

Seed of Faith

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“Saving Lives While Saving Souls”
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General Announcements

Special Emphasis:

- EACH MONDAY WE FAST AND PRAY FROM 6AM TO 6PM. YOUR WALK WILL GET STRONGER IF YOU DO.
- PASTOR AND 1ST LADY HOWARD THIRD YEAR APPRECIATION STARTS THIS MONTH.
- STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE AND PICK UP A COPY OF THE SERVICE FOR A \$5.00 DONATION.

Weekly Calendar:

Tuesday

Usher Meeting

Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal

DEVELOP Spiritual Gifts

TEACH Living Word

REACH Unsaved

BUILD God's Kingdom

Join Evangelism Team
Everyone is invited to the training class on September 10th at 7:00 PM. We are planning to “Take the Streets for Jesus” on the 3rd Saturday of each month beginning on September 19th. We will be going as teams to different communities in the area and share the awesome GOOD NEWS about Jesus Christ to others!

Monday, September 14 at 7 PM we will have our church quarterly business meeting to review our

Christian Comedy Fest this building fundraiser will be happening on September 11th & 12th at 8:00 PM. On each night we will have a time of laughter and excitement bringing together people from throughout the Bay Area. Be sure you do not miss this evening of hilarious joy. Tickets are available now in the bookstore. Dinner will be available for those who come early.

church financial standing and program goals.

New @ SOFCF – our church has recently upgrading its software system to permit us to send e-mail announcements about ministries services, volunteering opportunities, inspirational scriptures, news, and daily lessons. We want to include you so please send us an e-mail to: seedoffaith@comcast.net and just put your name on the subject line.

Defined by Christ Young Adults Ministry is designed for the age

range of 18-35. This ministry was created to encourage a holy lifestyle and have fun while fellowshiping with other believers our age through studying the word together and participating in events that include spoken word poetry, music, outings, etc. Why not allow God to use you and your talents by being a part of this ministry and blessing others with your presence? Please complete the questionnaire and submit it to the Seed of Faith office located in the lobby.

Coming Events

Sunday, September 20th at 3 PM will be the Pastor and 1st Lady Howard's 3RD Year Appreciation. This will be a day of celebration and tribute for the service that they have given to bless our church. Let us come to give our love and offering of support to show appreciation for what God has given to us at SOF.

Sunday, September 27th is Usher Appreciation Day. Join us during our 11AM worship service as we will pay special tribute to the Ushers of our church who tirelessly serve us all year long. Let's take time to say, Thanks!

Please plan to come to the closing celebration banquet on September 25th held at the Nine's in Brentwood. Tickets are now available for a \$45 donation.

Meaning of Baptism...by Pastor Howard



“Enter Your Secret Closet”

The literal meaning: the original word for baptism is baptizo - to dip, to plunge, to immerse. The method of baptism such as to sprinkle or pour such as King James (of 16th century England), is not Biblical. The original word baptizo establishes irrefutable evidence that Biblical baptism by any other means method is not Biblical. We are to baptize in the name of (by

the authority of) the Father, the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Spirit (some add in Jesus’ name, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 19:5) as outlined in Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16 and other scripture. We are to baptize after the Gospel is preached and a person received the truth of the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit. We must say that even after

we have followed the Biblical mandates to the letter there is no salvation in baptism. Salvation happens before we are baptized. The moment that we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit by believing in our hearts and confessing with our mouth that God has raised Jesus from the dead, we are saved rom. 10:8-9. We are baptized because we are saved not to be saved.

Harvest Time Book Store

Come check the close out items now available for a limited time. The book store also has special order bible covers and items for different occasions that you can order. We have audio copies of all our services and it is possible to order a previous sermon for a donation of \$5.00. You can also special order other items if you wish. Your purchases help support our building fund.

Women of Faith

Monday, September 7, at 7:00 PM the SOAR women’s discipleship gathering will take place at the church. All women of the church are welcomed. The SOAR Ministry provides a spiritually uplifting environment for women to build bonds and to conquer the challenges the challenges and obstacles of life. Those who attend will receive meaningful and inspiring tools for life.

Outreach Ministry

Sunday, September 6th Convalescent Ministry will be going out to two locations: 10:00 AM – Diamond Ridge and 2:30 PM - Pittsburg Care. We visit for one hour and share prayer, song and reading the bible to the residents. We hope you will feel led to come share your time and God’s love. For information see Minister Kacey.

Prayer List

**Sister Catherine Smith
Mother Irene Ingram
Sister Lucille Davis
Brother Andre’ Johnson
Brother Sportt Smith
Brother David Anderson
Sister Joy Easley**

Darelle – Grandson of Sister Lita Merrit

Mable Else – Mother of Brother Curtis Wilkins

Willie Fontenot, Jr. – Brother of Brother Will Fontenot

Willie Duette – Brother-in-law of Sister Earlene Brown

Sheila Moore – Sister of Sister Judy Anderson

Family of Sister Cynthia Perkins

Arehelia Mimms – Friend of Sister Betty Ellis

Shelby Given – Cousin of Deacon Sean Franklin

Ronnie Welch – Uncle of Sister Tanya Miller

Mary Willingham – Niece of Sister Alma Palmer

Ed Williams – Brother of Sister Alma Palmer

Men of Valor

Saturday, September 19, at 8:30 AM we will be meeting at Denny’s Restaurant in Antioch on Summersville Road. This is a time when the men can come together to grow and encourage one another to live in the fullness of our manhood and live life the way God has planned for us.

GATEWAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Tuesday, September 1, following courses: classes are set to begin for Gateway Christian College. The class schedule for the fall has just been published. Orientation for student will be August 31, at 7 PM. All classes will be held on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 7 PM and 8 PM. You can attend one these affordable courses by taking one or more of the

- How We Got Our Bible
 - Church History II
 - Personal Ethics
 - Theology VII
 - Apologetics
 - Eschatology II (Rapture)
- GCC is part of the teaching ministry of SOF and all classes are evening.