**Member Moment: Bruce Johnson**

Born Oxnard, California (fourth generation Oxnard); graduated Oxnard High School 1966; Married to Christian Lyricist Linda Lee Johnson for forty-nine years (November 8, 1969); two children (Doug and Debi) and five grandchildren (15, 15, 14, 12, 11); Castro Valley resident since 1976.  United States Army Veteran (June 1971-August 1974) as Non-commissioned Officer (Fort Dix, New Jersey), and Hometown Recruiter (San Francisco East Bay from April-August 1974).  Retired June 30, 2016, as Superintendent of Redwood Christian Schools, Castro Valley CA after forty-two years at RCS, the last thirty as Superintendent.  I remain active as Superintendent Emeritus (my forty-sixth with RCS).

Church:
• Surrendered my life to Jesus and was Saved (January 1969) at and member of Redwood Chapel Community Church ([www.redwoodchapel.org](http://www.redwoodchapel.org/)), Castro Valley, for forty-nine years;
• Taught/teach various Sunday School classes through the years, including upper elementary grades and “mature adults” (60 - 98 years old) and currently Nursery (Grandpa Bruce) (0-2 years);
• Serve as Grandpa Bruce for MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) three Tuesdays a month (Sept-May)

Academic Preparation:
• Bachelor of Science (Recreation, 1970) and Master of Science (Physical Education with Administration/Curriculum emphasis, 1984) from California State University at Hayward
• California State Teaching Credential (Life, 1976) in Social Science
• California State Administrative Credential (Clear, 1984)
• Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Administrative Certificate (Life, 1980)

Experience in Christian Education (not including convention/seminar/consultant experience):
• Forty-six years at Redwood Christian Schools ([www.rcs.edu](http://www.rcs.edu/)) (1974-75 to present)
• Five years (1974-79) as Director of Athletics/PE teacher/coach (1974-79)
• Seven years (1979-86) as full-time administrator (Director of Athletics/Transportation)
• Thirty years (1987-2016) as Superintendent (also serving as Director of Advancement for twenty-two of those years)
• Retired from Redwood Christian Schools on June 30, 2016
• Superintendent Emeritus since July 1, 2016

Board Service (active):
• President of Christian Charities/USA ([www.ccusa.org](http://www.ccusa.org/)) since 2018; all board positions from 1994-2018
• President of Baywood Court Retirement Center ([www.BaywoodCourt.org](http://www.baywoodcourt.org/)) since 2018; joined 2017
• President (Founding) of Christian Children’s Charities ([www.christianchildrenscharities.org](http://www.christianchildrenscharities.org/)) 2011-2019
(Christian Children’s Charities became part of Christian Charities USA 2018)
• President of Rotary Club of Castro Valley Endowment since 2019
• Member of Castro Valley Sports Foundation ([www.cvsf.org](http://www.cvsf.org/)) since 2017

Former board member of:
• President of Educate America! The Education, School Support and Scholarship Funds Coalition ([www.educateamerica.org](http://www.educateamerica.org/)) from 1991-2005
• Association of Christian Schools International ([www.acsi.org](http://www.acsi.org/)) from 2005-2013 (Vice-Chair Legal/Legislative Committee and member of other committees)
• Castro Valley Rotary Club (1998-99), currently active member of club (RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Award] Chair and Public Relations Chair)
Things I like to do most that do not include our grandchildren:
• Daily Bible Reading, Meditation upon His Word, Praying throughout the Day
• Mentoring younger Christian school administrators throughout the Kingdom
• Speaking at Christian School Administrators, Teachers and Student Leadership Conferences
• Speaking in classes, especially Stan Edington’s class for seniors at Redwood Christian High School
• Serving weekly in Redwood Chapel’s Nursery (3 mos-2 years)
• Serving three Tuesdays each week in MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) Nursery (3 mos - 14 months)
• Constantly Learning, Reading, especially World and US History
• Being Santa Claus at CV Rotary Children’s Christmas Party for the less fortunate (10+ years)
• Being the Announcer at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade (15+ years)
• Being an Announcer at the Castro Valley Lights Parade (2 years)
• Assisting Christian Schools through Accreditation
• Being associated with the godly men and women serving on the RCS Board, Faculty, Staff and Administrators
• Serving in the secular community on the CVSF and Baywood Court Boards of Directors and Rotary Club
• Anything having to do with kids, especially sharing Jesus and enlisting them to “help” with yo-yo tricks

Other Honors:
• Regional Yo-Yo Champion in Southern California (1962)
• Bronze Medal winner in Latin Dance (International Society of Dance Masters) (1962)
• Boys’ Clubs of America Boy of the Year at Oxnard Boys Club (1965)
• Trainee of the Cycle for US Army Basic Training (1971)
• Soldier of the Quarter for 3rd Battalion 5th Brigade, Fort Dix New Jersey (twice) (1973)
• Castro Valley Sports Foundation Hall of Fame (2010)
• Castro Valley Business Person of the Year (2013)

Retirement Activities:
• Spending lots of time with my Bride (she loves traveling, especially cruising)
• Spending more time with our two children and five grandchildren
• Speaking in chapels at Redwood Christian Schools and other Christian schools and VBS at various churches
• Speaking at school commencements, chapels and teaching classes at Redwood Christian Schools
• Remaining active in Christian education and mentoring young administrators and smaller schools
• Serving in Redwood Chapel Nursery for 6 months - 2 years old on Sundays
• Serving in MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) Nursery three Tuesdays a month for 6 months - 12 months
• Serving in the Rotary Club of Castro Valley (Chair, Youth Activities including Camp RYLA and media contact)
• Traveling including cruises - something we never took much time to do while working (Alaska [2016]; Holy Lands [2018]; Panama Canal [April 2019]; Disney Cruise [June 2019], Europe [September 2019])
• Serving on a variety of Christian and secular boards
• Staying in touch with and being available to assist my former students, faculty and staff

Statements I believe in for practical living and success in an ungodly world:
• “Play fair, play hard and play to win, that’s why we keep score” (Life has consequences)
• “Take what you do seriously, but don’t take yourself too seriously” (Keep life light - Reason for carrying a yo-yo)
• “Pray, Play, Plan, Prepare, Persevere” (War plan)
• “God first, family second, personal ministry/profession third followed by the rest of life” (Joyful life key)
• “Remember NOT to Ready, Fire, Aim” (Words can do great damage to people)
• “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he grows old, he may deny the truth but he cannot deny he was taught the truth.” (BJV - Proverbs 22:6) (Encouragement to Students and the Parents - King James almost had it right)
• “If you can’t be good, you better be fast.”  (Age brings unique challenges)
• “Superintendent Emeritus of Redwood Christian Schools is what I do, a Child of God is who I am.” (Self identity is important - remember what you do changes but not who you are)

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"What I do is serve as Superintendent Emeritus of Redwood Christian Schools.  Who I am is a Child of God."

*Life Verse*

*Isaiah 26:4 (ESV) - Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.*