



# *Beaumont Presbyterian Church*

**September 2018**

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

***Korean Church***  
***12:00 PM***

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

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

**Nursery**  
**10:00 AM**

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

**CHOOSE**

*Joy*

**JAMES 1:2-3**

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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:

*My brethren, count it all JOY  
when you fall into various  
trials, knowing that the  
testing of your faith  
produces patience.*

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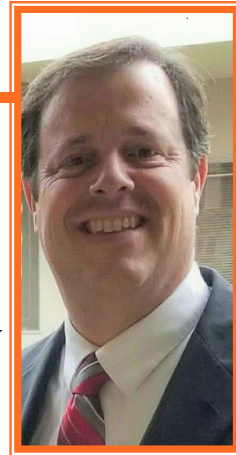
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# A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR



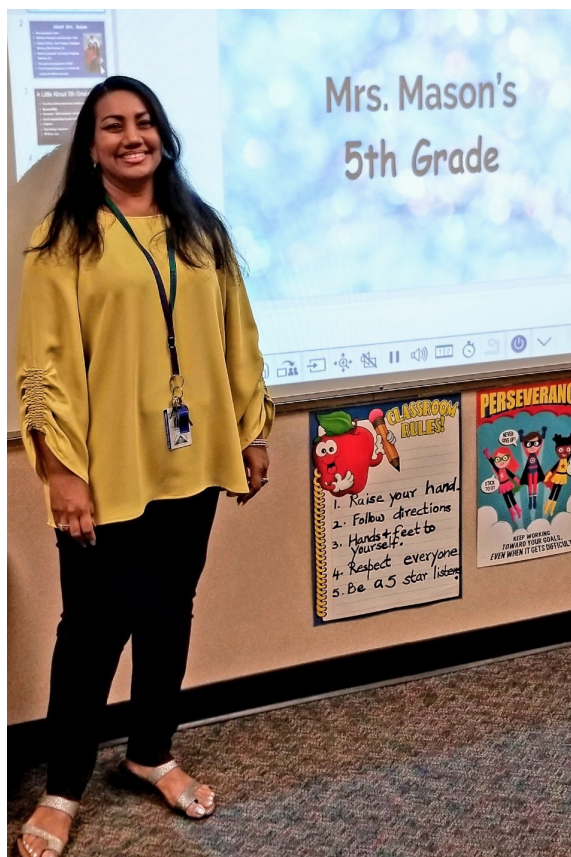
Dear Friends,

As I am writing to you the Labor Day Weekend is fast approaching. The first Monday in September is a day to celebrate the contributions of the American Worker to the strength and prosperity of our nation. It has been an official federal holiday since 1894. Millions will enjoy a short trip or a family get-together during the three day weekend. School has just started or is about to start. Different sports come into season. And it is the unofficial end of summer.

Back in the 1800's many people worked 12 hours a day 7 days a week. Children as young as 5 years old once worked in factories and mines. Men and women and children often worked in very unsafe conditions. A lot has changed in our nation, but sadly in our world today there are still places where children and adults work in unsafe conditions for pennies with no hope of a better life.

In Luke 10:7, Jesus says in part, "... the worker deserves his wages..." (The Apostle Paul also says this in 1 Timothy 5:18.) Deuteronomy 24:15 says of poor and needy hired workers, "15 Pay them their wages each day before sunset, because they are poor and are counting on it. Otherwise they may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin." Leviticus 19:13 also says we are not to hold back the wages we owe a hired worker.

God worked as well. For 6 days in fact. And then God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Jesus was a carpenter. Jesus would have worked hard with wood and stone using only simple tools and a lot of sweat and muscle. He was a trained and skillful craftsman.



When someone is working for us we hope they are doing a good job and charging us a fair price. When we work for someone else we hope to be compensated fairly for the work we are doing. We work to pay our bills and purchase the things we want. As Christians we also work to have something to give back to God in our church offering and our contributions to other worthy causes.

As Christians, we want to do a good job when we work as we are working not only for our employer, but we are ultimately working for God. And we are representing God in the workplace when we do an honest day's work whether we sit in the top floor corner office or empty the wastebaskets. May God bless all the hardworking men and women in our country! And may all who labor also enjoy their times of rest.

Yours in Christ,

**Scott**



# NOTES FROM YOUR ELDERS

## From Your Session Clerk

In June, Session voted to continue with a Fellowship time after each service during the summer. Pastor Scott suggested to us that it is an important part of our community ministry and it provides an opportunity to invite visitors to share fellowship with the congregation.

Sunday Fellowship Refreshment is overseen each month by one of your Elders. He/She is available to answer questions and assist with clean-up after Fellowship time.

Everyone is welcome to peruse the sheet in Fellowship Hall and sign-up to provide cookies for a Sunday. Perhaps the time slot could be shared by members from each service.

September is a wonderful time to meet and greet one another. Meetings and activities that paused for the summer resume their regular schedules. **It's good to see everyone!**

This Fall we'll have small groups of 8-10 individuals gathering to get to know each other a little better. Plan to sign up for a lively time of camaraderie at one of the "Getting to Know You" opportunities. Pastor Scott is interested in hearing from all of us. Watch for the insert in your bulletin.

Bev Webster, Clerk of the Session

## Stewardship Notes

C. S. Lewis, in his book *Mere Christianity*, writes "Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His already".

God created everything and put Adam in the garden to work it and take care of it. It is clear that God owns everything and we are charged to simply be managers or administrators acting on God's behalf. This is stewardship. If we are tempted to think that it is by our power and the strength of our hands that produces our abundance, we are counseled by Deuteronomy 8:18. "*But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He that gives you the power to produce wealth.*" We should always be mindful that all we possess is from the Lord and strive to be good stewards by giving back to the Lord generously of our time, talents, and treasures in support of the Church's ministry and mission.

Owen Dean, Stewardship

## **Fellowship**

Carolyn Moreno

## **Stewardship**

Owen Dean

## **Education**

Marilynn Speed

## **Mission**

Scott Mason

Chandra Smith

## **Finance**

Neil Torrence

## **Building & Grounds**

Della Condon

## **Nominating**

Melinda McNabb

## **Membership**

Dick Williams

## **Personnel**

Bette Rader

## **Worship**

Kathy Faber &

Chandra Smith

## **Clerk of Session**

Beverly Webster



## IMPORTANT DATES



### **Adult Bible Study:**

Begins Sunday, September 2nd at 9:10 AM



### **Deacons Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 4th at 4:00 PM



### **Choir Practice Resumes:**

Wednesday September 5th at 6:30 PM



### **Session Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 18th at 4:00 PM

## A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

If you are already in the choir, or are thinking about joining us, we begin practicing again on Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30 pm. We meet in Room 1 (just north of the church office). We can definitely use more voices. We love to sing praises to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The JOY we find is real. Even in our lowest times, when we sing Holy Spirit inspired anthems written by Godly people, we find hope, peace, comfort and joy! We were created to praise and worship our creator. Come find out just how wonderful it is to actively do what we've been created to do! Many blessings,

Dawn





# VBS 2018 PICTURES





# CELEBRATIONS

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**SEPTEMBER**

*Celebrations*

DISTINGUISHED WEDDING VENUE



## BIRTHDAYS

1	Nadine Waters	7	Linda Bomar	17	William Gunn
3	Betty Goff	8	Donna Wall	17	Ellen Mikkelsen
3	Robin Knight	12	Roberta Green	18	Sally Burse
4	Beverly Bostic	13	Dick Sinner	20	Rachael Vega Butler
4	Judy Irving	14	Barbara Ely	23	Helen Morey
7	Amy Stilson	15	Sheila James	24	Margaret Siverson
7	Clarice Laterra	16	Russell Summers	25	Midge Kennedy
7	David Waters	16	Neryda Valadez	27	Linda Piechna

## ANNIVERSARIES

5	Gordon & Patricia Shepard	22	Melinda McNabb & Dell Jones
8	Ted & Bonnie Murray	24	William & Mitzi Meidinger
22	Casey & Carol Kreckow	30	Jerry & Wanda Wallace





# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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Welcome back from summer vacation. Whether you are a new member to our church or you've been around, we invite you to participate in our various activities. We welcome everyone, member or not, to become active in our Gatherings, Circles or Bible Studies.

**Circle groups** meet once a month (Sept.-May) as follows:

**Esther/Lydia Circle** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Rm. 1 of the Church.

Contact Kris Reade 769-3931 or Jean Brownie 922-6649

**Ruth Circle** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1 p.m. in Rm. 1 of the Church. Contact Jerry Schneider at 845-7850.

A Thank Offering will be collected at our September Circle meetings.

**Bible Study** is represented with three groups meeting every week (Sept.-May):

**Fellowship Bible Study** meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Liz Linden's, 1550 Woodlands Dr., Banning, 845-9908.

**Early Friday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:30 a.m. at Betty Mann's, 4907 Copper Creek, Banning, 845-3800

This Bible Study meets continuously during the year:

**Later Friday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10:30 a.m. at Sally Burse's, 5864 Lake Buena Vista Way, Banning, 769-5980

If you are interested in joining a group, contact the associated designate.

Please mark your calendar to join us at our fall Gathering Luncheon October 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year we are hosting the combined Riverside Presbytery fall gathering with the theme of "A Season of Peace". A guest speaker from the Philippines will be part of this event as well as stuffing bags with basic school supplies for children around the world. Future Gathering Luncheons will be held in December, February and May. Watch for their announcements.

Blessings,

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator

951-849-2614

# TABLE OF PLENTY

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I inadvertently left John Vanderelst's name out of the last newsletter and I am extremely sorry! John has been a faithful volunteer for almost all of the 19 years we have been open. He steps up to any job necessary: toting juice, sweeping floors, wiping up spills and emptying trash. He's one of the last ones to leave and his parting remark to me is always; "Everything is locked up." That means the dumpster, the gate and the kitchen doors. Thank you John for your unfailing loyalty!

For some reason Wednesdays are always the coldest, the wettest, the windiest or the hottest. And this summer was no exception. We had triple digit heat for weeks. Jack Sidwell brought tubs of ice and water to pass out to everyone as they were leaving. Our guests appreciated the air-conditioned hall and were able to be comfortable for lunch.

Our numbers have been down this year but we are not alone. Our sister kitchen at the Beaumont Women's Club, Carol's Kitchen and H.E.L.P. are all noticing the drop. We optimistically hope that people have found jobs or are receiving higher wages. Even so, we continue to have new guests each week so we know there are many who need us.

We received a \$5000 check from Supervisor Marion Ashley. He has been a big supporter of ours for years. We wish him the best in his up-coming retirement.

Jodie



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## *Did America have a Religious Founding? (Part 1)*

This disputed question has important implications for how we perceive the role of religion in our republic. Today there're two popular answers... *“Absolutely!”* and *“Of course not!”* Norte Dame History professor Mark David Hall, one of America's leading historians of religion says, *“Both answers tend to distort the Founder's views.”* This engenders a second question, *Was America founded as a Christian Nation?* Today this is somewhat of a debatable question. By what measure is a nation called Christian? But maybe the first question should be, what would it mean for America to be a Judeo/Christian Nation? Since the Christian scripture contains the Jewish Torah, which are the first five books of the Old Testament, the application of *Judeo/Christian* to the question seems to be a valid addition. How this question is answered determines whether the answer is, *Yes... or No.* But before we answer this last question, let's look back in history to the founding of the very first English colonies in North America.

In May of **1607** a group of roughly **104** Englishmen founded the first permanent English settlement in North America. The colony was Jamestown and it was sponsored by the Virginia Company of London. They were investors who hoped to profit from the venture. The colony's religion was Church of England and some were also interested in the conversion of the local Native Tribes. This was the colony that Captain John Smith led, the same Captain Smith who was captured by the local Algonquian tribe and saved by the chief's favorite daughter, Pocahontas. Although, some historians cast doubt on whether Smith's life was really saved by her.

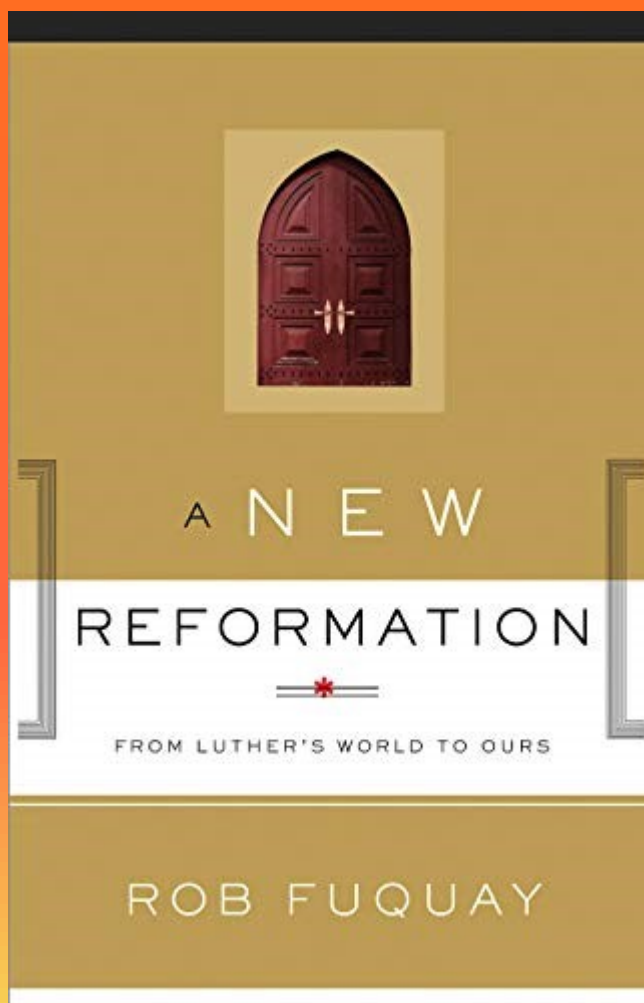
We all know the story of the Pilgrims. **102** passengers set sail in late August of **1620** aboard the Mayflower. They were a Puritan separatist's congregation who had rejected the Church of England and were coming to the New World to construct an ideal Christian society. The trip across the Atlantic took **64** days, nearly twice as many days as they had expected. During the voyage they faced many difficulties, uncooperative winds, rough seas and navigational problems. And the conditions in the ship interior were terrible. Passengers suffered from sea sickness, illness, very crowded quarters and smoke from cooking. On the top deck they suffered harassment from sailors. The November **1620** landing of the Mayflower was on the shore of Cape Cod. The weather was turning cold, so they relocated across the Bay to Plymouth Harbor. Miraculously in Plymouth, the Pilgrim men somehow came upon a suitable site that seemed especially prepared for these desperate new arrivals. The site had huge advantages for building fortifications, an area with cleared trees for growing crops and an abundant water supply. The Pilgrims were told that the location was once a thriving Patuxet Indian village wiped out by a European disease. They were also able to find large caches of buried dried corn on the site. The site had **20** acres that recently appeared to be used as a corn field. Against all odds, the Pilgrims found just the right spot to plant their new Godly commonwealth. They firmly believed that God had led them to the only place in the area that would allow them to survive the harsh New England winter. This was the first miracle the Pilgrims believed was all in God's plan. But during that first winter, the colonists suffered greatly from lack of shelter and diseases such as scurvy. Unfortunately, by spring, **45** out of **102** pilgrims had died during that first New England winter.

Thanks for reading, Marty Mangan



# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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“Justified by Faith”. We are accustomed to this theology today, but when Martin Luther shared his belief in this concept during the sixteenth century, it was anything but typical—it sparked the Reformation. Author Rob Fuquay says that although “justified by faith” is not a new idea, the message is as revolutionary today as ever. In *A New Reformation*, Fuquay helps you take a close look into the life of Martin Luther and teaches you how to embrace reformation in your church and in your life today. The book can be used as a stand-alone resource or, combined with the DVD (with segments filmed in Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Wittenberg, Erfut, Eiselben, Worms, and Mainz), can serve as a six-week group study. Perfect for Christians at all stages of their spiritual journey.

This Bible Study will be offered starting **Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> through Oct. 7th** at 9:10 a.m. before second service. The book is \$10:00. Make checks out to BPC.

Marilynn Speed



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