



***Beaumont
Presbyterian
Church***

JANUARY 2018

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

Worship Services

**Sunday
8:30 AM
& 10:00 AM**

***Adult Sunday
School
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**



EPIPHANY

TABLE OF CONTENTS



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:

*O, Star of wonder, Star of might,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

INSIDE THIS MONTH

- 2 Table of Contents
- 2 Mission Statement
- 3 A Word from Your Pastor
- 4 Christian Education
- 5 Important Dates
- 6 Birthday and Anniversaries
- 7 Table of Plenty
- 8 A Word from your Choir Director
- 8 Pledge Envelopes 2018
- 9 Presbyterian Women
- 10 Christmas Fellowship Dinner
- 11 Christian Education Newsletter

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

DAWN KEHRET

*Submit all articles, announcements, etc. to her at
dawnsings9@aol.com*

NOTE: FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

January 15, 2018

Birthday or anniversary information: Call the church office: (951) 845-1506

Office hours: Monday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm;

Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

This Newsletter is published ten times each year by Beaumont Presbyterian Church,
P.O. Box 368, 702 Euclid Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223. Phone: (951) 845-1506.
Website: beaumontpresbyterianchurch.com Email: ourchurchemail@gmail.com

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I am writing to you another year is nearly over. We finished out the year with a truly memorable Christmas Eve celebration. We had a beautiful service of lessons and carols and candlelight. The sanctuary was full, the youth Scripture readers did great, along with the choir, the Korean choir, the flute, organ, chimes, piano and Korean Hawaiian guitars.

Of course, the arrival of a baby doesn't culminate with celebrating the birth. The birth of a baby is just the beginning of a life of change and challenge, learning and growing and sorrow and joy. And so it is with our faith. The life of faith doesn't end on December 25th with the birth of the baby. It begins.

A New Year is before us with many unknowns. But we are not alone. God is with us. We graduated several members and friends of our congregation to the Church Triumphant in 2017. We also welcomed some new members and friends to our church family. And we go forward focused and centered on Jesus Christ as our Lord, Savior, Friend and Guide.

This is also our Stewardship season. We encourage all members and friends of the church to fill out one of the pledge cards found in the pew racks or you can also get a pledge card from the church office. They can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the church office or mailed to the church at PO Box 368. This helps us budget and is a great spiritual exercise. We expect a great deal from God and this is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to give back to God and His purposes.

We finished the old year with two very successful campaigns to raise funds to send wheel-chairs around the world and also to build a water well somewhere in the world. I look forward to living life together with all of you in this New Year as we continue the journey with Jesus beside us! Let the adventure of a New Year begin!

Yours in Christ,
Scott



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Good Friend, Pastor Don Cummings

There are just a few people who come into your life who are truly Godly persons and Pastor Don was one of those. When Diana and I came to Beaumont Presbyterian, about 9 years ago, on the advice of my former pastor at Upland 1st Presbyterian, that's when we met Don Cummings. Diana and I were trying to bring the Alpha course to Beaumont Presbyterian. We had invited Pastor Scott and several others to a meeting at our home. The doorbell rang and when we opened it, there stood a very distinguished and tall man. It was Don. Diana recalls what happened during the meeting. Don became so enthusiastic about the Alpha course that he virtually took over the planning. Alpha became a huge success at our church, so much so that we offered Alpha again. This was the start of several Sunday evening courses which included some great potluck dinners, for which Presbyterians are famous. After that, we offered a Rick Warren course that Don recommended. Then came another video course by NT Wright. It was offered after Don, Pastor Scott, Doc Sellars and I attended a 3 day seminar at Fuller Seminary featuring Bishop Wright, one of Christendom's greatest Biblical scholars. Fuller is where Don attended seminary and he was in his full glory that weekend! Our last evening course featured a favorite of Don's, Dallas Willard, which was a video series on Spiritual Formation. Don had planned to travel to Santa Barbara with Diana, Doc and Leatha Sellars and myself to hear Dallas, but ill health prevented him from going.

Pastor Don's sermons were masterpieces of organization and content. They were so well researched and displayed his wealth of Biblical knowledge acquired over his many years of studying scripture. Yet his sermons always showed his concern for the human condition and our need to interact with God. Themes like: *"How do you talk with God"*, *"How to win over Temptation"* and *"How to live a blessed life."* One of my favorite sermons was entitled *"God's part/my part in changing me."* He starts with, *"God's part in changing me"* with a quote from 2 Timothy 3:16-17. The Apostle Paul, while awaiting execution in Rome, wrote his final charge to his young disciple, Timothy. *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* As Timothy was changed by Scripture, so will we be changed by the reading of Scripture. In his sermon, Don explained in modern language what Paul had told Timothy, *"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives, it straightens us out and helps do what is right. It's God's way of making us well prepared at every point."* Then Don explained, it's the Holy Spirit that works in us to bring about change. (Romans 8:11) Don then explained, *"My part in changing me."* He said *"I can choose what I think about."* Here he quoted Proverbs 4:23 from the Good News Bible. *"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."* And from Romans 12:2, *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* Lastly, Don explained that I can choose my response to circumstances. He cites James 1:2-4, *"My brothers, whenever you experience various trials, know that the testing of your faith produces endurance."*

We'll all miss Don's scripture rich sermons, his wisdom, his faithfulness and contribution to our church. But most of all, we'll miss Don's warm engaging personality and his God-loving spirit. As Pastor Don left us and entered eternity with Our Lord, I'm quite sure he heard, *"Well done, you good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your Lord."* (Matthew 25:21)

By Marty Mangan

IMPORTANT DATES



Deacon's Meeting

Deacons: meet Tuesday, January 2nd at 4pm



Watoto Orphan Children's Choir: Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 pm. Incredibly inspirational! Invite your friends! A goodwill offering will be taken for the group



Choir practice: meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm



Epiphany of the Lord: Saturday, January 6th



Baptism of the Lord: Sunday, January 7th



Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons
Sunday, January 7th



Session: meets Tuesday, January 9th at 3:30pm



Stained Glass Window Tour: Wednesday, January 17th at 10:00 am

SPECIAL DATES



January Birthdays

1	Dennis Bertwell	8	Alvin Roeters	22	Marilynn Speed
5	Doloris Artebery	9	Katherine J. Jones	23	Phyllis Wobken
5	Tom Jones	9	Jake Waters	26	Larry Estermyer
6	Bonnie Doshier	12	Jodie Welch	26	Marylyn Kehret
6	Dalene Tappata	12	Elizabeth Yu	27	Gerry Fawcett
7	Carol Bland	13	Walter Webster	28	Ron Camp
7	K. Sue Lemon	15	Kavya Mason	28	Bill Erickson
7	Bert Vos	16	Don Richter	30	Dr. Janis Ryals
7	Mitzi Meidinger	16	Susan Guldseth	31	Jerry Schneider
7	Ruth Schoonover	17	Jack Webb		

January Anniversaries



10	David & Nadine Waters
10	Gerry & Ellie Fawcett
23	Jack & Shirley Webb



TABLE OF PLENTY

TABLE OF PLENTY

Thanks to the generosity from the Deacons, the Korean Church, The Presbyterian Women and several church members we served a delicious ham dinner the Wednesday before Christmas. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there to mingle with the guests and have their pictures taken. Again Mari and Gordon Hanson brought in bags of toys to be given to the parents to take home and put under the tree. The Deacons also provided hats and gloves to be given away when the weather gets cold. And some of our volunteers and their friends knitted scarves and hats to be given away.

We are blessed to be aided by so many. Barbara Ely brings bags of toilet items collected by the Sun Lakes Garden Club. Rosemary Dimmit is “the sock” lady arriving almost once a month to donate socks. We have people who ask for them in summer and winter.

Sheila James has been ever-present as we’ve dealt with problems in the kitchen. We hope that all the water, electric and appliances issues are behind us as we head into the New Year.

When guests come to our kitchen they are treated as friends we would invite into our homes. The meals are typical of what dinners would be like from our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to our “Saturday night suppers” such as spaghetti, sloppy Joes, chili dogs. No one ever leaves hungry. And it is because we have a church family that is so supportive.

Thanks to Sue Daley and Sally Burse who provide music every week. It adds so much to the atmosphere and the overall ambiance. Also, Kandi Buckley from Beaumont Unique Flowers sends over flowers every week which adorn the tables and our guests are welcome to take them home.

From all the volunteers we wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Jodie Welch

Just a reminder: please do not leave clothes at our door or on the stage. We have no room to store them. You can always call me. We will take jackets, sweaters and coats during the winter. Shoes in good shape are also welcome.



A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

Welcome to 2018. Once again, we have an opportunity to start anew. Yes, it's a new year, but in reality, we can begin again each and every day. In fact, we have chances to change our lives and our direction every year, month, week, day, hour, minute and even second. God affords us the grace to reconnoiter and reassess our lives over and over again, if necessary. He knows we are imperfect beings who don't always recognize God's guidance as we move through our time here on earth.

How do we know if God is nudging us onto some particular path? Well, we certainly don't just sit around and wait for the appearance of some mystical GPS program to guide us. We must continue to move forward through our lives, staying alert, in case God puts up a big "Stop sign". I also try to listen carefully, especially at our worship services, to the sermons, the scripture lessons and the music. I truly believe the Holy Spirit will often "speak" to us, offering advice, consolation, inspiration and direction through the words of our pastors, anthems, hymns and of course, His word.

As choir director, I pray I may be used as His instrument even as I choose the anthems we will sing every Sunday. The word He wants to speak might not be for me or for you, but I know with a certainty, He is speaking to someone who needs to hear from Him. In this new year, I pray we will all grow more able to hear and understand what God is saying to us—and if necessary, change the direction of our lives accordingly.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

With joy, Dawn Kehret

PLEDGE ENVELOPES 2018

The pledge envelopes for 2018 have been distributed to those who have made pledges. If you want envelopes please call Jodie Welch. It is not necessary to make a pledge but unless I know you want them I don't arbitrarily put them out. Please use the envelopes as this aids the counters in making the weekly deposits. It is much easier to type in a number rather than a 4 syllable last name.

To those who make automatic payments through their bank, I have set up a number system as they don't have pledge envelopes. If you have any questions about how the system works call me.

Thanks to my counters: Betty Friedberg, Carolyn Moreno, Betty Goff, Helen Cunning and Jerry Schneider. They do an incredible job sorting through cash, pledges and all the other items such as: Stater Cards, donut days, Deacons, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, Easter lilies, poinsettias and any other collection that comes along.

Rest assured that we use the utmost care in keeping track of every bit of cash and checks which come in and make the deposit immediately to the Bank of Hemet.

Thank you for your help in making our jobs run smoothly.
Jodie Welch

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

What a fabulous Christmas Gathering we had December 8, 2017. With approximately 25 in attendance, our special guest gave a fabulous presentation of singing with repertoire. I'm telling you that if you weren't there, you really missed a lot of fun and a way of getting into the spirit of Christmas. A big **thank you** belongs to Connie Presson for the beautiful decorations and also to all those who helped make the luncheon so special; helping set up on Thursday, putting water out and making coffee before the luncheon, and then cleanup afterwards. And thanks are also due to Thomas Catering for the amazing baked potato bar.

Now that the New Year is upon us, it's time to take a deep breath and reinvigorate ourselves. Here are some suggestions as presented in a previous PW Horizons Magazine that I think is worth repeating:

- Explore an activity that you enjoy that you have laid aside.
- Cook or bake which are both productive and rejuvenating. Enjoy creating something that nourishes your body.
- Keep a journal; it is a helpful way to remember where you have been, honor what you accomplish and celebrate what may come.
- Count time differently. Base success on the things that bring you and others joy, not just on the things you accomplish. See how this shifts each day's value.
- Walk, run or do some kind of exercise a few times a week.
- Add a spiritual discipline to your daily routine as a way to create holy space in the midst of your busyness.
- Play! Remember that Jesus called the little children to him. Imagine how much fun it would be to see the world like children, then do it.

Save the date of Friday, February 9, 2018 for our February Gathering with our guest from Calicinto Ranch. Their camp hosts children with parents who are incarcerated with the hope that the children won't follow their parents paths.

Praying we will all be blessed with a healthy, happy and safe New Year.

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator

All Bible Studies will resume January 4th and 5th, 2018.

Esther/Lydia Circle will meet January 17th at 1 p.m. in Rm. 1 of the Church.

Ruth Circle will meet January 18st at 1 p.m. in Rm. 1 of the Church.



CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our Christmas Fellowship Dinner and Program on Dec. 10th was enjoyed by 83 attendees. A delicious roast beef dinner was served by Russo's and a yummy apple pie was provided by the dinner committee. The sound of festive music greeted everyone as they arrived and red & gold decorations added a colorful note.

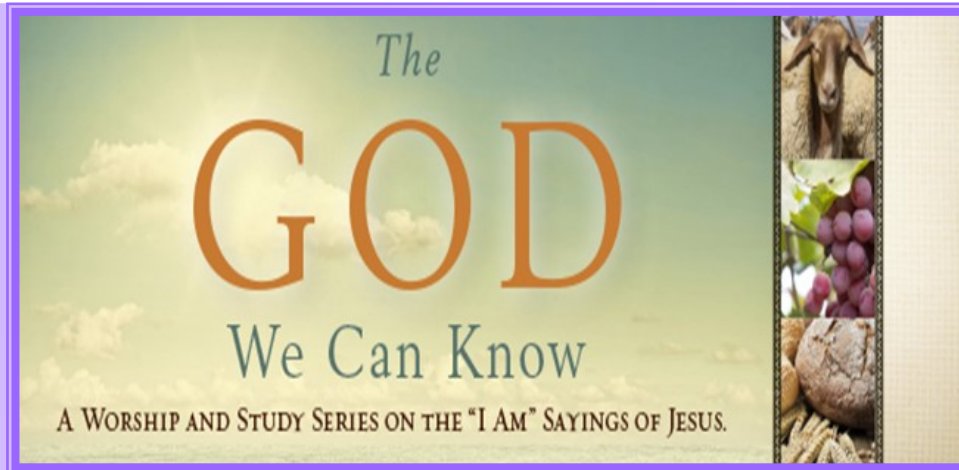
Rev. Mason presided as Master of Ceremonies as well as doing a multitude of tasks to make everything run smoothly. A jam-packed program started with a local singing group, "Audacity" rendering favorite songs in their unique style. Our own Dennis Bertwell treated us to Christmas music on the organ that had everyone tapping their toes. We sang Christmas songs lead by Jodi Welch, heard a special story from Rev Mason, and closed with a door prize drawing won by Linda Piechna.

Thanks and appreciation go to all who helped with the dinner and program: this included, Jim & Barb Myers, Nervy, Tommy, & Elisa, Norma Flaig, Linda Piechna, Peggy Gates, Dave & Bev Bostic, Cathy Calhoun, Pat & Gordon Shepard, Ken & Sharon Rachel, Jerry Schneider, Jodi Welch, Dick & Tina Williams, Ann Minton, Rev Mason and so many others who pitched in and helped.

Beverly Webster



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

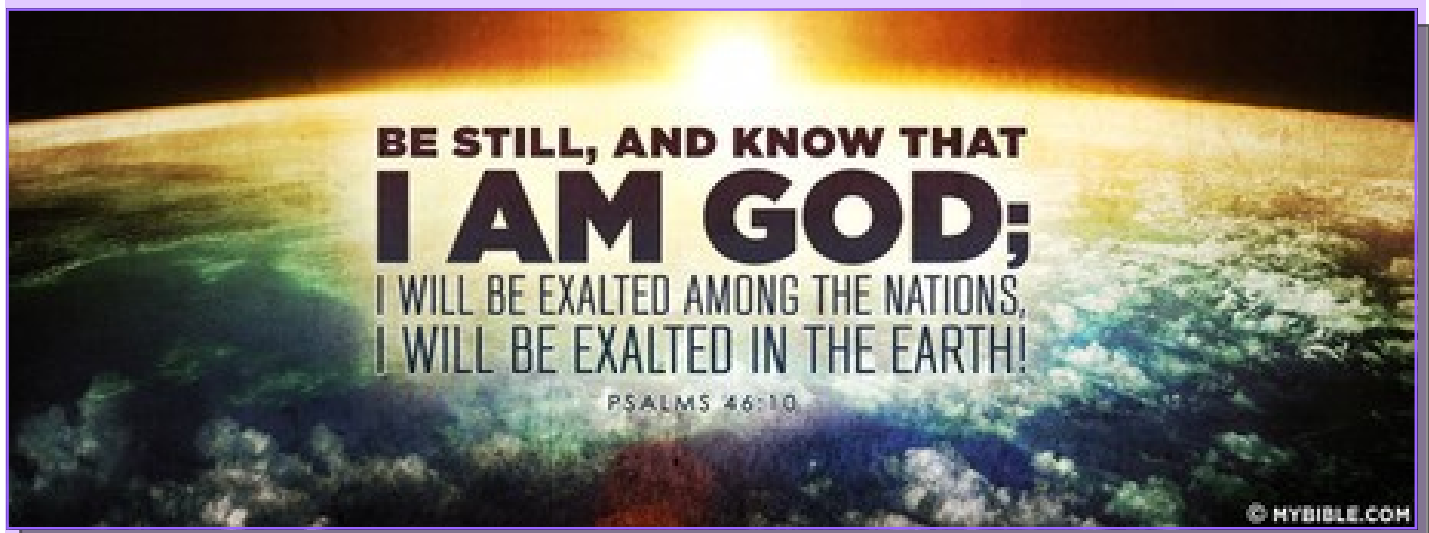


In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives the “ I Am” sayings, meaningful images to reveal his mission and purpose. One by one, the “I Am” statements not only grab our imagination about Jesus’ identity, but they also help us experience God, who spoke the first “I Am” to Moses. Join us for this insightful study series as we learn more about the God we can know, and seek to answer Jesus’ question, Who do you say I am? The DVD segments take place in the Holy Land in the locations of Jesus’ great “I Am” sayings.

Our study will be for both services - (9:10 and 10:00) starting February 11th and ending March 25th. This will be a great Lenten program.

Books can be ordered in fellowship hall on **January 14th and 21st**. **The cost is \$7.** The book gives extra information on the study but you can still participate without buying the book.

Marilynn Speed, Christian Education





Beaumont Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 368
Beaumont, CA 92223
(951) 845-1506
www.beaumontchurch.us

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage Paid
Banning, CA 92220
Permit 20

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



JANUARY 2018

BEAUMONT
Presbyterian
Newsletter

A Monthly Publication of
Beaumont Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Scott Mason, Senior Pastor