

*The Campbell Church exists to **GLORIFY** God,  
by **KNOWING** His son Jesus as Lord and Savior,  
by **GROWING** in His word and relationship with His people,  
and by **GOING** into the community to share  
the good news of Christ's love.*

## **Who We Are: Campbell Church of Christ**

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### **Services and Specifics**

The Campbell church is a grace-driven community of Christians and seekers from diverse backgrounds led by shepherding elders and committed staff.

This church began in 1942 as a plant from a church in San Jose. The current property was bought in 1964 with facility expansion occurring over the years.

There are two Sunday morning assemblies with classes held between assembly times for children from infancy through high school, as well as Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) on a variety of topics and serving many demographic groups from college-age to couples, and young parents to established families and seniors.

The number of active participants is around 650 with a typical Sunday morning attendance of 440. The majority of church participants are not from a Church of Christ background.

We have a number of home groups meeting around the Silicon Valley midweek, each one selecting its own topic and material.

We recently began a new series of Sunday evening events consisting of four rotating themes: *Love Feast* (worship and sharing in a meal setting), *GO! Night* (community and benevolent outreach), *AWE* (a young-adult worship experience) and *Family Night* (fostering intergenerational worship and learning).

### **Ministry and Outreach**

The Campbell church has an extensive history of family members who have served in missions, and we have supported many from the Campbell church seeking to do so. Currently one of our elder couples and the son of another elder couple are working in two locations in China.

Three of our recent high-school graduates are in ministry training in college.

For many years, we have actively supported and been involved in *Made In The Streets*, a ministry to street kids of Nairobi, Kenya. Individuals and teams have made trips there to work on facilities and teach kids in the residential program.

The Campbell church is vital in the leadership and support of Daybreak Camp, a facility in the Santa Cruz Mountains 35 minutes from Campbell. As a church family, we currently participate in and serve, together with several other area churches, in many of the supportive roles for four of the many camps held there each year, including Adventure Camp (grades 2-5), Wildside (middle school), FDC – Faith Development Camp (high school) and the annual Labor Day Youth Rally (high school and college).

Our men and women minister to those of both genders recovering from drug and alcohol addiction at City Team Ministries, as well as the women at House of Grace and Heritage Home in San Jose.

One of the most disadvantaged schools in the Campbell Union school district sits one mile from our church campus with 85% of the students considered to be socioeconomically disadvantaged. The Campbell church has made incredible inroads in reaching out to the staff, students and families of Rosemary school through a number of programs including hosting the annual Back to School BBQ, Career Day, playing soccer and other games with the students during lunchtime (teaching them about teamwork and following rules), as well as offering free backpacks and school supplies to needy families every August. Stemming from this outreach effort, we recently began hosting a Sunday morning Bible class taught in Spanish.

### **Campbell Church Ministerial Staff**

Senior Minister: Randy Hall (preaching) – since 1993

Children’s Minister: Garry Bortz – since 1991

Worship Minister: Ken McAlpin – since 2004

Youth & Family Minister: Matthew Humphreys– since 2008

### **Youth and Family Ministry**

The Youth and Family Ministry at Campbell Church of Christ is known as the Zone. There are currently over 50 active families between middle school and high school. Our students actively serve within the community and make a difference globally through 30 Hour Famine and financial support of various ministries. There are over 20 adults actively serving, working to connect students both within student ministry and to the life of the broader church. This ministry directly feeds into our Young Adult population whom we want to serve better.

### **Other Ministry Areas**

In addition to our paid staff, many of our church family serve as volunteer leaders for several growing and active ministries and events: Women’s Ministry which includes morning and evening Bible studies, monthly gatherings and an annual retreat; Men’s ministry with Men’s Fraternity meeting weekly (50 men total) studying the Biblical perspective on “authentic

manhood,” and a men’s retreat annually; Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) reaching both working and stay-at-home moms; Stephen Ministry (trained peer support); Marriage Retreats, and others.

### **Shepherds/Elders**

The Campbell church is blessed with nine elders (including one currently serving as a missionary in China). Elders serve a term of six years at which time an elder can step down or agree to be considered for re-nomination. In order to ease the transition time and process, elders are elected/re-nominated in two groups, allowing for the elder selection/review process to take place every three years. This has proven to be a healthy process for the church.

Our elders truly function as shepherds, spending much time and energy in pastoral care and prayer for our church. This has given the church a character of care and interpersonal relationships which are key to attracting new people and helping them find a spiritual home and supportive community at the Campbell church.

#### The Campbell elders are:

Doc Bailey	Rick Oswald
Nick Berens	Dan Sisson
Bill DeWald	Bob Stone
Billy Fong	Andy Walls
Steve Ink	

### **Campbell Christian School**

A primary avenue of outreach to the young families of our community, Campbell Christian School (CCS) has grown from a single pre-school class in 1967 into a school educating both the hearts and minds of over 220 students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 125 infants/toddlers and preschool. Our students’ Standardized Test (SAT) scores are ranked in the top 15% nationwide. CCS is a vibrant ministry of the Campbell church that operates in the church facilities, and is planning on breaking ground for a new building to be located on the Campbell church campus in 2011.

Principal: Dr. Shawn Stuart—since 2000

Vice Principal: Melissa Sisson—since 1984

Finance Director: Jeff Haworth—since 2003

Preschool Director: Kathy Harmon—since 1996

## **Our Vision: Where We Are Going**

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### **Moving Forward**

A couple years ago the staff and elders spent time in self-examination and discussion in order to chart a course of action that would keep us moving forward and avoid the subtle trap of

slipping into stagnation and/or an aging church demographic. Out of this grew a conviction that we need to better serve the young adults of college age and post college.

### **Making a Difference**

Among steps taken were the beginning of two new ABFs aimed at reaching out to young adults and families: *Parents Connection*, where single parents and couples meet for mutual encouragement, study and discussion on a variety of issues relevant to young families; and *Couples Connection*, focusing on newly/young married or engaged couples. In addition, a revitalized college class called *Quest* was begun, now meeting at the home of Ken & Melissa McAlpin near the church building. All of this has made a difference.

*Parents Connection* has an average attendance of 30 with at least 40 connected to the class. *Couples Connection* reaches out to 10-12 young couples in the church with 5 couples regularly in that class on Sunday mornings. There are 50 young adults of college-age connected to the church (including those away during the school year), 40 of whom are local with an average *Quest* attendance on Sunday of 25 during the school year.

### **Reaching and Serving Young Adults**

Additionally, both Randy Hall and the elders began to discuss the inevitable transition in the pulpit that would come in the foreseeable future and the decision was to begin a process for a smooth transition now. **Thus began a plan to hire a new minister who would have a special focus on young adult ministry and bring a “next generation” perspective to preaching for the church.**

### **Capitalizing On Existing Resources**

The other component to the transition plan is for Randy Hall to work with the aging “baby boomer” generation now experiencing the “empty nest” and early retirement stage. This generation has great resources of time, skill, commitment and spiritual maturity. Generally speaking, they will live longer, healthier lives than previous retired generations. **Ministry to, with, and through this age group has great potential, including outreach to that age group in the community.**

### **The Opportunity**

We believe the Campbell church is truly a church family like none other – it is not unusual to find families here who have been in attendance for decades – young families who were raised here as children and have chosen to live here and make the Campbell church the place to raise their own children.

**When this plan for the future was placed before the congregation for a month of prayer and comment, the response was virtually universally positive and people are excited. We are looking for someone with a long-term commitment to help lead the Campbell church into the next season of its ministry in the kingdom of God.**