



MAY 2016

Worship Services

Sunday

8:30 AM

and

10:00 AM

Korean Church

12:00 PM

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Nursery

10:00 AM

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Fellowship

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9:30 AM

And

11:00 AM

Social Hall

The stone church . . .

. . . with the caring heart

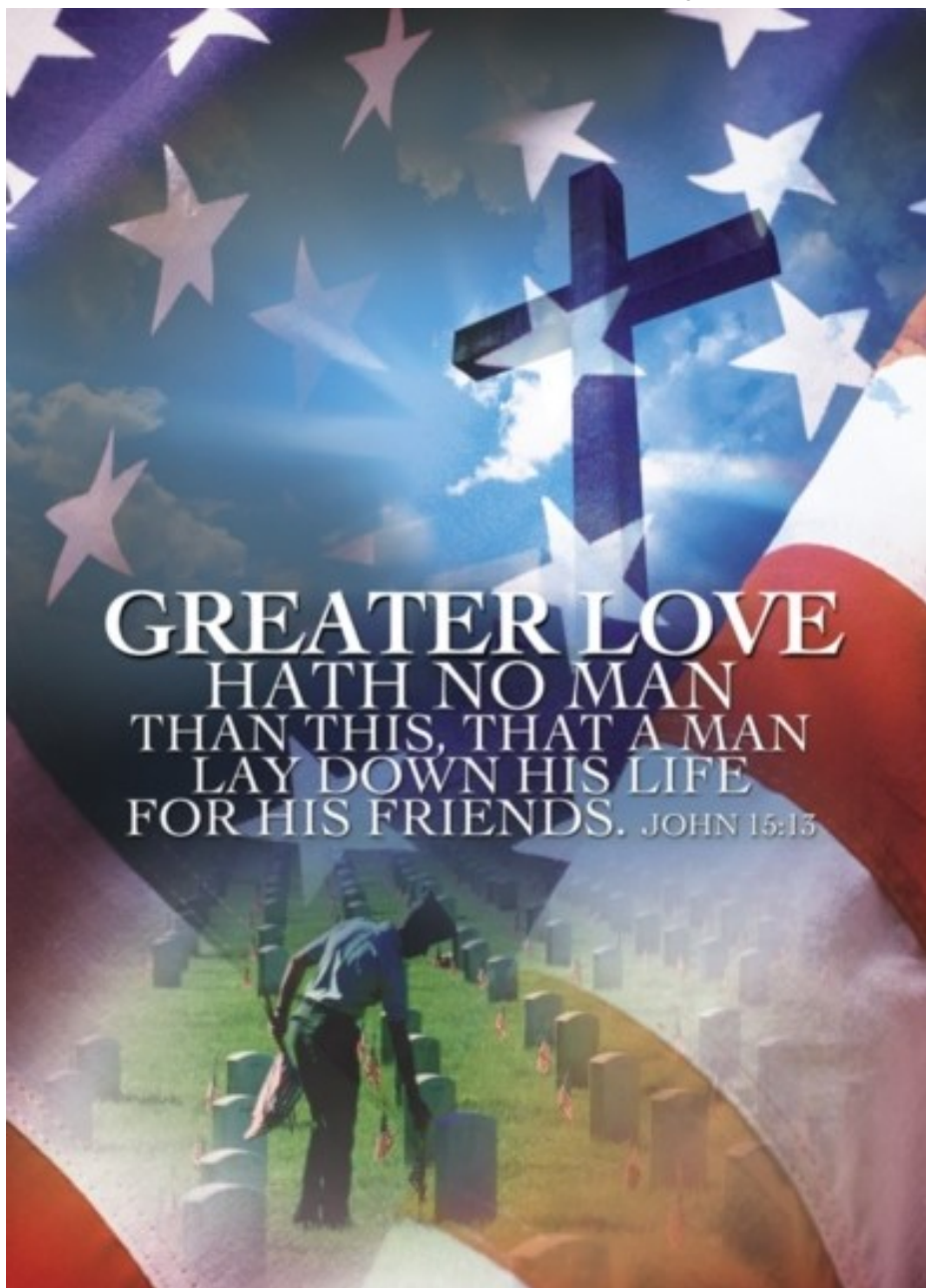


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**Beaumont
Presbyterian
Church**

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

**May 30th is Memorial Day.
On Sunday, May 29th, we will
REMEMBER & CELEBRATE
all who have passed away.
You won't want to miss it.**

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If your last name begins with Burgess -, O, or T ... Your deacon is Vera Lew



Born in China, Vera and her family fled to Hong Kong when she was eight years old. The communists had taken over China. She first heard the story of Jesus in Hong Kong. The rest of her childhood and young adulthood, she regularly attended church with her friends.

During her second year of college, her father introduced her to his friend's son, an engineer, visiting from the U.S. Christmas of that year, he gave her a Bible as a Christmas present. They corresponded for a year and a half, and during that time she was baptized. After Vera graduated, he returned to Hong Kong and they were married. Two months later, Vera came to the U.S. and became an American housewife.

Vera and her husband worshiped and served together in different Chinese and American churches in Southern California, and both served and supported Chinese missions and other overseas missionary works, until he went to be with The Lord. His death was a terrible blow to her - the emotional pain, together with the physical pain from rheumatoid arthritis, was too much to bear. The only thing that kept her going was the support of her son, her family, her good friends and God.

God is so good. He carried her through those difficult years. With his love, grace, and healing she has become a stronger person, both physically and emotionally. Several years ago, she came to visit Beaumont Presbyterian Church with Connie Capps. Vera felt at home with the church, its leadership and everyone here. She is here to stay. Now as a deacon, it gives her opportunity to serve in a more personal way, and for that she is most thankful.

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If your last name begins with B thru Brownlee Your deacon is Lynn Rodgers



Lynn was born into a loving Christian home of two extremely devoted parents and a great brother and sister. She always lived in Jacksonville, Florida until she went to Tallahassee, FL to attend college there. From that first move until now she's lived in MD, VA, WI, CO and lastly CA when her beloved husband Mike's work required it of their family of five when he got a better job offer. This was the last stop for him as his life on earth gave way to cancer in 2012. In 2005 they had moved to Sun Lakes from Mission Viejo and are so very glad that they did because it brought them to this wonderful little church with a caring heart.

Lynn had served as an elder and deacon in a Presbyterian church in Mission Viejo and now has done the same in BPC. She has found this church to be filled with God's treasures in the forms of wisdom, Pastors, their families and the other church members. Service to and with the people of the church is the best way to form lasting friendships, having fun while trying to do our part here in service to our Lord. She would encourage anyone to jump in and grab on to any of the many opportunities this church presents. As for her current flock members (last names starting with B through Br), she is looking forward to getting to know you and serving you in any way that is helpful to you.

a word from your pastor

Dear Friends,

I am thinking about the life of a great hymn writer and her reflections on grace. Grace is God giving us wonderful gifts we don't deserve.

Annie Johnson Flint was born on Christmas Eve in 1866. She knew great suffering in her life. Her mother died when she was 3 and her father died when she was 5. She was raised for 2 years by a woman who did not want her. And then she was adopted by a loving couple who died when she was still a teenager. Annie taught for 3 years, but during the 2nd year she began to have very painful and debilitating arthritis. Within 2 more years she was no longer able to walk. She had to give up her dream of one day being a concert pianist.



She held a pen with bent fingers and swollen joints and she wrote her faith filled poems as an expression of devotion to God and to pass the time during her daily long hours of suffering. Nearly destitute, she began to have some of her work published which helped pay for her care. With twisted fingers she wrote beautiful letters, poems and hymns. Later, when she could no longer hold a pen, she would dictate her letters and hymns to a friend.

She lived in constant pain and suffering for nearly 50 years. She was bedridden, incontinent, had cancer and was blind. She needed 8 pillows for just a little relief to cushion her body as she also suffered from bed sores and boils. And yet she wrote beautiful and hope filled hymns about God's grace and love. Annie wrote the following incredible hymn which is number 415 in our church hymnal:

HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

*He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.*

*When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.*

*His love has no limit, His grace has no measure;
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.*

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, the apostle Paul said, “But God said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” God’s grace runs much deeper than health, wealth and happiness...



Annie Johnson-Flint

...It is a bottomless well of His love and comfort and peace even in the midst of affliction and pain!

Yours in Christ,

Scott

Important Dates



Deacon's Meeting:

Tuesday, May 3rd, at 4:00 PM

Session Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10th, at 3:30 PM



Choir Practice:

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Cancer Support Group:

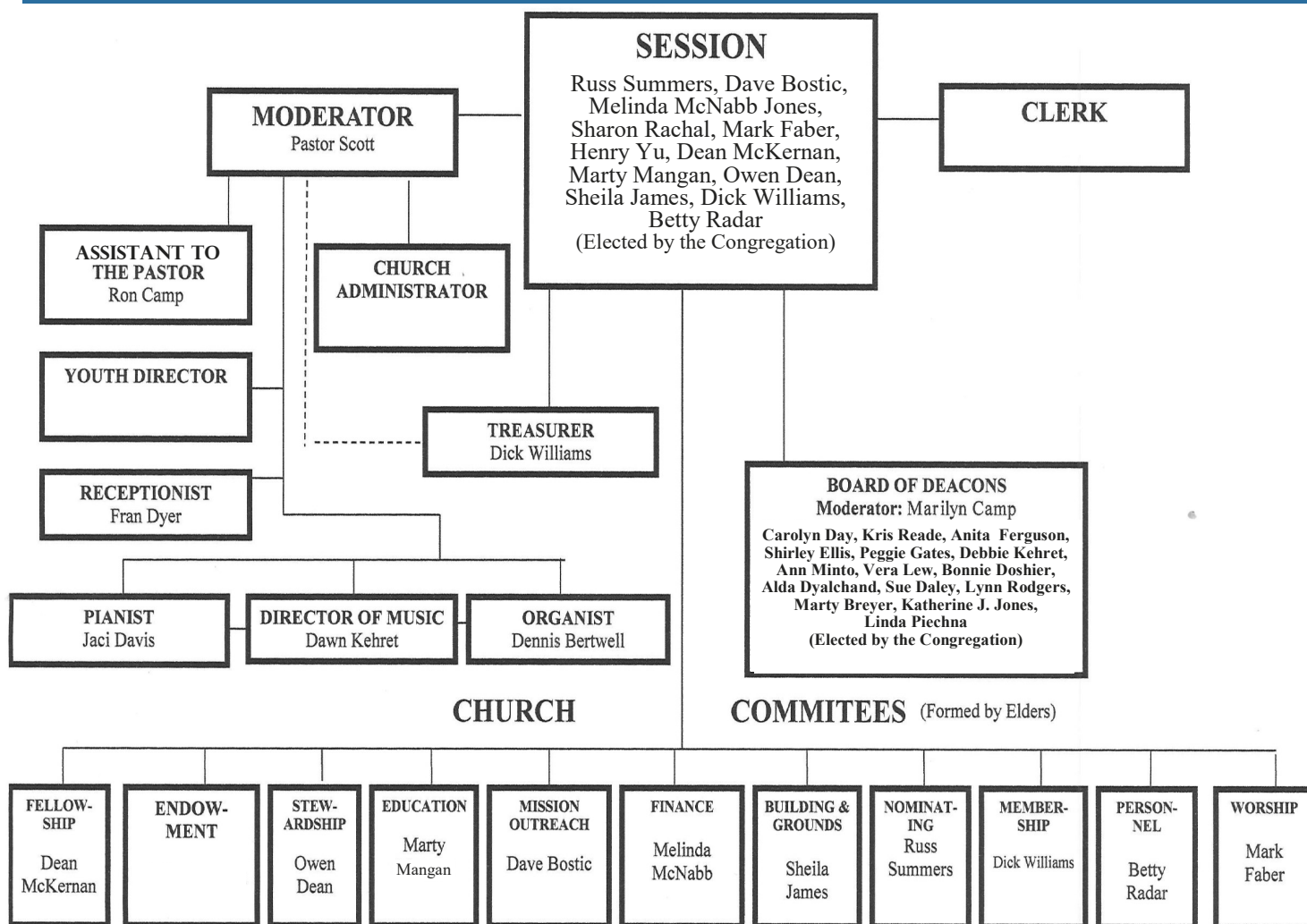
Sunday, May 8th at 11:15 AM



Finance Meeting:

Wednesday, May 4th, 4:00 PM

BEAUMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP



CHAIN OF COMMAND

1. All decisions are made by the board/committee, not independently by individuals on the board/committee.
2. All individual decisions need to be funneled back to the chairperson and ultimately to the elder board.
3. Individual board members and officers get their authority to speak for the Church as they reflect the decisions that are made by committees and approved by the board.
4. All committees are recommending bodies only.

1/7/2015

It has been suggested that we include information about our deacons and elders from time to time. If you wonder who your deacon is, refer to the February newsletter, as they were all listed in that edition.

This leadership graph is to show you how our staff and elected elders and deacons are organized—a “chain of command”, if you will. If you have a question about worship, for instance, you would go to Mark Faber. If you have a suggestion about how to bring in new members, Dick Williams, in Membership would be your go-to guy.

You may notice that a few positions are currently open. We need to find a very special person to become our Youth Director. We also haven’t filled the position vacated by Don Cummings when he retired, so we need a new Church Administrator. Please be in prayer that God will lead the very best and most qualified people to us to take over these vital jobs.

birthday and anniversary greetings

May Birthdays

2	Gordon Shepard	7	Caroline Hite	21	Betty Friedberg
2	Vic Shuey	13	Dee Austin	22	Ted Grady
3	Lorri Ray	14	Mari Hansen	27	Walt Farmer
3	Ellie Fawcett	14	Patricia Underhill	28	Ann Farmer
4	Beth Hiett	15	Jerri Palmer	28	Dale Ferber
5	Francis 'Frank' DiNucci	18	Kimberlee Foster	28	Ray Hite
7	Bernice Burton	19	Warren Simmons	29	Christine Pointek

May Anniversaries

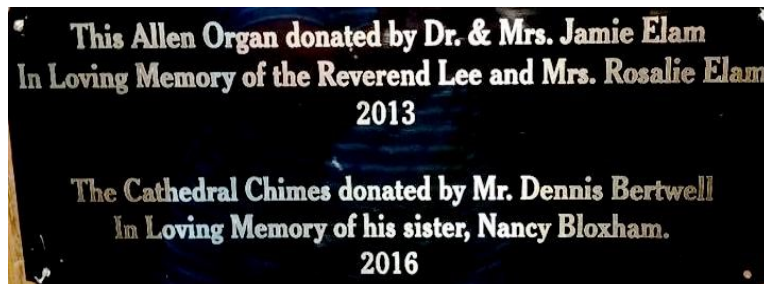
4	Francis 'Frank' & Ann DiNucci	28	Jim & Ruby Kaylor
25	Bob & Amy Stilson	29	Harrison & Betty Blake

'what's up' in the loft?

In case you were wondering...

What is that black object attached to the side of the organ? A beautiful plaque as been given to commemorate two wonderful gifts to Beaumont Presbyterian Church. You already knew that the Allen Organ was the original organ in the Crystal Cathedral. Now you know "the rest of the story".

The Cathedral Chimes, a more recent addition to our music program, greatly enhance our worship and will be enjoyed for years to come.



Concert Corner

The Harmoneeers Chorale—"Lift Every Voice for Freedom": May 14, 2pm—1st Presbyterian Church, Hemet. Tickets are \$10—contact Norma Dudley 951-845-2932 for tickets & details.

Inland Master Chorale—"Just for the Fun of it!": May 14 at 8pm, May 15 at 3pm—1st United Methodist Church, Redlands. Advance tickets \$18—call Dawn Kehret 562-355-7197 for tickets & details.

Valley Vocal Ensemble—"Back Street Broadway": May 20 & 22 at 7pm, May 21 at 3pm—Various locations in Hemet. Tickets are \$10—call Mary Anne Simmons 951-880-3025 for tickets and details.



Committed to
nurturing faith,
supporting mission,
working for justice,
and building community.

Think you know Presbyterian Women?

Bible Study, tea and cookies, right?

Of course, studying scripture is central to our lives of faith. In fact, “to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study” is the first point of the PW Purpose, our mission statement. Being informed and transformed by scripture opens our hearts to live in celebration and connection. During our 2014 Global Exchange to the Caribbean, U.S. and Caribbean women explored issues of shared concern, including violence and reconciliation, witness and evangelism and leadership development.

Don't they knit baby blankets and roll bandages?

Of course many Presbyterian Women are skilled in the textile arts. We sew dresses out of pillowcases for children in Africa, knit prayer shawls to comfort people who are hurting and crochet soft caps to keep infants heads warm. For many years, hospitals around the world requested rolled bandages. So we rolled up our sleeves and, well, rolled thousands of bandages to provide relief to thousands around the world. But Presbyterian Women's mission work isn't always done from a comfy chair. Sometimes we grab shovels and work boots, using not just our hands, but our arms, legs, backs and of course prayers. For example, Presbyterian Women Cindy Joe and Fran Anderson went to New Orleans with a PW group to help clean out homes ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Other Presbyterian Women wield pens and writing paper to tutor children. Regardless of the tools and muscles used, Presbyterian Women embody 1 Corinthians 12:4–7's “varieties of gifts . . . varieties of services,” directing those to co-creating God's vision of wholeness.

Aren't they the women in sensible shoes?

Of course Presbyterian Women wear sensible shoes. But no matter the make or style of shoe we choose, Presbyterian Women remember those who are in need, including who needs a pair of comfortable shoes and dry socks. That's why when we came together in 2006 for our Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women; we filled a tractor trailer with shoes and socks for Louisville-area children.

More to come next month.

Blessings,

Cathy Calhoun

bible study



Bible Studies continue weekly:

Thursday, 10 a.m., at Liz Linden's 951-845-9908

Friday, 9:30 a.m., at Betty Mann's 951-845-3800

(Break for summer end of May)

Friday, 11:00 a.m., at Sally Burse's 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., locations determined monthly.

Contact: Betty Davis 951-845-1014

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS



I was checking out of Albertson's with 15 pounds of Italian sausage in my basket when the gentleman behind me said; "You must really like that stuff." I explained that I was buying it for Table of Plenty. He asked me what that was. I asked him if he was local and he said yes. I then told him that we were a program to feed hungry people in the Pass 3 days a week at Beaumont Presbyterian Church and the Beaumont Women's Club. He asked how we selected people to eat and I told him we fed everyone who was hungry and came through our doors. He then asked how we were funded and I told him through donations, fund raisers and grants.

As Jessica was ringing up my sausage he said to me, "I'd like to pay for that." I gasped. "It will cost a lot." He insisted and forked over \$65.00 to cover the bill.

I asked for his name so that we could send him a thank-you letter. He said, "It's Mac - like Mac and Cheese." So to "Mac" from Sundance, thank you. You helped feed 250 people!



TRANSITIONS AND NEEDS

We had to say goodbye to Ken Clifton as he and his wife, Frankie, are moving to Kingman AZ. Ken picked up produce twice a month from Green Thumb. He was invaluable in the kitchen as he scoured the burnt-on gunk on the roasting pans, and several times a year he and chief cook, Carol Wearda, cleaned the kitchen stove inside and out. We wish them good luck in the move and we hope they have many happy years in their new home.

We are looking for a few good men to help take tables and chairs down around 12:30 on Wednesdays. We are fortunate to have men from the Tuesday kitchen set them up for us but it is becoming harder for our regular men to take them down. Come early and enjoy a delicious lunch or come later and help.

Our director, and founder, Jim McConnell has been experiencing serious medical problems and is now on medical leave from his many responsibilities. Jim Smith, community outreach director has assumed many of Jim's jobs. Thankfully the excellent volunteers in the 3 kitchens can carry on with no interruption of service. Please keep the McConnell's in your prayers.

Jodie Welch

The Post-Easter beginnings of the Early Christian Church (Part 2)

The Book of Acts is broken down into two parts. Chapters 1 to 12 could be called the “acts of Peter” which I covered last month. This month I’ll start to move through chapters 13 to 28, which could be called the “acts of Paul”. Proclamation of the gospel to the Gentiles through Paul’s ministry is the theme of part two of Acts. The story primarily concerns three major missionary tours, each of which moved the gospel into yet untouched territory or expanded earlier missionary efforts. Last month I covered part of Paul’s first missionary journey. It was Barabbas who first brought Paul and John Mark, the writer of the 2nd gospel, to Antioch where a great number of non-Jews had become believers. Antioch was a thriving cosmopolitan city which functioned as a great crossroads of culture and trade in the ancient world, and it was there that the word Christian, for the first time, was applied to the followers of Jesus. (Acts 11:26) In Acts 12 the first martyred apostle, James, the brother of John, was killed by Herod Agrippa I. Previous to James’ death, Paul was dragged outside the city of Lystra, by a Jewish mob who stoned him and left him for dead. Miraculously Paul survived and was able to leave for Derbe the next day. Obviously, God had not intended to end Paul’s life at that time.

In about 50 AD, Paul attended the Jerusalem Council by making his 2nd visit to the apostles in Jerusalem, 14 years after his conversion. At the Jerusalem Council the disciples deliberated about the differences between Jewish and gentile Christians. (Acts 15) The council was followed by Paul’s second missionary journey, which led him across the Aegean Sea to the Greek town of Philippi and then down the Greek peninsula. Churches were established in the important cities of Philippi and Thessalonica. But it was in Philippi that Paul and Silas were brought before magistrates and charged with disturbing the peace and introducing customs unlawful for Roman citizens. (Acts 16:16) They were then beaten with rods and thrown into prison even though such punishment was not to be used on a Roman citizen, which Paul was one. At midnight as Paul and Silas were singing hymns of praise as they prayed, the prison was shaken by a powerful earthquake. The prison doors flew open and the prison’s chains came off. The jailer, seeing that the prisoners were about escape, was attempting to plunge a dagger into himself when Paul cried out, *“Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”* The shakiness and respect for what just happened shown in the jailer’s demeanor and his question to Paul. *“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”* The earthquake and the prisoners’ willingness to remain had vindicated Paul’s message. Paul’s answer was a simple gospel command: ***“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.”*** In almost every city evangelized on Paul’s second missionary journey, the positive response to the gospel is described as saving faith. The belief that it’s Lord Jesus that brings salvation. *(Salvation from God’s anger and judgment of sin.)*

In the morning, Paul and Silas are still in the jailer’s custody when the city magistrates send word for the jailer to release them, but Paul refused the release. Paul announced his Roman citizenship and declared that two of his fundamental rights have been violated by the previous day’s proceedings. A Roman citizen was always entitled to a trial before punishment was administered. So Paul demanded the magistrates come to escort them from prison and admit publicly that they were wrong and that Christians posed no threat to Roman law. The magistrates acquiesced to Paul’s demand and then requested that Paul and Silas leave the city. Paul and Silas acceded to their request, but only after they had met with the church and encouraged it. They then left for the cities of Thessalonica and Berea. In Thessalonica, ***“Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying this is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.”*** Some of them were persuaded and became believers, but other Jews became jealous and with help of a mob caused a large disturbance in the city. The believers sent

Paul and Silas off to Berea where Jews proved more generous minded than those in Thessalonica, for they accepted Paul's message. Paul next traveled to Athens, leaving Silas and Timothy to deal with any problems in Berea. (Acts 17:10)

Paul had some days to wait in Athens for Silas and Timothy to arrive. Again he argued with the Jews in the synagogue and in the marketplace with those who would listen. Athens was full of many idols to other gods which disturbed Paul. He debated with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers of the city. Some philosophers said, *"What does this babblers want to say?"* Others said, *"He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities."* Paul was then invited to the Areopagus which functioned as the highest court in ancient Athens, located on Mars Hill above the city. The location of the Areopagus contained several ancient buildings, of great architectural and historic significance, most famous being the Parthenon. At the Areopagus, Paul made one of his most important gospel presentations during his time in Athens. It was where he addressed the religious idolatry of the Greeks who even had an altar to the *"Unknown God."* (Acts 17:16-32 is a must read to fully understand Paul's brilliant argument.) NT Wright says, *"Athens is a major showdown between the new young faith and the old established tried and tested philosophies of the Western world which still in various modern guises dominate people's thinking. Here Paul was alone in the great intellectual capital of the ancient world and it was full of idols and ideas and intellectual and cultural novelties of every kind."* The city was full of numerous religious cults that were strongly linked to sexual immorality. Wright says, the charge that philosophers made concerning Paul's 'preaching foreign divinities' was the same charge for which, *"Socrates, the greatest philosopher of all time, had been tried and condemned."* He concludes, *"Athens may have been interested in new ideas but divinities from elsewhere could get you into trouble. Serious trouble."*
Marty Mangan, Christian Ed.

the scottie awards luncheon

Sunday, May 15th at 11:30am in the fellowship hall

Menu



Teriyaki tri tip
Lemon herb chicken
Scalloped potatoes
Green bean almandine
Green salad
Fresh baked bread
Carrot cake and cheesecake

Cost will be \$7.00 payable when you
sign up

**CELEBRATING
OUR UNSUNG
HEROES!**

3rd annual art show

Sunday, May 22nd, 9am to 1pm in the fellowship

Share your talent in our ONE DAY ART SHOW!

Open to all church members, family and friends! No entry fee!

Take in your items on Saturday, May 21st between 9am and 1pm.

For more information contact Chairmen Sharon Rachal, (951)845-6564 rchalsartcenter@verizon.net

Registrations begin the first Sunday in May.





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