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July and August Events:

- SENIOR LUNCH
July 1 11:00 AM
- ArtSLAM
July 2, August 8 8:00 PM
- SUN. WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES
July 5 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM
- SURF CAMP
July 6-8
- HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
July 12-18
- SUMMER MAGIC
July 15, 22, 29 6:00 PM
- STEPHEN MINISTRY CONFERENCE
July 18 8:30 AM
- CHILDREN'S CAMP
July 19-25
- HOLLYWOOD BOWL
July 19 4:15 PM
- JR. HIGH CAMP
August 2-8
- FAMILY PROMISE
August 2-8

Recurring Church Events:

- BAND REHEARSAL
Thursdays 6:00 PM
- BOOK BUDDIES
2nd Thursdays 4:00 PM
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
To Resume in the Fall
- COMMUNION
1st Sundays 10AM; 5PM
- HANDCRAFTERS
2nd & 4th Tues. 10:00 AM
- LADIES' NIGHT OUT
Last Tuesdays 6:30 PM
- MEN AT WORK
3rd Saturdays 8:00 AM
- MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY
To Resume in the Fall
- PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES
Various Times & Places
- RECYCLING (For Camp Scholarships)
1st Sundays
- RING TONES REHEARSAL
To Resume in the Fall
- STANDING TOGETHER
2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM
- TGIF (Children's Program)
To Resume in the Fall
- YOUTH GROUP*
See Summer Schedule

THE NEWHALL PRESS



Pastor's Column July, 2015

It's summertime! Is there ever a better time to get outside and enjoy the creation that God has given us to enjoy? The Psalmist put it best. *"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet."* **Psalms 8:3-6**

I am daydreaming about my summers at Forest Home Christian Conference Center and Yosemite Sierra Summer Staff. Days were filled with activities in nature; swimming, hiking, rock climbing, repelling, and lots of fun games in the outdoors. Nights were at campfires and s'mores under a canopy of stars. I used to give a talk about the huge distances we gazed upon and the sheer magnitude of God's immense and incredibly packed creation. Sometimes I think children capture the immensity better than we grown adults do. Here are a couple of comments I found in Children's Letters to God:

Dear God: If you made the sun and the moon and stars you must of had lots of equipment.

Dear God, When you started the earth and put people there and all the animals and grass and the stars, did you get very tired? I have a lot of other questions too.

Then again, poets give us important reflection:

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD
More sky than man can see,
More seas than he can sail,
More sun than he can bear to watch,
More stars than he can scale.
More breath than he can breathe,
More yield than he can sow,
More grace than he can comprehend,
More love than he can know. by Ralph W. Seager

Don't let the joys of summer pass you by. Take a stroll and smell the roses. Take your friends or family and get out of the city lights and gaze into the sky. Maybe roast a few marshmallows while you're there. God's world is big, but we are given two perspectives; one is to take time to enjoy it, the other is to remain too busy and ignore it. Remember: *Two men looked out from prison bars, One saw mud, the other saw stars.*

In His Grip,
Pastor Bill

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Leadership Meetings:

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS COM.

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 Wed. Leaders 5:30 PM

Ed. 6:30 PM

Groups 8:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesdays 7:00 PM

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM

YOUTH COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES FALL

SCHEDULE September 7

ORGAN CELEBRATION & CONCERT

September 20



Please remember that the church office is closed every Friday.



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.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Bob Durham July 9
Lucille Ford July 13

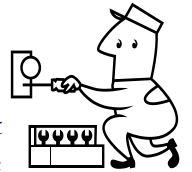
LADIES' NIGHT OUT -6:30 PM

July 28—Spumoni
August 25—Grand Panda (Seco & Bouquet)

MEN AT WORK

Summer meetings: July 18, and August 22, 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

Book Buddies' will discuss "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd July 9 at 4:00 p.m.

This novel is set in 1803 when Sarah Grimke is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful as her handmaid.

Discussion and supper will be at Ellie Fuller's home 25035 Greenmill, Newhall. RSVP 661-259-4983.



HANDCRAFTERS

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25), at 10am, people gather in the Evans Room to share their skills, their interests, their accomplishments. We are the handcrafters, and everyone is welcome!



HOLLYWOOD BOWL/CIRQUE MUSICA

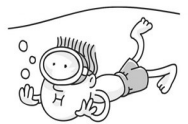
Cirque Musica at the Hollywood Bowl: If you have purchased your tickets for this event, here are the details: We will meet at the church on Sunday July 19 at 4:15pm for a picnic dinner before we depart. After dinner we will carpool to the Lankershim/Universal shuttle, departing from church at 5pm.

There will be water for you to take along with you and you are welcome to bring snacks to share! Show starts at 7:30pm, Payment is due July 5th.



SUMMER MAGIC

We are invited to Bill and Brenda Barnes' home (27215 Branbury Ct. Valencia) three Wednesday evenings in July from 6 to 8:30 PM. Dates are July 15, 22 and 29. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. Bring your swimsuit and towel if you wish to swim.



FRIDAY MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Midday Bible Study is taking a summer break! Please join us in September for a continuation of our study of the Holy Spirit.



SENIOR LUNCH—4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

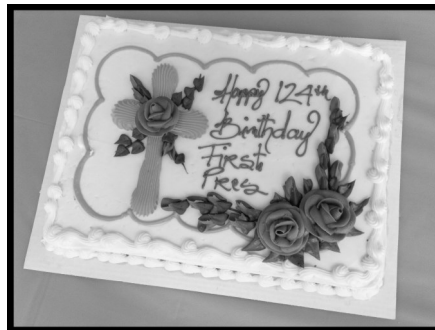
July 1st at 11 am in Fellowship Hall.
The cost is \$7 per person. Reservations are required to assure that correct amounts of food are purchased. Many thanks!



124th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC REMEMBERED

Church Life would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Church Birthday such a wonderful event! It is such a blessing to have so many willing to pitch in. Many hands made the work light....er!

The sponsoring committees this year were Church Life, Outreach and Deacons, along with an open house for Little Shepherds Nursery School. Between 100 and 125 people participated in the picnic. Next year all of the committees plan to participate and make Anniversary Number 125 extra special.





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.

Come visit the Youth Group at the City of Santa Clarita's **ArtSLAM**
Thursdays July 2nd & August 6th, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Main Street in Newhall - Near Metro PCS Store
Local, Live Music & Dance, Food Trucks, Family Fun
The Youth will lead an Interactive Art Exhibit
Come buy a bottle of water and support our Youth Group events.
Let's show Santa Clarita what an awesome Church Family we have!
The Youth will participate in ArtSLAM the first Thursday
of every month through October.
Mark your calendars now:
July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1

Hey folks,

Summer has been great so far. And there is plenty more to come. **Praise in the Park** will continue on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 at Old Orchard Park 25023 Avenida Rotella Valencia CA 91355. This is a time for games, friends and park time. This will be held on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Bring friends and join in the study of the book of Matthew. Thursdays continue to be our **Adventure Days** so be sure to keep an eye on your calendar. Stay tuned for more CRAZY event details like **summer camp** (Jr. Hi—August 2-8; High School— July 12-18), **surf camp** (July 6-9) and **Messy Games**. Normal Sunday night youth group will resume on September 7th. Keep cool!



CONGRATULATIONS to the kids who recently graduated from Junior High and High School.

Junior High:

- Jonathon Johnson
- Shannon Sindle
- Katie Witt
- Tyler Tomei
- Amanda Lombardo



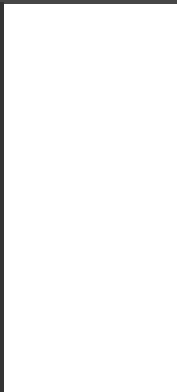
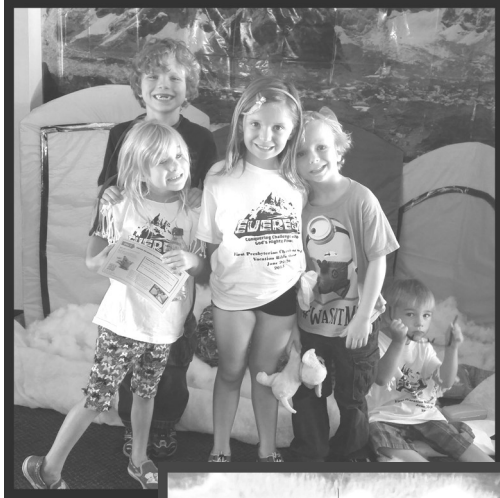
High School:

- Emily Abbate
- Ej Ng
- Kaytlann Ensing
- Claire Tomei
- Richard Hauer
- Jonathon Redrow
- Christian Harvey
- Rene McPherson
- Weston Lombardo

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! You can see from all the great pictures that our week at VBS was amazing. We learned all about God's power to PROVIDE, COMFORT, HEAL, FORGIVE, and LOVE US FOREVER! Thanks so much for all who donated, participated, and prayed for our awesome program. Be sure to keep an eye out for the YETI in church! HEADS UP! Summer Camp for 4th to 6th graders is right around the corner— July 19th to 25th.





The Worship 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, song, scripture, sacrament and message.

Worship

DID YOU KNOW??? HAPPY CENTENIAL BIRTHDAY TO OUR ORGAN!!!! By Jim Parodi

Did you know that our organ in the Sanctuary is 100 years old this year??

Let me introduce you to the M.P.Moller Opus 2022 organ. Originally built and installed in the Strand Theater in Meridian, Mississippi back in 1915 to accompany the Vaudeville acts and the silent movies of the time. It was originally what we call a II\22 Theater Organ (II is organ talk for manuals\keyboards, and 22, the amount of ranks (each rank is one voice with approx. 64 pipes). It was played by an organist named Kathleen Murphy (which at that time was highly unusual).



As far as we can ascertain, sometime in the early 20's, William S. Hart was doing a publicity tour for a film, when he visited/appeared at the Strand Theater in Meridian. He found that the theater was in the process of replacing the Moller organ with a new Robert Morgan Organ. He was able to purchase the Moller for a song (looks like approx. \$12,000) and had his people make arrangements to have the organ transported to his home town, Newhall, CA where his wife was involved with the local community church, and arranged for it to be donated to the church.

In those days, heavy loads were transported via rail and horse drawn cargo carts. Interesting side note about the transportation: once in CA, the organ was placed on 6 to 8 horse drawn carts. While being transported, 2 of the carts tipped and a few ranks of pipe were damaged beyond repair.

History is a little vague once the organ arrived at the church. I have heard that it was installed in the previous church building immediately after arriving. Other info I heard is that it was not installed until the 50's. (if anyone can verify, correct or add to this, please let me know).*



Jim Parodi blesses us on Sundays with his wonderful organ skills. The pipes are concealed behind the lattice in the background.

Either way, due to space limitation, the organ (already reduced by a few ranks), was further reduced to approximately II\16. The ranks not used were the voices that made the organ a Theater console (specifically the Tibia voices).

Once the old church building was too badly damaged by the earthquake in the 70's, the organ was removed and installed in the current building in 1980. Though again due to space limitation, the organ was further reduced to the current II\8, using the 1961 William Reisner console.

The organ today is mostly operational, due to in no small part to the dedication of church member Jerre Crosier, but the years are catching up. The console is wearing out with many minor problems, as well as being quite outdated without hope of repair. The wonderful sounding Chimes do not always work. The organ is about due for its 35yr maintenance in the wind chests (replacing leathers, the blower, and the console and revoicing the pipes). Unfortunately, the costs for updating are quite high (around \$25K). Let's pray that the organ can continue to bless us for many years to come.

We should all be very proud of this rare old gem. There are not too many 100yr old organs anywhere, and certainly not in the Santa Clarita Valley. Each time you have the opportunity to hear the organ, take a moment, pause, listen, and consider the sound you hear was originally heard 100 years ago. **(First performance was Sept 15, 1915).**

To celebrate the organ's centennial (which is very rare for pipe organs in the United States), we are planning a celebration and concert on Sept 20 in the afternoon. (Stay tuned as plans are finalized.)

On a personal note, I have been blessed with the great opportunity to experience and play many organs, small/large, pipe/electronic. None have been 100yrs old. It is truly a unique and powerful experience. I am quite blessed and honored to play the Moller Opus 2022, and look forward each Sunday to the experience of hearing it speak. Thank You.

*Editor's note: Previous church building was built about 1923, so organ could have been installed as early as then.



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.

If you have a heart for Missions, we would like for you to join one of our many teams. Below is a short description of each group and whom to contact if interested. Thank you to everyone who has given to Missions and thank you to those who live it! - James Allison

Mission Committee's Activities

AMOR: Come assist us in building a home in Tijuana, Mexico, and if you dare, assist in coordinating a trip by helping with food, supplies, and travel. We get blessed twice a year when we do this. We don't want money to hold you back from joining; scholarships are available. If you ask anyone who has gone on the trip they will tell you it is one of the most life changing events a person can experience. If you are interested in joining us or coordinating a trip please contact John Favalessa (favalessa@yahoo.com).

FAMILY PROMISE: There is no other close-to-home opportunity like Family Promise. Through Family Promise, our church (along with 13 others) hosts a family for a week in Fellowship Hall by providing tents to sleep in, preparing food, and staying overnight to ensure quality care for our families. We are currently looking for a coordinator, so if you have heart to assist families who are homeless please contact James Allison (jwallison13@gmail.com).

LIVING WATERS: If you would like to understand and install a complex water system in a part of the world where water is a scarce commodity, contact Art Moore (amoore1003@aol.com) or Jack Irwin (jirwinme@sbcglobal.net). There are scholarship opportunities to attend the training up in Coarsegold, California, and if you ever wanted to make a real positive impact in this world there is no other opportunity than to provide water to an impoverished community.

STANDING TOGETHER is a group that is bridging the gap between Christians and Muslims in worship and in fellowship. We as Christians must be willing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to love one another just as he loved us. If you would like to get more involved, please contact Carole Wheeler (carolewheeler@pacbell.net).

MISSION CONFERENCE in Santa Barbara happens once a year and it's usually in January. There are two-day and one-day options available. It's a short drive down a beautiful highway so please come out and see what is new and innovative in the mission field. Scholarships are available to pay for registration. If you would like to join us, contact James Allison (jwallison13@gmail.com).

MISSIONARIES from our very own Presbyterian church include Michele Braceros who is feeding the thousands through GAIN, and Eric and Sue Takamoto for their continuous service in preaching the gospel. We have had the pleasure of getting to know Pastor Ramazon Arkan whom is spreading the gospel by building the Antalya Evangelical Church in Turkey. Also the mission committee supports other local missionaries/organizations such as Sarah Henken, Daystar University, and several missionaries preaching the gospel in sensitive locations.

Everyone is welcome to become part of any of our Mission Teams. For more information on how to be involved, please contact the individuals named in the Mission information above.

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.



Mission in the Church

Presbyterian Women Purpose

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This year's Presbyterian Women's theme "A Love for Mission in Our Hearts, in Our Homes, in Our Workplaces, in Our Churches, and in Our World," fits with the Presbyterian Women's Purpose statement, that of the Newhall 1st Pres. Mission Committee., and the theology of the Presbyterian Church (USA). **YET just what is mission?**

Ponder the following!

- The Presbyterian Church has a 178-year mission history.
- Presbyterian Mission Partners name 3 primary concerns: **root causes of poverty** (particularly as it affects women and children), **sharing faith** (appropriate in context), and **reconciliation in cultures of violence** (including the U.S.).
- Mission is **purpose**. Ministry is **action**.
- Words like **call, vocation, sharing faith, hunger, poverty, need, response, organization, programs, projects, love, task undertaking, work, helping, global, local, external, and internal** may come to mind.
- The new Amor T shirt reads, "*Worship without justice is lazy. Justice without worship is angry.*"

We support mission in budgets and personal involvement seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

Family Promise, bread collection, a student at Daystar University in Kenya, Men at Work, Michele Braceros with Global Aid Network, Vacation Bible School, Standing Together, Stephen Ministers, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Little Shepherd's Nursery School, Amor Trips, Youth Mission Trips, Mission Partners Elmarie and Scott Parker in the Middle East and Sarah Henken in the Andean Region of South America, and **more** are supported by our congregation as a whole and/or by individual members.

"... in reality it is God's mission and we are merely agents, empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's will (mission) on earth." from A MISSION-MINDED CHURCH by Gwen Crawley.

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) - Meets first Monday of the month at 9:00 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 Stewardship Committee will strive to build stewardship disciples of our church family by: *transforming the hearts of believers to reflect the image of Christ*, to become generous "as Christ is generous in being rich toward God" in the stewardship of all our gifts; to empower God's Kingdom work to be fully staffed, funded and shared throughout our community, country and world; and, as a committee, to monitor the fiscal responsibilities of our church ministry.

News You Can Use: The First Presbyterian Church of Newhall has a permanent Endowment Fund set up with the Presbyterian Foundation.

Name: First Presbyterian Church of Newhall Fund

Fund Account Number: 1021203028

Theological Foundation: Endowment gifts are theological statements which demonstrate one's belief that we are never ultimately proprietary owners, but only stewards, lifetime guardians entrusted by God to use wisely what God has placed in our hands. It declares to the present and future generations the importance of our faith and trust in God. We have each drawn water from wells we have not dug; we have sat under shade trees we did not plant and we each have a wonderful opportunity to provide the means for the Church to have a strong and empowering ministry for generations to come.

Genesis 26:17-25 "And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father..." It is good to leave something behind in better condition than what you found it.

Matthew 2:11b "Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts..." Endowment gifts come from our treasures, our accumulated assets.

Goal: to add \$1,000.00 to the Church's Endowment Fund this year.

Why add? As the Church's permanent Endowment Fund grows, the Church receives greater income.

What can the income be used for? It is for use as determined by the Session - for example: mission work, special projects, anything - or even for re-investing to keep growing.

And gifts to the Presbyterian Foundation (Account #1021203028 "First Presbyterian Church of Newhall Fund") are tax deductible.

If 100 gifts of \$10.00 each were made, the goal would be reached.

To give online:

www.presbyterianfoundation.org

click on "Endowment Fund" under "Ways to Give",

"Give to an Existing Endowment",

Type in "newhall" in the "Fund Name" on the "Endowment Locator",

and then "View More" to see "Donate". It accepts a credit card for any amount.

To give by check:

www.presbyterianfoundation.org

click on "Endowment Fund" under "Ways to Give", then print the "Donation Form".

On the Donation Form, check "Existing Endowment Fund" and print "First Presbyterian Church of Newhall Fund" in Fund Name, and 1021203028 in Account Number.

To name the Church's Fund as a Beneficiary:

Name: Presbyterian Foundation Account #1021203028 (Must include the account number for funds to go to the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall)

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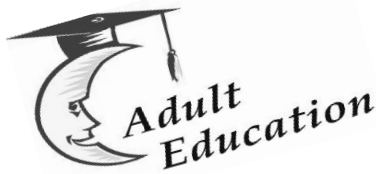
Address: 200 East Twelfth Street

Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Telephone: 800-858-6127

website: www.presbyterianfoundation.org

Each of us has a passion about some part of our Church's ministries and missions. And where there is a vision, there is a way.



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.

THINGS I LEARNED FROM TWO PAULS

By Roland Wrinkle

- I like Paul Revere 'cause he saved us from people with funny accents and bad food*
- I like Paul Gauguin 'cause his paintings enthralled with a tropical mood.*
- I like Paul Robeson 'cause his voice could lift an eagle.*
- I like Paul McCartney 'cause he was once a beetle.*
- I like Paul Getty 'cause he had lots of money and lived so lavishly.*
- I like Paul Newman 'cause he was the Sundance Kid's Butch Cassidy.*
- I like Paul Blart 'cause he was a really, really good Mall Cop.*
- I liked Paul Ludwig Hans Anton von Beneckendorff und von Hindenburg*
-that is, until his blimp dropped.



Dr. Paul Aijian 1917-2015



Paul the Apostle c. 5-65 AD

But none of these Pauls are the two Pauls I'm talking about. No siree! I'm talk'n 'bout my two good friends, Paul Aijian and Paul (actually I don't know his last name but it was something like "Theapostle"). Perhaps I stretched it a little with the former Saul of Tarsus but definitely not with Paul of Santa Clarita—he was a really good friend of mine. So, here's just a few of the things I learned from each of them:

ON CHILDREN

THE APOSTLE: *And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

THE PASTOR: *We cannot grow up loving unless we have love poured all over us and we are washed in love—even from the womb.... We think our children are our own, but they're not. They belong to God. He just uses us.... We need to sit our children down and tell them about the infinite possibilities God has inside of them.... If you live long enough you get to bask in the reputation of your children.*

ON FAITH

THE APOSTLE: *Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.*

THE PASTOR: *Faith (ideas in our heads) is not about doctrine. Faith is what we do—faithing. Faith is about connections, connections with other people.*

ON GOD'S LOVE

THE APOSTLE: *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

THE PASTOR: *God loves you so much that, if you give it half a chance and get yourself out of the way, man, you will have wings to take you off the planet.*

ON WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE

THE APOSTLE: *God... made all nations to inhabit the whole earth...so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.*

THE PASTOR: *You ask me what God looks like. He looks like my father.*

ON HUMAN BROKENNESS

THE APOSTLE: *For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.*

THE PASTOR: *Each of us needs something to speak to our brokenness—something that touches the pain that we have spent most of our lives running away from. Wouldn't it be wonderful if when we walked out of church, instead of saying "How are ya?" we could say, because we trust each other, we could say to each other, "I'm hurting. Can I talk to you about it." "Can you hold my hand and tell me it's going to be OK because this Jesus is nearby." I stand before you in my 88th year to tell you that there is nothing in heaven or hell or any of the created order that can separate us from the love of God. [OK, he got that last one from the other Paul]*

ON TRUSTING GOD

THE APOSTLE: *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

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THE PASTOR: *Children leave home and spouses get old and we die and we leave dear ones. There's only one hand that never lets us go. Please dear ones, this may be the last sermon I ever get a chance to preach and I am determined to let you know what I believe from the top of my head to the bottom of my toes: Let the love of God that will never let you go hold you close so that you will never need to be scared of the dark again. God bless you dear ones and have a wonderful, wonderful Christ-filled life of love.*

ME: Amen!

FALL LIFE ACADEMY – SEVEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY by Anne Watts, Elder for Adult Education

This fall marks the **seven-year anniversary of Life Academy**. We are celebrating by trying to bring some new and exciting programs while keeping the ones that seem to work. Due to the change in worship times, we will have one program per week on Sundays during the fall life academy period starting at 3 p.m. We are hoping to have programs on Gun Violence, Dementia and Alzheimer's, the Islam religion, Prison Life and the return to Public Life, and bringing back our cooking class that was so popular last year. We will also be introducing a **longer, retreat format on Saturday mornings** perhaps covering music, how to read the Bible, Christian Disciplines and Spirituality, Christian Mission, History of the Presbyterian Church, etc. We are planning another trip to "Passages" perhaps on a Saturday so that it won't interfere with Sunday evening worship services. **If God is calling you to be involved in Christian Education** our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 5th, at 7 pm in Pastor Bill's office and we would love for you to join us.

PICTURE THIS!!!



10-Year Anniversary of First Total Marrow Irradiation Delivery

This month marks the 10-year anniversary of the first successful total marrow irradiation (TMI) using the TomoTherapy® System. This procedure was performed at City of Hope in Duarte, California. As a result of continuing research and use of the system for TMI, numerous centers around the world have adopted the approach, once considered to be impossible because of limitations inherent to conventional radiation therapy systems. First Pres. Elder Carol Ramnarine was recently honored at City of Hope for being among the first recipients of this therapy and a ten-year survivor.

Carol Ramnarine, multiple myeloma survivor: "I was fortunate to have the chance to participate in a clinical trial at City of Hope 10 years ago, where a talented team of medical professionals was able to envision and effectively apply TomoTherapy technology for me in a way that had never been done before. It's been 10 years since my treatment and I continue to live each day to its fullest."



Wedding bells rang at First Presbyterian Church as lovely **Lois Beydler** and handsome **Robert Durham** joined together in holy matrimony on June 6th, 2015. As friends and family gathered to witness this special ceremony, Pastor Bill told of how they met at one of our "after church lunch bunch" meals. For Robert there was no doubt in his mind this was the girl for him! So after many lunches to their favorite place, Panera Bread, Lois was ready to say, "I do!" We pray for many joy-filled years together.



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