

CONNECTION



RCCC CHILDREN MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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How to Get Strength, Rest and Revival Tracy Lee

When people ask me how our family's transition from CA to NC has been, I often reply, "Delightfully traumatic!" Although we arrived back in February, our household goods were stuck in Los Angeles until May. When they finally arrived, much of our belongings were infested with mold, mice droppings, and covered in dust and dirt. After all the furniture got moved into the house, our RCCC members helped us haul much of it to a dumpster. Since then, we have been blessed that we could replace most of our furnishings. One night, I was in the kitchen and heard my kids shrieking; they were trying to kill a mouse in the garage. Thus, in dealing with the messiness of our move - getting the kids situated in their new schools, hosting out of town visitors, finding new medical providers, preparing teaching plan and helping my husband through his nerve pain, we've faced some "delightful trauma!" I confess that for the past six months, oftentimes, the only things I have shown my kids are irritation, impatience, and "I'm sorry I can't help/listen/talk/play with you now because I must.... or we won't be able to...." I have desperately needed strength, rest, and revival!

Thankfully, God's Word has much to say regarding these needs: *1 Chronicles 29:11-13 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and you exalt yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all, and in your hand is power and might; and it lies in your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. (NASB)*

Each day, when I feel overwhelmed with the tasks before me, I remember who our God is and His promises. In 1 Chronicles 29:11-13, we are reminded that since God is the creator of the heavens and the earth, all things belong to Him. Therefore, he rules over all and everything we need comes from Him. Do I really believe all I have is from the Lord, especially in the midst of needing to speak more gently with my family? Psalm 68:28a has also been a prayer of mine, "Your God has commanded your strength; Show yourself strong, O God, who have acted on our behalf." If our God is the one who commands strength for each of his children, doesn't he also do the same for everything else we need today? I am encouraged that it's literally God who commands our sleep. Who got the greatest nap in all of history? Adam, for in Genesis 2:21, "God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept." It doesn't get better than that! But lest you think that was only for Adam, Psalm 5:8 says, "In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety." Proverbs 19:23 says "The fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil." Aren't those great promises for when we go to bed tonight?

Lastly, if we are also in need of revival in our heart, make Psalm 119:107 a personal prayer, "I am exceedingly afflicted; Revive me, O Lord, according to your word." Or Psalm 119:93, "I will never forget your precepts, for by them You have revived me." We must remind ourselves the only way we can be REVIVED is through Christ. He is the word who became flesh and dwelt among us, for Hebrews 4:15 promises us "we are not without a great high priest who is able to sympathize with our every weakness, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin." Praise God that the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous in Christ run to it and they are safe! (Proverbs 18:10) Praise God that when we are weak, we are strong! (2 Corinthians 12:10) Praise God that if anyone has ever lacked sleep like Jesus at the garden of Gethsemane when all his disciples fell asleep, he will be watching over. (Matthew 26:36-40) Praise God that he never sleeps but is El Roi, the God who sees everything! (Genesis 21:17)

No matter what trauma we go through, may we be reminded that when we need strength, rest or revival, we must run into the arms of our Lord to meditate on, dwell in, and live out the word of God for ours and our family's good and his glory.



ASK GOD

- * May children grow to find God's word more precious
- * Help children to be alert and self-controlled in all they do.
- * Grant children may be generous and willing to share

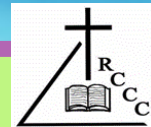


Learn & Action

Help your kids apply their biblical learning to their daily lives.

- ◆ God wants us to tell others about Jesus
- ◆ Sometimes we have to hear a message from God we do not like
- ◆ Learn about Jesus all of our lives
- ◆ Be responsible for the choices we make.

AWAMA 2017-2018 Sep. 8th First Day Ready, Go!



2017 VBS

LAST MINUTE CALL

Date: 8/7 - 8/11

Pre-schooler \$50
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kindergarten - 5th grade \$100
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Aftercare: (Mon. - Thurs.) \$40
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Field trips:
Lake Crabtree Park
Jump Street



Come and Listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. Psalm 66:16

Every Sunday—Children Ministry

Age 2/ under: RM 15. Age 3: Rm 158

9:30- 11:00 am

11:00- 12:30 am

- Worship: Pre II- 1st
- Sunday school: 2nd--5th

- Worship: 2nd--5th

3:00 pm—4:00 pm, refreshment afterwards

VBS video & presentation during Aug 13 worship service



August 2017

Sun	Mn	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Summer Program 7:45 -9:30 pm	5
6 Worship & Sunday school	7 VBS	8 VBS	9 VBS	10 VBS	11 VBS Ceremony	12
13 Worship & Sunday school	14	15	16 Prayer meeting	17	18 Summer Program 7:45 -9:30 pm	19
20 Worship & Sunday school	21	22	23 Prayer meeting	24	25 Summer Program 7:45 -9:30 pm	26
27 Worship & Sunday school	28	29	30 Prayer meeting	31	Summer Program 7:45 -9:30 pm	

如何得力，歇息和復興 *Tracy Lee*

當別人問我，一家如何過渡和適應由加州搬到北卡的轉變時，我常回答：「是喜樂的磨鍊！」我們早在二月時已經搬到北卡，但我們的家居用品卻仍然滯留在洛杉磯，直至五月才送抵。可是，當我們打開那批傢俬用品時，卻發現大部份已經發霉，且滿佈塵埃，甚至老鼠糞！天啊！真的十分恐怖！我們把原以為完好的傢俬用品搬進屋內，還不過一天，熱心的RCCC弟兄便得幫忙把它們扔進垃圾箱！後來，蒙弟兄姊妹的愛心幫助，我們得以重新添置大部份的傢俱！感謝主！

天晚上，經過一天的家居打掃後，我在廚房聽到孩子們尖叫；那時是晚上10:45。原來他們正在設法對付一隻躲在車房內的老鼠！九歲的Manny不斷跺腳，想踏扁藏在紙皮下的老鼠，而我只能內心祈求：「希望鄰居不要以為我們是瘋子。神啊，憐憫我們！」收拾家居、安頓孩子們入學、招呼到訪親友、尋找合適的醫務所、預備秋季教學，以及支援受到神經痛嚴重困擾的丈夫.....在这一切事上，我們經歷了「喜樂的磨鍊」。我得承認和懺悔，在過去的半年裏，我常常在孩子前表現得暴躁和不耐煩，常說：「對不起，我現在無法幫你、聽你說話或跟你玩，因為我必需.....否則我們便無法.....」我極需力量、歇息和復興。感謝神，聖經总是可以教導我們：「耶和華啊，尊大、能力、榮耀、強勝、威嚴都是你的；凡天上地下的都是你的，國度也是你的；並且你為至高，為萬有之首。豐富尊榮都從你而來，你也治理萬物。在你手裏有大能大力，使人尊大強盛都出於你。」(代上29：11-12)(和合本，下同)

每一天，當我感到自己的心思意念被眼前的工作纏擾時，經文提醒我，誰是神以及祂的應許。代上29：11-12提醒我們，神是天上地下的創造者，萬有皆屬祂；神統管萬有，我們所需用的一切皆從祂而來。我是否確信，今天我所擁有的一切，皆從神而來？是否確信祂的手滿有權能，尤其是當我需要用更溫和的語調對孩子和丈夫說話的時候？神會加力堅固每一個人，包括RCCC的每一個人。

事實上，詩篇68：28上，最近成為了我的禱告。經文提到，「以色列的能力是神所賜的。神啊，求你堅固你為我們所成全的事。」倘若我們的神是那位賜力量給祂每一位孩子的神，難道祂不會同樣賜下力量予我們面對生活所需？我尋遍經文，確信這是真確的。神要求我們休息。你知道在人類歷史上，誰曾得到最佳的休息？亞當是也！創世記2：21記載，「耶和華神使他沉睡，他就睡了；於是取下他的一條肋骨，又把肉合起來。」有甚麼比這沉睡更好呢？你以為是亞當獨享嗎？詩篇4：8提到，「我必安然躺下睡覺，因為獨有你耶和華使我安然居住。」箴言19：23提及，「敬畏耶和華的，得著生命，他必恆久知足，不遭禍患。」這些不都是神賜給我們極美的應許嗎？

最後，也同樣重要的，若我們不但需要力量和休息，還需要復興的話，不妨以詩篇119章107節作為禱告：「我甚是受苦，耶和華啊，求你照你的話將我救活。」或第93節「我永不忘記你的訓詞，因你用這訓詞將我救活了。」我們要不斷提醒自己，獲得復興的惟一途徑是透過主耶穌基督，那位被釘死在十字架上，被埋葬，三日後復活的主；祂且道成肉身住在我們中間。希伯來書4:15應許我們：「因我們的大祭司並非不能體恤我們的軟弱，他也曾凡事受過試探，與我們一樣，只是他沒有犯罪。」感謝神，「耶和華的名是堅固台，義人奔入，便得安穩。」(箴18：10) 感謝神，「我們甚麼時候軟弱，甚麼時候就剛強了。」(林後12:10) 感謝神，耶穌和門徒在客西馬尼園時，當門徒都睡著了，耶穌仍警醒禱告(太26:36-40) 感謝神，祂從不睡覺也不打盹，是每時每刻看顧人的神。(創21：17) 無論我們經歷甚麼事情，是喜是悲，請謹記，當需要力量、歇息或復興時，我們必須投靠神，默想和實踐祂的話，彰顯祂的榮美。



求告神

- * 願孩子們在成長中認識神話語的珍貴
- * 幫助孩子們在所做的事情上警醒自律
- * 賜予孩子們慷慨樂意分享的心



幫助

孩子學以致用

幫助你的孩子將主日學學習的聖經知識運用到每日的生活中。

- ◆ 不忘告訴周圍人關於耶穌的事蹟
- ◆ 有時神的教誨是我們不喜歡但必須要遵循的
- ◆ 神所默示的都是恩典，是與人有益的
- ◆ 對自己的言行負責

AWANA 2017-2018

九月八日第一天

準備好了嗎？



2017

VBS

兒童聖經夏令營
即將開營

Date: 8/7 - 8/11

学前兒童 \$50
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

幼稚園—五年級 \$100
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

课后看顾: (Mon. - Thurs.) \$40
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

出游地点:

Lake Crabtree Park
Jump Street



凡敬畏神的人，你們都來聽；我要述說
他為我所行的事。

箴言 66:16

週日教會兒童事工

Age 2/ under: RM 15. Age 3: Rm 158

9:30- 11:00 am

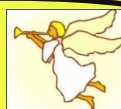
11:00- 12:30 am

- 崇拜: Pre II- 1st
- 主日學: 2nd-5th

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3:00 pm—4:00 pm, 之後分享互動, 供應茶點

8月13日主日崇拜提供VBS精彩回放



八月 2017

Sun	Mn	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	兒童暑期互動 7:45 - 9:30 pm	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
崇拜 & 主日學	VBS	VBS	VBS	VBS	VBS 畢業典禮	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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