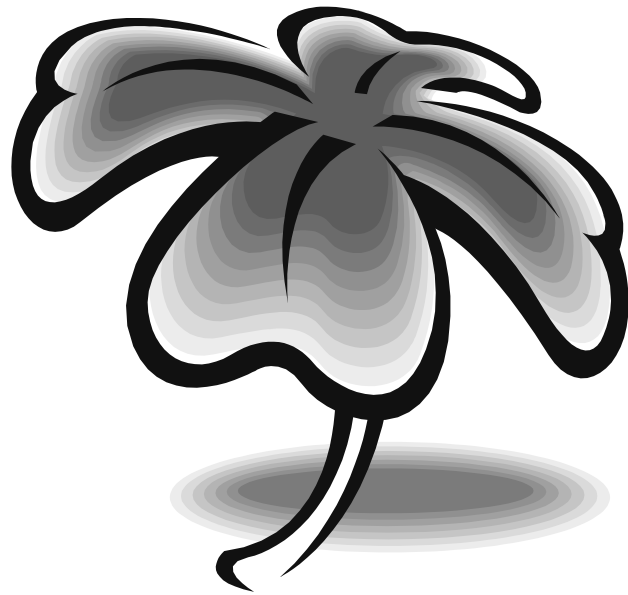


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### PASTOR'S COLUMN

This Lenten season we will be exploring the most famous sermon of all time. Jesus gave it while sitting in a grass-sloped natural amphitheater overlooking the Sea of Galilee. It has been nicknamed the *Sermon on the Mount*. In it Jesus declares his authority and directly interprets the intention God had in giving the law to Moses and the people of Israel.

It begins with what we have called the Beatitudes, a list of *blessings*, (*makarios* in Gr.) which translates the Hebrew word *baruach*, and means "That which would make someone happy." Someone once said all people want to be happy, but in our culture that means "giddy with delight." In the Jewish culture it meant something much deeper. It meant "being exactly where you know you should be, having made the decisions and taken the actions that are true to yourself and the person you want to be." The one thing we must see is that the Beatitudes by which Jesus begins this sermon are not a mild and sentimental collection of platitudes.

We can see this by looking at them from their opposites. Some, Jesus implied, will not be blessed. Their condition could be described in this way:

Wretched are the spiritually self-sufficient, for theirs is the kingdom of hell.  
Wretched are those who deny the tragedy of their sinfulness, for they will be troubled.  
Wretched are the self-centered, for they will be empty.  
Wretched are those who ceaselessly justify themselves, for their efforts will be in vain.  
Wretched are the merciless, for no mercy will be shown to them.  
Wretched are those with impure hearts, for they will not see God.  
Wretched are those who reject peace, for they will earn the title "Sons of Satan."  
Wretched are the uncommitted for convenience's sake, for their destination is hell.

The Beatitudes are a direct challenge to almost everything we assume about "the way things are" in the world. The only way they make sense is if Jesus Christ himself is able to sustain the blessings he pronounces. When that fact becomes our fact, and when we become convinced that Jesus Christ has the authority to support his promises, then the word *blessed* not only invites us to find the right path but also to welcome the path we find.

*We now have the biblical doctrine of success. Success is not measured in possessions or by the state of our health. Success means to be where I am supposed to be -- the right place at the right time and for the right reason -- because of the purpose for my life that has its origins in God's love and faithfulness. If I am on the right road then I am successful in this radical rearrangement of our ordinary value systems. Success for those who believe this amazing Sermon on the Mount is a word about relationship with the Shepherd-Lord of the pathway and about our journey upon that pathway.- Earl Palmer*

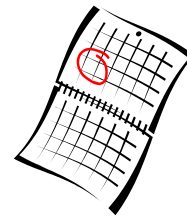
To further enhance the dramatic effect of this opening salvo in this famous sermon, consider how J. B. Phillips, looks at the Beatitudes from the world's point of view in his book When God Was Man: *Happy are the pushers, for they get on in the world. Happy are the hard-boiled, for they never let life hurt them. Happy are they who complain, for they get their own way in the end. Happy are the blasé, for they never worry over their sins. Happy are the slave drivers, for they get results. Happy are the knowledgeable men of the world, for they know their way around. Happy are the troublemakers, for they make people take notice of them.*

This is one exciting, challenging, sermon!

*Pastor Bill*



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: March 15th.

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.



### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Dee Ann Wood and Connie Froeberg are the new chairwomen in charge of Ladies Night Out. The schedule of restaurants will be released shortly. Meanwhile, ladies, save the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. to enjoy socializing with other women in a relaxing setting. Watch the bulletin for the location of the March 25th "Night Out" or call Dee Ann or Connie.

### BOOK BUDDIES

David Baldacci is the author of *Wish You Well*, the Book Buddies selection for the March 13th meeting.

We read of the charms of rural Virginia, about family and adversity.

Come to Ellie Fuller's home, 25035 Greenmill, Newhall at 4:00 PM for discussion and salad supper.

RSVP to Ellie 661-259-4983.



### SENIOR LUNCHEON

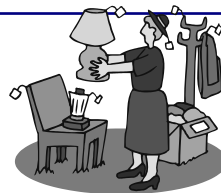
Please plan to attend the first Senior Luncheon of 2014. **Spring** is our theme & we have a really delicious menu planned. Sign up on the patio on Sundays -or- email me at: [Barbara.travelagent@yahoo.com](mailto:Barbara.travelagent@yahoo.com).

The date is Wednesday March 19th...the time is 11:30am...the cost is \$7.00 per person. Please sign up so we will have enough food for all in attendance. If you need to cancel your reservation please call 661- 424- 9501.



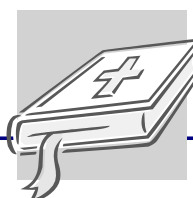
### SPRING YARD SALE

It's time to clean out your cupboards, closets and cubby-holes for your un-wanted treasures. Church Life wants them for the Spring Yard Sale. It will be on Friday April 4th from 3pm to 7pm and on Sat. April 5th from 7am to noon. Questions call Rod or Candy Belcher at 661-297-2445 or 661-645-2449.



### FRIDAY MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY

During Lent our group will coordinate with the other Lenten Study Groups with exploration of the Sermon on the Mount. See Page 10 for complete information. Group meets every Friday at 11:00 AM in the Evan's Room. Everyone is welcome!



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Mar. 2	Children's Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 11 & 25	Hand Crafters
Mar. 8	Reagan Library Trip
Mar. 9	Youth Dinner & Auction
Mar. 13	Book Buddies
Mar. 15	Men at Work
Mar. 19	Senior Luncheon
Mar. 25	Ladies Night Out
Mar. 29	Spring Cleaning

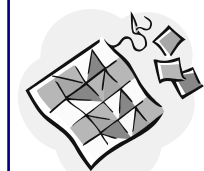
### MARCH BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Mar. 2	Erma Favalessa
Mar. 9	Walter Miles
<i>Special Congratulations to Walter for 100 years!</i>	
Mar. 15	Doris Hill

### CALLING ALL HAND CRAFTERS

Our meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10 am to noon - please feel free to drop in, visit, work on your craft, or learn a new one.

If you have any questions, please call Anne Watts at 252-6420.



### REAGAN LIBRARY TRIP

Sat. March 8th - 10am-3pm. Carpool from church to library for 11:30 am tour. Lunch on your own. Tour Spy Exhibit. Cost \$15/adult... Children \$10. Sign-up on patio.



## Bean Counter's Corner



by Dorothy Ng

D. James Kennedy was the senior pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from 1960 until his death in 2007; a church he founded. He also founded Knox Theological Seminary in 1989. He wrote almost 70 books. Every Fall he would have a "Stewardship Sunday" where he would preach about giving. Eight of those sermons comprise the book, Freedom From Financial Fear.

Three lessons can be taken away from these sermons:

- 1) You can't out give God;
- 2) Many people in our nation are fearful of the future but no matter how great that fear may be, hope should be greater;
- 3) God's promises never fail although some have conditions attached to them which we must fulfill in order to receive the benefits.

The first chapter in this book is called "On Giving and Receiving." Unfortunately, most people see giving as throwing money away but it is actually sowing. My husband, Jerry, came home a few years ago and told me he was getting a raise. His exact words to me were "Don't spend it all." What he actually meant was don't give it all away. I don't spend money, at least not all of it. I give money away. Because I give money away, we have been reaping the rewards. I don't worry about money and the future like he does. I know and trust God to take care of all of our needs.

The Scriptures tell us we should learn to develop a sense of altruism (a devotion to the welfare of others), give for the needs of others, and give out of love to God. God doesn't need our money. Money is nothing to God except an "index to our souls." How is your index? When making a decision about giving, one of the most important decisions of all, do you come in faith?

Many people may not realize it but they covet money. In our society it's all about "keeping up with the Joneses." Dr, Kennedy writes, "Covetousness is so insidious, so subtle, and so stealthy in the way it wraps itself around our hearts and souls and squeezes the love of God out of us that many people do not realize that it is there." The only antidote for covetousness is giving.

Many people in many churches have good intentions. They want the mission enterprise of the church to be extended, and want to reach out for Jesus. But when it comes to the hard decisions - making a pledge, making a commitment, and giving a gift, they fail. This may come, Dr. Kennedy states, from a combination of a failure in faith and love. Faith believes the promises of God and that God is concerned for us, and that we cannot out give God. A love for God is what motivates and drives us. We love because He loves us!





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.

## Join One of the Lenten Study Groups for 2014

By Barbara Irwin, Adult Education Committee Member

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and ends on Maundy Thursday, April 17. Lent is immediately followed by Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. During Lent, traditionally, Christians around the world use these weeks to prepare themselves for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

In our congregation we have come to appreciate the weeks of Lent through the study groups set up by Adult Ed. which meet at different times and in different locations. Please join one of them this year. The benefit for me has been to get to know other people in this church family, to consider what Pastor Bill will be preaching on the following Sundays, and to come to Sunday Worship to hear what his thoughts are, after we've wrangled with the passage. This year Pastor Bill will be preaching through The Sermon on the Mount.

If you missed the sign ups don't hesitate to just come to whichever study group fits your schedule best! You will get more out of the study if you come to the same group each week! Thank you to the Irwin's and the Knox's who are opening their homes.

The groups this year will meet:

Tuesday Evenings: Jack and Barbara Irwin, at 23135 Frisca Drive, Valencia (north)  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15.

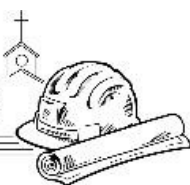
Wednesday Mornings: Pastor Bill Barnes, in the Sanctuary, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Newhall  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16.

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Thursday Evenings: Tim & Colleen Knox, at 15345 Michael Crest Dr., Canyon Country  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10.

Friday Mornings: Sonja Tweedie & Carol Cogley, the Evans Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Newhall 11:00 - 12:30 a.m.  
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11.

**Buildings & Grounds Committee**

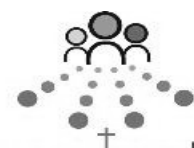


The Buildings and Grounds Committee is responsible for diligently maintaining and thoughtfully developing the buildings and grounds of the Church facility that the Lord has provided, so that we may carry out His Ministry.

## Spring Cleaning—March 29th 9:00am—noon

Join us for a great morning of Spring cleaning the church and the grounds.

All equipment & supplies are provided. No skills necessary.



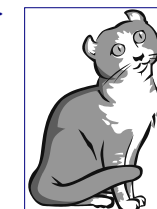
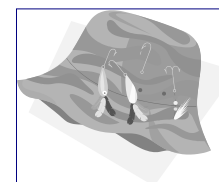
## Outreach

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.

## New Church Photo Directory—Sign Up Now

**HELP US MAKE THIS DIRECTORY COMPLETE!** We want this to be a through representation of our Church family. We'd love to have you included. The Outreach Committee has contracted service with LifeTouch. They promise a great experience for all:

- Free 8x10 for all individuals or families and free photo directories for all in the church.
- Far less pressure to buy a photo package. No more back room with sales folks.
- Up front pricing details.
- Easier web based appointment signup and reminders.
- Many different photo styles - vertical and military,
- Secure on-line church directory.
- Informational flyers are available on the Narthex table.
- Phone reminders will be coming
- Use your imagination! Bring something that enhances your individual or family image such as your pet, a sports item, a musical instrument.



**Signup for an appointment in 2 ways:**

1.) Online at our website [www.presby-newhall.org](http://www.presby-newhall.org) then click on this picture.

2.) Sign ups Sunday mornings in the patio. You must make an appointment!



**Appointment Dates:**

Thursday March 20th 1:00 to 8:30pm

Friday March 21st 1:00 to 8:30pm

Saturday March 22nd 10:00am to 5:00pm

Wednesday March 26th 1:00 to 8:30pm

Thursday March 27th 1:00 to 8:30pm

Friday March 28th 1:00 to 8:30pm

**YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PERSONALLY...**Be a part of our church family album! Contact the Outreach Committee, John Favalessa, for more information or to volunteer to help.

## Newhall Pres' Website!

Laura Neven, Outreach Committee

Have you been to our church's website? If not, you have no idea what you are missing! It's all there! I know you may be thinking, "Why? I'm at church on Sunday, so what is the website going to tell me that I don't already know?" Or maybe you don't spend much time on your computer and aren't sure you'd even know how to find the website.

Let me say that even though I sit in front of my laptop for work all day long, I too am not necessarily very savvy at looking around online. Yet all I did was type in "churches in Newhall" and that is how Terry and I found First Pres— [www.presby-newhall.org](http://www.presby-newhall.org)! The first thing that captured my attention and heart were the two mission statements on the home page:

"A welcoming loving family of faith,"

"Come as you are, journey and grow together in a relaxed environment."

And then I saw the pictures of the faces of the congregation!

I encourage you to visit our church's website where you will find a monthly calendar of events, as well as a list of all the ways that you can find a place in the life of our church family! There are blogs you are invited to join and participate in great discussions about a relationship with God and His Word, while enjoying insights about how others are experiencing God in their lives.

If you miss church, Bill's sermons are easily accessible to listen to through the website! There you will also find the church directory, as well as a photo gallery with pictures of events that have taken place throughout the year. It's a great way to share with others about what is happening at Newhall First Presbyterian Church!



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.

## Annual Presbyterian Women's Tea

Ladies! Save Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a "New to You" Fashion Show and Sale presented by Santa Clarita Assistance League.

Tickets are \$20.00 and will be on Sale April 13 and 27 between services on the patio.



### PW CIRCLES—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

**Elizabeth:** Stephanie Linn (259-3915) - 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) & Wanda Lewis (296-2354) - Meets first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

**Mary Martha:** Karen Sandoval (298-7977) - 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.

*But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." John 5: 17*

The Mission Committee has had a wonderful and busy beginning of the year. Recently our very own Art Moore attended a Missions Conference in Santa Barbara; Family Promise did an outstanding service by hosting families at the church; and we are continuing our preparations for the men's AMOR trip this upcoming April 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Art Moore shared his mission experiences and God's word with us. He reminded us that God is always with us, to encourage us, and to strengthen us. As we get closer to our men's Amor trip, if you are feeling a calling to join us, we would love to have you. God's work is never finished, and neither is ours.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who came out during our week of hosting for Family Promise. The support and love shown through our volunteers was tremendous. The families that you touched will never forget the kindness and sacrifice you gave to enrich their lives.

Not only are we busy with Family Promise and the Amor trip, but did you know that your Mission Committee donates to charities around the world? One of these charities comes from our very own partnership with the Amor organization. Amor is currently running programs entitled **Project Hope: Clean Water for Life** and **Casa de Amor**. Our giving provides resources to help keep the ministry moving forward. Amor has built 415 homes for families who otherwise may never have owned a home, provided \$31,200 worth of food distributed through 26 Mexican churches, gave-out 1,847 Bibles to churches and families within the communities, provided 2,560 backpacks to school children, 1,500 blankets for winter relief, and 12 water filters for families to provide clean, safe, and less expensive drinking water. Keep up the good work everyone and gentlemen, if you want to see these results first hand, come join us on our Men's Amor trip April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.



The Deacons of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, following the example of Jesus Christ, are committed to provide supportive services and care to the community of faith.



At the luau themed Deacon's meeting on February 3rd, Pastor Phil Aijian thanked outgoing Deacon Moderator Juli Beiter.

With 2014 well under way and the "Changing of the Guard" completed at Your Deacon Board, I must say, I am honored and excited to be leading this year's Board of Deacons. The church and I are truly blessed to have such a fine ensemble of Deacons to lead us thru God's work this year.

I need to start by thanking Juli Beiter for doing such a fantastic job for the past two years as Deacon Moderator. Her guidance and leadership was immeasurable and she certainly has left some big shoes to fill.

I must also thank three other Deacons whose terms have ended. Marilyn Tanner did such a great job as our Treasurer. Nancy Spiegelman did a spectacular job taking care of our Member Assistance in coordinating all our memorial services, and Lisa Burgard excelled as our hard working Secretary.

We were also blessed to enjoy our annual Christmas Meeting & Party in

Lisa's home. We also rejoice in having Carol Hauenstein remain on the board for a 4th year. We are truly grateful for all of their faithful service to the Board and to our church. Blessings to all of them as their journeys continue outside of the Board of Deacon.

The first thing on our agenda was to get letters mailed out to all our parish members. The letters are used to introduce our new Deacons to their parishes, and for the established Deacons, to touch base with their Parishioners. That was scheduled for the end of February. If you didn't receive a letter from your Deacon, track him or her down or let me know and we will get that corrected.

We will be publishing our Annual Lenten Devotional soon. Carol Hauenstein is hard at work putting that together. So look for it on the Narthex table on Sunday, March 2nd. Take one and be blessed!



Then, Easter will be here, and we will be making Easter Lilies available for parishioners to purchase. We use these to decorate our Sanctuary for the Easter Service. Then they will be available to take home after the Easter Services. The Deacons will deliver any donated Easter Lilies to local church members who could not make it to church for our Easter Services to bring some Easter Joy into their homes.

It is certainly a busy time for your Deacon Board. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. We are here to serve.

With Him behind me,

Patrick Stokes,

Deacon Moderator



Juli Beiter "passed the gavel" to new Deacon Moderator, Patrick Stokes.





The Youth Committee nurtures the Junior High, 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.

Every year our High school youth participate in a Spring Break Mission Trip. Most of them will tell you it was the highlight of their year, expanding their understanding of other cultures and growing in their spiritual understanding and sense of mission. This year's trip will be to the Tohono O'odgan Indian reservation near Tucson, Arizona from April 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Ten students and two chaperones will be going. So how do we pay for these trips? We do ask each youth's family to cover approximately 1/3 to 1/2 the cost if they are able, but the rest comes from three fundraising efforts.

**WASH & WORSHIP** – This successful activity took place last fall. An enthusiastic crew of kids and adults washed cars while the cars' owners attended Sunday worship service.

**FLAMINGO FLOCKING** – Flocks of lovely Pink Flamingoes have been descending upon the lawns of Newhall Pres members who neglected to purchase Flamingo Insurance. If you find yourself waking up to the colorful display, you can call the removal team (phone number is provided) who will arrange to send the flock to another family of your choice. A donation for this service is appreciated.

**YOUTH AUCTION DINNER** – March 9<sup>th</sup> is the date to save for this always-joyful activity. An amazing staff of chefs will create a destination-themed meal that sets the tone for the evening and transforms Fellowship Hall. Live and Silent Auction items go to the highest bidders in this highly anticipated event. Auction items are donated by local businesses and members of our church. Tickets are now on sale, \$12 per person or \$25 per family. Space is limited so don't delay! Help send our kids to Tucson, AZ, this year and see what God has in store for us all! If you wish to donate auction items or help with the dinner, call Susan Fletcher at 661-904-3541.



The Youth Group and Youth Committee are deeply appreciative of all our congregation does to partner with us on these trips. Your donations make it possible for us to never turn someone away who wants to be a Missionary, but can't quite afford it. Your prayers make it possible for God to work his miracles through each student who participates. Thank you all and God Bless.



# PILLARS

By Kathy Bressler



"We called ourselves the 'Pioneers'" said Marilyn Chase as she showed off a cherished old photo of church friends. There stand 16 people in two stiff rows, men and women in "church clothes," all looking vigorous - in their prime of life. "That's my husband Bob next to me there.... Oh, I don't know about that mustache!" She pointed to each person and remembered his or her name, memories sweeping her expressive face. "These people are all gone now, except for me." Marilyn has a treasure trove of memories of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall and she comes by it honestly. Though not nearly the oldest member of the church, she wins the trophy for longevity. She has been a faithful member for 57 years, longer than any other person. Though it's hard every Sunday Morning getting her disabled daughter Wendy Lee ready, she is determined to never miss church and you will see her and Lee there in the second service every week. Faith and church attendance have been her life and spiritual anchor since childhood.

Marilyn's early years were spent in Massachusetts. She had four siblings, one of whom was her identical twin sister Mary. Her mother insisted that the two of them dress identically at all times and they follow that tradition to this day. Mary lives in Missouri, but when they get together they dress alike from hat to shoes! ("That's Mary's idea," says Marilyn laughing.) You may have experienced a double-take when you saw them together on the church patio during one of Mary's visits here!



Marilyn's parents were adventurous and struck out for California in 1952. "I was a New Englander through and through, but I had no choice," she says. They made several moves around the San Fernando Valley, her parents both eventually finding good jobs at Lockheed. They moved to Newhall in 1955 on a Saturday. The next day they visited Newhall Presbyterian. (There were only two other churches back then, the Baptist and the Catholic.) They formally joined the church shortly thereafter. This photo was taken of Marilyn in 1956 at a Sunday School picnic. Bob was a young sailor returning from the Navy. Though he was raised in Newhall, he was out of the loop and asked a friend if there were any girls he could meet. His friend told him about a set of twins, but one was already engaged. "Well, how about the other one?" Bob asked. And the rest is history!

Bob's family owned acreage in lower Placerita Canyon, and the young couple built their home there, eventually accumulating a museum of antiques, old cars, mementos and memories. Marilyn, and her daughters Julie and Lee live there to this day.

From the time she married, Marilyn wanted to be a mother - that was her strongest calling in life, but she had to wait five years. Thinking they might be denied biological children, they adopted Julie - then as it often happens after adoption, she became pregnant and in quick succession along came Noel, Amy, and lastly her own set of twins, Wendy Lynn and Wendy Lee (Lynn and Lee). When her own children were still young, she and Bob began taking foster children. "I specialized in the 'D-Rate' children, the most troubled and difficult to place. I treated them just like my own, and except for one who was of a different religion, they all came to church. There were so many of them, usually girls, over a period of 30 years that I lost track of the numbers." Along with her large family, she relished all of the domestic skills, cooking, baking, gardening and sewing. She laughs about their Easter tradition. They all (including the foster kids and herself) would wear identical hand-made dresses, and often Bob had a tie to match. "Glenda Johnson used to stand out by the parking lot on Easter Morning to be the first to see our outfits!"

As for church activities, both Marilyn and Bob were Deacons, they both served as Church Treasurer for three years and they were Mariners. Marilyn and her three sisters sang in the choir. "Sometimes we *were* the choir." They were also members of the Centennial Committee in 1991. Bob's calling was to be an usher and he served faithfully in that capacity up until two weeks before he died in 2012.

As for the future, Marilyn prays for her good health to continue so that she can care for her dear Lee ("I promised Bob I would.") and attend church every Sunday. She is blessed that her daughters live in the area and she hopes to see her eight grandchildren grow up. "Oh, and wouldn't it be nice if we could honor the 'pioneers' still among us. There are quite a few of us who have been members of the church for 50 years or longer."

## 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.

### CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE



Calling all volunteers! We dedicate this month to you! For all the things that you do to make our ministry amazing - we thank you! Our annual volunteer appreciation lunch on March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a big hit, but we need you there! If you helped in the children's ministry this year we want to say thank you. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 for appetizers and lunch. We want you to be recognized for all the awesome things you have done for our ministry. RSVP to Sarah Bolin at [sarahbolin84@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbolin84@gmail.com) if you have not sent in a RSVP yet. Hope to see you there, and THANK YOU!



## SPOTLIGHT ON CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

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

**Meeting:** We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Evans Room. Meetings typically last about an hour.

**Committee Members:** Candy Belcher (Elder), Sharie Telles (Elder), Rod Belcher, Sandy Gravitt, and Patrick Stokes

**History:** In the fall of 2001 with encouragement from Sally Ledbetter, Paul Rock and Randy Wallingford started the *Church Life Committee*. It was under Adult Education and Tom Bailey's leadership to start with. It became it's own committee in 2002, with Sally as its elder until 2006. Church Life also organized Family Weekend camps at Lake Hughes in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

**Want Fun? Got Ideas? Sign up for Church Life Committee or a specific activity that interests you. We are always looking for new, different, and fun activities to bring to the church. Join Us!**



Church Anniversary Picnic

**Sports:** SCV Dodger Night, Jet Hawks Game

**Christmas:** Annual Advent Dinner, Tamale Making Party

**Spirituality:** Couples Garden

**The Arts:** Hollywood Bowl, Repertory Theater, Canyon Theater Guild, Museum Trips, Metropolitan Opera (Live in HD)

**Fellowship and Food:** Annual Varsity Show, Game Night, Chili Cook-off, Ladies Night Out, Summer Magic, Nights of Nine, Bi-Annual Garage Sales



Enjoy Page 2 of every issue of the *Newhall Press* for current Church Life Activities.

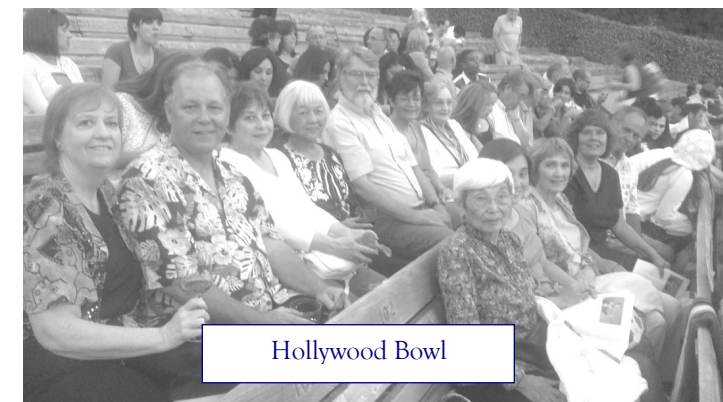
## SPOTLIGHT ON CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

### Church Life Sponsored Activities:

We fund these activities through two yard sales every year. One in the spring and one in the fall. That money will also be used for Family Camp or a three-day Family Cruise in the future.



Chili Cook-Off



Hollywood Bowl



Museum Trip

### Shuttle Endeavour Outing

On Jan. 25th, fifty-two people headed out to the Science Center in Los Angeles. We saw exhibits about the *Space Shuttle Endeavour*, a video about how it was transported from LAX on the streets of LA and then saw the massive shuttle up close. After lunch we saw the 3-D movie *International Space Station* in the IMAX theater. Everyone had a blast on this space trip. Thanks to the Church Life Committee for making the arrangements.

