



FEBRUARY 2017

**Worship Services**

**Sunday**

**8:30 AM**

**and**

**10:00 AM**

**Korean Church**

**12:00 PM**

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**Sunday School**

**10:00 AM**

**Nursery**

**10:00 AM**

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**Fellowship**

**Hour**

**9:30 AM**

**And**

**11:00 AM**

**Social Hall**

IF  
GOD  
IS FOR US  
WHO  
CAN BE  
AGAINST US?

ROMANS 8:31

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## **Beaumont Presbyterian Church**

### **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:**

*He who did not spare  
His own Son, but gave  
Him up for us all—how will  
He not also, along with  
Him, graciously give us  
all things?*

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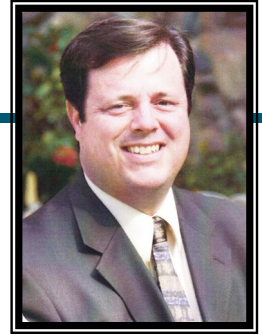
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## a word from your pastor



Dear Friends,

Someone once said “A picture is worth a thousand words.” In an effort to get better acquainted with our church family we are doing another picture directory.

Please sign up to have your picture taken on Saturday or Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> in classroom 5 at the far end of the courtyard. You can sign up Sunday morning or by calling the church office at 845-1506 to set up an appointment. If no one answers please leave a message with your name and phone number and we will contact you.

Please let us know if you would like to participate but are unavailable on the days scheduled. One of our church photographers will snap your photo. If you are currently convalescing or no longer driving we will gladly come to you. Or you can submit a photo to me by text or an email attachment. If you have any interesting photos of church activities I would also love to see them for possible inclusion.

Those who participate will receive a free 8 x 10 photograph. You are welcome to include your pets or family members in the photo. You can also purchase photos if you want but you are under no obligation to do so. This is a great way to better get to know the members and friends who make up our church family.

Yours in Christ,

Scott



Southworth Family



Gia Benjamin

### What is a Meal-train?

When Carolyn Moreno fell recently, causing her to break a vertebrae and crush her heel, she was told it would take months to heal and she would be confined to a wheelchair.

When people asked, “What can we do to help?” the desire to form a meal-train was suggested. It is a national website that enables anyone to get on board to deliver a meal to her and Rene by choosing a date on the online calendar.

After interviewing her, we learned she thought two days a week would be very helpful. All we need to do is sign in to [www.mealtrain.com](http://www.mealtrain.com), choose a date, and show up with a homemade or purchased evening meal by late afternoon.

Review the site if you are interested to learn more about this free service. Contact Marilyn Camp, Deacon Moderator, for our private account and help us in the next few months as we visit and bring a meal to the Morenos.

Marilyn Camp, Deacon Moderator

**Phone: (509) 220-5106**

**E-Mail: [marilyncamp12@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyncamp12@yahoo.com)**



## Important Dates

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### **Deacons Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 7th at 4:00 PM

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### **Choir Practice:**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

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### **Beaumont Presbyterian Women:**

Quarterly Gathering, Friday February 10th  
12 noon. Speaker John Guldseth. **Cost \$10**

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### **Session Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 14th at 3:30 PM

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### **Fundraising Italian Dinner:**

*Sunday, February 26th at 5:00pm.*  
Only 120 tickets available. **Cost \$14**

For the second time we will be hosting an incredible fundraising dinner for the Jerry Dyer Memorial Fund for Children and Youth. This Fund was set up to support programs and activities to benefit children and youth in and through our church.

Once again, Chef DiNucci will be cooking up homemade Italian food; antipasto salad with real Italian meats and homemade dressing; hand-made meatballs with homemade sauce; Italian sausages, garlic bread and more! Because of space and other planning restrictions we will have a maximum of 120 attendees.

The tickets went on sale in January and are selling out fast. Be sure to reserve your spot at this "must attend" event! Tickets are on sale in the Fellowship Hall following services or call the church office to check availability (951-845-1506).

# Valentine's Day

SHARE THE ETERNAL LOVE OF JESUS

*I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 ESV*

see what kind of

1 John 3:1

# Love

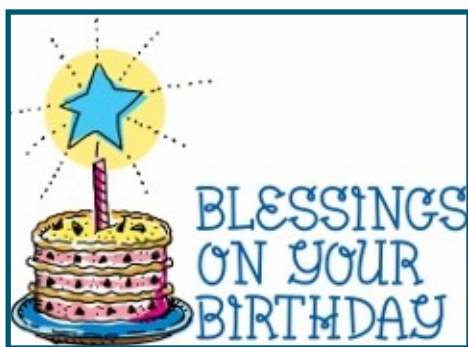
the father has given to us

## The Best Valentine is GOD

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16





## *Birthday Greetings!*

### **March**

1 Bob Stilson	8 Jackie Snyder	15 Brooks Adams	22 Rosemary Dimitt
1 Albina Villalovas	9 Andrea Maloid	15 Linda Adams	25 William Meidinger
1 Amy Stilson	9 Geraldine Pobjoy	17 Marty Mangan	25 Mitzi Meidinger
3 Lynn Rodgers	9 Jim Tisthammer	17 Diana Mangan	26 Kate Miles
4 Marilyn Jeanne Crow	9 Esther Tisthammer	18 Dr. Bettye Irwin	28 Dr. Don Auten
5 Roy Brownie	10 Delores (Dee) McCurry	18 Jerry Wallace	30 Dianne Leslie
5 Melinda McNabb Jones	14 Linda Bomar	20 Irene Brown	30 Robert McEwen
5 Jean Brownie	14 Ken Rachal	21 Roger Troutman	31 Thomas Mezzie
5 Dell Jones	14 Sharon Rachal		

## *Happy Anniversary!*

### **March**

17 Larry & Lori Estermyer	28 Gordon & Peggy Gates
20 Roger & Cheryl Troutman	28 Marty & Diana Mangan
26 Ken & Frankie Clifton	



## presbyterian women

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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.

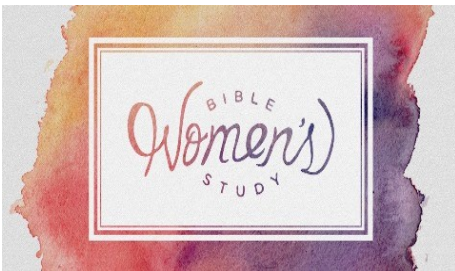
If you have not already attended one of our Gatherings, we hope you will join us, February 10, 2017 at noon in the Social Hall. Our guest speaker will be John Guldseth who will share his family's mission experiences in China and Africa with a theme of "God's Peace". Thomas' Catering will again be providing our meal. Reservations will be taken in the social hall after services February 5. The cost is \$10 per person.

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator



## bible study

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### *Bible Studies; Fellowship throughout the week:*

- Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Liz Linden's home, 1550 Woodlands, Banning, CA. Call (951) 845-9908
- Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Betty Mann's home, 4907 Copper Creek Dr., Banning, CA. Call (951) 845-3800
- Friday's at 10:30 a.m. at Sally Burse's home, 5864 Lake Buena Vista Way, Banning, CA. Call (951) 769-5980

### *Circles each month:*

Esther/Lydia Circle at 1 p.m. every third Wednesday, Room 1 of the Church.

Ruth Circle at 1 p.m. every third Thursday, Room 1 of the Church.



## table of plenty

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“A Miracle from Jesus.” We have been the recipients of several donations over the last few months with a small note with those words on it. First there was a bagful of vegetables left behind the kitchen door. In November we received 2 turkeys and in January we have received a total of six (6) 20-pound hams; all left on the parking lot side of the social hall. If you are reading this and you are our benefactor please know how much we appreciate your generosity.



On a somber note, you may have read about the woman involved in a hit and run accident on 4<sup>th</sup> street in Beaumont. She was one of our long-time homeless guests. She has been in grave condition and we haven't heard much lately. We have lost several friends over the 18 years we have been serving lunch. They have touched our lives and we miss them.

Jodie

## a word from your choir director

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### TOP 10 REASONS TO JOIN A CHURCH CHOIR:

10. Rehearsal on Wednesday night means one night away from the stresses of busy life.
9. You always have a great reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
8. You will be a source of encouragement to children, teens and reluctant adults.
7. When you make music you are using both sides of your brain simultaneously.
6. On a cold morning it's really nice to put on your choir robe!
5. No auditions or solos required!
4. People who are involved in music live longer and are healthier (it's been proven!).
3. St. Augustine, 5th century bishop from North Africa said, "Those who sing, pray twice."
2. You might catch a glimpse of Heaven's choir singing along with you. I'm not kidding!
1. Considering all God does and has done for us, it's a small way to say, "Thanks!" to HIM!



## From the Magi to Calvary (Part 1)

In Western Christianity, the feast day that commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child is the feast of Epiphany. Traditionally the date for the feast is January 6, however today it's celebrated in western Christendom on the Sunday after January 1<sup>st</sup>. The actual arrival of the Magi (aka: the Wise Men) probably occurred many weeks or even months after Jesus' birth. How much time elapsed between the adoration of the shepherds and the visit of the Magi isn't known. When the Magi arrived in Jerusalem they inquired with King Herod, "*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?*" When Herod heard this he was greatly troubled viewing that his own throne could be endangered. He inquired with the chief priests and scribes asking them the interpretation of Scripture as to where the Messiah would be born according to prophecy. They answered, Bethlehem of Judea. (**Micah prophecy 5:2**) With that knowledge the evil Herod made plans to eliminate the threat. The paranoid Herod was described by his critics as a madman who murdered his own family members to protect his rule. The Roman historians, Suetonius and Tacitus, wrote about a prevalent thought, in the east, that out of Judea should arise a sovereign of the world. Old Testament prophecy, of a future Jewish Messiah, was known to the Magi because a sizeable Jewish community remained in Babylon at the end of the Babylonian captivity.

The Magi did not seem to have arrived until after Jesus' presentation at the temple, in Jerusalem, 40 days after he was born. By the time the Magi arrived, the Holy Family seemed to be living in a house. The star they had followed stopped over a house. (Matt 2:11) Upon entering the house and seeing the child, the Magi bowed down and worshipped him. They then presented the Christ child with the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Unfortunately little more is known of these Magi than that of the shepherds. "*We three Kings of Orient are*"... so the beloved Christmas carol begins, but already it has made three errors. First, how many Magi made the trip to Bethlehem is not known and second, they were not kings. Tradition has placed the number of Magi at three probably because of the three gifts. Lastly, they did not come from the Orient. Most of the evidence points to Mesopotamia or Persia as their origin. They were most likely astrologers or magicians who were part of an old and powerful priestly cast among both the Medes and the Persians. Historian Paul Maier says, "*The safest conclusion is that the Magi were Persian for the term originates among the Medo-Persian and the majority of early church fathers interpreted them as Persian.*" After the adoration of the child by the Magi they left Bethlehem and disappeared from history.

Two Hebrew ceremonies were performed on the Christ child before the Magi arrived. On the eighth day after a Hebrew boy was born, circumcision was required as a token of the special covenant between God and his chosen people dating back to Abraham. (Gen.17:10-14) At the ceremony the baby was given the proper scriptural name, Joshua or Yeshua, that of Moses successor as leader of the Hebrews. Later ages used the Greek form of the name, Jesus. The second Hebrew ceremony occurred 40 days after the birth. It meant a short journey from Bethlehem up to Jerusalem, about 8 miles. It was a formal ceremony to present the infant Jesus back to God in fulfillment of Exodus 13:2. At the ceremony in the temple a surprising thing happens. A righteous old man named Simeon walked over to Mary and Joseph. He explained that for years he had been waiting for the fulfillment of messianic expectations and that God had assured him he would live to see the Infant Christ. After holding the child he turned to Mary and Joseph and blessed them, offering some prophetic words to Mary: "*This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel... And a sword will pierce your own soul too.*"

Matthew, in his gospel, wrote concerning the visit of the Magi, a story Luke didn't cover. In fact Matthew and Luke covered several different aspects of the early life of Jesus. Matthew briefly dealt with the virginal conception and the birth of Jesus, went on to the visit of the Magi King, Herod, the slaughter of the Innocents, the Holy Family's flight to Egypt and their return to Nazareth. Where Luke covered the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, Mary visits to Elizabeth, the birth of John the Baptist, Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, the shepherds, then skipped to Jesus' circumcision, the presentation at the Temple, and then the family's return to Nazareth. The only similarities between the two accounts are Mary and Joseph, the conception by the Spirit of God, the birth in Bethlehem and Herod is only mentioned. So can the differing stories of the two evangelists be reconciled? Liberal theologians believe that Matthew and Luke's infancy narratives cannot be reconciled. But conservative theologians believe the stories can. If you care to research the matter I suggest you start with these web-sites: *Contradictions in the Infancy stories?* A Christian Think tank; *Nativity, the Truth of the Story* by **Trent Horn**; *Do the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke Contradict Each Other?* by **Tim Staples**.

Marty Mangan, Christian Ed.

## sunday school

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### What is Sunday School?

Traditionally, many folk think that Sunday School is just for kids. This has been the case here at Beaumont Presbyterian Church for quite some time. The women have some Bible studies and "Circles" where they read, share and grow—but they aren't on Sundays.

Right now the kids have Sunday School right after the "children's sermon" at the 10:00 am service. They learn about God and Jesus, how to be a Christian, sharing the Good News, and they often do crafts. What would we, as adults, do if WE had Sunday School?

I can't speak for all of you, but I know I have gotten quite a lot from Sunday Schools I have attended as an adult. Often times the classes are "specialized" - like "The Care and Feeding of a Christian Marriage", or "What Does Being a Christian Really Look Like".

I am hoping we will soon be able to offer adult Sunday School. Perhaps, you will go to Sunday School during 1st service (at 8:30am) and attend the 2nd Church Service at 10am. Or, you could attend 1st service and go to Sunday School during the 2nd (at 10am).

*Just food for thought...*



Kavya Mason with some of the kids in Sunday School



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