



Beaumont Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 2018

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

Worship Services

Sunday

8:30 AM

& 10:00 AM

***Adult Sunday
School 9:10 AM
& 10:00 AM***

**Children's
Sunday School
10:00 AM**

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

**Korean Church
12:00 PM**

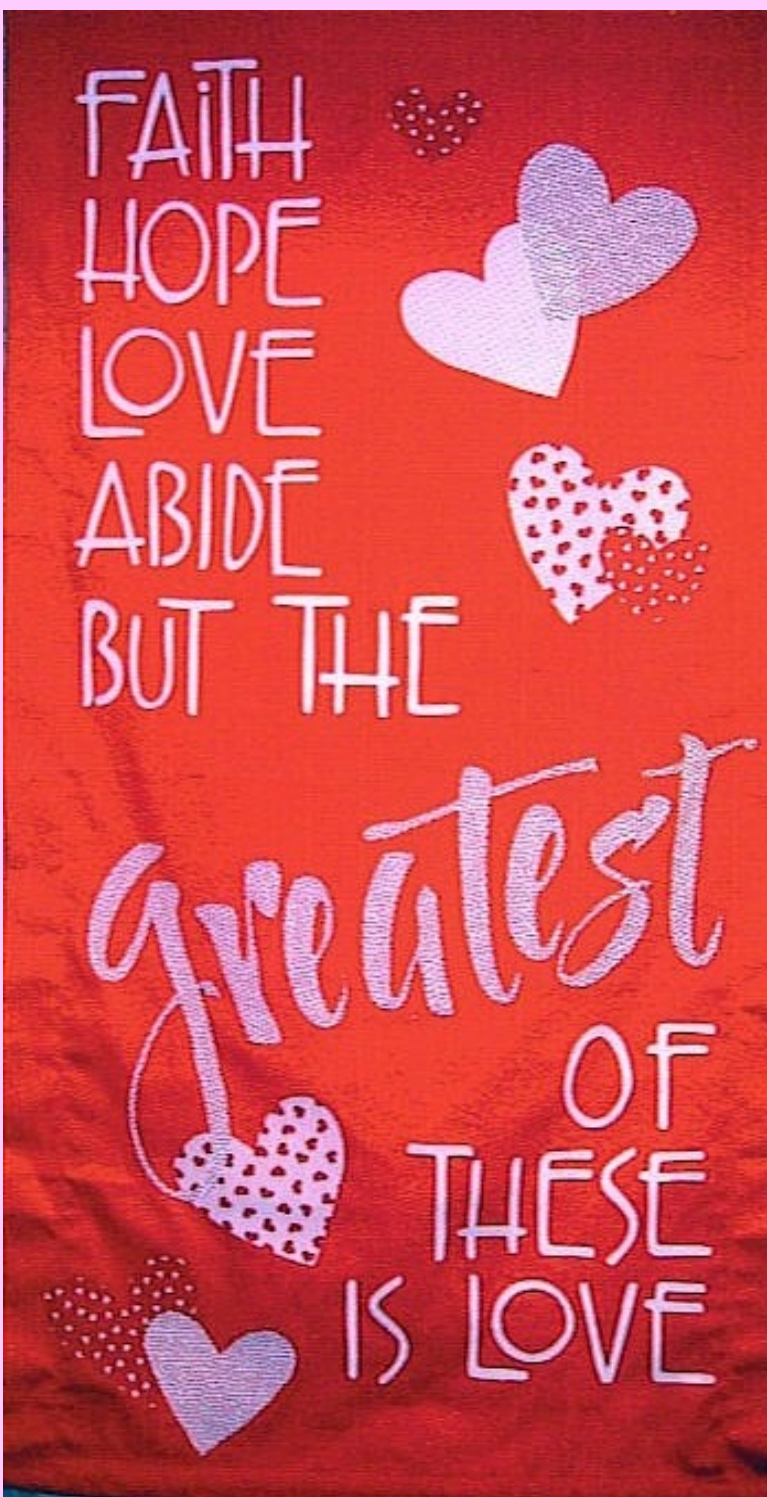


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Our Mission

**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:

*If I speak in the tongues of men
and of angels, but have not love,
I am a noisy gong
or a clanging cymbal.*

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR



Dear Friends,

As I am writing to you, it is heartbreaking to think about the 13 children only half an hour away who were kept prisoners and mistreated so badly by their parents. The siblings were fed only once a day and were grossly malnourished and underweight. Some of them were restrained at times with chains. They were not allowed to shower. They lived in filth and stench. The lack of nutrition for their growing bodies, their living conditions and the physical and mental abuse they suffered are unimaginable. Some of them didn't even know what medication is or what a police officer is. They were made to sleep during the day and be awake at night. They were also not allowed to play with toys, watch television or listen to the radio. Why the parents took such pleasure in tormenting their children I can't begin to fathom.

I am glad the children are now free and the healing can begin. I pray their lives are much happier and their futures much brighter as they are liberated from such evil. (I keep saying "children", but in fact the eldest daughter is 29 but appears a child due to being so under weight and socially undeveloped.)

I have pondered a lot on the fact that actually 2 siblings escaped, but one of them was so fearful, that he or she went back into the house. The shackles of fear were perhaps even stronger than the physical chains. Since the father worked, I have to imagine the siblings were daily under the watch of just their mother. I would think they could have broken away and escaped many times and years earlier if they had the will to do so. The escape that did take place was 2 years in the planning. So there was a desire to be set free but a fear to carry it out.

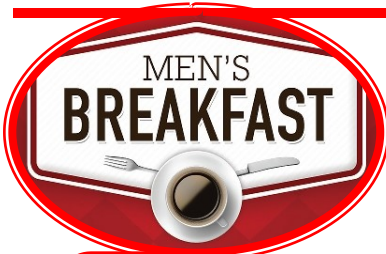
Why were the siblings so hesitant to bring about their own liberation? Why did one of the siblings return to the house after escaping from it? I am speculating in part it was because they never had a real friend. The eldest son was allowed briefly to attend classes just down the hill from us at Mt. San Jacinto Community College. He asked his mother as he left an art class if he could be friends with a girl he met in the class as she didn't have any friends either. The female classmate indicated the eldest son never returned to the class after that. (His mother must have determined this was too much connection with the outside world.) Someone else wrote how years ago he was in third grade with the eldest sister, and she was the victim of ridicule and bullying for her dirty clothes and awkward ways. No one would be her friend in third grade.

Between attending some community college classes, and the family visiting Disneyland at least once (as seen in a picture), at least the older siblings must have had some understanding that not everyone was living like they were. But, again, they had no friends. Their very limited connection to the world was controlled by their captors, who also happened to be their parents. So at least the older siblings must have realized there could be something better out there, but had no friend to offer support and encouragement.

Would someone else listen to them? Would someone else care? Would someone else just return them to their parents? How could they approach a stranger and ask for help? I hope these siblings know the joy and support of some true and faithful friends as they continue the journey of life. And what a joy we have a perfect friend in Jesus! He knows us better than we know ourselves and He loves us anyway. He isn't just there for us, He died for us. And He is a friend with so much power He rose from the dead after dying for us, so that we can live with Him forever one day in the home He is preparing for us in heaven. I hope the 13 siblings get to truly know what a friend they have and have always had in Jesus as well.

Yours in Christ,
Scott

IMPORTANT DATES



Men's Fellowship Breakfast: *Saturday, February 3rd, 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Come for food, fun and fellowship.*



Deacon's Meeting: *Tuesday, February 6th at 4pm.*



Choir Practice: *Every Wednesday night, 6:30 - 8pm.*



Presbyterian Women's Gathering: *Friday, February 9th, 12 noon - Social Hall. \$10. Register on February 4th in the Fellowship Hall.*



Session Meeting: *Tuesday, February 13th at 4pm.*



Valentines Day: *Wednesday, February 14th. Tell someone you love them with the love of the Lord.*



SPECIAL DATES



February Birthdays

2	Debbie Kehret	8	Wanda Wallace	18	Arie Den Hollander
2	Noah Southworth	9	Veryl White	18	Dell Jones
4	Mary Baines	11	Elisabeth (Liz) Linden	19	Lisa Yarbrough
4	Dolores Bolia	12	Lori Estermyer	20	George Underhill
5	Alice Burke	12	Richard Grant	26	Michael Calhoun
7	Cheri McKernan	12	Henry Yu	26	Bill Ray
7	Sue Miller	16	Andy Yarbrough	27	Gordon Hansen



February Anniversaries

6	Scott & Rena Mason
21	Charley & Amanda Sutton
27	Dick & Tina Williams



STEWARDSHIP NOTES

Matthew 6:19-21. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The referenced scripture encourages us to be good stewards of our financial resources in that Jesus warns and instructs us in the use of our treasure. The stewardship of the congregation in the year 2017 was excellent. The financial contributions of the congregation throughout the year put the Church in great position to do God's work.

The pledges for year 2018 are almost equal to that of 2017 both in number of pledges and dollar amount. Hopefully the **actual** financial contributions will be equal to or greater than that of 2017. This will enable the Church to not only sufficiently support the work here at Beaumont Presbyterian Church but also bless our many mission outreach projects. So be encouraged to honor our pledges and, if possible, give more.

Owen Dean, Stewardship

TABLE OF PLENTY

As I watched the Rose Parade on New Year's Day with the theme "Making a Difference", I thought about what differences we have been making with our guests every week. We not only give them a nutritious meal but we give them hugs, pats on the back and a listening ear.

There is Jeff who has been with us from the beginning, almost 20 years ago. He's homeless but he maintains a storage unit where he keeps a change of clothes; he is always neat. He has a music background and spent time with Dennis Bertwell at the organ. He also attended the Watoto concert.

There is Rich who, again, has been with us since the beginning. He lost his wife several years ago to dementia and he needs to talk with someone. We realize that there's no one at home, so we listen.

Many of our guests are long-time Beaumont residents who know each other. It is a comfortable place to spend time with each other. They keep us apprised of what's happening in their lives so we may respond.

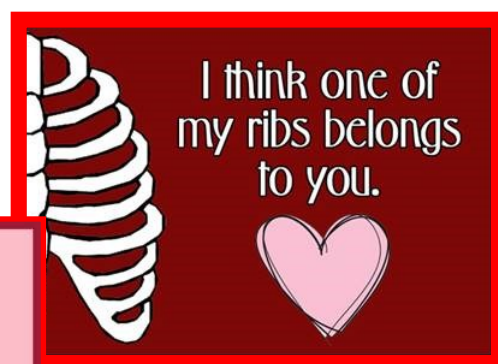
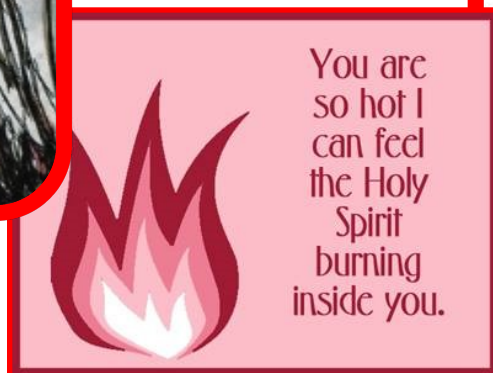
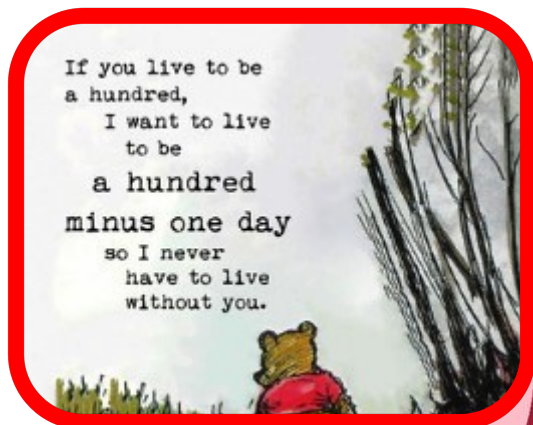
We have helped many people find jobs. Years ago the Beaumont library had a program on illiteracy and Dalene Tappata directed one of our guests there. I have run into him several times at Stater Brothers and he tells me, because of that, he is employed. He says, "You have a good heart." Not me; all of us at Table of Plenty.

Because we have volunteers who have been with us for a long time, our guests see the same faces at each station: the servers, the silverware, bread, dessert, drinks, and those who take food to the tables. We are able to call many of them by name, and because we wear nametags they call us by name.

The outreach mission of Beaumont Presbyterian Church is making a difference in Beaumont and the San Geronimo Pass.

Jodie Welch





A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

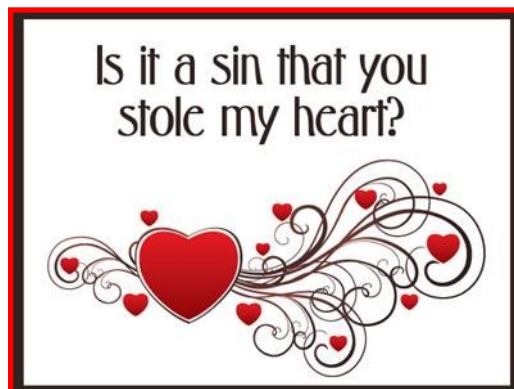
Happy Valentine's Day! Around here we don't need a special holiday to tell each other that we love them. God tells us in His word just how much He loves us ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”***. He shows us the amazing love He has for us each and every day. He calls us to share that love with others who come into our lives.

Our worship, praising our Lord and Savior through songs, hymns and spiritual songs, are our Valentine cards to Jesus. As we sing to Him, as a choir and as a congregation, we are offering sacrifices of praise—gifts that give Him JOY!

One of my favorite worship songs says it perfectly:

***“I love you Lord, and I lift my voice;
to worship you, Oh my soul, rejoice.
Take JOY my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.”***

Don't wait until February 14th to share our Father's love with all the special people in your lives. And, join us, in choir or in our congregation, to sing Valentine cards of worship and praise to the Lord and Savior who gave up everything so that He could give us everything and to pay the way for us to bask in His love for eternity.



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 9, 2018 at noon in the Social Hall. Our guest speaker will be representing Calicinto Ranch who is dedicated to serving and mentoring boys and girls of prisoners with the hope of them not following in their parent's footsteps. Thomas' Catering will again be providing our meal. Reservations will be taken in the social hall after services February 4. The cost is \$10 per person.

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator

STUDY GROUPS

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:

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

JANUARY PHOTO GALLERY



**Installation of Elders
and Deacons**



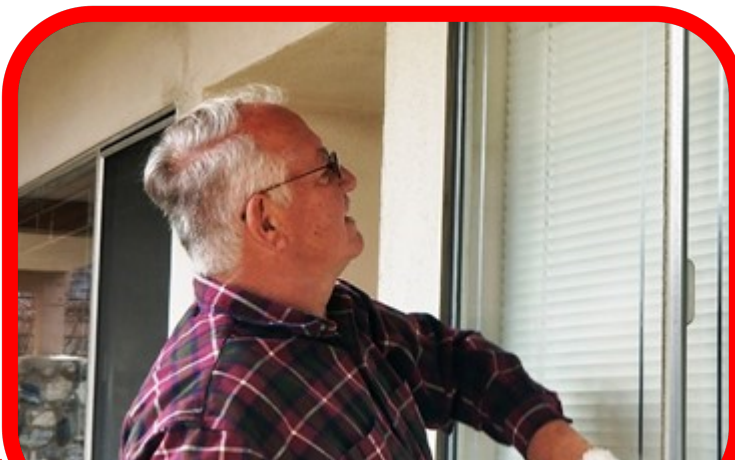
Baptism of Dell Jones



**Carolyn Moreno and Great-Granddaughter
Mia before baptism**



**Tea and cheesecake at Chandra's
house following the worship
committee meeting.**



**David Kelts washes windows while
volunteering in the church office.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation (Part 1)

On All Hallows eve in 1517, a young monk named Martin Luther posted a document he hoped would spark an academic debate, but which instead ignited a movement that would forever destroy the world that he knew. Five hundred years after Luther's now famous *Ninety-five Thesis* was posted on the door of the Wittenberg Castle church, Eric Metaxas has written a book which paints a startling portrait of Martin Luther. (Metaxas is the acclaimed biographer of the best-selling *Bonhoeffer*, a Pastors fight against Hitler and *Amazing Grace*, William Wilberforce campaign to end slavery in England.) Metaxas describes Luther as a wild figure whose faith and beliefs cracked the edifice of Western Christendom and dragged medieval Europe into the future. Metaxas writes that Luther believed that the Bible was the central source of religious authority and salvation is achieved through faith alone and not works or deeds. The Christian theological doctrine which holds that the Christian scriptures are the sole infallible rule of faith and practice is called *Sola scriptura*, Latin for Scripture alone. This theological concept shaped the central core of Protestantism.

In his book on Martin Luther, Metaxas points out that Luther's writings and actions so influenced the modern world that much of what we take for granted can be traced directly to him. The modern idea of the individual and of one's personal responsibility before self and God, rather than before church or state was unthinkable before Martin Luther. And the modern idea of "*the people*", stated in our Declaration of Independence and the idea of modern democracy was given voice by Luther. Metaxas writes that, "*The more recent ideas of religious liberty, and self-government all entered history through the door Luther opened to the future in which we now live.*" Luther is principally known for two events, the nailing of his *Ninety-five Thesis* to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church and his criticism of the Catholic Church for the practice of selling indulgences. Luther's propositions in his *Ninety-five Thesis* was composed to spark an academic debate at the University of Wittenberg. They advanced Luther's positions against what he saw as the abusive practice of clergy selling plenary indulgences, which were certificates believed to reduce the temporal punishment for sins committed by the purchasers or their loved ones in purgatory. Purgatory is the Catholic teaching that, "*All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.*" In his *Thesis*, Luther claimed that the repentance required by Christ in order for sins to be forgiven involves inner spiritual repentance rather than merely external sacramental confession. He argued that indulgences led Christians to avoid true repentance and sorrow for sin, but he didn't consider indulgences as important as Paul's teaching of "*justification by faith.*" (Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:24) His breakthrough on these issues would come later, and he did not see the writing of his *Ninety-five Thesis* as the point at which his beliefs diverged from those of Rome.

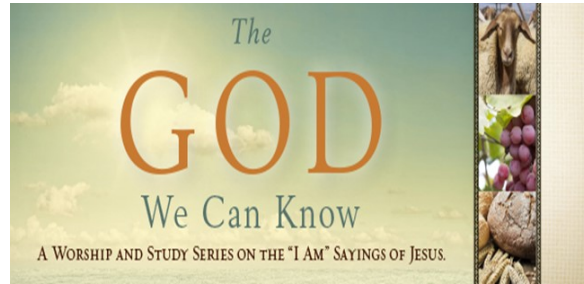
Luther's *Ninety-five Thesis* were quickly reprinted, translated, and distributed throughout Germany and Europe, which led to Luther's ecclesiastical superiors trying him for heresy. This culminated in Luther's excommunication from the church in 1521. Again Martin Luther hoped that the posting of his famous *Ninety-five Thesis* would spark only an academic debate and he never thought it would start a schism within the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, the Protestant revolution had begun, which would be led by a whole generation of reformers.

Blessings, Marty Mangan

PS: Thank you for the nice comments made about last month's article on Pastor Don.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

The Adult Sunday School series: The God We Can Know will begin February 11 for seven weeks for both services. Choose to attend the 9:10 or 10:00 times in room 5.



This month our teacher in the spotlight is Marty Mangan.

Marty Mangan has been teaching Sunday school for young people and adults at two different Presbyterian churches for twenty years. He is a retired woodworking and construction teacher, but his interests have always been in history, theology and Christian apologetics.

He has a Bachelor's degree from Cal State LA in Industrial Studies and a post-graduate certificate in Christian apologetics from Biola University. He also is a consultant at Beaumont High School in the STEM Engineering program and at another high school in Perris, California.

He has a firm belief that young Christians need to know why their faith is true, especially in a much more secular world that's becoming more post-Christian. This is especially true at our colleges and universities. That's where apologetics education is critically important. Theology is the biblical foundation of Christian beliefs and Christian apologetics is the evidence for its truth. Both are necessary for a serious grounding and understanding of the Christian faith.

When a young person matriculates to high school and then college, the secular schools and universities will discount their Christian beliefs. Young people need to know why Christianity is true, universally true for everyone.

Marilynn Speed, Christian Education





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