



*Beaumont
Presbyterian
Church*

February 2019

*The stone church . . .
with the caring heart*

Worship Services
Sunday 8:30 AM
and
10:00 AM

*Children's
Sunday School*
10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study
9:10 AM

Nursery
10:00 AM

Korean Church
12:00 PM

Fellowship Hour
9:30 AM and
11:00 AM
In the Social Hall

**FOR GOD
SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY
BEGOTTEN
SON
SO THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES
IN HIM...
MIGHT HAVE
EVERLASTING LIFE**

John 3:16

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Our Mission

A Christ-centered family of God's
people, growing in faith,
caring for each other,
bringing others to Christ,
and ministering to the needs of our
changing community and world.

On the cover:

*God so loved the world that
He sent His one and only Son,
as a Valentine to each and every
one of us to tell us just how much
He loves us! He wants us to
spend eternity with Him!
So, BELIEVE!*

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We had a great time visiting the first church we served in rural Oklahoma for their 125th anniversary. It brought back a lot of memories of when we celebrated the church's 100th anniversary back in 1994. Some of the members we were very close with are now enjoying eternal life in heaven. Some of the children we enjoyed so much now have children of their own. It was so much fun catching up and sharing together. Everyone was very excited to see us and we talked and talked and talked!

I was thinking about the town's main street. It runs for all of two blocks. Many of the buildings are ornate, two story limestone structures over one hundred years old. Some of them have tin ceiling tiles and other special touches. And about half of them are occupied and about half are empty. (Not unusual for a small town of about 2,000 people surrounded by wheat fields and cattle ranches.)

I remember when we were there over twenty years ago efforts were being made to dress up the empty buildings. Second story windows that were boarded up had the boards removed. On the first floor, historical window displays went in to make the buildings look inviting and occupied. Those who lived in town knew that on the other side of the window displays, the buildings were empty, but they looked far better with the displays in them.

What struck me twenty years later is that pretty much exactly the same buildings that were occupied before were still occupied. And the empty buildings that just had some window dressing were still empty.

None of those buildings were created to remain empty. They were all built for a purpose. They were built to hold a business. They were designed to house a business to generate income to provide for the needs of those who worked there and for their families. An empty building on Main Street serves no purpose. It generates no income.

In the same way, we were created with a purpose. Our bodies were never intended by God to be empty. Our bodies are meant to be a temple for the Holy Spirit to live in us and work through us. We are meant to bear spiritual fruit and to be of use to God. We were created for a purpose and to make a difference. Someone once said, "It doesn't matter if someone can see through us, if they see God in us." The business of our bodies is to be an instrument for us to worship and serve our heavenly Father. And worshipping and serving our Creator brings joy to our lives!

Yours in Christ,

Scott



Main Street Newkirk, Oklahoma



A NOTE FROM YOUR ELDERS

Session 2019 has started, and we look forward to greeting everyone on February 10, 2019, in the Fellowship Hall after each Service. A “Meet and Greet” will provide an opportunity to put names and faces together; find out which Elder chairs which committee and sign up to extend a helping hand once during the coming year. There will also be cookies; so, plan to come and welcome your Elders.

Five new members join the present Deacons this year. They are Jan George, Carolee Matthews, Beve Reneau, Denise Tuttle, and Lisa Van Meesen. The Deacons each member and provide caring and compassion to their flocks. A “Meet Your Deacon” Sunday is planned for March 17, 2019.

There is an opportunity for leaders and others to attend 2019 Leadership, Education, and Discipleship Training on February 23, 2019. The speaker, Mark D. Roberts from Fuller Seminary, will provide an interesting message that we all would like to hear. This will be held in Riverside at the Calvary Presbyterian Church from 9:00am-12:00 noon. For more information contact any of your Elders.

Watch for “F.E.A.S.T.” - coming soon. This will be another opportunity to share time with others and get to know each other. Sign-up will take place in February; you’ll be part of a small group of six individuals who share a meal together. In March, meet together, either potluck or restaurant - you pick the spot. We can look forward to seeing friendly faces and smiles.

Clerk of Session
Beverly Webster

DOLLARS TO DONUTS

As you may know, one Sunday each month is called “Donut” Sunday. The donuts aren’t free, because the proceeds go to help fund Youth Activities. In the past, a regular donut was \$1 and the larger and more popular apple fritters, bear claws, etc. have been \$1.50.

Starting this month, we have found it necessary to raise the prices to \$1.50 and \$2. The donut shop we frequent has had to raise his prices because his workers minimum wages have been raised by law. It has definitely impacted his business. I’m sure many small businesses are feeling the pinch.

I hope you all don’t mind contributing a bit more for these sweet treats. If not, we can all lose weight together!



IMPORTANT DATES



Deacon's Meeting:

Tuesday, February 5th, 4:00 PM



Beaumont Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting:

Wednesday, February 6th, 1:00 PM



BP Women's "Gathering Luncheon":

Friday, February 8th, 12 Noon (with ticket)

Meet
Your
Elders

"Meet Your Elders":

Sunday, February 10th in the Fellowship Hall after each service.



Valentine's Day:

Thursday, February 14th. Share God's love with someone who needs Him.



Session Meeting:

Tuesday, February 19th at 4:00PM

SENT, GATHERED,
AND DISPATCHED:
CHURCHES THAT MATTER
IN TODAY'S WORLD

Presbytery LEaD Training for Elders, Deacons and other leaders:

Saturday, February 23rd, 9 AM to 12 noon.
Held at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside. Cost \$5 at the door.

New
Members
Class

New Members Class:

Sunday, February 24th at 11:15AM.
After 2nd service.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST



**Join us in the social hall at 8:00 AM
on Saturday, March 2nd
for our Men's Ministry Breakfast.**

**Food, Fun, Fellowship, and a guest message
You won't want to miss:
"Growing up with missionaries, Part 2—Africa".**

Sign up during the social hour

\$ 5.00 per person

CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

2	Debbie Kehret	9	Veryl White	18	Arie Den Hollander
2	Noah Southworth	11	Elisabeth (Liz) Linden	18	Dell Jones
4	Dolores Bolia	11	Ranne Niles	19	Lisa Yarbrough
4	Mary Baines	12	Henry Yu	20	George Underhill
5	Alice Burke	12	Lori Estermyer	22	Lowell Smith
7	Brenda Knight	12	Richard Grant	25	Joan Torrence
7	Cheryl McKernan	15	Valerie McLaughlin	26	Bill Ray
7	Sue Miller	16	Joan Lau	26	Michael Calhoun
8	Wanda Wallace	16	Andy Yarbrough	27	Gordon Hansen

ANNIVERSARIES



6	Scott & Rena Mason
21	Charley & Amanda Sutton
26	Howard & Mickey Nelson
27	Dick & Tina Williams



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Did you know that Presbyterian Women (PW) is open to all women of the church and community who have indicated their willingness to be involved and to contribute through service, gifts, prayers and a willingness to work in the organization? We have a committed group of women who have dedicated themselves to the Presbyterian Women purpose. That purpose includes nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible study, supporting missions worldwide, working for justice and peace, and building a community of women.

Presbyterian Women have a long history at Beaumont Presbyterian Church. Four times a year we present a luncheon with a program to teach and inspire on subjects of mission or faith. These luncheons are open to the entire congregation. We also support many different mission opportunities both locally and worldwide.

We do not require membership or dues to participate in any PW activities. This is God's group and we are all members. Serving the Lord is not only a wonderful privilege, but an honor and a duty. We can serve Him best by serving others. Please join the PW as we seek to humbly serve Him. Ask God to lead you to where you can best be of service. We believe that although PW is a small group, it is a vitally important part of God's work in our church, our families, our community, and in our world. And its success depends on women like you.

If you have not already attended one of our Gatherings, we hope you will join us February 8, 2019 at noon in the Social Hall. Our guest speaker will be representing the Gideon Society who is dedicated to spreading the gospel in more ways than just the Bibles in hotel rooms. Come hear how. Thomas' Catering will again be providing our meal. The cost is \$10 per person.

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Studies:

Thursday, 10 a.m., contact Liz Linden, call 951-845-9908
1550 Woodlands, Banning, CA.

Friday, 9:30 a.m., contact Betty Mann, call 951-845-3800
4907 Copper Creek Dr., Banning, CA.

Friday, 10:30 a.m., contact Pat Calhoun, call 951-845-2379
5864 Lake Buena Vista Way, Banning, CA.



Circles meet once a month: (September through May):

Esther/Lydia meet every 3rd Wednesday 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of Church.
Contact: Marge Shearer 951-922-6679

Ruth Circle will meet every 3rd Thursday 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of Church.
Contact: Jerry Schneider 951-845-7850

TABLE OF PLenty

A big thank you to the Presbyterian Women for a generous contribution to our Christmas dinner. Our guests so appreciated the wonderful ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, ambrosia salad and dessert.

One of our guests dropped off a note at the kitchen door. Here it is:

"To everyone from Table of Plenty.

Sometimes thank you falls way short of its intended meaning. This is one of those times.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the hard work each and everyone of you put in every week. I'm very grateful to you all.

Thank you.

May God bless you as he has me."

Larry

We receive many thanks each week but this was especially heart warming. And, it belongs to all of you!

Jodie Welch

A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

This week I had a procedure that many of you have had; I had a cataract removed from my left eye. I've worn glasses or contacts from the 2nd grade and without those corrective lenses I would have been considered legally blind. Aren't we fortunate to live in the 21st century? For the last few years I've been losing more and more of my ability to read and work on the computer. Trying to see my music as I direct the choir was increasingly frustrating. Driving at night was actually dangerous. Many of you know exactly what I'm talking about.

Now, I have a different problem.

Before the surgery, I knew my house was dirty. I'm not a good housekeeper and I knew stuff was getting dusty; there's cat hair on the floor (actually pretty much everywhere); and crumbs and cat food litter the kitchen counter. I'm not proud to admit it. But, AFTER the surgery, I could REALLY see it all! I was downplaying it before—but, I can't ignore it now! I can see every dust bunny in all it's crystal clear perfection! The cat hairs (and mine and even some of Maggie's, I'm sure) stand out like I'm seeing them on High Definition TV.

This all got me thinking; I wonder how well I see the sin in my life. I know I'm not perfect. I see the obvious sins: gluttony (yes, I eat too much!); procrastinating (I'm the Queen of waiting till the last minute); narcissism (not that I think I'm pretty or anything—but, like many of us, I can put myself in the center of the universe to the exclusion of many others). Oh, I could go on and on!

I'm betting that I have spiritual cataracts on my heart. We sing "Open my Eyes, Lord. I want to see Jesus", and I'm guessing that removing those cataracts from my heart will also make it easier to see all my sins and imperfections in clear, High Definition. It might not be pleasant, but it will help me to know better what areas of my life need some housekeeping. And, if you're like me, and find it difficult to keep my "house in order", it's never a bad thing to ask for help. We can all find help and healing by asking our Lord, Jesus Christ for his grace and mercy. And, we can ask our family here at Beaumont Presbyterian to pray with us and hold us accountable. Praise God for the ability to see things clearly! We are truly blessed,

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“The Allure of Gentleness” (Part 1)

I'm going to spend the next few months reviewing a book I'm reading by Dallas Willard who taught philosophy at USC for 47 years. Dallas was not only a fine philosopher, but also a first-class theologian and Christian apologist. In his book, “The Allure of Gentleness”, with the subtitle, “Defending the Faith in the Manner of Jesus”, he discusses that the Lord's primary way of teaching was to get his disciples and others to think. Scripture tells us, ***“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”*** But also, ***“with all your mind.”*** (Luke 10:27) God provided each of us with a wonderful mind for a reason, so we can also love him with it by thinking and reasoning. Proverbs 35 tells us, ***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”*** In the above passages Dallas concludes, *“It doesn't say, don't use your head. It doesn't say, don't think or reasoning is sinful. It says don't trust reason by itself, Trust God and use your head.”*

The classic way of thinking and reasoning concerning scripture is Christian apologetics. This doesn't mean we are apologizing about something; they are two different words with two totally different meanings. Dallas Willard defines apologetics this way, *“It is a new testament ministry that uses thinking and reasoning, in reliance on the Holy Spirit, to assist earnest inquirers in relinquishing disbelief and mistrust in God and God's good purposes for mankind.* He continues by saying, *“What we're really talking about is aiding others in removing doubts that hinder their enthusiastic and full participation in the kingdom of the heavens and their discipleship to Christ.* Simply put, Christian apologetics is giving reasons why the Christian faith and the Bible are true.

Most of us are older people with adult children. You may also have grandchildren and even great grandchildren. I would be willing to bet that among your relatives and friends, there are a few, if not many non-Christians. Some may even believe there is no God. If we get into a conversation with them, we should know good reasons why we believe God exists and that Christianity is true. The Bible tells us this is not optional, it is something we need to do. Every follower of Jesus Christ is instructed to be a Christian apologist, defending the truth of scripture. Let me give you two verses to back this up. 1 Peter 3:15 says, *“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”* The Living Bible expresses it this way, *“Quietly trust yourself to Christ your Lord, and if anybody asks why you believe as you do, be ready to tell him, and do it in a gentle and respectful way.* The apostle Paul says much the same thing in a different way, *“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”* (Colossians 4:5-6) There's nothing wrong with providing someone with your own testimony of faith. My wife, Diana, has done these numerous times in her Stonecroft ministry, but she also gives them a little apologetics, reasons why belief in Christ is true. Now most of us believe Christianity is true by faith and there is nothing wrong with that. Nevertheless, there are folks that you can't merely say, I know God exists because it's in the Bible. Too many people today believe the Bible is just an old book that has no real proof that any of it happened and more importantly, it has no relevance in their lives. We live in a scientific age in which belief in God is questioned. This is how some of our friends and relatives perceive religion. So, we also need to have good reasons why we believe Christianity is true and that's where Christian apologetics is very useful in the cause of Christ. Next month I'll continue with this wonderful book.

Thanks for reading. Marty Mangan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELDER NOTES

Our adult Sunday school is studying the book of Philippians in the New Testament. We follow Paul on his second missionary journey to the city of Philippi in Macedonia. Here the first church located in Europe was established.

Paul wrote this letter while in prison in Rome and he provides a powerful example of how to find joy in every circumstance. He had a warm affection for the Philippians. They prayed for him and financially supported him while in prison. Paul acknowledged their own challenging times but encouraged them to be joyful in the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Marilynn Speed

These pictures were taken on my trip to Greece in October.



The prison where Paul and Silas spent time.



The river where Lydia was converted and baptized.



One of the beautiful mosaics in the chapel next to the river.



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