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# THE NEWHALL PRESS



*The NEWHALL PRESS seeks to bring the gift of community and connection to the members and friends of the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWHALL through an attractively constructed, magazine-style monthly NEWSLETTER.*

## PASTOR'S COLUMN, April 2017

(reprinted from April 2013)

### April Events:

- YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MIAMI**  
Apr. 1 to Apr. 7
- FAMILY PROMISE WEEK**  
Apr. 2 to Apr. 9
- SPRING YARD SALE**  
Apr. 7 to Apr. 8
- PALM SUNDAY & EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Apr. 9
- MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Apr. 13                      7:00 P.M.
- EASTER SERVICE**  
Apr. 16    8:30 & 10:30 A.M.
- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH**  
Apr. 23
- MOVIE NIGHT**  
Apr. 23                      6:00 P.M.
- AMOR MISSION TRIP**  
Apr. 28 to May 1

### Recurring Church Events:

- BOOK BUDDIES**  
2nd Thursdays    4:00 P.M.
- CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
Thursdays            7:30 P.M.
- COMMUNION**  
1st Sundays            9:30/11:15 A.M.
- EVERTHIRST (Band) REHEARSAL**  
Thursdays            6:30 P.M.
- HANDCRAFTERS**  
2nd & 4th Tues.    10:00 A.M.
- LADIES' NIGHT OUT**  
Last Tuesdays      6:30 P.M.
- MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY**  
Thursdays            7:30 A.M.
- MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
Mondays                5:30 P.M.
- MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
Fridays                 11:00 A.M.
- MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**  
4th Sundays            In Services
- PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES**  
See Schedule Page 10
- RECYCLING**  
1st Sundays of Calendar Quarter
- RING TONES REHEARSAL**  
Sundays                2:00 P.M.
- STANDING TOGETHER**  
2nd Wednesdays    7:00 P.M.
- TGIF (Children's Program)**  
Fridays                 6:00 P.M.
- YOUTH GROUP**  
Sundays                6:00 P.M.

As I write this column we are approaching Palm Sunday. Soon it will be Easter and our Lenten disciplines will be a thing of the past. (It always makes me even a bit more EXCITED about the celebration of Resurrection.) I will miss the daily reading from our Deacons devotional. I will miss the great Lenten Bible Studies. We have been thinking about "Spiritual Disciplines" during Lent, but Spiritual Disciplines are just as important after Lent.

When I was on staff at Forest Home, the camp hired a nature director named Gary Richmond, who had been a Zoo Keeper at the Los Angeles Zoo. I became good friends with his family, as I taught his two daughters to swim. He had amazing stories of animal life in the zoo. Eventually he published those stories in several books, the first titled A VIEW FROM THE ZOO. In it he told about how the birth of a giraffe gives insight to life's trials and hardships. *When a calf is born, he falls ten feet and lands on his back. The mother then momentarily hovers over the newborn before kicking the baby head over heels. If the calf doesn't get up, he gets another good kick. This process is repeated to stimulate his efforts. Finally, when the little giraffe gets up on his wobbly legs, the mother kicks him off his feet again.* To an outsider, such behavior seems cruel and unnecessary. To the mother, it is an expression of love. This first lesson in life helps the newborn to quickly develop the skills needed to move rapidly with the herd when predators are near. Sometimes we feel as though God has no sooner gotten us on our feet when He turns around and knocks us down. The next time that happens, think about the newborn giraffe. God may simply be strengthening you for your own protection in the future.

Spiritual disciplines are not only for special times such as Lent. Rather, they are practices we use to prepare us to become more who God wants us to become (and who He made us to be). Years ago, a young black child was growing up in Cleveland, in a home which he later described as "materially poor but spiritually rich." One day a famous athlete, Charlie Paddock, came to his school to speak to the students. At the time, Paddock was considered "The fastest human being alive." He told the children, "Listen! What do you want to be? You name it and then believe that God will help you be it." That little boy decided that he too wanted to be the fastest human being on earth. The boy went to his track coach and told him of his new dream. His coach told him, "It's great to have a dream, but to attain your dream you must build a ladder to it. Here is the ladder to your dreams: The first rung is determination! The second rung is dedication! The third rung is discipline! And the fourth rung is attitude!" The result of all that motivation is that he went on to win four gold medals in the Berlin Olympics. He broke the record in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter. His broad jump record lasted for twenty-four years. His name? Jesse Owens.

If we want to become something better, we too need discipline and training. A plant nursery had the following sign displayed, "The best time to plant a tree was 10 years ago. The next best time is today." Ten years of consistent devotion to spiritual disciplines would be ideal. If you haven't done that over the past decade, then the next best ideal is a commitment to start your spiritual development today.

My hope and prayer is that it becomes a joy to explore these possibilities. After all, the Bible tells us, "Keep yourself in training for a godly life. Physical exercise has some value in it, but spiritual exercise is valuable in every way, for it promises life both for now and for the future." I Timothy 4:7-8 /TEV

In His Grip,

*Bill Barnes*

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## Leadership Meetings:

### ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

### BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 P.M.

### CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 P.M.

### CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

### DEACONS

1st Mondays 7:00 P.M.

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2nd Thursdays 7:00 P.M.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1st Fridays 8:00 A.M.

### SESSION

3rd Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.

### STEPHEN MINIISTRY

4th Wednesdays 6:30 P.M.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesdays 10:00 A.M.

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.

### YOUTH COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

## Future Events:

### PETERSON MUSEUM

May 6

### YOUTH SUNDAY

May 7 9:30 & 11:15 A.M.

### MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Jun. 11 10:00 A.M. One Serv.

### CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Jun. 11 11:30 A.M.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jun. 20 to Jun. 24

### LITTLE SHEPHERDS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Sep. 10 10:00 A.M. One Serv.



The Church Life Committee promotes fellowship and fun activities for the church family by providing a variety of church, community, cultural and special events throughout the year.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

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



## HANDCRAFTERS



Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (April 11th & 25th), at 10 a.m., people gather in the Evans Room to share their crafting skills, their interests, and their accomplishments. We are the *Handcrafters*, and everyone is welcome!

## BOOK BUDDIES

Join us for Book Buddies Thursday, April 13th at 3:30 p.m. for a discussion of "A Tale For The Time Being" by Ruth Ozeki.

"At a remote island in the Pacific Northwest, a Hello Kitty lunchbox washes up on a beach".

We will meet at the home of Carole Wheeler, 23549 Via Eliso, Valencia. After the discussion, we will share a salad supper.

RSVP to Carole at 661-259-4615. Note: 3:30 p.m. start because of the Maundy Thursday church service at 7:00 p.m.



## SPRING YARD SALE



It's time to clean out your cupboards, closets and cubby-holes to find your un-wanted treasures. Church Life wants them for the Spring Yard Sale. It will be on Friday April 7th from Noon to 7 pm and on Saturday April 8th from 7 am to noon. Large items can be picked up the week of April 3rd. If you have questions or requests for pick-up, please call Rod or Candy Belcher at 661-297-2445 or 661

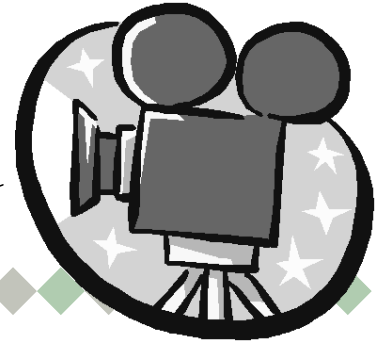
**IMPORTANT DATES**

# LADIES' NIGHT OUT

We will gather on April 25th at 6:30 PM at the Grand Panda 23802 Lyons Ave. Newhall.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Church Life and Adult Ed Committees invite you to view a special presentation of "Miracles From Heaven" starring Jennifer Garner, on Sunday, April 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is the inspirational story of Anna, a woman suffering from a fatal disease who shows signs of recovery following a visit to Heaven. Popcorn, snacks and drinks will be provided.

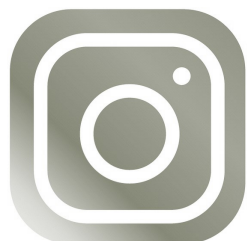


The Outreach Committee is called by our Heavenly Father to extend the hospitality that we find in our fellowship to the community, to visitors, and to new members, in order to draw them into the family of Christian faith at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall.

Did you know that our church marquee is updated faithfully by the Outreach Committee? It is probably the most visible way we connect with the community. In case you don't drive by the front of the church, here are samples of recent inspirational, witty, light hearted and relevant messages.



See below for ways we connect through Social Media.



CONNECT WITH US:

Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Newhall

Instagram@presby\_newhall

Twitter@presby\_newhall



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.

## AMOR HOMEBUILDING TRIP APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> - May 1st

### Come Build Hope

This winter was especially hard in Tijuana. Sadly many homes and roads have just washed away. This is a call to action. We need all the help we can get for this trip even though we will have the slab already poured (to save our backs!).



**We will leave the church on Friday morning April 28th and return on Monday May 1st. We need to know ASAP if you will be joining us.**

These are always inspirational trips as we help a needy family build an Amor home. To us it's more like a garage, but this structure with a concrete floor, a good roof, windows and a door is a generational life-changing gift for these families.

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

Contact John Favalessa at [amor@presby-newhall.org](mailto:amor@presby-newhall.org) for details. Signup on the patio.

John 14:12, "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."



## LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

There is still time to join a Lenten Study Group:

- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Pastor Bill Barnes.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at John and Jung Favalessa's home, 25811 Webster Place, Stevenson Ranch.
- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Tim and Coleen Knox's home, 15345 Michael Crest Drive, Canyon Country.
- Thursday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group at IHOP on Bouquet Canyon. (Contact Jim Combs at 661-406-7600.)
- Friday Midday Group at 11 a.m. in the Evans Room at the church. (Contact: Sonja Tweedie)
- Fridays at 7 p.m. at Jack and Barbara Irwin's home, 23135 Frisca Dr. Valencia.



## The Futures Sub-Committee of Session

### GROWING OUR CHURCH

Hi, my name is Dorothy Ng. You may know me as the treasurer of this wonderful church. That is just one of the many hats I wear here. Another hat that I wear is being part of the Futures Committee, which is one of the more exciting things that I do, and if you work with numbers, you know what I mean... But I digress...

Okay, so what is the Futures Committee? This is a committee that Session created back a couple of years ago – when we had all of you write on those blue placemats at the congregational meeting – your ideas, suggestions, and visions for the church. We have been busy studying those placemats, praying that God leads the way, discussing our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (*that's fancy 'strategic planning' talk*), and figuring out what our first step should be.

We believe the first step is to **grow** our church – build our attendance so that more people will join our church. There was a time when a church just opened its doors and people showed up. But those days are gone. It used to be that about the only things open on Sundays were church, a few restaurants offering Sunday Brunch, the bowling alley, and the movie theater. And all those places closed by early afternoon. Nowadays everything is open and all the youth sports have games and practices. It's crazy, and people just cannot seem to “fit” church into the equation. We have to go out into the community and invite our Santa Clarita neighbors to attend our church. I know, this sounds frightening to me, too. We just need to stand together. But we do need someone to lead us.

So here is what we have been thinking... We need a Community Ambassador. This person would be out in our town meeting people, getting involved in community life, and looking for opportunities for our church to serve. This person would become familiar with the church's surrounding community, help the committee create a strategy to build goodwill, strong relationships, and ministry opportunities. Some of these relationships could be with the city council, law enforcement and emergency services, schools, retailers, charities, other churches, and the Chamber of Commerce (which I have always thought we should join).

**The question** which should always be on the mind of this person – because it's on every single mind of each committee member -- is, “What can we be doing in the community to make people *thankful* that we are here?”

I know **God is calling** at least one of you to do this. It may seem daunting, but the committee is here to help, support, encourage, and walk with you every single step of the way. We could even have more than one and divide up the tasks. *This is an opportunity of a lifetime.* Watch our church, and God's Kingdom, grow. If any of you are interested in this position on our committee, please talk to Barbara Irwin, Chairman, and/or me. We will be happy to answer any questions, give you more details, or whatever it is that you need.



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.

## *Celebrating a Savior for Broken Humanity*

*By Jack Irwin, M.Div.*

### **Good News for a Broken Humanity**

Easter is good news, but why? Jesus came to bring the salvation of God to humanity, and, of course, that includes you and me. So what is the problem; why does humanity need saving? Just think of these current situations: ◇13 million Syrians fleeing Syria or incarcerated in the civil war zone. ◇Young girls – 250 – kidnapped by the Boko Haram in northern Nigeria. ◇One billion people around the world who drink unclean water. ◇Homelessness and civilian violence and killing in America. ◇Brokenness, suffering, injustice, evil, mistreatment and abuse in our own lives. ◇People killed in wars and in other ways – estimated 260,000,000, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century alone, contradicting the optimism of science and governments. Humanity is in trouble. Death, sin, evil, and injustice reign and continue unabated. Where are harmony, peace, righteousness and justice? Who will rescue us from ourselves? We need a solution, but “all the kings’ men have not put Humpty Dumpty together again.”

Two thousand years ago, God sent someone to rescue humanity. A man appeared in Palestine, announcing that he had come to heal the brokenness of people and humanity. Jesus did that - healing the blind, the crippled, the shamed, the hungry, the possessed. He announced that he had come to bring healing to the people, the societies and the nations, to fulfill the promises of God to make the earth and all its people one peaceful, harmonious, righteous and just humanity.

### **Yet Our Savior was Broken by the World**

Yet what did this one Jesus, a good and Godly man, experience? The prophet Isaiah predicted he would be a man who suffered like us, who was completely broken – “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering.” (Isaiah 53:3) Broken physically, emotionally, spiritually, He even cried from the cross to God, “Why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46) He was executed by a broken and corrupt system of the Jewish state and the Roman Empire. Proven dead by the Romans, his dead body was given to his followers, wrapped and placed in a tomb by two secret followers, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. (Luke 23:50-54)

What good would a Savior be who just died on an ugly cross? He would only be worthless, except to confirm our opinions and fears that humankind is truly broken and has utterly no hope at all. But how could Jesus be the Savior of this broken mess of humanity unless he entered into its brokenness and confronted it. If the lifeguard is to rescue a drowning person, he does not stand on the shore, yelling to tell the swimmer he is drowning and how he can rescue himself. No, he dashes into the dangerous surf, to the risk of his own life, to do for the drowning person what he cannot do for himself. He grabs him and pulls him from the waters that seek to break him and pull him down. Jesus did just that for humanity, for you and for me.

### **The Empty Tomb and Appearances – What Did These Mean?**

After he had been certified dead to Pontius Pilate by the Roman soldiers, Jesus’ dead body was buried in the tomb. But three days after his burial, the tomb where Jesus was buried was found empty. More importantly, after finding the empty tomb, the Gospels and letters tell us that his disciples saw an alive Jesus, who appeared to as many as 500 of them. (I Corinthians 15:1-8) He was alive in a real body of flesh and blood. “Impossible, a fantasy,” some say. Let’s look at the evidence.

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But, “Oh,” some say “He was not bodily raised. Maybe he was comatose on the cross and later resuscitated.” This was not so, the soldiers stuck a spear in his side to ascertain He was dead. (John 19:32-34)

Others say, “The disciples stole the body and hid it somewhere, so that they could say that Jesus had been resurrected from death.” But Pilate had ordered the stone at the tomb to be sealed and guards placed there. (Matthew 27:62-66)

Others say, “Another body was substituted for Jesus on the cross.” But, do not think that Roman justice would execute the wrong man. Do not think that his Mother Mary, weeping at the cross, was pretending the crucified one was her son. (John 19:25-27)

Others claim, “These after-death sightings of Jesus were induced by strong, emotional memories and attachment to their teacher and mentor.” Yet, the Scripture tells us the Jesus in his raised body met with them, ate with them, and showed them his wounded hands and side. (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21) His resurrection was bodily and not just a memory.

Others say, “The sightings of Jesus were a hallucination.” Yet, psychologists tell us that apparitions and hallucinations do not appear to hundreds of people in all sorts of different locations at different times. Paul wrote that Jesus appeared to over 500 people. (I Corinthians 15:6)

Jesus himself is reported as telling his disciples, “See, I am not a ghost. Look at the wounds in my hands and side.” (Luke 24:36-39)

Some say, “Jesus was raised in a spiritual body like that of angels. So Jesus ‘cast off’ his material body in death and was raised a spiritual body like angelic beings.” Yet the evidence of Scripture is that his resurrection was in a flesh and blood body just as you and I have, not a “spiritual body” of angels.

Others say, “The resurrection represented Jesus’ attainment of perfect union with the Godhead, with the divine consciousness of the universe.” This view discards any need for a bodily resurrection. This is not a Savior who rescues us; we are left on our own efforts to hopefully attain that too.

Others might say, “Jesus was reincarnated.” Reincarnation beliefs mean that after death, one’s spirit goes to inhabit another, different body. But, Jesus’ raised body was the self-same body of their earthly master Jesus.

None of these explanations do justice to the evidence presented by Scripture. The testimony of Christians as recorded in the Gospels is that Jesus was alive in his physical body. His resurrection was bodily. (Luke 24:37-40) He ate, he talked, and he touched. (Luke 24:41-43) There was no doubt in their minds that he had a real, physical body. (John 20:20) This testimony is echoed in all the great Creeds of Christendom.

Jesus bodily resurrection shows

He has actually defeated the great enemy Death.

He has defeated all the evil human and spiritual powers.

His vicarious sacrifice for humanity’s sins was effective.

That God is faithful to his promise to rescue humanity.

That God is victorious in his plan to rescue humanity.

Without his bodily resurrection none of this would be true.

The bodily resurrection of Jesus shows us that God has the power to create a renewed Creation free from death, evil and corruption. We know that one day, when Jesus returns, God will renew all of Creation, including the bodily resurrection of all followers of Jesus, in transformed physical bodies like Jesus’ resurrected body. We have a real Savior in Jesus because of his bodily resurrection. Without the bodily resurrection, we have no Savior.

Hallelujah, let us celebrate what a real Savior we have in Jesus!



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.

## HAPPY EASTER, AND OH HOW WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING! by Jim Parodi

A few months ago, Sonja Tweedie wrote an article about the workings of the church on a Sunday morning and how much happens, not to mention how many friends are needed for the service. It got me thinking about the prep work that goes into one Sunday Service, and how much time we work to prepare for that one service.

As examples, Pastor Bill spends over 20 hours per week preparing his sermons. Connie and the choir have been working for a few weeks practicing the beautiful anthems that we hear each week; let us not forget the hours she spends trying to find the right pieces that match Bill's messages. Lorraine and the Ringers spend 6-8 weeks planning and rehearsing to fill the Sanctuary with the beautiful bell tones we get to enjoy for that 4-minute piece. I myself work 3 to 4 weeks in advance rehearsing for the Prelude heard before the service and am usually planning 6 - 8 weeks in advance.

There are so many of our friends that spend hours, days, weeks to prepare the Church for just one Sunday's service, too numerous to mention in this short article. Stop and think about the devotion, not to mention time, these talented folks have. (I have not forgotten the Deacons, preparing communion, coffee, Ushers greeting and preparing the Sanctuary, Sam and the band with all their rehearsing, Nelson and his wife who spend hours on Saturday to keep the church looking great, Bob working all week for the church and preparing the program for Sunday's services; on and on the list goes.

How about the Holidays? I know I spend anywhere from 3 to 5 months looking for the right pieces. I know Connie and Lorraine also spend that much time planning for Christmas, Easter and all the other holidays. But when we find that piece, that's music!

Now let's take a moment and think about all the musicians in the traditional service and how great they sound (I do not count myself here, but the folks who are truly professionals), as they perform their pieces after weeks of planning. What happens when we put it all together? Suppose all our friends who attend the Easter service, find their perfect pew and take their seat as the organ plays for their entrance, then as the service begins, it all comes together. Imagine Lorraine and the Ringers, and Jeff at the piano, and myself at the organ all starting to play together. As we reach the culmination of the piece, you hear the beautiful tones of Connie and the Choir adding their voices to all that music.

Now that would be some planning and preparation!

Would that not be magical?? I think it would, do you?

Well, it is going to happen this Easter at both services – the organ plays a prelude, then the bells, piano, organ, and choir all join together in song as we prepare for the wonderful celebration to start.

Happy Easter everyone and may your plans and preparations come to pass.







The Youth Committee nurtures the Junior High and Senior High-aged youth as of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, and the community; by providing a Christ-centered program of worship, education, fellowship, and service in order to equip them with a framework in which they can realize their spiritual gifts and live a Christian life.

## PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH MISSIONARIES

Our awesome youth will be headed for Miami, Florida on April 1st to spend Spring Break serving, learning and growing in their faith. They will return on April 7th. Please pray for them by name as listed below the group photo. Every year these trips have a life-changing effect on the youth who participate.. We will hear all about it on **Youth Sunday**, May 7th. By the way, the **Youth Mission Dinner and Auction** on March 5th was a rousing success as you can see from the photos. Including outside contributions, around \$6,500 was raised for the trip to Miami.



Shane Sindle, Auctioneer  
Extraordinaire!



Back: Gabriel Catalan, Richard Hauer, Bryce Morrow, Jonathan Redrow  
Middle: Jonathan Johnson, Bryce Allen, Jackson Edwards, Zachary Buhle  
Front: Owen Allen, Kristine Kokkinos, Kenzie Jordan, Aimee McPherson, Hannah Buhle, Terri Singley, Sarah Bolin, Barbara Irwin (Youth Committee Chair), Clare Laueremann, Chloe Bigrigg



Sharie Telles & Mark Allen in 'Gater Danger.



Jack Irwin bids on a lovely purse.



Barbara Irwin & Bryce Morrow  
hype up the bidding for a  
Weekend in Big Bear.



Noah Michael, EllaRose Tidwell and Kristina Clardy,  
future missionaries.

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.



### PW MISSION PROJECT FOR APRIL 2017

“Help the Children” thanks you for your generous donations. In the first three months of 2017, 191 items have been given to help the families of SCV! In April we will focus on baking mixes. 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 - First & Third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Evans Room. Babysitting is available.

Lois: Sharon Dziubala (297-6200) - Meets second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

Lydia: Judy Reinsma (296-6869) - 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.

## KIDS, KIDS, KIDS, KIDS, KIDS

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! All we can say is wow! What an awesome time up at Forest Home Winter Camp. We had a bunch of 3rd through 6th grade kids playing in the snow and learning all about Christ's love. If you would like to sponsor a child for summer or winter camp, please talk to Sarah Bolin. Camp is an amazing experience, and we are always in need of scholarships. We can't wait for summer camp in July!



# Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall



April Showers might bring May Flowers.....but at preschool, April brings us Easter and a special day for dads this year!

When we come back from our Spring Break, we will have a week before Easter to get ready with activities planned including dyeing eggs in class and an Easter egg hunt in the prayer garden!

On Saturday, April 22 from 9 to 10:30, we are celebrating **Dad on Earth Day** with a "We Dig Dad" theme which will involve some planting, building with PVC pipes at an all-outdoor-morning for dads and children at the preschool.

Other programs coming up are:

Parent Tot program starts April 12 for children 18-24 months old and an adult. This is an eight-week program and costs \$85.00.



Miss Sharie cooks the eggs while the

Summer School which runs three weeks in July (11-13, 18-20, 25-27). Our summer program is an all-outdoor program which will include water activities....and traditionally includes popsicles to end our summer mornings!

Fall Enrollment for 2017-2018 is now open to the public, and Miss Dawn has been scheduling tours to fill spaces for that. We will have a solid start date when we see the Newhall school calendar, but we typically start in mid-August and end in mid-June.

Our big news is that Little Shepherd's is going to be celebrating 50 years of serving families in September! The nursery school opened its doors on September 11, 1967. A celebration is being planned for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> starting with a blended church service honoring all

past and present staff of the nursery school, so mark your calendars for this date and more information will follow!!

Happy Easter, Happy Spring, Happy Happy Everything! Sharie



Peter mixes green



Kali cracks open an egg

## SENIOR MOMENT

Encouragement for the Home Stretch



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Boys and girls of all ages, how are we doing with filling up our cute "Fish Banks" with pocket change for **One Great Hour of Sharing?** The banks will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 9th. The money will be sent to children all over the world who are in need. This is one of the four special collections the church (through the Missions Committee) takes during the year, so, of course, paper money and checks are also appreciated.

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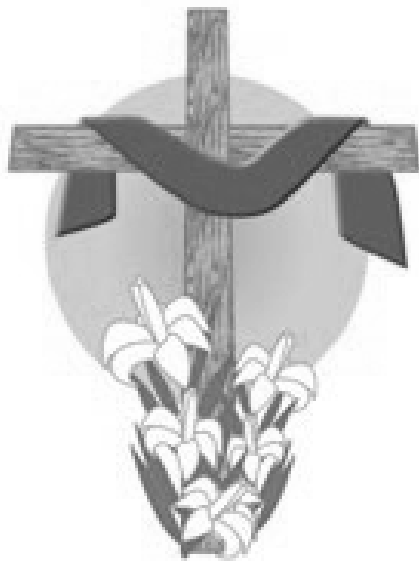
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### Sunday Worship Services

Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship 11:15 a.m.



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