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April Events:

- HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP
April 2 - 9
- WIESENTHAL MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE
April 3
- SPRING YARD SALE
April 8-9
- LIFE ACADEMY STARTS
April 10
- FAMILY PROMISE WEEK
April 10-16
- CHILDREN-LED WORSHIP & BIBLE PRESENTATIONS
April 17
- DEACON MEET & GREET
April 17
- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH
April 17
- MEN'S AMOR TRIP (Everyone Welcome)
April 22-25

Recurring Church Events:

- BAND REHEARSAL
Thursdays 6:00 PM
- BOOK BUDDIES
2nd Thursdays 4:00 PM
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
Thursdays 7:30 PM
- COMMUNION
1st Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- HANDCRAFTERS
2nd & 4th Tues. 10:00 AM
- LADIES' NIGHT OUT
Last Tuesday 6:30 PM
- MEN AT WORK
3rd Saturday 8:00 AM
- MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays 7:30 AM
- MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY
Fridays 11:00 AM
- MISSION HIGHLIGHTS
4th Sundays
- PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES
See Schedule Page 7
- RECYCLING (For Camp Scholarships)
1st Sunday of each quarter
- RING TONES REHEARSAL
Sundays 2:00 PM
- STANDING TOGETHER
2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM
- TGIF (Children's Program)
Fridays 6:00 PM
- YOUTH GROUP
Sundays 6:00 PM

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Pastor Column April 2016

A Preacher by the name of David H. C. Read once preached a sermon titled, ***"Unfinished Easter."*** As you read this, our Easter celebration will once again be behind us. We've put away our plastic Easter Eggs to save them for next year. The Easter clothes we wore have given way to regular outfits. Our celebrations over breaking our Lenten fasts are behind us as we rush toward summer. So excuse me if I linger a bit as it seems that we put away Easter a little too quickly each year.

I remember an idea expressed by author Philip Yancey in his book, The Jesus I Never Knew;

"Presumably [Jesus] could have had any resurrected body he wanted, and yet he chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?"

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus. When human beings fantasize, we dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and sexy ideal shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin WAS the unnatural state. The scars are, to him, an emblem of life on our planet, a permanent reminder of those days of confinement and suffering.

I take hope in Jesus' scars. From the perspective of heaven, they represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe - the crucifixion - Easter turned into a memory. Because of Easter, I can hope that the tears we shed, the blows we receive, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones, all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. We will have re-created bodies, a re-created heaven and earth. We will have a new start, an Easter start."

Spring is in full bloom (whatever that means in Southern California), and the newness of life is once again evident in nature, but our bodies have the scars of living through numerous winters when life is hard and hurts. Yet as we hold our scars up before our eyes, they don't tell the final story. Jesus has already written the final chapter for us all. We could say, (as C.S. Lewis does in the Chronicles of Narnia), that actually only the prelude is concluded and we have the main adventure ahead of us, one of enjoying the new earth as the main novel.

But until that time the phrase "Unfinished Easter" carries with it a meaning which Yancey suggests—that now as we continue to hope (**and work**) for the promised renewed earth that God has for our future, **"The pen is in our hands."**

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Leadership Meetings:

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM

CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

DEACONS

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2nd Thursdays 7:00 PM

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1st Fridays 8:00 AM

SESSION

3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM

STEPHEN MINISTRY

4th Wednesdays See Calendar

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesdays 7:00 PM

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

No meeting in April

YOUTH COMMITTEE

2nd Thursdays 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

DODGER DAY

May 1

PW MOTHERS' DAY TEA

May 7 11:30 AM

MOTHERS' DAY

May 8

PENTECOST

May 15

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

May 15 & 22

NEW MEMBERS' INSTALLATION

June 5

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

June 12 10:00 AM

CHURCH 125TH BIRTHDAY PARTY AND

DEACON'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

June 12 11:30 AM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-24

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP AT SEA

(Proposed)

September 30-October 3

APRIL BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Ann Barrett	4/4
Helen Ravenstine	4/8
Jana Baker	4/18
Lois Beydler	4/21
Ellie Fuller	4/21
John Barrett	4/24



LADIES NIGHT OUT by Susan Fletcher

Ladies Night Out hit the town in February to enjoy one of our favorite restaurants, Lima Limon... only to find that they are now closed on Tuesdays! Not to be deterred, and driven by hungry tummies, we went across the parking lot to a new favorite - **Sister House**.

Seven of us enjoyed a wonderful Thai meal, albeit very different from the Peruvian fare on which we had set our taste buds! We were greeted by Donna, a funny, no-nonsense lady whom we later discovered owns the restaurant with her sister. We enjoyed shared appetizers followed by individual entrees from their very extensive menu.

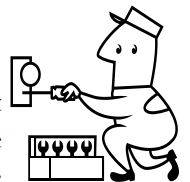
We always have a great time, enjoying each other's company, stories of friends and family, great food, as well as a whole lot of laughs. Whether in your 20's, your 90's or somewhere in between, all ladies are welcome. Join us on **April 26th at 6:30 PM** at **California Pizza Kitchen** at 24061 Newhall Ranch Rd. You'll have an amazing time.



MEN AT WORK

Next meeting: April 16, 2016

Join the men of the church on the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 am for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Each month there will either be a guest speaker or a project at the church or in the community.



BOOK BUDDIES

"The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy" by Rachel Joyce is the April 14th book for Book Buddies. In the book "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry", Harold is traveling on foot to visit his friend Mrs. Queenie. This book is Mrs. Queenie's voice.

Carole Wheeler will host the discussion and salad supper starting at 4:00 p.m. Carole's address: 23549 Via Eliso. Valencia RSVP to Carole: 661-259-4615.



ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE

It's that time of Year again!!!

Time for some de-clutterization and some Spring Cleaning.

Church Life is having its Annual Spring Yard Sale. It will be on Friday April 8th 12 noon to 6:00 pm, then continue on Saturday, April 9th from 7:00 am until 12:00 noon.

We need your gently used treasures, furniture, appliances, clothes, andwe are looking for people who can work a 2 hour shift (or 3) to help us sell it. If you have a large item you'd like to get rid of, contact church life or Rod Belcher directly to arrange pick up. Or, drop off what you are donating any time during the week before. Proceeds will go towards funding 2016 Church Life Events.



We appreciate all the help we can get.

God Bless You! And Thank You!!!

Your Church Life Committee

SCV DODGER DAY

Baseball season is almost upon us and Church Life is making plans to attend the Annual SCV Dodger Day at Dodger Stadium.

This year the Dodgers will be taking on the San Diego Padres. The tickets are on the reserved level and are \$20.00 per seat.

The game is on Sunday May 1st. It starts @ 1:10 pm, so we will need to leave right after 2nd service or whenever you and the car you are going in is ready. We will be taking sign-ups on the church patio between services. We will be carpooling and this year we are taking the church van for anybody who doesn't want to fight the Dodger traffic. Of course for anybody who drives, church life will pay for the parking too, with a pre-paid parking pass so let us know if you will be driving before the game.

Also...It is Giveaway Day! The first 15,000 fans (ages 14 & under) in attendance at this game will receive a Kids Corey Saeger Replica Jersey!



Tickets will be available only up until Sunday, April 3rd.

Batter Up!

SIMON WIESENTHAL MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

On Sunday April 3rd, we will be journeying south to experience the *Simon Wiesenthal's Museum of Tolerance*. This will be our church's first trip to this thought-provoking exhibit. Admission will be \$10.00 per person. We will carpool immediately after 2nd service. The Museum closes at 5pm and we will depart the museum on or before that time.

For more information and to sign up and pay, go to the Church Life table between 1st and 2nd services or contact a Church Life Committee member.

We are looking forward to having you at both events.

God Bless you and Thank you!

Your Church Life Committee



Church Life Trip to the Nethercutt Museum Saturday, February 27th 2016

It was as a beautiful day as you could ask for as First Presbyterian Church of Newhall sent 14 of its members to view the Nethercutt Collection.

The **Nethercutt Collection** is a museum located in Sylmar. Its centerpiece is its automobile collection, which has led Autoweek to call the Nethercutt one of America's five greatest automobile museums. The Nethercutt also houses collections of mechanical musical instruments, including orchestrions, player pianos and music boxes, and antique furniture. There are also two older-model railroad cars.

We came together at 9:00 on Saturday February 27th, enjoyed a continental breakfast and then carpoled about 8 miles south to Sylmar.

We immediately met in The Lower Salon where we assembled to start the guided tour. The salon is a microcosm of the entire collection. There are about 25 automobiles dating from the early 1900's up till the late 1940's. Also on display are nickelodeons, music boxes, David Winter cottages, dolls, coins, and crystal figurines.

We then moved upstairs, where marble columns, crystal chandeliers, and painted ceilings all make up this beautiful Grand Salon Showroom of the 1910s, 20s and 30s. On display are approx. 30 of the finest automobiles of that era. Duesenbergs, Cadillacs, Isotta-Fraschini, Delahaye, Minvera, Renault, Maybach, many other European- and American-built automobiles.

Here we all had our favorites, I fell in love with a Yellow 1934 Packard, a GORGEOUS car. They wouldn't let me drive it.... Rats!

We then ascended to the Mezzanine, where there is a large assortment of Radiator Hood Ornaments, "Mascots", including Lalique Crystal Mascots and 18th & 19th Century French Furniture. We listened to a variety of vintage phonographs and the like.

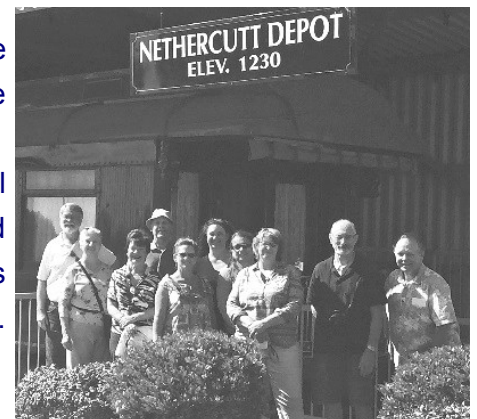
When we were finally ready, we walked a gorgeous spiral staircase about 3 stories up to the Nethercutt Music Room. There we enjoyed a collection of automated mechanical instruments including Reproducing Pianos, Nickelodeons, and Cylinder and Disc Music Boxes, Orchestrions and the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. During the tour we were blessed to enjoy some of these instruments as they were demonstrated, including a mini-concert on the Wurlitzer Pipe Organ. Also on display is a beautiful Louis XV Style Dining Room.

Then we promptly descended to the Grand Salon, and crossed the street and enjoyed time in the Main Nethercutt Automobile Museum where they showcase more than 130 of the world's greatest antique, vintage, classic and special interest automobiles.

We stepped outside the Museum to a perfectly restored steam locomotive and a Private Car, which was owned by the eldest daughter of Santa Anita Race Track founder, E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin.

We then returned to Newhall to unwind and enjoy a nice lunch at our local Cathy's Deli Restaurant. A great time was had by all, and we all felt so blessed to share this wonderful collection. We encourage all of you to enjoy this magnificent display only minutes from our church, and the best part about it.... It's FREE!

Patrick Stokes, Elder – Church Life



The Children's Ministry Committee at First Presbyterian Church will invite children to EMBRACE the Word of God through worship, games, songs, and other activities; ENCOURAGE their spiritual growth to become closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ; and EQUIP them to go out into the world and share God's love.

Wow! How amazing were our Palm Sunday singers, readers, and dancers?!?!

We are truly blessed to have so many talented young people in our congregation.

Now that Easter has passed, VBS is right around the corner.

Vacation Bible School will be June 20th through the 24th. the cost is \$35.00 per participant, but you can get your child discounted if you bring a new student to VBS. The more the merrier, so bring the whole neighborhood! Our theme this year is Cave Dwelling.



Come and join the First Pres Players, and volunteers and find out how Jesus is the light of the world. We will have amazing games, look for God with Art Moore, take home beautiful crafts, and much much more. Please be sure to sign your pre-school (potty trained) through incoming 6th grader son or daughter for our amazing VBS program. You will be amazed at all that he or she will learn.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY



Boy Scout Sunday on February 7th included not only our own sponsored Boy Scout Troup 609, but Cub Scout Pack 48 from the Canyon Country area. We were happy to host Cub Scout families from several religious backgrounds. Here the Scouts join our church kids for the Children's sermon led by Lelia Meadows. Pack Leader, Juli Beiter, also enjoys the sermon.



The purpose of The Mission Committee, in order to further share the gospel of Jesus Christ, is to responsibly use the resources of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, wherever we find a neighbor in need. We are committed to meeting mission needs in our local community, across the nation, and globally, by sending money, food, clothing, volunteers, or whatever else is needed.

The Men's 2016 AMOR trip is April 22nd - 25th

(women and families are invited!)

We have eight going so far...we'd love to have sixteen!



How can we live out one of Christ's top passions - the caring for the poor? How do we change our "me-centered" mindset, to a "God-centered" and "others-centered" one as our Lenten series suggests? **Come on an Amor trip.** We could potentially be building a home for an El Nino displaced family. But even if we are not building for a displaced family, the house we build will help keep a desperately poor family safe and dry.

To a watching world it seems radical to spend your vacation time and money on a mission trip to Mexico – enjoying such amenities as camping out in the dirt, taking bag showers and working hard building a home alongside a Mexican family you don't even know yet. Yes it is a financial sacrifice, but that is what Christ followers do. And it's oh, so worth it...when you risk your comfort so you can be the ones who offer hope to those who have little or none.

Please join us this April. The cost is \$235 per person, which pays for all the building materials, food and gas, etc. We are also paying to have the slab poured by local labor to save our backs! Scholarships are available if needed. Even if you cannot come your prayers and support are coveted.

We will leave the church on Friday morning April 22nd and return either on Sunday the 24th after lunch or Monday the 25th in the morning.

Amor ministries has been serving God by mobilizing His church to build hope for families in need. It began 36 years and 20,000 homes ago! www.amor.org

Contact John Favalessa at amor@presby-newhall.org or Art Moore for details. Sign up on the patio between services.



On March 20th we celebrated the baptism of **Mia Luz Martinez**. Mia is the daughter of Angel & Julie Martinez, sister of Jordan & Payton Martinez, and granddaughter of Doug and Connie Froeberg.



CONGRATULATIONS

Ann and John Barrett—Married 60 years in March, and feeling very blessed. They are also celebrating 50 years as members of FPCN! Thanks for the cake on March 20th!



PICTURE THIS!!!



Laos Thank You

Back in January 2016, First Presbyterian Church of Newhall got to hear from two of our very own, Jack Irwin and Art Moore, as they discussed their experience building an intricate water system in the village of Yod Kuea in the Norther Providence of Xieng Khaung. In cooperation with the Lao Evangelical Church and in collaboration with Charlie, John and Lorna from University Presbyterian Church in Fresno, they traveled together to Laos November 9th-25th, 2015 to install this water system in hopes of not only bringing a better living situation for the people of Yod Kuea, but also to build a better relationship between America and Laos.

Laos was heavily bombed during the Vietnam War. There are countless areas of ammunition dumps where craters from bombs can be found (even today), and the people use the shell casings for different purposes from home improvements to gardening. The Laotians called the Vietnam War the American War. I can tell you from firsthand experience that war is never clear, the enemy is hard to see, and the purpose can get muddled after some time has passed without substantial progress.

The clean water system that was installed by the warm hands and hearts of the group will allow the people of Yod Kuea in Laos to have everlasting clean water for cooking, cleaning, and infant care. The need for clean water is of great value in fighting sickness, survival, and other potential hazards. This mission was successfully funded outside the mission budget by those who contributed directly to the church fund for the Laos project. Thank you to everyone who continues their efforts in rebuilding hope in the lives of thousands inside and outside of our country. From Mexico to Laos, none of this could have been done without your support. Thank you congregation, thank you missionaries, and especially thank you to Jack and Art for following by example the message that Jesus gave his disciples.

With Gratitude,

James Allison, Mission Elder, Stephen Leader



Presbyterian Women, as forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves: To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the Church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA "STOP TO SMELL THE FLOWERS"

Saturday May 7th at 11:30am

Fellowship Hall

Tickets on sale on the patio in April for \$20 per person

Or see circle moderators or PW moderator Beverly Stokes.



"**Help the Children**" thanks you for your generous donations of pasta and sauce in March. During April we will focus on peanut butter and jelly or jam. Please put your donations on the shelves in the Evans Room. PW appreciates your support of our mission. Thank you

PW CIRCLES—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Elizabeth: Stephanie Linn (259-3914) - Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Evans Room. Babysitting is provided.

Lois: Florence Craig (255-1389) - Meets second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

Lydia: Cathy Johnson (263-7193) - Meets first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

Mary Martha: Nancy Spigelman (254-0319) & Sam Spigelman (312-7111) - Meets second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in various homes.

Rachel: Tiffany Aune (478-2056) - Meets second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in various homes and shares a salad dinner.



The Worship and Music Committee will strive with God's guidance and grace, to create Christ-centered worship experiences, inspiring God's people as they respond to the Word proclaimed in prayer, glorious music, scripture, sacrament and message.

EverThirst by Sam Besse

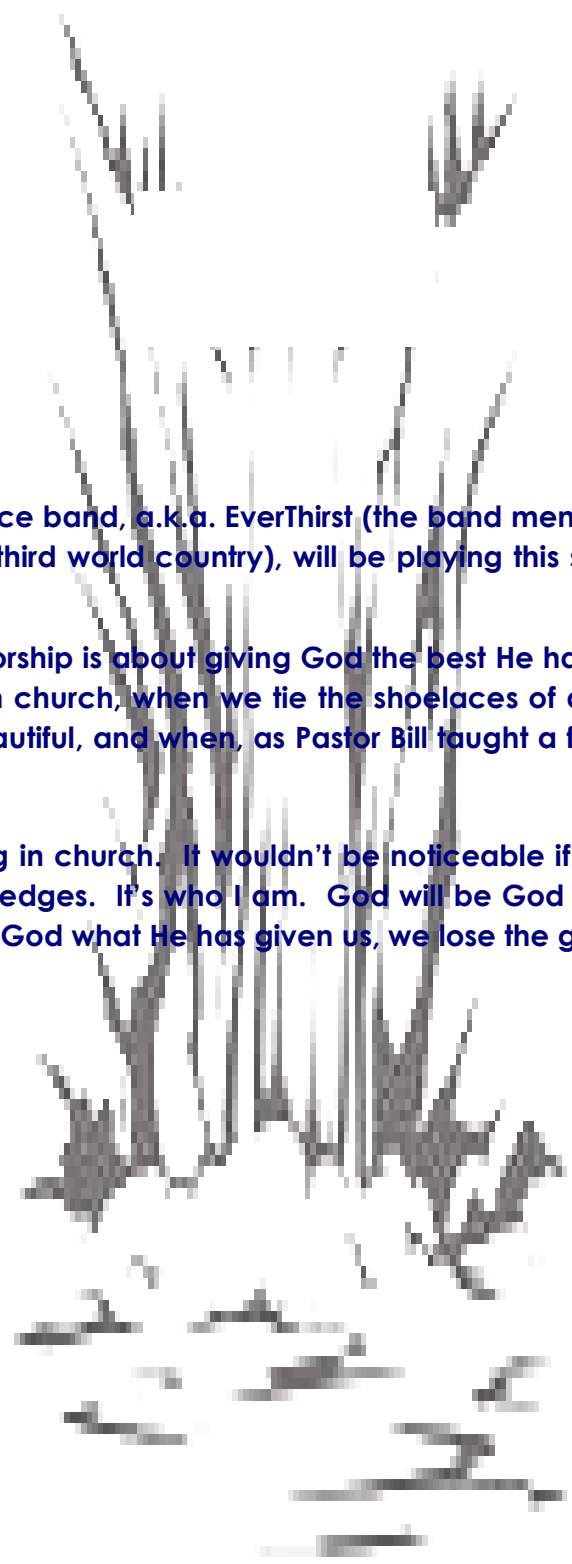
I've heard, a thousand stories of
What they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of
Love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone
You're a good good Father,
It's Who You are,
It's Who You are,
It's Who You are...
And I'm loved by You,
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am..."

The song is "Good Good Father." The second service band, a.k.a. EverThirst (the band members are thirsty for Jesus and we drink more bottled water than a third world country), will be playing this song in worship around the time you are reading this.

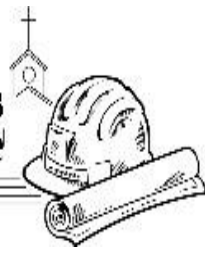
Life is about sharing what you have been given; worship is about giving God the best He has given us. We do that in our quiet, private times, when we sing in church, when we tie the shoelaces of a four-year-old, when we tell someone older than us that she is beautiful, and when, as Pastor Bill taught a few weeks ago, we shine light in dark places. It's who we are.

I'm adept at unintentionally saying the wrong thing in church. It wouldn't be noticeable if I didn't have a microphone in front of me, but, we all have rough edges. It's who I am. God will be God no matter what we do or don't do, but when we don't give back to God what He has given us, we lose the gift.

"I've seen, many searching for
Answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for
Answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word
You're a good good Father,
It's Who You are,
It's Who You are,
It's Who You are...
And I'm loved by You,
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am..."



Buildings & Grounds Committee



The Buildings and Grounds Committee is responsible for diligently maintaining and thoughtfully developing the buildings and grounds of the Church facility that the Lord has provided, so that we may carry out His Ministry.

BLESSINGS OF CHURCH LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION IN 2016

Building and Grounds Committee is excited to share plans for a Church Landscape Beautification Project. It will involve a bit of groundwork (pun intended) which is in process now. The plan was designed by local Landscape Designer Brenda Wadsworth. The project will be completed in stages.

We will start all along the front of the Church on Newhall Avenue. The two dead Elm Trees have been removed. The grass will be removed from the street to the parallel concrete path. The area will be rototilled and amendments will be added prior to planting beautiful drought resistant plants. Irrigation and water concerns have been considered and approved.

It is a beautiful landscape plan. When completed, we will have an impressive, strong statement to the citizens of Santa Clarita that we are here and that we have Presbyterian Pride in our church!

Within the Landscape Plan is a revising of the Meditation Area under our giant Carrotwood Tree between the Coffee Kiosk and Fellowship Hall. This will be an area where we can come to meditate, congregate, and pray. We will have plants that are mentioned in the Bible here in this area. There will be benches to sit on and maybe even a meditative water statement.

We will eventually rework all the landscape areas of our impressive property grounds (even the Market Street House!).

Long term ground maintenance will be our challenge. We have formed a Garden Group that will need to grow (pun intended). We gather periodically to trim, weed, fertilize and water. It is a very gratifying to be involved with this group. Recently the Boy Scout Troop, their parents, the Saturday Men at Work boys and the Garden Group planted, cleared out dead plants, weeded and trimmed. Working together makes a huge difference. Call Lynn Parkinson (661-252-2968) if you want to join us in our Garden Group. We meet periodically on a Saturday morning for an hour or so.

We have also had answer to prayer through several anonymous donations made by church members showing their enthusiasm and love for 1st Presbyterian Church. We thank and bless them more than we can express here. This is what draws me to our church- the outpouring of love and dedication.

Take a look around the church grounds. The plants are waking from their Winter Nap just now, so watch carefully for the Glory of Spring to come.

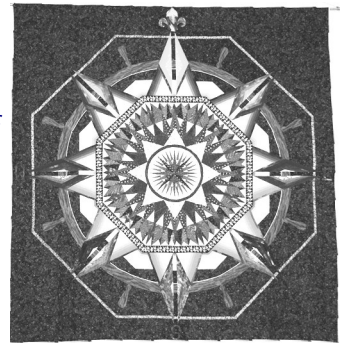
Submitted by Lynn Parkinson

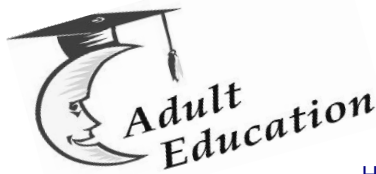
COMPASS QUILT by Pam Jenner

I have had many people ask me about the symbols that are in this quilt. There are no religious symbols but the sailors of old used the stars and constellations to guide them so I used the stars of our family members' birth months. This is what I published when I put it in the quilt show. If you want to know the sewing details, please contact me and I will let you know them. Thank you for all of your wonderful comments.

DAD'S MARINERS VISION

My dad was a Merchant Marine and he taught all of us how to sail a boat. So I took that into account for my symbols. "Mariners Vision" was made for my dad, Richard Hawthorne, who was a Libra. There are four different constellations representing my mom Priscilla the Aquarius, My brother Dana and my sister Vicky the Sagittarians, plus my youngest sister Kim the Aries. All of these constellations and their stars are quilted into a corner. The stars themselves are quilted in glow-in-the-dark thread but the rest is quilted in gold tread. I, Pam, am the Gemini. As you look at this quilt you should look for the ghost ship also quilted in glow-in-the-dark thread. Around the captain's wheel are quilted flagmen spelling out "I love you". There is a Libra label on the back to represent my dad and I also used the glow-in-the-dark thread for the beam of the scales. I lovingly created this quilt and finished it May 30, 2002 at 11:55am. This quilt took around ten years of love and devotion to finish. It started out as lap sized and then Dad asked for a queen size. It turned out to be super king sized and touches the floor.





The Adult Education Committee at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall encourages the congregation to mature in their Bible knowledge and practice of their Christian faith as disciples of Jesus Christ both personally and in community with other believers.

GET READY: LIFE ACADEMY ADULT CLASSES RETURN IN APRIL AND MAY.

Here's the Program prepared by the Adult Education Committee. We encourage all members and friends to taste and see at least one of these terrific options for learning.

Who is invited? Everyone -- Members and Friends of First Pres Newhall as well as members of the SCV Community are encouraged to participate in these informative classes. Register on the patio or by calling the Church Office.

"Faith Talk on the Patio": Gather with friends, Sundays at 9 am before the 9:30 service on the patio. Explore with others any question you have about the faith and religions. Led by Roland Wrinkle.

"Sundays at 11": In Fellowship Hall: We are hosting a Study of Various Themes in the Bible. The subject of each class is highlighted below. Choose all or just those you are interested in. Just come with your cup o' joe. Refreshments provided. Jack Irwin, M. Div., will be the convener and master teacher, assisted by members of the Adult Ed Committee and friends in the congregation. These classes will not be a lecture format, but we will explore together and interactively what the Word of God reveals about these issues and topics. Have children?--let them attend the second hour of Sunday School. Adult Education and Church Life Committees have coordinated their activities so that you can enjoy both without conflict.

- ☐ **April 3: TRAVEL TO TOUR THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE.** Life Academy joins with Church Life on this enlightening tour about the Holocaust. Sign up with Church Life on the patio.
- ☐ **April 10: WHERE IS HEAVEN?** What the Bible says and doesn't say about it.
- ☐ **April 17: JUST HOW DO I EXPLAIN THE TRINITY?** A basic Christian doctrine, the Trinity sure is hard to understand, much less explain.
- ☐ **April 24: WHO IS THE RESURRECTION FOR?** Was it just for Jesus? Is it for anyone else? What is revealed in the Bible as part of God's redemption plan?
- ☐ **May 1: No class.** Join Church Life to see the LA Dodger afternoon game.
- ☐ **May 8: No class** since this is the day to honor Mothers. Remember Mary, the mother of Our Lord Jesus.
- ☐ **May 15: CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH** This Sunday is "Pentecost" the day to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to God's people. Curious what the Bible teaches about the Spirit of God and you. Come and explore.
- ☐ **May 22: DOES MY LIFE MATTER TO GOD?** What the Bible says when you hear God asking, "I want you." What does God want? How do I fit into God's plan of salvation and redemption of humankind? Come and find some answers.
- ☐ **May 29: No class** for Memorial Day weekend
- ☐ **June 5: ONE HOUR TO UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE BIBLE** Yes, we will do this in one hour. Don't believe it, then come! Get the eagle's eye view from Genesis to Revelation of God's plan of redemption of a world gone amuck.

"Sunday Afternoons at 4": Special speakers on special topics you will hear nowhere else, guaranteed. Refreshments provided, for those who are enticed by food, but we hope you will be enticed by these topics and speakers. Pre-register on the patio so we know how many are coming. These interesting afternoon classes begin Sunday April 10th.

- ☐ **April 10: THE "SECRET SAUCE" FOR REACHING THE WORLD FOR CHRIST** Christians are troubled by churches closing and a culture rejecting the Faith. Come and hear from Rev. Ken Baker, executive for our San Fernando Presbytery, how our Presbytery is planting six new churches and bringing hope for reaching our society with the Good News. Learn about God's secret for reaching those outside the church walls. You will not believe this good news that is beyond our wildest dreams.
- ☐ **April 17: JOAN OF ARC: A NEW MUSICAL** Mark Twain wrote about Joan of Arc, calling her the most important person in history after Jesus Christ. Terry Cranert, husband of member Becca Cranert and author of several musicals, will share Joan of Arc's life story and some of the songs from the musical he is writing.
- ☐ **April 24: THAI CUISINE** Join Chef Val Boss for another of her fabulous cooking class at the kitchen. Learn Thai rolls and lettuce wraps. Past classes have been "sold out." You must pre-register on the patio for the limited places and pay a food fee of \$10.
- ☐ **May 1: No 4 pm class;** join Church Life Group at the afternoon Dodger game.
- ☐ **May 8: No 4 pm class** for Mother's Day.
- ☐ **May 15: WHAT IS HAPPENING TO BEAUTIFY AND UPDATE OUR CHURCH CAMPUS?** Come hear our "Building and Grounds Committee" share with us the current Landscape Improvements, plans for parking lot lighting and other plans for our facility. Architect Jim Combs and Don Trammell and others on the committee will share with us and will want to hear your suggestions.
- ☐ **May 22: A PANEL ON ISLAM.** Friends from the local mosque will bring some speakers to share about the peaceful aspects of Islam. Members of our church meet monthly with members of the mosque to share aspects of Christianity and of Islam and to gain a mutual understanding and respect. In a world filled with extremists in all religions, this will be a welcomed time to hear a good message from our Muslim friends.
- ☐ **May 29: No class** -- Memorial Day Weekend
- ☐ **June 5: CREATING PEACE IN RELATIONSHIPS.** Relationships are a gift of sharing life and love, and avoiding loneliness. Sometimes events in relationships can cause pain and trigger hurts. In this seminar you will learn how to move through pains and hurts and move toward peace in relationships. Our teacher is Rebecca Irwin Mealer, MFT Trainee with Sync Counseling Center here in Santa Clarita.

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Join a “Small Fellowship Group”: Adult Education sponsors several fellowship groups that meet weekly to study the Bible and to share and pray about concerns. If you want to build friendships or feel out of touch, these are great places to get in touch and jump-start your faith in Christ. These groups meet at various days and times. To join and participate just show up. Get contact information for the leaders from your church directory or call the church office.

☐ **Bible Boys**, Monday Evenings with dinner. Men of the church and friends meet weekly in homes to study portions of the Bible. Contact Art Moore or Roland Wrinkle for place and time.

☐ **Men’s Breakfast**, IHOP at 26135 Bouquet Canyon near Junction of Valencia Bl. & Soledad Cnyn, 7:30 am, Thursdays. Contact Jim Combs.

☐ **Friday Midday Bible Study**, meets in the Evans Room at church, at 11:30 am. Bring your bag lunch. Contact Sonja Tweedie or Carol Cogley.

Life Academy is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall. Anne Watts, Chair, Members: Becca Cranert, Carol Cogley, Jack Irwin, Art Moore, Kirby Sechovec and Roland Wrinkle.



The Outreach Committee is called by our Heavenly Father to extend the hospitality that we find in our fellowship to the community, to visitors, and to new members, in order to draw them into the family of Christian faith at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall.

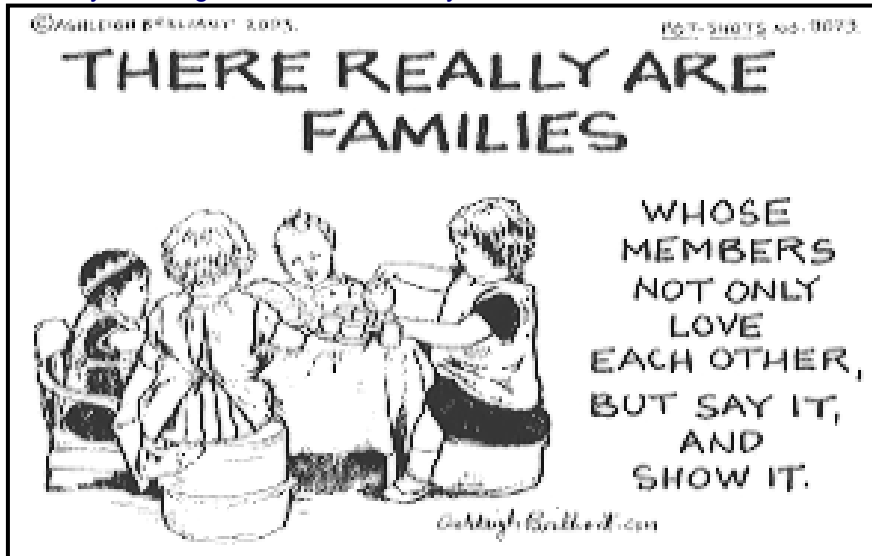
Announcing the next New Members Class this May

Everyone already “belongs” at First Presby Newhall - but maybe you are ready to make it “official”

The dates are set and the Outreach Committee is getting ready for the spring New Members Class. The class dates are Sundays May 15th and the 22nd with the installation before the congregation on June 5th. The classes are informal and led by Pastor Bill. There is no obligation to become a member, but if you choose to, you will be received into this family of faith before the congregation on Sunday June 5th.

Signup at the Fellowship table with Lorraine King on Sunday morning, call or email Sandy at the church office 661-259-0555, churchoffice@presby-newhall.org, or contact John Favalessa Elder Outreach at favalessa@yahoo.com.

One of the distinctive characteristics of Christian faith is that it is shared...in community in the company of others. In Matt 18:20 Jesus states, “for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them”. Paul described the church as “the Body of Christ”. No one person is the whole body, each is a part. We need each other’s gifts to complement our own. Membership means we are all necessary parts of the whole. Membership also professes the kind of commitment that God looks for from us in our relationships.



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