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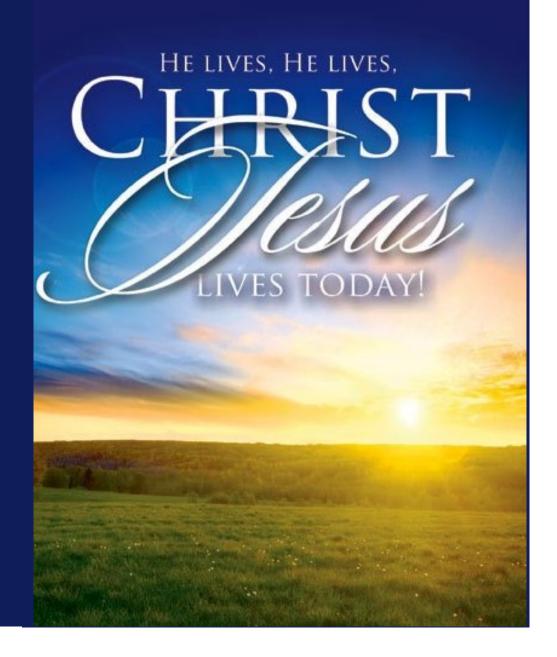
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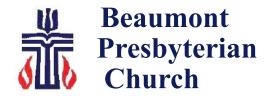
Korean Church 12:00 PM

Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM

> Nursery 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour
9:30 AM and
11:00 AM
Social Hall





#### **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 lives, He lives
Christ Jesus lives today;
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives,
He lives within my heart!

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#### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I am writing to you, I am noticing how some of the trees in our yard that looked dead and done are now beginning to show tiny buds of green. Though there is still snow on our mountains, the days are getting longer and the first week of spring has begun.

We go through different seasons in our lives as well. In Ecclesiastes 3, wise King Solomon says:

1 There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

a time to search and a time to give up,

a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,

a time to love and a time to hate,

a time for war and a time for peace.





<sup>9</sup> What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup> I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

Solomon says the best we can do is "be happy and do good while we live." We are not always happy and often with good reason. But like the new life on our trees our happiness can bud, blossom and bloom again after a season of dark and cold. We were never meant to live in a perpetual spiritual winter. It is comforting to know that God created us to be happy in life most of the time even with the ups and downs of human existence. But that isn't all we are called to do. If it was, our focus would be entirely on ourselves. People are also called to "do good while they live."

Ecclesiastes 3:12's call to "do good" is not focused on ourselves, but on others. We give our trees attention to see to their well-being. This includes watering them, fertilizing them and pruning them. What are we doing to cultivate and nurture the well-being of others? As Christians, we are called to invest in the lives of others so they can be happy as well. In part, people need to be safe and secure to be happy. They also need opportunities, hopes and dreams. And, most of all, they need to know the love of God for them. God loves us so much His Son died for us and rose again. My trees are coming back to life. Because of Christ, we will come back one day to eternal life! So enjoy the ride on earth as much as you can, but don't forget to also do as much good as you can for others.

To everything there is a Season

Yours in Christ,

Scott

#### STEWARDSHIP NOTES

John 3:13. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Easter reminds us of the great gift that God gave us. The referenced scripture proclaims this great sacrifice and the reason for it. This is the greatest example of giving – God gave his Son, his Son gave his life. The words from that familiar hymn, "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe" says it all. In light of these great gifts, we should examine the giving of our own time, talent, and treasure.

Occasionally, stewardship notes are included in our monthly newsletter reminding the congregation of the biblical basis for a joyful and generous stewardship response to God. As far as the giving of our time and talent, the congregation is encouraged to join any of the many organizations and committees that serve the Church and its ministries. As far as the giving of our treasure, we can strive to honor our annual financial pledge and, if possible, try to increase it.

In recognition and appreciation of the great gifts from God and Jesus our savior, let us strive to be good stewards by giving generously and sacrificially of our time, talent, and treasure to further the ministry and mission of the Church.

Owen Dean, Stewardship



# Stewardship

## A Way of Life



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



"SIGH", THOUGHT FRANK, AS HE ALWAYS DID WHEN SOME CONFUSED PERSON FEELS THAT THEY SHOULD TITHE "ONE TENT"

#### **Important Dates**



#### **Deacons Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 3rd at 4:00 PM

## JOINTHE CHOIR

#### **Choir Practice:**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

# MOVIETIME

#### Movie - "The Ultimate Gift" (rated PG):

Aimed at the youth, but all are welcome. Sunday, April 15th, 2:00 PM. **FREE!** Popcorn & soft drinks provided.

## Session

#### **Session Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 17th at 4:00 PM

# MEET YOUR DEACONS

#### **Meet Your Deacons:**

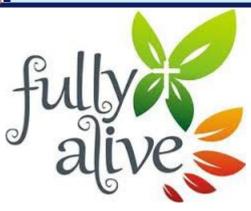
Sunday, April 22nd in the Social Hall following services.

### **NewMembers**

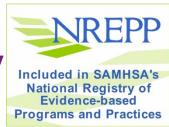
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#### **New Members Class:**

Sunday, April 22nd, following 2nd service; lunch is included. Please sign up in advance.







#### What is the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program?

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session education program for family, partners, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with these conditions, while maintaining their own well-being. The course includes information on conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, anxiety, OCD and others. Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The program is taught by trained teachers, who are also family members and know what it is like to have a loved one living with a mental health condition. This class also discusses the recovery journey experience in mental health.

NAMI Mt San Jacinto, will offer its NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

It will be held from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm for 12 weeks

Location: Beaumont Presbyterian Church

702 Euclid Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223—Classroom 5



#### **Participant Perspectives**

"This course overall was the single most, without a doubt, helpful and informative thing ever offered in all my years searching for answers... It has helped me to understand better and communicate more effectively with my brother."

"The course has helped me to realize that my son is still inside the body that is often times hidden by the mental illness and that I am not alone in this."

#### Contact us to register for this NAMI Family-to-Family class!

NAMI Mt San Jacinto PO Box 716 San Jacinto, CA 92581 951-765-1850

www.namimtsanjacinto.org

Kathy Faber 951-797-0120 or Mark Faber

Email: namihemet@gmail.com

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental health conditions. NAMI Mt San Jacinto is an affiliate of NAMI CA. NAMI Mt San Jacinto and dedicated volunteers, members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental health conditions and their loved ones.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**



## April Birthdays



- Jerry Shearer
  George Evans
  Mark Faber
  Gordon Gates
  Viola Hamner
  Hal Ely
  Jo Howell
- Bill Winstead
  Betty Davis
  Dr. Philip Irving
  Gary Lynch
  Dave Bostic
  Christine Pointek
  Joan Bentley
- Jessica Mezzie
  Roland Lau
  Betty Mann
  Mary Anne Simmons
  Dawn Kehret
  Elnora Dean





Bo & Donna Wall
 Bill & Alma Winstead
 Bill & Betty Mann
 Andy & Lisa Yarbrough
 John & Lydia Vanderelst
 Jerry & Marge Shearer



#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

World Day of Prayer originated back in the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada created a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world. Women were encouraged to engage in personal prayer and take leadership within their mission auxiliaries and associations. This emphasis on prayer



led to annual days and weeks of prayer. In 1887 Presbyterian women called for a day of prayer for home missions and Methodist women called for a week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions. A Baptist day of prayer for foreign missions began in 1891.

World Day of Prayer, 2018 was celebrated at First Presbyterian Church, San Bernardino on March 2. Jerry Schneider and Cathy Calhoun participated in the ceremony created by the host country for 2018 of Suriname. The focus was on Genesis 1, the story of Creation, with the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good!" Universal issues of climate change, natural disasters, pollution, and human abuse of the environment—all affecting God's good Creation and God's people—were explored. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions that promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration.

Another way to help in Mission is to check everything you buy for the box top logos for education. Cereals have these logos and many paper products you buy, especially Avery products, have them, too. We also collect stamps with a ¼" border around the stamp. Just cut them off the envelope. Our collection cans are on the counter to your left as you enter the kitchen. Also, if you shop Amazon, you can help PW at the same time. Shop through Amazon-Smile and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase prices to PW in the PC (USA).

Save May 12, 2018 (a Saturday) for our next Gathering. Our guest speaker will be Jenny Mambu who participated in the 2017 Global Exchange to Indonesia. We will also dedicate our 2018 Birthday Offering.

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

#### Blessings, Cathy Calhoun, Moderator

#### Circles meet once a month:

- Esther/Lydia every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of the Church. Contact: Marge Shearer 951-922-6679
- Ruth Circle every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 1 p.m., Rm. 1 of the Church. Contact: **Jerry Schneider 951-845-7850**

#### TABLE OF PLENTY

We have seen an increase in families who need help with food. We almost depleted our supply but a church member made a very generous donation to fill our bins. This will only last a few weeks. If you would like to contribute canned goods we would appreciate that. Items such as soups, canned meals such as chili, ravioli, spaghetti, etc. canned fruits and vegetables. They can be brought to church on Sunday or Wednesday.

Another example of how our guests feel is a quote from a long-time guest: "You made a difference in my life." Chloe Sidwell, the other manager, was touched and he said "this is from my heart." We don't often realize the simple things we do are life-changing in others.

As always, I encourage you to come visit us and observe the interaction between guests and volunteers. More often than not they tell us how at home they feel and how they are treated as friends. Plus, they love the food!

This mission of our church has touched so many lives, has brought new members to our church and has enriched the lives of all the volunteers.

Thank you, Jodie Welch

#### A WORD FROM YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

As far back as I can remember, I have always loved to sing. I was blessed to have parents that also enjoyed singing. The majority of my life has been indelibly intertwined with them, and with music. Most of that music was sacred. Mom and Dad always sang as we traveled from one place to the other, even on short trips. It's their love for God and the music that glorifies Him, that brought me into a life singing in choirs. We lost Dad 14 years ago and some of that music seemed to fade away. Now we've lost Mom and part of me feels like I'm adrift. Yet, it's music, in all the ways it teaches and inspires us, that brings me back, grounds me and helps me stay close to God.

Both Mom and Dad loved singing in the choir here at Beaumont Presbyterian. I truly wish they were still here. However, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We know that where they are, we also will one day be.

There is one thing that would make me less sad. That would be to have their places in choir filled with others. Former members or new, young or old, we would welcome you with open arms! One more woman and at least one more man in choir would truly help me miss Mom and Dad a little less. So, who will step up and join us?

In loving memory of Donald and Marylyn Kehret. Thank you for the legacy you left for us.

J

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### The Resurrection of Jesus (part 1)

Are there good reasons to believe that Jesus actually rose from his tomb on the Sunday after his crucifixion? I believe there are and here's one reason why. The apostle Paul, in 1st Corinthians 15 uses what's considered a very early Christian creed that states, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. Then in Galatians in 1:13 Paul writes about his former life, "For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God... called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles."

Paul wrote Galatians to the Christian church in Galatia around 49 AD, about two decades after Jesus' crucifixion. The city was located in central Turkey and the letter is quite possibly Paul's first. By ancient historical standards it was written very close to the actual events. Paul, in Galatians 1:18, writes, "After three years, (after his conversion to Christianity) I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles, only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie." In Jerusalem, Paul was most likely hearing about Jesus' three year ministry from Peter and possibly a picture of Jesus' life from his half-brother James. Three decades later Luke wrote about Paul's Damascus conversion experience in Acts 9. "Saul, (Paul's name at the time) was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way (The Way is how the early Christian church was known) that he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus... suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." Saul was blinded by the experience, but three days later his sight was restored after his conversion to Christianity and becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Providing that the gospel accounts are true, and there are very good reasons to believe that they are, because of the overwhelming number of ancient New Testament manuscripts that exist in Greek and Latin. Biblical scholars can compare these manuscripts to come up with a reasonably accurate translation of what was actually written two thousand years ago. With that in mind, what would explain the conversion of Saul, the persecutor of the early church, to become Paul the Apostle, the great Christian evangelist to the gentile world? Paul experienced the risen Jesus! His changed behavior was a complete reversal from his old life and makes little sense without the appearance of Jesus to Paul on the road to Damascus. Part 2 next month.

Thanks for reading, Marty Mangan

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### YOUTH EVENT-MOVIE

#### theultimategift



Sunday, April 15th 2pm to 5pm Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 702 Euclid Ave, Beaumont 92223

On the death of Jason's grandfather, he receives an unusual inheritance made up of twelve tasks or "gifts". Jason takes the challenging journey of personal growth and self-discovery. The movie aims at inspiration and spiritual growth.

Young people are our target audience, but all ages are encouraged to attend.





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