



SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM — Adult Sunday School** — Main Auditorium
- 11:00 AM — Worship Service** — Main Auditorium
- 11:00 AM — Children's Church & Choir** — Aux Bldg
Ages 6-11/until conclusion of Worship Service
- 11:00 AM — Nursery** — Auxiliary Building
Ages 0-5/until conclusion of Worship service
Children under 2 years old will need to be accompanied by a parent or older family member.

TUESDAY

- 7:30 PM — Prayer Service** — Auxiliary Building
All are welcome. There are many needs for which to seek God.
- 8:00 PM — San Mateo Bible Study**
Call Chuck Kabala at (650) 358-9212 for information.

THURSDAY

- 7:30 PM — Women's Theology Class**
- 7:30 PM — Redwood City Bible Study**
819 Palm Ave. Apt. #2, Redwood City, CA
Call Paul (650) 771-6468

FRIDAY

- 8:30 PM — Friday Night Bible Study** — Worship Hall
Current study is the Book of 1st Thessalonians

SATURDAY

- 7:30 PM — Men's Meeting & Theology Class**
All men are welcome to join us at for Study
Come early to help Set-up for Sunday Worship.

KEEP IN MIND...

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Pastor Jesse Gistand
Elder Rick Warta*

CALL TO WORSHIP (STAND)

DOXOLOGY

"Glory Be to the Father"

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #442 & #297 (SEATED)

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 6:1-8/1Tim3:1-13

HYMN #257

PRAYER FOR THE MESSAGE

**"ELDERS AND DEACONS,
THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST"**

HYMN #480

OFFERING

CLOSING DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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Acts 6:1-8

¹And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. ²Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. ³Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. ⁴But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

⁵And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: ⁶Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. ²A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

³Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; ⁴One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; ⁵(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ⁶Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

⁷Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. ⁸Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; ⁹Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

¹⁰And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. ¹¹Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. ¹²Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. ¹³For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The Danger of an Unconverted Minister

The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

2 Tim 2:6,7

Let it be a part of our daily prayers, that our churches may have no ministers excepting those who are really called of God. An unconverted minister is an injury and burden to a church. How can a man speak of truths which he has never tasted? How can he testify of a Savior whom he has never seen by faith, and never laid hold on for his own soul? The pastor after God's own heart, is a man to whom the Word of God has come. He runs confidently and speaks boldly, because he has been sent.

~ JC Ryle



Getting Beyond Selfish Prayers

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Luke 11:1

Let us take heed that we pray for others also. Let us beware of selfish prayers – the prayers which are wholly taken up with our own affairs, and in which there is no place for other souls beside our own. Let us name all whom we love before God continually. Let us pray for all – the worst, the hardest, and the most unbelieving. Let us continue praying for them year after year, in spite of their continued unbelief. God's time of mercy may be a distant one. Our eyes may not see an answer to our intercession. The answer may not come for ten, fifteen, or twenty years. It may not come until we have exchanged prayer for praise, and are far away from this world. But while we live, let us pray for others. The greatest kindness we can do to anyone is to speak for them to our Lord Jesus Christ. The day of judgment will show that one of the greatest links in drawing some souls to God, has been *the intercessory prayer* of friends.

~ J.C. Ryle



The Great Shepherd Will Guide You

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Rev 7:17

Let us remember this as we look forward to the days yet to come: We know not what our days may be – bright or dark, many or few – but we know that we are in the hands of Him who does all things well. He will not err in any of His dealings with us. He will take away and give – He will move and He will settle – with perfect wisdom, at the right time, in the right way. The great Shepherd of the sheep makes no mistakes. He leads every lamb of His flock by the right way to the city of habitation

~ JC Ryle



“Elders and Deacons, The MINISTRY of CHRIST”

Acts 6:1-8/1Tim3:1-13

(1) What is a bishop? Vs1/8/12 - The eyes, ears, and heart of Christ.
Heb 13:7/17/ 1Pet 5:1-4/ Episcopo . **What is a Deacon?** Hands
Application to the teaching ministry

(2) The parallel of *character* and *qualifications* between the two offices: 12/8/ Family men / Sober / free of vice: Hosea 4:11

Paul’s response to a corrupt culture - Titus/ 2Tim3 (18-25 per pastor inappropriate relationship with members of the congregation)

(3) he distinction of the two offices: Deacons, Mainly care vs. Teaching/ Elders, Mainly teaching vs. care / *“Ruling elders and deacons vs. teaching elders and deacons.”*
Gift/Office -

(4) The Wives or Women debate?: vs11 - 4:9-15/ Nuns/sisters/ *Deaconesses* nowhere In the N/T. “Appropriate to maintaining the precious distinction between sexes.” Rom 16:1 / Servant, to wait, attend, minister - Mark 9:35 / John 2:5,9/ 12:36

(5) The Full Care of the Church: Vs 4/5 Christ our Deacon and Care taker. Mark 10;45/ Luke 11:33-35/ - 1Tim2:4-6

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