

**JUNE 2017** 

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

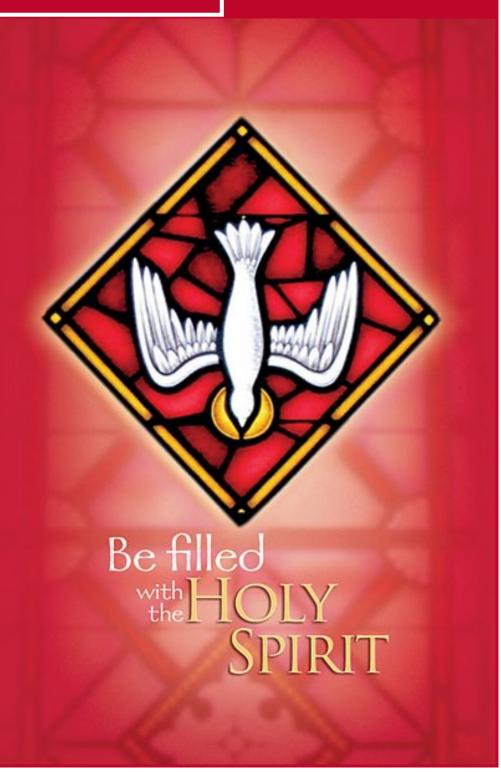
Korean Church 12:00 PM

Adult Sunday School 9:10 and 10 AM

Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM

> Nursery 10:00 AM

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





#### **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:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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#### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It was especially meaningful several months ago to have the former president of Malawi visit our church since we have been feeding children In Malawi, Africa for many years. As many of you will remember my wife and daughter happened to meet Dr. Banda after she spoke at the University of Redlands and she was with us in church the very next morning. I like to think of Dr. Banda's fellowship with us as a little blessing for our faithfulness.

I wanted to share with you what I consider to be another blessing for



our faithfulness: I take great pleasure in our generosity as a church family with the Free Wheelchair Mission endeavor these last several years. We have sent out hundreds of wheelchairs to give dignity and mobility to people around the world in 93 countries. And I have said that though we are saved by grace through faith in Christ and not by our works, what a blessing it would be one day in heaven if we were to meet one of the recipients of our wheelchairs. Imagine going up to heaven and being aware in the light of God's perfection of all your shortcomings on earth. And at that moment, seeing a child or an adult in heaven, holding Jesus' hand and saying to Jesus while pointing at you with their other hand, "Jesus. That's the person who gave the money to give me a wheelchair. I went from crawling in the dirt to rolling along the road. That chair made my life on earth much happier." What a joy that would be to hear those words. How many other things that concerned us on earth would no longer matter?

I want to let you know we may not have to wait until heaven to meet a recipient of one of the hundreds of chairs we have sent out around the world for children and adults. Free Wheelchair Mission is only about 8,000 chairs shy of reaching their goal of giving away one million chairs on behalf of Jesus Christ! In July they hope to have four of the wheelchair recipients from around the world in Southern California for a grand celebration. They would like to bring one of the recipients to our church! (This of course is pending on the four receiving their visas and everything else going smoothly during their short visit.)

Normally I would keep quiet until confirming that something is actually going to happen. In this case I am proud and honored that Free Wheelchair Mission would count us a significant enough partner and coworker that they would extend this offer to us! Your faithfulness in this endeavor has been noted by Free Wheelchair Mission and I'm sure has not gone unnoticed by God as well. Well done! The one millionth chair given away will be a victory that we have a share in. Our annual wheelchair emphasis as a church is several months away but if you want to help bring in the last 8,000 chairs, just write "Wheelchair" on the memo portion of your check made out to "BPC." The cost of a wheelchair is currently \$80. Gifts of any amount are gladly accepted. Free Wheelchair Mission sees us as their friend. And our other good friend, our best friend Jesus Christ I'm sure is pleased with our efforts as well.





Yours in Christ,

Scott

## BEHIND THE SCENES

#### Who can we thank for...

...arriving at 6:30 am every Sunday morning to open all the doors and gates; prepare the Sanctuary with flowers, turning on the sound system and the AC or heat (as needed); start the coffee brewing, set out ice water, heat water for tea, set out all the cups, creamers and sweeteners for our Fellowship hours; sweep the walkways and put out the various parking signs around the church?



**Halim Jang** 

Halim is the wonderful young man who is faithfully serving us by providing all these services. He often comes to the 8:30 service then sets up for the Korean service, including their luncheon in Room 3. We are very grateful for all he does to ensure we are all ready for worship. When you see him on campus, be sure to say "Hello" and "Thank you for your service!"

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**



#### **Deacons Meeting:**

Tuesday, June 6th at 4:00 PM



#### **Choir Practice:**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (no rehearsals in July and August)



#### **Summer Camp:**

July 2-8 for 4th thru 6th grades
July 9-15 for 7th and 8th grades
Lead opportunities for High School students
for both sessions. (see pg. 6 for more info)



#### **Vacation Bible School:**

July 24-28, 9am to 12 pm, for all children, 4 years old thru 8th grade. See Marilynn Speed if you can help in any way with this event.



#### Summer "walk-on" Choir:

Sunday, July 16th—8:00 am

Sunday, August 20th—8:00 am

Join us on one or both of these Sundays to practice and sing a simple anthem. This is a way to dip your toes in the water before you jump in with both feet! Who knows, you might decide to join us when we begin again in September. Note: since it is Summer and it's HOT, no robes are required!!

#### **FUN EVENTS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**



#### Summer Camp

#### Big Bear Lake

Archery, Canoeing, Rock Wall, Zip Line, Games, Crafts, Campfire, Singing and Bible Stories!!!

Jr. Camp
July 2-8
for students entering 4th-6th grades

Jr. High Camp July 9-15 for students entering 7th-8th grades

#### LEAD

for High School students Session 1: July 2-8 Session 2: July 9-15



Cost is \$400. Scholarships are available for church youth from the Jerry Dyer Memorial Fund for Youth.

## Vacation Bible School!

July 24th - 28th

9:00am - 12:00pm

Children 4 Yrs - 8th Grade



Discover your strength in God and realize that you are God's heroes!



# JUNE

1 4 4 7 7 9	John St George Connie Capps Oscar Reade Kris Reade Betsy Mosberg Barbara Myers June Bennett	10 14 15 16 18 19 25	Carol Rhine Herb Presson Betty Ferber Richard Daley Alma Winstead Charley Sutton Jacqueline Blatnick	26 27 29 29 29 30	Fay Olszowy Amanda Sutton Marge (Marjorie) Googe Sue Daley Beverly Webster Norma Dudley
			JULY		
4 5 5 5 8 8	Maria Gutierrez Elaine Blevins Helen Cunning Larry Ellis Jaci Davis Ruby Kaylor	12 13 13 18 19 21	Maria Luevano Bonnie Murray Jim Mangan Connie Mayer-Bogenberger Lori Hazelton Tom Bogenberger	22 23 24 25 25	Owen Dean Sonja Haver Bette Elmore Becky Southworth Christine (Tina) Williams

#### **AUGUST**

1	Casey Kreckow	8	Catherine Steel	13	Diana Mangan	19	Mieke Den Hollander
2	Phyllis Hudson	8	Dan Wells	13	Vera Thaxton	22	Kelsey Waters
3	Stan Semic	8	Jane Benjamin	14	Bobby (Asghar)	23	Neal Bailey
	Marty Breyer	9	Betty Blake		Benjamin	23	Tony Valverde
	Cristi Paris		Ann Szegedi		Ann Minto	25	Shirley Almeida
		12	John Vanderelst		Tony Moreno	27	Rose Dees
	Brenda Campbell	12	Marilyn Camp	17	Lydia Vanderelst	27	James Lester
	Evelyn Plum	12	Sharon Rachal	19	Geri McAlpin	27	Jean Brownie
6	Kathy Faber	13	Francie Yarbrough	19	Gloria Strief	28	Harry Green

#### June

- John & Cheryl St George
- Oscar & Kris Reade
- 14 Herb & Connie Presson 🚦
- 16 Richard & Sue Daley

# August

- 1 Casey & Carol Kreckow
- 3 Stan & Barbara Semic
- 11 John & Lydia Vanderelst
- 16 Bobby (Asghar) & Jane Benjamin

- Larry & Shirley Ellis
- 21 Tom & Connie Mayer-Bogenberger
- 22 Owen & Elnora Dean
- 20 Charles & Anita Ferguson
- James & Donna Lester 27
- Harry & Roberta Green 28

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of more than 300,000 women. The programming and resource options for the organization offer a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community. PW groups can choose to support the PW Purpose in any way, so PW groups may look very different from one synod to the next . . . or even one circle to the next within the same congregation!

Presbyterian Women (PW) offers women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community of women. For more than 200 years Presbyterian women's groups have strengthened the Presbyterian Church and played a major role in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the promise of God's kingdom.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace,
- and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

To be specific about our local church activities: our Spring Gathering, with approximately 36 in attendance, hosted Opal Singleton to speak to us about human trafficking here in our area. She specifically talked about social websites enticing young people by virtue of deceit. She has a passion for her work with this mission, and had all of us attendees feeling the need to pursue the topic with our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We also dedicated our Birthday offering for the PW(USA). Connie Presson did a beautiful job with spring decorations on each table. I want to send a special thank you to Dr. Nandi Dyalchand for providing the blessing before our meal.

Most, but not all of our BPC Women's groups; CT, circles and Bible Studies, take recesses for the summer. See your respective leader for details for last meeting date. Enjoy your summer. See you all in September,

Cathy Calhoun

Moderator

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### Bible Studies:

- Contact Liz Linden 951-845-9908
- Contact Betty Mann 951-845-3800
- Contact Sally Burse 951-769-5980

#### Circles:

- Esther/Lydia Contact: Marge Shearer 951-922-6679
- Ruth Circle Contact: Betty Davis 951-845-1014

#### **TABLE OF PLENTY**



We celebrated Mother's Day with packets of donated jewelry for all our women guests. Volunteers put together earrings, necklaces and bracelets which thrilled the recipients.

The Table of Plenty storeroom has bins of food for those who need help with Groceries. Please do not take it upon yourself to give it away. Ask me and I will gladly assist you.

**Iodie Welch** 

#### A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

As we approach summer and finish up another year of leading worship here at Beaumont Presbyterian Church, I feel so very honored to be your choir director. God has blessed us with wonderful people who have servant hearts. They attend Wednesday rehearsals and two services on Sunday mornings, through thick and thin (in sickness and in health!).

Our passion and our desire is that we become true worshippers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In our praise and worship we draw closer to the throne, even as the Holy Spirit is in our midst—dwelling in our praise. At times, singing with this choir, I've felt as if I were truly standing on Holy Ground.

My prayer is that more of you would join us to make this experience a part of your lives, as well. You have two opportunities this summer to sing with us, and you won't have to attend a Wednesday rehearsal (or wear a robe!). Please pray about attending one or both of our Summer Walk on Choirs. They will be on the 3rd Sunday of July and August (July 16th and August 20th).



#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### From the Magi to Calvary, a Postscript (Part 5)

Is there good evidence that Jesus rose from the dead? According to Dr. Gary Habermas of Liberty University, who has written more than a dozen books on the resurrection of Jesus, there's very good reasons to believe the resurrection happened. Habermas applies what he calls a "Minimal Facts" approach to the study of Jesus' resurrection. He says, "There is a significant body of data that scholars of almost every religious and philosophical persuasion recognize as being historical." I'll discuss four of these facts that provide solid evidence which the New Testament also recounts, that Jesus died due the effects of a merciless Roman crucifixion, then was seen alive again.

- **No. 1** The historical evidence outside the New Testament of the crucifixion of Jesus is the first fact. Historian Edwin Yamauchi says that the 1<sup>st</sup> century Roman historian Tacitus wrote *probably the most important reference about Jesus'* crucifixion *outside the New Testament*. He *wrote that Jesus, "Suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of Pontius Pilatus."* The Roman's extreme penalty was crucifixion. On two occasions the 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish historian Josephus mentioned Jesus' crucifixion. "About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man... Pilate condemned him to be crucified." Lucian of Samosata, a 2<sup>nd</sup> century Greek satirist, also wrote in reference to Jesus, "The Christians worship a man to this day the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites, and was crucified on that account."
- **No. 2** The discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, by his women followers, is good evidence that what Gospel writers wrote was actually true. The reason is because in 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish society women's testimony was of little worth. Surely if this was a made-up story by the Gospel writers, they would have had men like Peter or John, well known apostles, discover the empty tomb. The fact that women made the discovery only adds credibility to the Gospel accounts.
- No. 3 The early Christians had an imposing enemy, Saul of Tarsus. He was a young, highly trained Pharisee, who was persecuting the followers of Jesus around AD 35. Carrying credentials from the Jewish high court in Jerusalem, Saul was traveling to Damascus when he encountered the appearance of Jesus, reported by Luke in Acts 9:3-9. "Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," Jesus replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." How do you explain Saul's conversion to a follower of Jesus and becoming Paul the apostle, the great evangelist to the gentile world, without his road to Damascus experience? (Acts 9)
- **No. 4** This last minimal fact about the resurrection of Jesus is the conversion of James, the skeptical brother of Jesus. John reported that not even his brothers believed in Jesus. (John 7:5). And his family thought Jesus was, "out of his mind." (Mark 3:21) So what caused James' drastic conversion? Like the disciples and the apostle Paul, James also believed he had experienced the risen Jesus. (1 Cor.15:3-7) James is later recognized as one of the leaders of the Jerusalem church, in Acts 15 and Galatians 2:9 and his ultimate martyrdom is attested to by Josephus.

"The evidence for the resurrection is better than for claimed miracles in any other religion. It's outstandingly different in quality and quantity." This statement was made by Antony Flew, former notorious atheist and friend of Gary Habermas, who became a theist at the end of his life.

By Marty Mangan

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We had 32 children and adults attending our mother's day celebration. Everyone enjoyed hearing stories about mothers in the Bible, playing games in the courtyard, making cards and painting flower pots and planting a flower, and finally eating hotdogs, chips and ice cream bars.



We will need lots of volunteers to help with VBS the last week of July. If you can be a storyteller, help with crafts, games, music, snack, or VBS preparation let Marilynn Speed know your interest. We will be starting to put out some signups in fellowship hall soon.



Youth, children and adults went to see the movie "The Case for Christ". What a great way to spend time together with friends and, at the same time, strengthen our faith in the validity of our beliefs in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.





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