

EnlightenUp! Summer 2009

Christians discussing their work and their passion.

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church,
1550 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa, 542-0205
3/4 mile due east of SRJC campus, near Pacific Market

May 17 Christian Life in a Filmmaking Environment Tom Sanoki & Michael Comet

Tom Sanoki is Lead Technical Director for Pixar Animation Studios and built characters for *Finding Nemo*, *Cars*, *Ratatouille*, and the recent film *Up*. Michael Comet, Character Articulation Artist at Pixar, worked on *Veggie Tales*, *3-2-1 Penguins*, *Robots*, *Ice Age 2*, *The Ant Bully* and *Up*. They will provide examples of what they do, describe the process of computer animation, and reflect on their successes and setbacks in living the Christian life in a filmmaking environment. Tom was raised as raised as a Seventh-Day Adventist and embraced the historic Christian faith in college. Michael was raised in a conservative Jewish home and now claims the Christian faith.

June 7 Salting the Marketplace David W. Gill

David Gill, an influential innovator in business and technology ethics, has spent a lifetime pursuing a more authentic, biblical, Jesus-centered approach to Christian ethics. He calls believers away from conformity to either “right” or “left” to a “third way” in politics, economics and social life. He provides practical ethical guidance for people in life’s trenches: parents, teachers, business people, pastors, counselors, artists, health care professionals, and others. David has authored two books on Christian ethics. *Doing Right: Practicing Ethical Principles*, based on the Love Commandment and the Ten Commandments, introduces readers to the field. *Becoming Good: Building Moral Character* discusses ethics of character based on the Beatitudes and St. Paul. He has a PhD in religion and social ethics from the University of Southern California.

June 28 Flannery O’Connor: Hillbilly Philosopher Dan Melligan

While Europe responded to twentieth century postmodern thought with existentialism, the American South produced some of the most prolific writers of the time. Many of these writers represented an unusual vantage point: southern Roman Catholicism. Flannery O’Connor was the chief storyteller and told tales of comedy and redemption. For many years Dan has been a systematic and scholarly reader of the great works of Western literature; in 2006 he taught us about Dante. When he isn’t reading Dan is pastor of Oakmont Community Church.

July 12 The Call to Public Service Gordon and Jean Duffy

It takes common people stepping forward and getting involved to really make our state, country, and world a better place to live. Too often we shift the blame for problems and say “After all, they’re only politicians!” The Duffys will suggest that there are biblical references criticizing those who cast stones like this. Jean was a member of the California State Assembly for eight years, her efforts crowned by passage of the toughest drunk driving law in the nation (1980) and the establishment of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). Gordon served on the school board, planning commission, City Council, and as mayor of Hanford; then 18 years in the State Assembly, where he specialized in health care issues. He is a graduate of U.C.-Berkeley School of Optometry.

August 16 Managing the San Francisco Symphony Brent Assink

International tours, awards for recordings, labor negotiations for 100+ musicians and staff, nearly three hundred concerts a year, renowned guest soloists and \$60 million budgets. They are all typical of a major symphony orchestra’s life—and ultimately the responsibility of its executive director. Brent Assink, Executive Director of the San Francisco Symphony, has been nationally recognized for several innovations during his management tenure—especially utilizing technology to reach audiences of all ages for classical music. In this seminar Brent will offer listeners an inside look at orchestra management and describe how Christian faith guides him in this interesting and challenging vocation. Brent also served as President of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and is an accomplished organist and published composer. He is an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley.

August 30 Christianity Encounters the New Age Joanna Quintrell & Ruah Bull

A huge range of New Age spiritual practices flourishes in Sonoma County. Joanna Quintrell and Ruah Bull discuss the range of New Age spiritualities they have met here. Joanna is a pastor with the Evangelical Covenant Church, a spiritual director and the Executive Director of the Journey Center in Santa Rosa. After serving in a church setting for 20 years, she followed Christ’s call to establish a center for spirituality and healing that is Christ-centered *and* welcoming to all who are spiritually thirsty. Ruah specializes in the contemplative journey and works with people on a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional faith paths. She describes herself as “a recently returned contemplative Catholic who is also familiar with Native American spirituality.” She holds a PhD from Mercy Center in Burlingame.