



Beaumont Presbyterian Church

November 2018

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

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

Children's
Sunday School
10:00 AM

Nursery
10:00 AM

Korean Church
12:00 PM

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



GIVE
thanks
to the Lord
FOR HE IS
GOOD;
His love
ENDURES
FOREVER.



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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:

*Who can proclaim the mighty
acts of the Lord or fully declare
His praise? Blessed are those
who act justly, who always
do what is right.*

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Rena and I have taken thousands of pictures of flowers over the last 25 years. The yellow flowers pictured are all recent flowers from our yard. Some of the flowers are still with us. Others faded and disappeared in recent months. Flowers are amazingly intricate and beautiful. Some are very fragrant. All are unique.

Flowers are incredible. But they don't last. You can keep pressed flowers for a time, or potpourri flowers or dried flowers, but they will never return to their former glory. Their color and fragrance will fade and they will never live again.

Some things are temporal and some things are permanent. One of the temptations of this life is to put all our care and focus on the temporal. (The things that don't last.) That is not to say the temporal things don't matter. We need to eat and work and sleep and everything else. And there is nothing wrong with pursuing some hobbies and interests. But none of these things will last.

In Matthew 6:20, Jesus tells us to "store up for ourselves treasures in heaven." He is saying the things of this world won't last. We can't take the things of this earth to the next life. The things of this life will all fade away. And yet our minds are often focused solely on the cares and concerns of this world.

Isaiah 40:8 says "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever." The prophet is telling us that so much of this life is only temporal. But God is not temporal. God is eternal. And we should not forget to focus on the eternal things of life. Salvation through Jesus Christ is everlasting. The love we share with others and the love we give away in acts of service remain forever. The gifts we give back to the Lord in our tithes and offerings and gifts to mission are stored in heaven. Plan and prepare and try to enjoy the temporal. But remember, we aren't temporal. We are just passing through this world. Our eternal home is in heaven. Store up some treasures there by loving and serving and caring and giving. But most of all live in the assurance of your place up there that Jesus is preparing for you as one of His friends.



Yours in Christ,
Scott



NOTES FROM YOUR ELDERS

Your Elders have been busy in October taking care of preparations that are needed to continue as a thriving Church and Fellowship. At Session we voted to accept our new members into our rolls. Please give them a warm smile and a friendly welcome. We also approved a pre-Christmas dinner for Dec. 2nd; discussed the special advertisement for November and December; voted to hold a Congregational Meeting to bring forth the Deacon and Elder nominees; and accepted the hiring of a new janitor. His name is Mike, please welcome him and let him know we appreciate all he is doing to keep our campus looking sharp.

Each month, an Elder takes the responsibility to cover Fellowship Hall. When you sign up to provide cookies on a Sunday, note the name of the Elder and let him/her know if you have any questions or need help in remembering your date!

Small groups held during the month of October were enjoyed by all that attended. It was generally agreed that we would do it again in 2019. Perhaps including food or games. We could call it F.E.A.S.T. - Fellowship - Eating - And - Sharing - Together.

Bev Webster
Clerk of Session

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

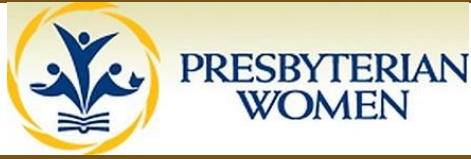
Deuteronomy 15:10. Give freely without grudging it, and the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do. (NLT)

This is the time of year when we offer our stewardship pledges for next year. In the coming weeks, please consider prayerfully your financial commitment to the church. We can be generous, trusting that God will not only bless you abundantly, but He will use these gifts in wondrous ways for the promotion and glory of His Kingdom.

Pledge cards will soon be mailed to the church membership along with a letter from Pastor Scott encouraging everyone to submit a pledge for the New Year. Hopefully the congregation will be encouraged to renew their pledges with an increase if possible. The pledge cards can be mailed back to the church or placed in the offering plate during worship service. This will help the budget planning for the coming year and permit timely assigning and distributing of the offering envelopes in support of next year's finances. Be encouraged to be good and generous stewards.

Owen Dean, Stewardship

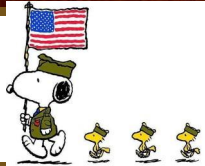
IMPORTANT DATES



Beaumont Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting: November 7th, 1:00 PM



Deacons Meeting:
Tuesday, November 6th at 4:00 PM



Veteran's Day Service:
Sunday, November 11, at 8:30AM & 10AM



Session Meeting:
Tuesday, November 13th, 4pm



Men's Ministry Breakfast:
Saturday, Nov. 17th at 8AM in the Social Hall.



Congregational Meeting (introducing nominations for Deacons and Elders)
Sunday, November 18th at 11:10AM



Thanksgiving Day Service:
Sunday, November 25th, 8:30AM & 10AM

CHRISTMAS DINNER PROGRAM

Join us on Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM for a Christmas Celebration! There will be singing and laughter, delicious catered food and happy holiday joviality! The cost is only \$5.00 per person. You may start signing up for the event on Sunday, November 4th between and after services in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss it!



MEN'S MINISTRY

**ANOTHER MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST?
YOU BET!**



**Join us in the social hall at 8:00 AM on Saturday,
November 17th for our Men's Ministry Breakfast.**

Food, Fun, Fellowship, and a guest speaker.

You won't want to miss it.

\$ 5.00 per person

CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

1	Dorothy Carberry	7	Norma Flaig	14	Bo Wall
1	Dennis Goff	9	Michael Rhine	15	Jim Kaylor
1	Jan Sutton	9	Patricia Shepard	15	Vera Yam-Haan Lew
2	Adam Firth-Smith	10	Ruth Steck	17	John Guldseth
2	Scott Mason	11	Gerry Wood	22	Cely Cordon
5	Patti Stewart	13	Kathleen Jefferson	25	Kathy Sasaki
6	Bill Mason	13	H.G. Richard Williams	27	Ted Murray



ANNIVERSARIES

20	Dennis & Betty Goff
20	Dean & Cheri McKernan
24	Dave & Beverly Bostic
29	Arie & Mieke Den Hollander

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

What an amazing Fall Gathering we had Oct. 13! We hosted the entire Riverside Presbytery Women with the theme of International Peace. Our speaker was from the Philippines and gave us the current picture of her country's problems. Especially significant was the fact that Christianity is identified the same as communists. We had all contributed to school items for children there, but the Library used to distribute these bags was burned down just the night before. Thomas Catering from Hemet served us a variety of salads from lettuce salad with optional toppings, to tuna, curry chicken, pasta, potato, and fruit salads. There was a cake to celebrate 30 years of the Presbyterian Women as well as pumpkin pie from Thomas'. Special thanks to all who helped make this gathering a success, especially the fabulous decorations by Connie Presson.

Save the date of December 14, 2018 for our Christmas program with Jaci Davis as our guest program. We are in the process of selling our beautiful wall calendars for \$10 each in the fellowship hall after each service. Stop by and check them out.

Bible Studies continue weekly:

- Thursday, 10 a.m., contact Liz Linden 951-845-9908
- Friday, 9:30 a.m., contact Betty Mann 951-845-3800
- Friday, 10:30 a.m., contact Sally Burse 951-769-5980

Circles meet once a month: (September through May)

- Esther/Lydia every 3rd Wed., 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of the Church.
Contact: Marge Shearer 951-922-6679
- Ruth Circle every 3rd Thurs., 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of the Church.
Contact: Jerry Schneider 951-845-1014

Blessings,

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator



TABLE OF PLenty

When you have leftovers from meetings, memorial services, coffee hour or whatever, we appreciate having them! Nothing goes to waste. We use everything! Our church family is so giving to Table of Plenty.

Unfortunately, I have nothing to report about my homeless woman. She's still in limbo but is being very positive. Several people have offered whatever assistance they can and I'm keeping that to share with her. She's a very proud and private person and is reluctant to take charity. So, I have to tread carefully.

Now, Thanksgiving is upon us. If you would like to donate a frozen turkey for us to cook we need it by Wednesday November 14th. But, if you would like to cook one for us we will give you a foil pan, a cooking bag and directions and we would need it at the kitchen on Tuesday November 20th. This would help us a lot as we cook 23 turkeys every year. You have been extremely generous over the years and this is one of our highlights.

Jodie

A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR



The Hawaiian themed bouquet we got for Ben.

This week many of my college friends and family celebrated the life of Mr. Ben Bollinger, the teacher who taught me more about singing, performing and choral directing than anyone else, ever. He also made me even more passionate about music than I was when I came to Citrus College.

Hundreds of Citrus Singer Alumni gathered across the front of the sanctuary and sang this song for Ben. I thought you might enjoy the words. I hope it speaks to you.

“Keep a song of joy inside your heart
And even though the time has come for us to part
We'll be together soon and time will fly
'Cause we never really say goodbye

Don't forget the love we share today
Sweet memories to keep us warm along the way
I'll hold you in my heart so don't you cry
'Cause we never really say goodbye

Time may come between us
But it doesn't mean a thing
You know we'll be together in our dreams
And so tonight, my friend, sleep tight

And keep a song of joy inside your heart
And even though the time has come for us to part
We'll be together soon and time will fly
'Cause we never really say goodbye
We never really say goodbye”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Did America have a Religious Founding? (Part 3)

The autumn celebration, in late 1621, that has become known as the 1st Thanksgiving, somewhat mimics our November national holiday today. It occurred between the Plymouth Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe of Native Americans; although the Pilgrims probably didn't use the term thanksgiving at the time. The purpose of their thanksgiving was to dedicate themselves to God with a time of prayer and humility, giving thanks for God's good providence. Giving thanks to God was a regular focus of the Pilgrims and they were celebrating their first successful corn harvest that followed a very difficult winter and a severe food shortage. Their harvest was greatly aided by the Native American Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to farm and hunt more effectively in the new world. The future Governor of the colony, William Bradford called Squanto, "*A special instrument sent of God for their good.*" Giving thanks to God has taken place since the creation and is a repetitive term that runs through much of the Old Testament, "***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.***" (Psalm 106:1, 1 Chronicles 16:34)

William Bradford organized the celebratory feast and invited a group of Native American allies to what was, in reality, a harvest festival. It included the Wampanoag chief Massasoit, 90 of his tribal men and the surviving 53 Pilgrims. Nearly half of the Plymouth colonists had died during that first harsh winter, with only five Pilgrim women surviving due to the lack of food which they mostly gave to their children. While no records exist of the exact bill of fare at that first Thanksgiving celebration, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow noted that William Bradford sent out four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the 3-day event. Wild, not domestic turkey was in plentiful supply in the region and was a common food source for both English settlers and Native Americans. Just as likely, the fowling party returned with other birds the colonists regularly consumed: duck, geese and swan. Instead of bread-based stuffing, the birds were probably stuffed with herbs, onions or nuts to add extra flavor. They most likely had fruits like: plums, melons, grapes, and cranberries. (No cranberry sauce) Plus local vegetables such as: leeks, wild onions, beans, artichokes, and squash. Also, sea food like: lobster, fish, eel, mussels and oysters. The Wampanoag tribe contributed five deer and historians speculate that the deer was roasted on a spit over a smoldering fire and the colonists may have used some of the deer to make venison stew. But there was no stuffing, mash potatoes or gravy. Whether mashed or roasted, white or sweet potatoes had no place at the first Thanksgiving. After encountering potatoes in its native South America, the Spanish began introducing the potato in Europe around 1570. By the time the Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower, the potato had neither doubled back to North America nor become popular enough with the English to hitch a ride to North America. New England's native inhabitants are known to have eaten other plant roots such as Indian turnips and groundnuts, which they may or may not have brought to the party.

Though these hardy pilgrims loom large in the American imagination, they never built their settlement into a major colony. The larger Massachusetts Bay Company incorporated the smaller Plymouth colony into their colony in 1691. But the sense of purpose of the original Pilgrims left a permanent imprint on our national character. They maintain an unshakable confidence that God protected them, not to grant special privileges, but to impose special responsibilities. They saw themselves as instruments, not authors, of a mysterious master plan. Today with our blessings so obvious and so overwhelming, shouldn't we take time, as a nation, to thank God for all our blessings?

Thanks for reading, Marty Mangan

WINTER WISH



The Winter Wish program for needy Beaumont School children is underway. Cards with age, gender, and what they hope for will be available in the Social Hall beginning in November. Enjoy shopping for a child and bring it to the social hall as soon as you have it wrapped. Thanks to Betty Goff and Donna Lester for heading up this local project.

PHOTO GALLERY



Small group get together at Bev Webster's house. It was fun!



Praying for new members.



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