



*Beaumont
Presbyterian
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MARCH 2018

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

The stone church . . .

. . . with the caring heart

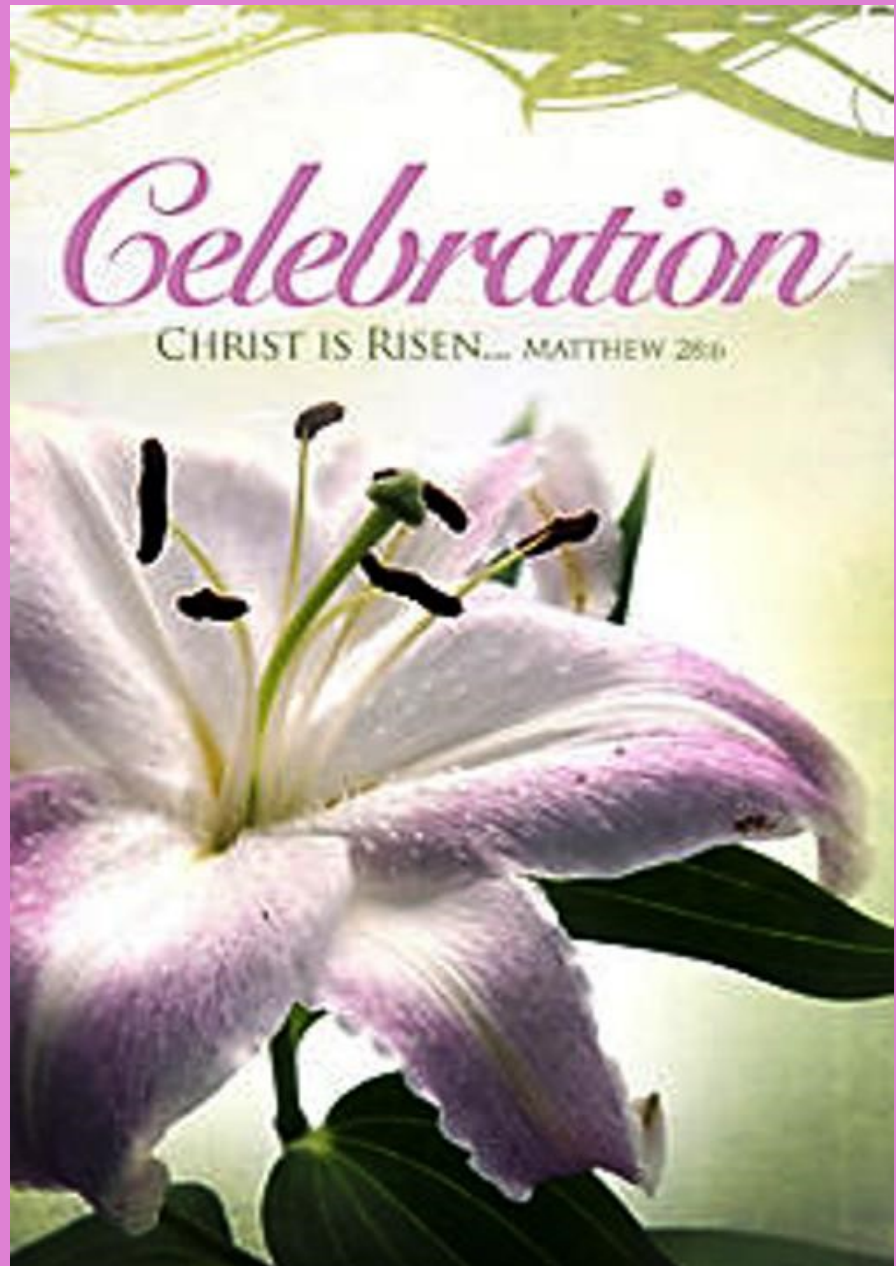


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BEAUMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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:

*He has risen, just as He said.
Quickly now, go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead!
Joy to the world, He is risen,
Hallelujah!*

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I am writing to you, I am grateful for 25 years of marriage! And it was wonderful to celebrate by going away to Hawaii for our anniversary. We had an amazing time! We enjoyed seeing whales and sea turtles. We enjoyed beautiful beaches and sailing on the ocean. We enjoyed a luau and talking with a couple native Hawaiians about the history of the Islands.

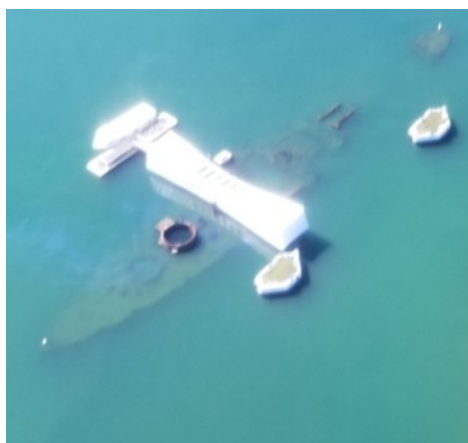
We also had a very meaningful time visiting Pearl Harbor. I have been pondering the story of the young officer who received the report from the radar operators about an hour before the first bombs fell on December 7, 1941. The radar operators reported a large group of planes quickly approaching. The young officer's response was to say **"Don't worry about it."** He made an assumption it was just some of our B-17's flying in from the mainland.

In his defense, he had virtually no training and no instructions as to what he was to do. If the radar operators had told him the great number of planes they saw, (or if he had thought to ask), perhaps he would have taken matters more seriously. He was not disciplined or found guilty but was still haunted by this experience for the rest of his life.

Now, sometimes we shouldn't worry about things. **But, other times, the expression "Don't worry about it." is one of the great temptations to not do the things we need to do in life.** "Don't worry about it." You have plenty of time to do whatever it is you need to do in life. "Don't worry about it." Whatever you need to say, whatever you need to fix, whatever you need to accomplish, can wait. "Don't worry about it." Ignore the problems and injustices and suffering in the world. Let them all be "Out of sight and out of mind."

This life is a great opportunity to embrace the love of God through His Son, Jesus Christ, and to be a conduit for sharing God's love and compassion with others on behalf of Christ. Open your eyes and ears and ask God the right questions. That poor officer failed to dig a little deeper into what he was hearing. This life is passing by quickly. Now is the time to share love with others, to make sacrifices for God, and to grow in our faith.

Yours in Christ,
Scott



Important Dates



25 Year Recognition for Rev. Mason:

Sunday, March 4th at the Fellowship hours
between services.



Deacons Meeting:

Tuesday, March 6th at 4:00 PM

Habitat for Humanity Open House:

Sunday, March 11th at 11 AM

Choir Practice:

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Fellowship Potato Bake:

Sunday, March 18th from 12 to 2 PM. Tickets, \$7
per person, on sale between services.

Session Meeting:

Tuesday, March 20th at 4 PM

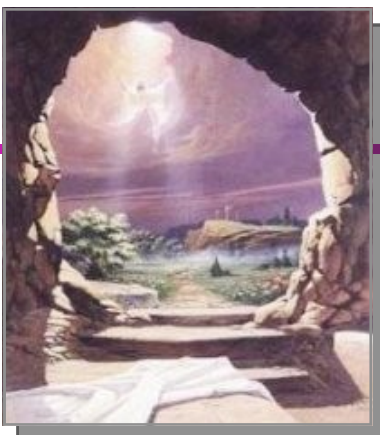


One Great Hour of Sharing:

Sunday, March 25th. Dedicated offering.

Palm Sunday:

Sunday, March 25th, 8:30 AM and 10 AM



Maundy Thursday:

Soup supper and service, March 29th, 5 PM
supper and 6 PM service.

Easter Sunday:

Sunday, April 1st, 8:30 AM and 10 AM. Come
celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ!

CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays



1	Bob Stilson	9	Geraldine Pobjoy	20	Irene Brown
1	Albina Vilalovas	9	Jim Tisthammer	21	Roger Troutman
2	Chandra Smith	9	Lisa Van Meesen	22	Rosemary Dimitt
3	Lynn Rodgers	10	Delores (Dee) McCurry	25	William Meidinger
4	Marilyn Jeanne Crow	14	Linda Bomar	26	Kate Miles
5	Roy Brownie	14	Ken Rachal	27	Viola Hamner
5	Melinda McNabb Jones	15	Brooks Adams	28	Dr. Don Auten
7	Rena Mason	15	Loray Dewett	30	Dianne Leslie
8	Jackie Snyder	17	Marty Mangan	30	Robert McEwen
8	Nadine Millage	18	Dr. Bettye Irwin	30	Bette Rader
9	Andrea Maloid	18	Jerry Wallace	31	Thomas Mezzie

March Anniversaries



17	Larry & Lori Estermyer
20	Roger & Cheryl Troutman
26	Ken & Frankie Clifton
28	Gordon & Peggy Gates
28	Marty & Diana Mangan

live.laugh.
celebrate!

A NOTE FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS

POSITIONS OPEN: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to carry light musical notes across the Sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

EXPERIENCE: Applications not accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower.

WAGES: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

FRINGE BENEFITS: Social Security—we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.

No kidding—we need you! This choir is like having an extra family. Come and see for yourself. We promise to be as patient with you as we are with ourselves. Listen to your heart and see if God is calling you to join us in praising and worshiping Him.

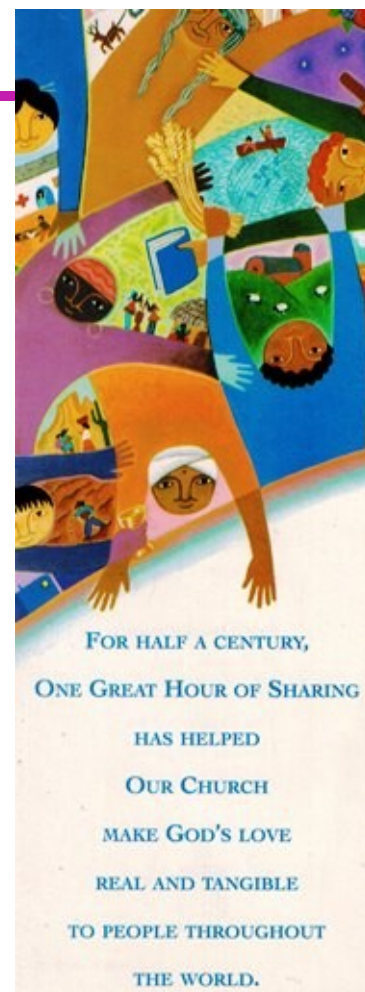
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

When the forces of chaos and calamity rip the fabric of human life, your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are there to sew it back together. Your generosity fulfills a vision rooted in the biblical witness and beautifully stated in Isaiah 58:12. The prophet writes: "You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

Around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and communities.

In Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory that was devastated by Hurricane Maria last year, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance promised help to the island's Presbyterian leaders even before the storm made landfall. Days after Maria hit, the first wave of PDA grants arrived and immediately pressing community needs were being met. Desperately needed items such as food, water, diapers and medical supplies were in the hands of hurricane survivors swiftly. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing made it possible for PDA to act promptly in Puerto Rico, Texas, Florida and other places when disasters struck in rapid succession last year. In addition, PDA will continue working in these communities long after other groups leave.

In places far and near, your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts repair breaches that pierce the wholeness that God wants for everyone. Please give generously.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our Valentine Gathering, February 9, with about 30 people in attendance, was so emotionally inspiring many of us had tears brimming over during the presentation. Our speaker was Sofia from Calicinto Ranch in San Jacinto, a family run non-profit business. This ranch is where, most recently children of incarcerated parents, come to learn about Jesus and have fun. She quoted the statistic that 7 out of 10 of these children will follow in their parent's shoes so their goal is to stop that cycle. She showed pictures of the ranch with attendees being happy and carefree. She read some letters that these children wrote to their parents in prison asking them to do the right things so that they will be able to come back to these children. Also some letters that were from past participants who wanted to thank this ranch for their help in receiving Jesus into their lives and improving their future. Wow: such gratifying work.

Did you know that the Birthday Offering by Presbyterian Women was started as a result of Hallie Paxson Winsborough's visit to a Girls School in Kochi, Japan in 1922? Ms. Winsborough was at that time superintendent of the Woman's Auxiliary in the PCUS. She witnessed a great need for that school and challenged members of the auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their lives (or a dollar if a woman preferred not to reveal her age) to the school. Today we ask that contributions be made proportionate to the blessings we have received. Since then the Birthday Offering has helped launch nearly 100 major mission projects that continue to improve the lives of women and children around the world today. Our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall will soon have a poster and additional information regarding distribution of this offering.

Save the date for our May Gathering, May 12 when our guest speaker will be Jenny Mambu who participated in the Global Exchange to Indonesia. NOTE: This will be a Saturday Gathering.

Cathy Calhoun, Moderator

STUDY GROUPS

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
- Friday, 10:30 a.m., at Sally Burse's 951-769-5980

Circles meet once a month:

- Esther/Lydia every 3rd Wed., 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of the Church
- Ruth Circle every 3rd Thurs., 1 p.m., locations determined monthly.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



With a small “nod” to St. Patrick's Day, our Fellowship Committee is hosting an “Irish Potato Bake” on Sunday, March 18th following our 2nd service. Taking place in our Fellowship Hall, you will have an opportunity to enjoy a fine luncheon including baked potatoes with all the fixings, salad and dessert. Tickets are only \$7 per person and will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall following services between now and then (see Carolyn Moreno, Betty Goff, Lori Hazelton or Bonnie Greene).

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

On February 6th, Scott and Rena Mason observed the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Later in the month they were able to take a trip to Hawaii to celebrate that monumental event.

In December of last year, another milestone was reached. Rev. Scott Mason was ordained as a pastor for the Presbyterian Church 25 years ago! After serving another church for 6 years, he has faithfully shepherded us here at Beaumont Presbyterian Church for 19 more! As a “Shepherd, as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, as a Teaching Elder” for 25 years, we will be honoring him in the Social Hall during our Fellowship hours between services on March 4th, 2018. (If you get this newsletter after the event, please accept my sincere apologies, Dawn Kehret, editor).

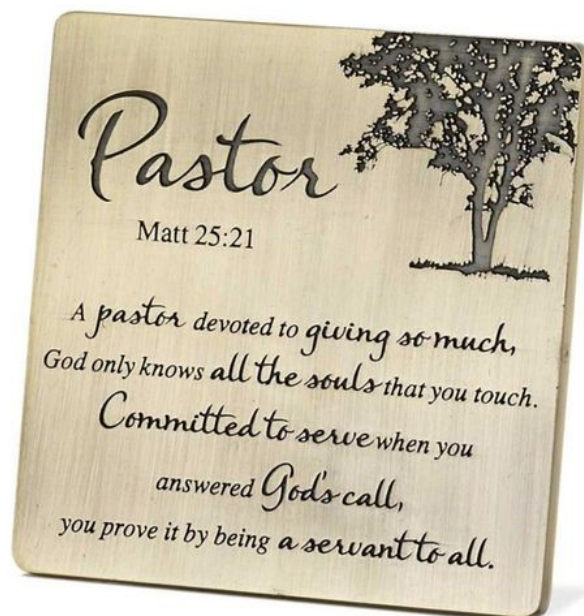
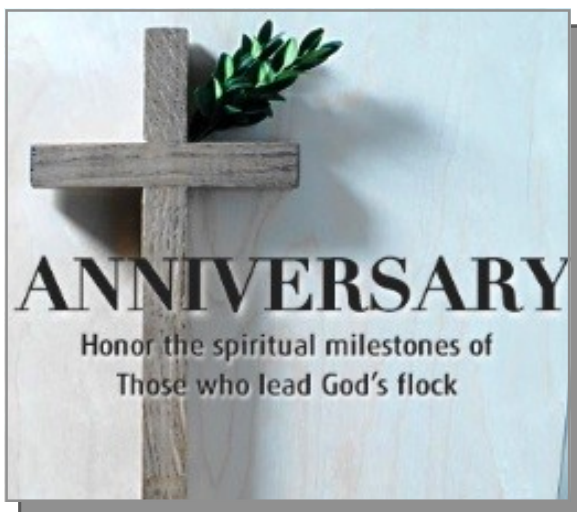


TABLE OF PLENTY



Things happen and we cope. Suddenly water was seeping out from under the tiles in the social hall. Major leak. Former chair of Buildings and Grounds Sheila James and new chair Della Condon were on it immediately.

The first week I called Johnny Russo who was “Johnny-on-the-spot.” He brought pasta and salad.

However this was not a one week fix. For several weeks we had to deal with only one sink - the dish washing sink. We couldn’t use the hand washing sink or the sink in which we washed vegetables.

Our cooks were able to come up with recipes that didn’t involve salad vegetables. This went on for 3 weeks. Our guests didn’t suspect a thing. Meals were served, meals were exceptional and we still managed to serve over 200 people each week.

Thank you to all of the people who worked so hard to keep us in business. And, especially to the Building and Grounds committee that oversaw the whole operation.

Jodie Welch

HOLY HUMOR



HAPPY EASTER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation (Part 2)

In a world which we associate the Bible with churches, it's difficult to imagine a time when the two had almost no connection. At the time of the 16th-century Reformation, illiteracy was the norm among the common people. Churches of that era had no Bibles in the pews, subsequently the average layman had very little idea of what the Bible contained, or that it was even a book. They heard bits and pieces read in Latin during mass, but the full contents of scripture was mostly foreign to them, even after Gutenberg published his celebrated first Bibles. In Eric Metaxas' book on **Martin Luther** he writes, "*Luther claimed that his study of the Bible was unheard in his early years as a monk. When Luther entered the monastery the novices we're allowed to read the Bible. Luther not only read, but devoured it, he became inordinately familiar with it. In contrast with his passion the Bible reading Luther said that the other monks did not read their Bibles very much or at all.*" That this started to change over the coming decades is a measure of Martin Luther's impact on history. Luther did not see that his *Ninety-five Thesis* diverged from those of Rome and that he never thought it would start a schism within the Roman Catholic Church. Nevertheless, the Protestant Reformation had begun and Luther's translation of the Bible into German was also a decisive moment in the spread of literacy, for this is how many learn to read.

The Protestant Reformation was continued by a whole generation of reformers like **John Calvin** and the Swiss reformer **Ulrich Zwingli**, whose teachings largely paralleled Luther. The 16th century Reformation was the religious, political, intellectual and cultural upheaval that splintered Catholic Europe, setting in place the structures and beliefs that would define the continent in the modern era. In the decade of the 1530's John Calvin was in exile from France writing his "*Institutes of the Christian Religion*," In 1541 he was invited to settle in Geneva where he put his reformed doctrine into practice which stressed God's power and humanity's predestined fate that resulted in a more religiously austere morality. This was risky business, for many earlier reformers were persecuted by the church. How ironic that the Christian church, born in persecution was now persecuting its reformers. Another reformer of that era was the Scottish minister and theologian **John Knox**, founder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. In the early 1550's Knox went to Geneva where he met John Calvin. There he gained his experience and knowledge of Reformed theology that led to the Protestant Reformation in Scotland, in partnership with the Scottish Protestant nobility. Knox was a ruthless and successful revolutionary and it was this revolutionary philosophy that had a great impact on the English Puritans. It was a theology and philosophy that the Puritans eventually took to the English colonies in America. Despite Knox's strictness he contributed to the struggle for genuine human freedom, by teaching a duty to oppose unjust government in order to bring about moral and spiritual change. Knox was not so much for the overthrow of Roman Catholicism, as he was for assuring the establishment of Presbyterianism in Scotland, rather than English's Anglicanism.

The religious consequences of the Reformation and then the Counter-Reformation made deep and lasting political changes in Europe. Unfortunately, the new religious and political freedoms came at a great cost with decades of rebellions, wars and bloody persecutions. But it all started with an obscure German monk who hung his *Ninety-five Thesis* on the Wittenberg Castle church door and the rest was history. Metaxas' book on Luther is a wonderful read; you may just enjoy reading it yourself.

Blessings, Marty Mangan

ADULT AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Our new Bible study is underway and will finish the last week of this month. Each week is a different “I Am” saying of Jesus and the video depicts the location in the holy land where Jesus made the statement. Even if you didn’t sign up for our series anyone can attend a session at 9:10 or 9:45 and learn something about the great “I Am” sayings of Jesus.

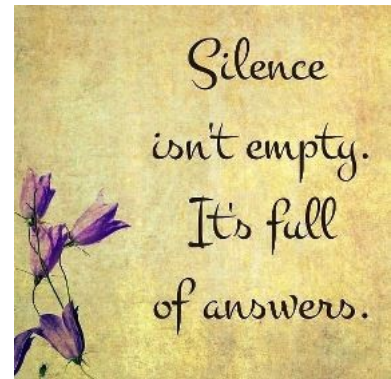


Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, in his devotional study this year expressed the power of meditation and how crucial it is for believers today. I would like to share his thoughts on this discipline:

“Distractions take away from our ability to focus, so it is necessary to set aside a time when we can be still and listen. Consider the benefits of meditation:

Meditation...

- ...quiets our spirit and provides an avenue for God to purify our heart.
- ...develops a hunger for the Word so we can gain a deeper understanding of Jesus and a greater sense of his power.
- ...improves our discernment about His direction for our life.
- ...sharpens our awareness of His presence.”



Are you willing to discipline yourself to set aside time each day?



GET READY FOR VBS COMING JUNE 25th THROUGH THE 29th

Please consider giving your time and leadership to this special event. We need help with stories, music, games, crafts, snacks, & more.





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