

Beaumont Presbyterian Church

MAY 2018

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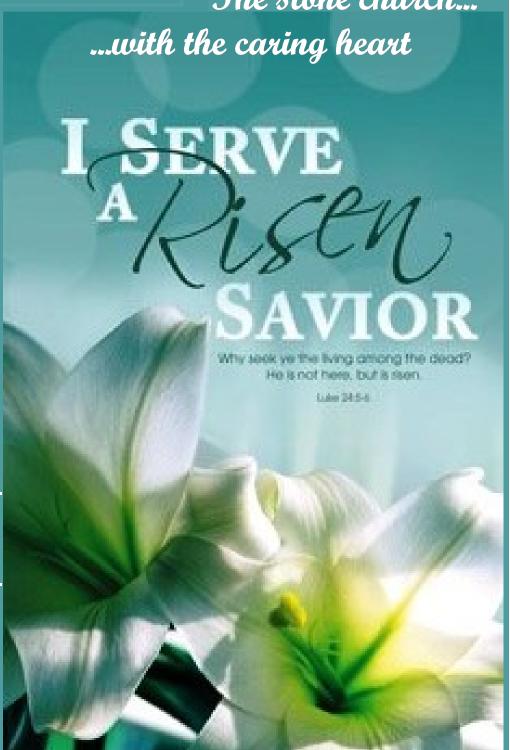
Korean Church 12:00 PM

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
Social Hall





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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:
I see His hands of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer.
And every time I need Him
He's always near!
He Lives!!

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Not long ago someone felt the need to help themselves to two of my hubcaps from my '93 Lincoln Town Car. I had been meaning to visit my friend's auto wrecking, towing and salvage business to see if he could find me a couple replacement hubcaps. I made my first visit to his business, and to my great surprise, in the main office he had a couple perfect matches on the shelf just behind the counter. A mutual friend in law enforcement jokingly said "It sounds like a clue" when I relayed the story to a small group. (To be clear, I had my hubcaps stolen out of town and I was not buying back my old hubcaps from someone who had taken them.) I felt much better once I had all my hubcaps again. Everything was just as it should be once more.



I thought to myself, "Why didn't I go to my friend's place of business the same day my old hubcaps were lost?" I had driven by a couple times but just didn't take the time to go in. I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know if he would be able to help me or if he would just direct me to someone else. I didn't know if it would be a waste of time. Or what it would cost me.

Everything would have been better if I had just gone to see him right away. Everything I needed was right there. What had I been waiting for?!?

One of our traditional hymns begins:

What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear And what a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit Oh, what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer

Jesus is waiting for us to come to Him with every burden, sorrow, fear, regret, worry and need. Why don't we turn to Him? Why do so many people who believe in Him not spend time with Him regularly in prayer, worship, Scripture reading and thoughtful reflection on His will for our lives? He has everything we need to see us through on this journey of life and beyond with forgiveness, assurance, purpose and an eternal hope. And He never turns anyone away!

When I was handed the replacement hubcaps, I was amazed they had been sitting there even before I needed them, just waiting for me. I felt like they were there just for me. I don't know if my friend had set the hubcaps there in anticipation of my possibly coming by, but I do know Jesus has everything we need for today, tomorrow and all eternity. And He is waiting for us to come to Him.

Yours in Christ, Scott

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

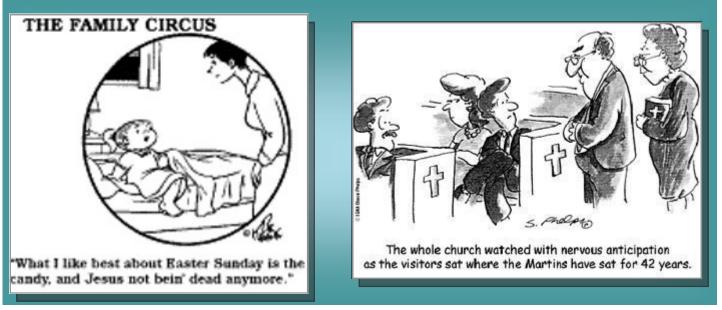
II Corinthians 9:6,7. This I say, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

As discussed in previous stewardship notes we, as believers, are expected to give of our time, money, and abilities to the Church. This will enable the Ministry to be conducted among us and the Gospel to be preached beyond us (mission). The above scripture tells us that whatever we give is to be given freely and cheerfully, and not with a clenched fist. How much you are to give is not specifically spelled out in the New Testament, but how you are to give is clear. Giving is to be joyful, sacrificial, generous, first fruits, and proportional. As for the giving of our time, when we come to Church on Sunday morning, the first day of the week, we are giving the first seventh of our time, off the top, to the Lord. The Lord blesses that time.

He forgives our sins, cleanses and purifies us. As for the giving of our talents (and time) we are encouraged to participate in any of the many organizations and ministries here at Beaumont Presbyterian Church. As far as the giving of our treasures, we should examine our annual financial commitment to the Church. Is it sacrificial, first fruits, and in generous proportion to our total income? We should be encouraged to be cheerful and generous stewards of all that the Lord has freely given us.

Owen Dean, Stewardship

HOLY HUMOR



IMPORTANT DATES



Deacons Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1st at 4:00 PM



Adult Sunday School:

Starts Sunday, May 6th at 9:10 AM



Session Meeting:

Tuesday, May 15th at 4:00 PM

Choir Practice:

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Women's Ministry May Gathering:

Saturday, May 12th, 12pm. Tickets are \$10 & include lunch. Purchase tickets during fellowship hours.

In Memory of our loved ones

These are the members and friends of our church who have graduated from this life to Eternity since October 2017. Please join me in taking a moment to remember them and pray for their families.

Harrison Blake

Pon Cummings

Bill Crickson

Ted Grady



Bettye Irwin

Ray Lantz

Marylyn Kehret

Vera Thaxton

EASTER PHOTO GALLERY



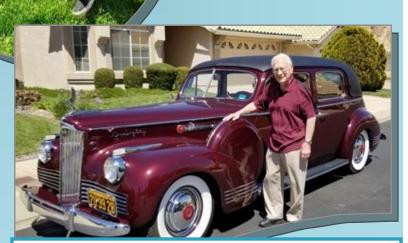
Kris Reade's great looking family on Easter Sunday

The Easter Egg Hunt on our newly landscaped courtyard

Full basket, but poised to grab some more



Easter (egg) Joy



Not really Easter, but we're lovin' Neil Torrence's gorgeous Packard!

CELEBRATE WITH US!





May Birthdays

2	Gordon Shepard	17	Barbara Searcy
3	Ellie Fawcett	18	Kimberlee Foster
3	Lorri Ray	18	Eleanor (Ellie) Miller
4	Beth Hiett	18	Michelle S. Dyer
5	John Steven Guldseth	21	Betty Friedberg
7	Bernice Burton	26	Carolee A. Matthews
7	Caroline Hite	27	Walt Farmer
11	Pat Calhoun	28	Dale Ferber
13	Dee Austin	28	James F. Searcy
14	Mari Hansen	28	Ann Farmer
14	Patricia Underhill	29	Ed McDonald



25 Bob & Amy Stilson

28 Jim & Ruby Kaylor

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women have been strengthening Presbyterian churches in the United States since around 1789—the year the first General Assembly was formed. Because of Presbyterian women's organizations, now and historically, mission co-workers are working in partnership in the U.S. and around the world, women are ordained, hunger-alleviation and peacemaking programs exist, antiracism policies are in place, human trafficking and violence against women are concerns of the whole church, and children are fed and educated, which benefits children and families and breaks the cycle of poverty.

In July, 1988 the mission statement for PW was solidified: In Jesus, Presbyterian women are forgiven and freed by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Thus we can nurture faith through prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church, work for justice and peace, and build an inclusive, caring community of women. We are called to be adaptable and flexible to change when needed.

And speaking of change, the sale of Mother's Day Cards to support the PCUSA ministry of Healthy Women Healthy Families has been eliminated this year so we will not be selling those cards during April/May.

With our mission statement in mind, our guest speaker for May's Gathering, May 12, will be Jenny Mambu who attended the Global Exchange to Indonesia during the summer of 2017. NOTE: This is a Saturday event, not our usual Friday. Price is \$10. Sign up during fellowship hours starting April 22.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Studies continue weekly:

- Thursday, 10 a.m., contact Liz Linden 951-845-9908
- Friday, 9:30 a.m., at Betty Mann's 951-845-3800 (Break for summer end of May)
- Friday, 10:30 a.m., at Sally Burse's 951-769-5980

Blessings, Cathy Calhoun Moderator.

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., Rm. 1 of the Church.

Contact: Jerry Schneider 951-845-7850

TABLE OF PLENTY

We have lucked out with the weather this winter; the winds and rain have avoided Wednesdays. We're now getting in the spring mode. We celebrated Easter with baskets, candy and, as always, flowers from Beaumont Unique Florist, courtesy of Kandi Buckley. Our guests are so appreciative of the ambiance they add to the social hall and they enjoy being able to take fresh flowers home.

Mothers' Day will offer jewelry to all the women. We have been collecting gently used pieces and will pack them up to be presented as they leave.

We love to share in the good news from our guests. Recently one of our long-time guests was married. He started coming when he was 4 years old and we've watched him grow up. He's now contemplating joining the US Army and we're so proud of him.

Jodie Welch



A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

What's in a name?

I got teased so often when I was in school about my last name: K e h r e t (pronounced carrot), even though the family would always say, "think diamonds and gold". I would often wish I had a more *regal* name. For instance, we've just learned that the most recent Royal in Great Britain is now named Louis (pronounced Louie) Arthur Charles. Everyone's agog after making bets on what his name would be.

My mom's maiden name was George. Now *that* is a royal name. After all, the first son of Kate and William is named George. But truly, what is in a name?

Our God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, has many names: Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Yahweh, Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end, I am, Ancient of Days, Father/Abba, Most High, Elohim, El-Shaddai, Jehovah, Adonai and many more.

As for us, our most important name is "Child of God". He knows our names, every single one of them. We are HIS! My earthly mom and dad may not be here with me now, but I will never be fatherless! Our Holy Father knows us and when He looks at us, He sees His beloved child. Never forget, we are truly loved!

Many blessings! Dawn Kehret, choir director

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Resurrection of Jesus (Part 2)

Last month I wrote about one good argument why we can reasonably believe that Jesus rose from his tomb early Easter morning. There's a second good reason to believe it happened, which involves Jesus' half-brother James and the family. According to the Gospels, Jesus had several brothers and sisters. The evangelist Mark writes this concerning Jesus' family, "Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" (Matthew 13:55) Very early in Jesus' ministry Luke tells the story of Jesus reading Isaiah 6, at the synagogue, in his home town of Nazareth. "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then Jesus said, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." He continued, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. In the end, the people in the synagogue became furious at what they heard, drove him out of the town and attempted to kill him. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. The people of Nazareth certainly reacted to what Jesus said, but what did Jesus' family think about him?

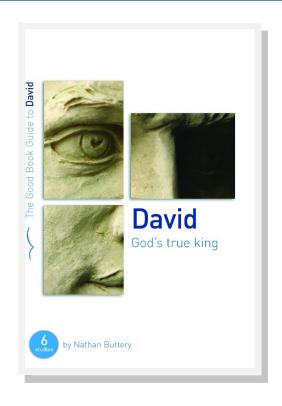
In Mark 3:21-22, the evangelist narrates one of those occasions when Jesus' family seemly did not know who he was. In fact, Mark seems to indicate that they thought Jesus was crazy. "Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.' And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul!" Apparently it wasn't just the Jewish authorities who didn't believe that Jesus was the Messiah, but also his family. Additionally, the Apostle John writes, "Not even his brothers believed in him." (John 7:5) It appears those who had lived with Jesus for 30 years really did not know him. Furthermore, not one of Jesus' brothers is mentioned as a disciple during his pre-crucifixion ministry. But after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, his family is in the upper room praying together with disciples. (Acts 1:14)

To further make the case, James and Jude are mentioned elsewhere in the New Testament. James was a leader of the early church in Jerusalem, and Jude is known for his short letter bearing his name. In Acts 21:18, when Paul arrived in Jerusalem he went to see James and the elders. This seems to indicate that James was in a leadership role in Jerusalem. According to Eusebius, the 4th century church historian, James was named bishop of Jerusalem by the apostles. Also Jerome, the 4th century theologian who translated the Bible into Latin wrote, "James, after our Lord's passion, ordained by the apostle's bishop of Jerusalem." In a non-Christian source, Josephus' wrote in his Antiquities of the Jews, about the execution of James. "Ananus, the high priest, seized an opportunity to have James, the brother of Jesus, stoned to death," about 62 AD. Josephus also reports that this act was widely viewed as little more than judicial murder. In response, King Agrippa II replaced the High Priest.

Jesus' other half-brother Jude, in his letter, warned about impostors who had infiltrated the church, suggesting that he too had become a respected church leader and perhaps a traveling missionary who saw such problems firsthand. So what brought about this change in James and Jude from skeptics to belief in Jesus as the Messiah? Apparently it was Jesus' resurrection and his appearance to his brother James that changed their minds.

Blessings, Marty Mangan

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



A New Bible Study

This is a six session workbook study of King David taken mainly from 1st and 2nd Samuel.

David stands out in the Old Testament history of God's people, Israel. He is a magnetic and inspiring figure. David, the shepherd boy who becomes king, chosen by God as a man "after his own heart". We will explore his success as well as his many weaknesses and failures.

If we have at least 4 people interested from second service (9:10 am Sunday school) we will begin the study May 6th.

Description:

It's the stuff of legends.

An unknown, unlikely-looking kid defiantly takes on the ultimate enemy weapon - an enormous, unconquered super-warrior. He sets out unprotected and alone, yet astonishingly, he slaughters the evil giant - the enemy is routed and David wins a complete victory for his people.

It's easy to see why the story of David and Goliath is still so popular. We love David the hero, the shepherd boy who became king of Israel, chosen by God as a man 'after His own heart'. But what about David the despised 'worm', the hottempered bully, the weak father, the lustful playboy and the coldly-calculating murderer? Did God really know what He was doing when He chose David?

This Good Book Guide on the life of David reveals the secret of David's success and the reasons for his many failures. But it also uncovers the greater story of a better hero. In just six sessions, you will learn how this weak Israelite king points us to the ultimate king, Jesus — despised like the 'worm' of David's psalm, yet finally winning the ultimate victory for His people over sin and death.



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