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PASTOR COLUMN

Here we are in 2015! ALREADY? What plans do you have for the year ahead? Are you in the process of making resolutions for the new year?

Some people may have missed the point of New Year's Resolutions. *Like the lady who made the resolution to get her finances in order. With an eagerness to make some changes in the area of financial habits, the lady called her credit card company and said, "I'd like to pay off my Master Card...Do you take VISA?"*

Then there are some people whose lives are so perfect that they need make no change. *In a Peanuts comic strip, Lucy is walking along the road with Charlie Brown. Charlie Brown asks her: "Lucy, are you going to make any New Year's resolutions?" Lucy hollers back at him, knocking him off his feet: "What? What for? What's wrong with me now? I like myself the way I am! Why should I change? What in the world is the matter with you, Charlie Brown? I'm all right the way I am! I don't have to improve. How could I improve? How, I ask you? How?"*

Many of us are like Lucy: we are happy with the way we are -- we don't think that there is room for change, we don't realize that there is need for a change.



But for most of us, we see that change is needed in our lives, but we don't know how or have the strength to make change happen. *A child's father kept bringing home office work just about every night. Finally his first grader son asked why. Daddy explained that he had so much work he couldn't finish it all during the day. The boy reasoned, "In that case, why don't they put you in a slower group?"*

God has created each of us for a purpose. Our lives might not be perfect, but we realize as we rise in the morning, if we're willing and able, God will use us in big and small ways to bring about His Kingdom here on earth. All God asks of us is to be willing, and show up for service. God provides the resources, gifts, and time needed for us to accomplish His call to love this world and all its people (yes, even the cranky ones). If we can do that, it will be a successful year (and a miracle, by the way).

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- 1 Corinthians 2:9

Joyous New Year to you all,

Pastor Bill

Remember: Many people who hope to be elected to heaven are not even running for the office.

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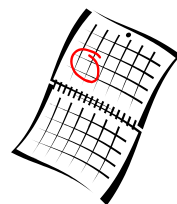
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The Church Life Committee promotes fellowship and fun activities for the church family by providing a variety of church, community, cultural and special events throughout the year.

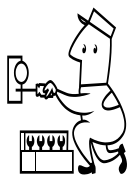


MEN AT WORK

Next meeting: January 16, 2015

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

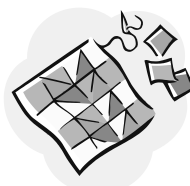
January's Book Buddies' selection is a romantic comedy-a gem of a read. *The Rosie Project* by Grueme Simson introduces Don Tillman, a socially challenged professor of genetics who designs his wife project to find his perfect partner.

On Thursday, January 8th at 4:00 p.m. come to Ellie Fuller's home 35035 Greenmill, Newhall for discussion and salad supper. RSVP Ellie - 661-259-4983.



HANDCRAFTERS

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, at 10am, people are gathering in the Evans Room to share their skills, their interests, their accomplishments. We are the *handcrafters*, and everyone is welcome!



NITES FOR NINE RESUMES



Want to fellowship with your church family? This Church Life activity is for you. Groups will form in January and meet for activities during the Spring. See enclosed article on Nites for Nine for info. Sign-up on patio during January.

YOUR CALENDAR:

- Jan. 8 Book Buddies
- Jan. 9-11 Jr. High Winter Camp
- Jan. 13 & 27 Handcrafters
- Jan. 16 Men at Work
- Jan.23 Family Promise Week
- Jan. 23-24 Santa Barbara Missions Conference
- Jan. 23-25 3rd to 6th Grade Winter Camp
- Jan. 27 Ladies' Night Out
- Jan. 31 Griffith Observatory Trip

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

- Jan. 4 Isabel Hyche
- Jan. 18 Dorothy Rodriguez
- Jan. 22 Mary Kay Daniel

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

January 27, 6:30 PM
Lima Limon
26845 Bouquet Canyon Rd.
Santa Clarita



GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY TRIP

On Saturday January 31, 2015 see the planetarium show "Centered in the Universe," then enjoy the museum. Cost is \$5. Carpool from church at 9:30 am return 3pm. Bring sack lunch (drinks provided) or eat in Wolfgang Puck's cafe. Sign-ups in January on patio.

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.



A Heart for Mission by Sonja Tweedie



At the PW Christmas Brunch, (pictured here) The Ringtones performed, the theme for the 2015 year was introduced and Jana Baker spoke about her beautiful experience in Mexico on the family AMOR trip.

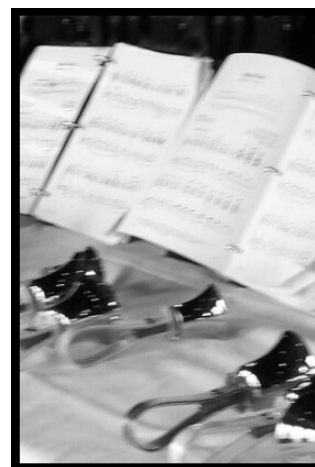


PW co-moderators selected "A Love for Mission - in our hearts, our homes, our workplaces, our churches and our world." As with other year's themes. The women of PW have always had a *heart* for mission. Through the years, PW has supported missionaries from our church as



well as local agencies that support many areas of need.

During the year, we will include articles about our five aspects of mission. Our belief is that in order to share our love of Christ by helping those in need, as our Lord asked us to do, we clearly must feel it in our *hearts*. It all begins with love for God, ourselves and our neighbors. When we feel that warmth and compassion in our *hearts* as we observe the homeless in our own communities or hear stories about poverty and starvation throughout our own country or read about those who are suffering from poor treatment in Africa and numerous other countries, we want to help with our faith and with whatever resources we have. We feel it in our *hearts* first and then we act as God intended for us as Christians.

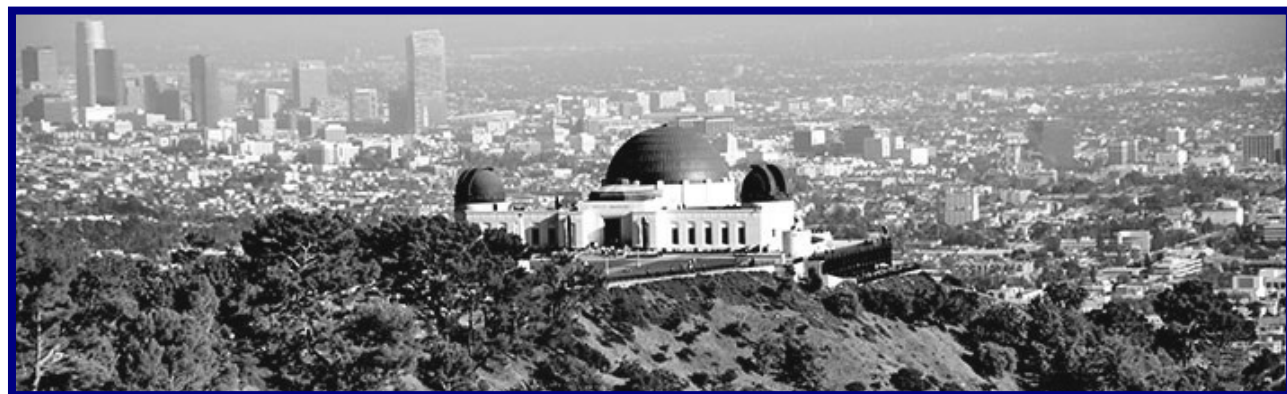


PW members are looking forward to a year of being so grateful for what God has given us, that we cannot help but share that love with others.



PW CIRCLES--ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

- Elizabeth:** Stephanie Linn (259-3914) - Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 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) & Kay Harris (993-0732)- Meets first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.
- Mary Martha:** Nancy Spigelman & Sam Spigelman (254-0139) - 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 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.

Do we need this, is it really worth that much?

When I was a child, growing up in Santa Clarita was quite a privilege. I had a supportive family, I had countless opportunities for education, and I loved McDonald's. I would play outside when the weather was convenient and would stay inside when it got the slightest bit chilly. I didn't have to work for anyone and some stickers earned for chores weren't worth sticking towards. I thought I had it especially rough when I had to do those things like go out in the cold weather or cut the grass. Don't even get me started on getting in the shower before the water became blistering hot and yes school can wait. My world was what my little eyes could see and nothing past that really mattered. How young and foolish was I? I saw starving children in commercials and impoverished communities on the news, just like Arnold was a Terminator and the Teenage Mutant Turtles lived in the sewer. It never seemed real to me, the thought that most children around the world would give anything, even their lives, for the things I had, and here I am thinking of how terrible it is giving five hard earned dollars for a movie ticket, that took away half of my yard allowance; *you know?*

It's heartbreaking now though. I know I did it then, but I still kind of do it now, and I think we all still **take it for granted**. Yes, I was only a child, and yes those are arguably the norms when it comes to children's gripes, but knowing now what I didn't know then, I see life differently. Not only did the military have a hand in showing me the dire situation of our world, but also the mission trips I have experienced have changed me. It's not just a simple thought of the experiences or the people who have influence me while on different mission trips, the occasional, "O yea, turn the water lower or keep runoff water from the shower," it's knowing that a child who lives in a poorer country has to live like an adult and will never get to know a childhood like mine, like most of ours. A child will most likely get a 4th grade education and then tend to the family business, which is usually a farm or small shop. If the child shows potential for comprehension, he or she might be able to go to middle school, but most of the time the child ends up working with the rest of his brothers and sisters. The families will constantly be enduring hunger, hopelessness, and disease. These children will be heavily impacted by all of this and it happens all before their 10th birthdays. If they survive, they will be productive with an anvil on their backs and the sun in their faces.

Getting to know these people though the mission experiences have changed my life in such a way that almost every dollar I spend I think, "Do I really need this, and is it really worth that much?" As we begin this upcoming year, think of ways that can help that child who is in need, or that family that just needs enough water to make it alive past this month. I am going to save my change in hopes of giving to someone who will be able to make that change work, and I ask you, "Do you really need what you think you need, and is it really worth that much?"

Blessings,

James Allison, Mission Elder

Santa Barbara Missions Conference, Friday and Saturday, January 23rd-24th, 2015. "Radical Compassion"

Have you ever wanted to know more about Missions but haven't had the time? Well here is your opportunity, and what a better way to start the New Year than to gain a new compass in support. Please do not let registration cost hold you back and even if that is the case we have some great news! In assistance with Adult Education, they are willing to sponsor 10 people to attend this amazing event. The event will run Friday evening and all day on Saturday. There will be two guest speakers-Ray Bakke and Eugene Cho-, countless booths of information, and workshops throughout the day. Raymond J. Bakke currently serves as Chancellor of English speaking programs for the Union University of California. Through his own company, Ray Bakke Associates, he continues to invest in the next generation of urban ministry leaders locally, nationally, and around the globe, by speaking, teaching, mentoring, consulting and publishing. Eugene Cho is the founder and Lead Pastor of Quest Church - an urban, multi-cultural and multi-generational church in Seattle, Washington - as well as founder and Executive Director of the Q Café, an innovative non-profit community café and music venue. He is also the founder and visionary of One Day's Wages (ODW) - a grassroots movement of people and stories, with the goal to alleviate extreme global poverty.

We would like to get as many people as possible to come. If you have any questions regarding this please ask any of the committee members from Missions or Adult Education and we will get you started. If you have ever been interested in Mission Work, or would like to know what mission opportunities are out there, this event will have all the answers and so much more!



Nites for Nine f.a.q.*

*(frequently asked questions)

What is Nites for Nine? It's groups of 9 people who have signed up and are then randomly organized to meet for 3 or 4 activities together over a period of 3 - 4 months.

Who can sign up? Nites for Nine is open to all adult singles and couples.

How does it work? Groups are assigned by the Church Life committee. One couple (or single) volunteers to lead, and he/she/they talk with members of the group to decide what activity the group would like to do and when they can meet.

Do singles sign up for Notes for Nine? Sure!! Singles are some of the "regulars" with our groups. Some bring a friend from outside our church, and some come alone.

What if I don't have a place where I can host a meal? Meet somewhere else, and remember, this doesn't have to be a dinner group!!

What if I'm a terrible cook? That is why God allowed Stouffer's to create frozen lasagna! This is not about fancy dining; it is about making new friends at the church.

How are groups formed? After sign-ups are closed, Church Life forms the groups, trying to mix couples and singles and representatives from different generations.

When do groups meet? You'll know who's in your group by the end of January, and then your group will meet 3 or 4 times between February and May.

What if our lives are so busy that we can't fit in a meeting one month? Feel free to meet twice in another month, ...whatever works best. Remember, FUN, not *chore*.

Do we have to meet for dinner? NO! Meet for a movie, Sunday brunch, or a hike in Placerita Nature Center, it's your group's choice.

Why should I sign up? If you're interested in meeting other people, sign up. If other people scare you, talk to Bill Barnes or Phil Aijian, and THEN sign up!

Why do you continue to form Nites for Nine groups? Church Life Committee really believes Nites for Nine is a way to connect people in our church. Knowing others in our shared community brings strength and joy to everyone. We find reasons to talk with each other, to share joys and concerns, and to let others learn who we are, really. And, this is a fun way to build our community.

Where do I sign up? Find our committee members at the Church Life sign-up table on Sundays.



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.

Building and Grounds supervised the latest Eagle Scout project from the Boy Scout Troop we oversee here at First Presbyterian. The current project began back in March 2014 when Conor Laueremann, a member of our church and Boy Scout, became aware that Outreach had asked



Building and Grounds to find a way to bring the Cross located at the front door on Newhall Avenue into view. Conor thought this a good Eagle project and the Boy Scout Council agreed so he began the planning. The plan Conor proposed was to move the cross to a new foundation, add night lighting and complete with a garden area around the base. The project construction got underway on November 15th with the help of 35 Boy Scouts and church members to create the new foundation. Then on December 6th, with another team of 25, the cross was moved and lighting installed. The final phase of landscaping will take place after the holidays.



A little background on the Cross begins back in 1976 when Elders Jerry Venedal and Gene Bailiff thought that the newly constructed sanctuary could use a cross out front. Plans began to acquire some wood for the Cross. At the same time a truck traveling down Newhall Avenue dropped a large piece of scrap timber from its load. As a sign from above, a team from Building and Grounds picked up the timber from in front of the church and created "The Old Rugged Cross". The original location was chosen to highlight the narthex entry and the 2 foot tall Oak tree sapling thought to add to the Newhall landscaping. Thirty five years later, the Oak tree had taken over the stain glass window and Cross so plans began on a correction. Unfortunately, the tree became a Legacy Oak and now protected from any pruning so the Cross needed a new location.

Conor would like to thank all the members of the Boy Scouts, our Congregation and local business for their donations of time and funding in assisting him with the completion of his project. As a member of this church, the project takes on a special meaning of giving back to his church.



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we are to be Kingdom people), he's being as serious as a heart attack (actually, an attack on the heart that transforms it radically).

All of these stories are intended to convey messages and meanings. And these messages and meanings are not hidden or secret. But they are obscured by the crusty lenses of our own preconceptions and culturally-conditioned worldviews we have built up over our entire lives. A friend of mine, who is a recent convert, asked me to take The Great Litmus Test of authentic Christianity, i.e. "Do you really believe [take your pick] that the world was created in six days or that God got really mad and sent a ginormous flood to kill everybody on earth other than Noah's family and pets or that Jonah really lived in an over-sized trout for three days or that the sun in fact stopped in its course or....[you get the idea]." Now, here's the implied syllogism: "Well, if you don't believe that really happened, then you don't believe what the bible says and therefore, you don't see the bible as trustworthy and true!" See the trap? Either you believe what the bible says and are therefore willing to ignore physical realities we all know to be true ever since the Enlightenment OR you are willing to acknowledge that we know a lot more about science than the primitives who wrote the bible but then your reliance on the bible becomes an illogical, untenable and unjustified leap of faith (wishful thinking).

How to read the bible: Reading the bible to get to the meaning of the particular story and putting it in the context of the overarching story very nicely smashes these Greek sophistries like so many Higgs bosons in a super collider. It is the MEANING of the story—not its syntax, spelling, science or conformity and containment within the limited capacities of our niggling and peewee minds (apologies to Stephen Hawking who knows more than God so there is no need for God) that matters. God was not saying in Genesis 1 and 2, "Look at me! I can do a whole lot in six days"—He was answering our eternal question, "How did we and everything else get here?" Answer: It was all created by God (and it makes zero difference if that was in six days, six weeks, or Carl Sagan's billions and billions of whatever, in a big bang [originally a derogatory term for the Genesis story of creation, by the way], a cosmic soup, or in a way heaven (or should I say "ether") forbid, science hasn't yet nor never will figure out. When you meet God face to face and your creator confirms, "I created everything, "are you going to feel the need to ask, "How the hell d'you do that?" (Me? I'm going to take off my shoes because I will be on holy ground. (Joshua 5:15))

Russell Crowe: As to the Noah story, the authors are not trying to teach us diluvian histogeology, zoological classification systems, shipbuilding architecture and engineering or Archimedes' water displacement principles. (As a footnote, flood stories in ancient Mesopotamia were as common as zits on a teenager. God ALWAYS speaks to us in the culture, language and idioms we understand. That's why Koreans don't smuggle Spanish bibles into China.) NO! (as Paul, the inventor of Christian theology would say). These storytellers are trying to get us to understand that evil and wickedness had entered and infected God's good creation, that something needs to be done about evil, that there is some level of evil present in all of us, that God is going to be true to his promise to Abraham to restore all of creation, that all of God's covenant promises are trustworthy and can hold the water of hope (including his covenant with Noah), that God has a plan to accomplish all of this (see the rest of the bible), that we are the custodians and caretakers of everything on this earth (including the animals and including our fellow human beings) and that much of what happens in history and in our lives can be made sense of by the constant yet simple realization that there is Creator. Those who criticize the new movie "Noah" lament the fact that the 2 ½ hour Hollywood blockbuster does not rotely and invariably recreate the eight paragraphs of Genesis 7 and 8. As for me, I was amazed to see and hear all of the biblical truths and meanings of so many of the Genesis stories (creation, the garden, the fall, Cain and Abel, Cain's banishment east of Eden, God's protection of Cain, the background to the tower of Babel story, mankind's desire to become like God, Tubal-cain's forging of murderous instruments, Noah's ancestry, the universal knowledge of the creator) all drawn out and put in the mouths of Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly. Two opposable thumbs up from this critic!

We spend \$62 billion a year on movies—all because we love stories.

So does God.

Catechism Lesson: Questions and Answers to Instruct the Faithful*

The Ten Commandments Given by God through Moses at Mt. Sinai after the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt. They tell us how God expects us to live.

What is the First Commandment? Answer: "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3 and Deuteronomy 5:7)

What do you learn from this commandment? Answer: No loyalty comes before my loyalty to God. I should worship and serve only God, expect all good from God alone, and love, fear, and honor God with all my heart. (See Matt. 6:24, Deut. 6:5, Proverbs 9:10, Matt. 10:37)

*From our Presbyterian Church USA "Study Catechism" approved by the General Assembly in 1998. A catechism is a series of questions and answers that explain the Christian faith and have been part of the Presbyterian tradition since the Reformation in the 1500's. We hope these will help you in understanding your Christian faith. From your Adult Education Committee.



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

Four Rabbis, A Big Fish, Russell Crowe And How They All Might Just Teach Us Something About How To Read The Bible. [Part Two] by Roland Wrinkle

The Big Story. When I got interrupted last time (by running out of space), we were talking about a little bit different way of reading the bible, i.e. seeing it all as a series of stories that all tell one big story—and then drawing the meaning out of each story. And that big story, as I see it, is:

The Beginning (the first page of the bible): In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,...So God created humankind in his image,... in the image of God he created them....male and female he created them....God blessed them, God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. (Gen 1)

Then This Happened: (the basic plot premise): But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God....she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband,Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;....therefore the Lord God sent him [man] forth from the garden of Eden,.... (Gen 3)

The Plot Thickens and God Makes a Promise: Now the Lord said to Abram,I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing....and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ (Gen 12) [God winds up making six covenants (a term of art in the old days), some conditional, some unconditional, some to Israel, some to all mankind, which covenants provide (for careful readers) the explanatory threads which weave themselves throughout all 66 books and tie everything together.]

The Next 37.5 Books of the Bible: Israel finds its vocation (to be a blessing to all nations, i.e. to effect God’s great restoration plan); Israel loses its vocation; Israel re-discovers its vocation; Israel forgets its vocation (suffering and enjoying the appropriate and promised blessings and curses along the way)... and on and on (you get the idea).

The Unexpected Plot Twist: God decides to become man and finally serve out the purpose of Israel in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, i.e. the perfect Israelite, inaugurating the long-promised Kingdom and renewal and re-starting of all of heaven and earth and, thereby, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and talks incessantly about the Kingdom of God as the end and aim of God’s relationship with His people (a point the Reformed and Catholic churches just seem to miss). To bring all of this about, He had to be tortured, to suffer physical death so that our sins (not His) will no longer count against us (a point the Reformed and Catholic churches fixate upon) and then be resurrected in a glorified body and ascend to be with His Father, awaiting the unfolding of the rest of history.

The Surprise Ending (the last page of the bible): The Messiah comes back (as promised) and we are physically resurrected in glorified bodies (1 Cor. 15). John testifies (and it becomes canon): “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away....And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me (John), “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end”. (Rev 21) The Kingdom, inaugurated by Jesus becomes fully completed upon His return.

The Moral of the Story: We behave as Kingdom-people-in-transition NOW because that now-and-yet-to-be Kingdom will be our eternal home.

The Meaning Is What Matters. I believe that every story in the entire bible can fit like so many puzzle pieces into this super big picture and without bending or twisting any one piece so that it will go where we want it to go (to get it to comply with our pre-conceived or taught or learned view of what we expected scripture to say before we really read the bible in a holistic manner.) These stories, then in turn, can best be understood by asking questions like: What was the author saying? What meaning was he trying to convey? What are we supposed to take away from the story? What is the biblical truth driving this story? Why was it written? If we believe these stories are God-breathed (and we do), then what is it that God is trying to get through our thick skulls? Is He saying, “I’m so powerful that I can make a man live inside of a tuna for three days.” Or, is this His way of getting us to understand that God loves our enemies (because He created them just as much as He created us) and when He comes right out and says that in Jonah and when His Son comes right out and says the same thing in the Sermon on the Mount (adding that dreadful business about how now we must also love our enemies if

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The Youth Committee nurtures the Junior High and Senior High-aged youth as well as the college-aged young adults 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.

WINTER CAMP

Winter camp time is approaching fast, and we are taking sign-ups for spots now. Junior High and High school camp are amazing times for youth to connect to their peers, their leaders and to the Lord. There is time for worship, games, and snow. If your teen is in 7th -12th grade then they WILL have fun. The Junior High camp is January 9th- 11th and is a total of \$200.00 per participant. High School camp is February 20th -22nd and the cost is \$240.00 per participant. If your child is interested in going, please talk to Sarah or Ian about spots. Your family will need to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit no later than 10 days before the departure date and final payment will be due on the departure date. Payment plans and scholarships are available based on need, but your family will need to fill out a scholarship application by the deposit due date. Winter camp is an amazing time and your child will really benefit by their participation. If you have any other questions or concerns about camp talk to Sarah or Ian who both have been to Winter Camp a number of times. You can also check out the www.foresthome.org website to see pics and learn more about camp. Hope that your kid can make it!



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

WINTER CAMP

Imagine...snowballs, late night games, hot cocoa, sled runs, and crazy counselors-that’s right, it’s winter camp! Winter camp is for 3rd graders through 6th graders who love to have a good time. It’s going to be January 23-25th and the cost is \$185.00 per participant. If your child is interested in having fun in a cabin with other kids and staying up late and learning all about Jesus, then talk to Ms. Sarah asap so she can add your child to the list. Please turn in a \$50.00 deposit to hold a spot. Forest Home is a wonderful place for kids to experience community and a time to hear God’s word. Scholarships are available based on need but we will need for your family to fill out a scholarship application before the payment deadline of January 15th. You can also check out the www.foresthome.org website to see pics and learn more about camp. I hope that your kids will be able to be a part of this amazing experience.



Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall

December was a busy month at Little Shepherd's! The children spent weeks practicing Christmas songs to sing for family and friends at our Christmas Program on December 10th. They did a wonderful job.

Before the program, that same evening, our new Tile Wall was dedicated, honoring Esther Kloth. Esther was a part of Little Shepherd's for 43 years- and her legacy continues in many of the traditions and practices continued there today.

The children performed their songs one last time at the Senior Luncheon on December 16th. They were so excited to receive such smiles and applause! Thank you for providing them that opportunity! - Susan Wachter

GOD MADE US, GOD LOVES US

The new commemorative tile wall for Little Shepherd's Nursery School has been installed by our Building and Grounds volunteers and was dedicated on Dec. 10th with the tile honoring Esther Kloth, Director Emeritus, in the center. The title of this article is on Esther's tile because that expresses how she led the school for many years. Other tiles honor teachers who had worked at the school for more than ten years, alumni and present students, and church families. At the dedication, Esther was reunited with many teachers and students from the past, as far back as the 1970's. The evening was capped off by a Christmas program from the children. Nothing warms the heart more than hearing children sing!

Please stop by and see the tile wall past the Fellowship Hall door, and tell your friends about our unique and loving pre-school—the oldest (and best) in the valley. - Pam Trammell



Little Shepherd's Children Singing



Little Shepherd's Board of Directors



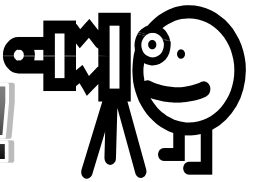
Little Shepherd's Teachers



Esther with former students of all ages



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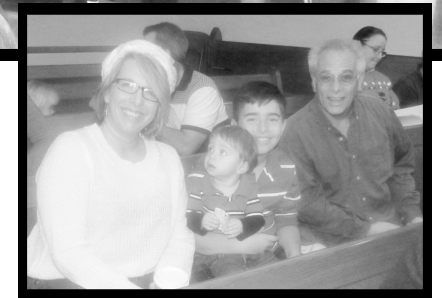


Bob and Pam Jenner welcomed another awesome grandchild on November 25th. Logan David Jenner weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. His parents are Joshua and Lee Jenner. Big brother is Kaden, 3 ½ years old.

The editors would like to chronicle all of your milestone events. Please e-mail your photos and brief descriptions to Sandy at churchoffice@presby-newhall.org, or text them to Kathy at 818-720-1017.

ADVENT MEMORIES

Advent, Tree-trimming, Caroling Service, Dec. 7



Choir Concert, Dec.14

