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# White Steeple Banner

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On June 3, 2017, 31-year-old Northern California native Alex Honnold did what many thought was impossible. He climbed the 3,000-foot wall of granite known as El Capitan—without ropes, safety gear, or a partner.

As if that wasn't impressive enough, he did it in about 4 hours, smashing the records set by "speed climbers" who work in tandem and with all the usual safety gear.

Before you add that feat to your bucket list, Honnold has 20 years of climbing experience. At age 11 he started indoor rock climbing and became hooked on the sport. He had attended the University of California Berkeley for a while but left, as he put it, "to conquer major summits around the world."

He prepared for this El Capitan climb for two years. The climb is an extraordinary physical challenge. At one point, 2,300 feet off the ground, there are only very

small holds where only a thumb can fit. Honnold said the greatest challenge was mental:

"To walk up to the base of the climb without rope and harness, it just feels a little outrageous. Getting over that side of it was the hardest part."

I can imagine the mental challenge of looking up a 3,000-foot near-vertical wall of granite and knowing that one wrong handhold or foothold would result in a fall to certain death. However, many of the great challenges of life are achieved only when inner fear is conquered.

There are so many challenges we face in life that create within us a sense of fear, doubt and uncertainty. Some challenges may be physical. Some challenges may be related to difficult relationship, finances, failed dreams or the loss of a loved one.

In the story of Jesus walking on the water, Peter asked if he could step out onto the water and come to Jesus. Jesus told him to come. Peter initially was up to the

challenge until he looked around and thought of all the reasons he shouldn't be walking on water—and it sank him.

Thankfully, Jesus was there to grab on to him.

Our problem, like Peter's problem, is we listen to that inner voice of fear and doubt telling us all the reasons we can't step out in faithful obedience. Alex Honnold would never have achieved such an amazing feat if he had looked up that rock face and said, "This is nuts! What am I thinking?!"

We can never achieve the challenges of faithful obedience as long as we listen to the inner voices of fear and doubt—or the external voices of the naysayers.

As the Apostle Paul learned, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Sherry Isumi	2nd
Daniel Waters	4th
Greg Franklin	6th
Margie Elston	9th
David Womack	11th
Zach Theriot	16th
John Fox	16th
Bobbie Branch	17th
Jere Grice	22nd
Ruby Soth	23rd
Jenna Franklin	26th
Michelle Lemoine	27th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dennis & Linda Young	3rd
Danny & Lou Jones	6th
Brian & Carole Prucey	12th
David & Michelle Lemoine	29th



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

Thanks to all who helped make VBS 2016 a great success! Special thanks to Kay Sutton and Carole Prucey for all of the hard work you both put in to make it all happen!

If you have a song you would like for us to sing during Sunday Morning Worship just jot it down on the back of the perforated portion of the bulletin and we'll try and include it in our worship service!

**9:30 A.M.**  
**There's a class just for you!**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Church Council**  
Wednesday, July 5th  
at 5:15 p.m.

**Monthly Business Meeting**  
Sunday, July 18th  
after Morning Worship

**SENIOR  
ADULT  
MINISTRY  
Fellowship**

**Saturday, July 8  
from 12 to 2 p.m.**

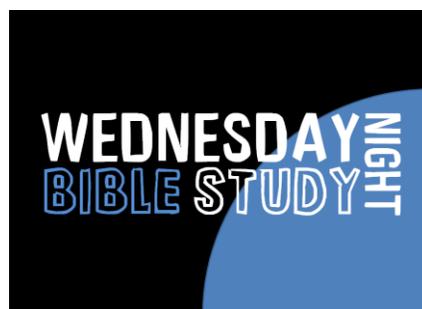
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for participating in  
VBS!  
WE HAD A BLAST!**

You don't have to miss a  
Worship Service!



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**Don't  
Miss Out On**



**6:30 p.m.**



**Your Church  
Needs You!**



**COVERED  
DISH LUNCH**

**Sunday, July 23  
After Worship**