merly Ortiz's Small Group	<b>8</b> 7pm—Prayer Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Sunset: 6:38pm	<b>11</b> Sunset: 6:36pm 9am—Sabbath Morning Prayer SP: Pastor Tony Rodriguez Jr. 2pm—Spirit of Prophecy Class



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Wednesday 5pm—9pm

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.

