



REDWOOD

COVENANT CHURCH

May 20, 2010

Dear Friend,

My bride Robin (28 years this July, God bless her) joined me last weekend for her first visit to Sonoma County & Redwood Covenant Church. We began our mission of 101 Things to Do, Sonoma County. We experienced omelets in the company of Peanuts characters, heavenly views from Paradise Ridge, sea gulls and salt air in Bodega, hamburgers in Healdsburg and crowds milling the streets of downtown Santa Rosa in pursuit of the parade. Along the way we added a Bohemian touch by venturing through Freestone into Occidental. The quaint village in the shadows of towering redwoods was a trip to a Hollywood set.

Along every path in life we find people give variety to the views. The friendly waitress and volunteer tour guide, the Rastafarian employee complete with dreads and tats offering local knowledge, the young man with the big smile surrounded by 43,000 flavors of salt water taffy...people bring such flavor to the trip. The highlight has been our time with the Redwood Covenant family during worship, over coffee and conversation in the lobby or sitting casually while enjoying Tri-tip and potato salad. You have many people around to be blessed by.

This Sunday I'm hoping to bring you a few more Stories in God's Kingdom, both past and present. It's amazing to watch what happens in someone's life when he or she has a grace-full encounter with our Lord Jesus. Priorities change. Perspectives shift. Relationships deepen. Pain subsides. Imagine what would happen if you heard this statement from history's most influential human and greatest leader, "Come here right away. I want to have dinner with you today." You would never look at life the same again. He also puts tour guides and friendly locals to help you walk the path. We call it discipleship.

I invite you to come over, sit down, enjoy a meal, share your story, hear mine and see what life can be when we live it together. Here are a few suggestions...

Sunday Worship at 9:30 & 11:11. Bring your kids, your friends, your colleagues. Connect with an enthusiastic group of folks who want to live life on purpose and be there for each other when real life comes crashing in on our plans.

Membership Class – Sunday, June 6, 11:11 – 1:30pm (Lunch & childcare provided). If you attend RCC and you now want to belong to find your place in the family and your position on the team, invest two hours to join the church. Sign up in the Atrium on Sunday or contact the church office.

A Trip to Africa – Sunday, May 30, our church is hosting one part of a family friendly, world view, participatory experience of life in Africa sponsored by World Vision right here in our neighborhood. Check out the display in the Atrium this Sunday to attend or volunteer.

Baptism – Last Sunday we had 14 adults & kids baptized during the worship services to tell God and the world that Jesus is the Lord of their lives and their 'forever friend'. If you have never been baptized and you want to mark in time an act of obedience and joy, contact the church office or talk to one of the pastors.

See you soon. Bring your walking shoes and binoculars. It's quite an adventure.

Pastor Doug Webster