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# THE NEWHALL PRESS



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

## PASTOR'S COLUMN MARCH 2017

### March Events:

- ASH WEDNESDAY  
Mar. 1
- DR. SEUSS DAY (LITTLE SHEPHERD'S)  
Mar. 2
- OFFICERS' RETREAT  
Mar. 11                      9:00 A.M.
- YOUTH MISSION
- FUNDRAISER/AUCTION  
Mar. 5                        6:00 P.M.
- FOREST LAWN MUSEUM TRIP  
Mar. 25

### Recurring Church Events:

- BOOK BUDDIES  
2nd Thursdays        4:00 P.M.
  - CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
Thursdays                7:30 P.M.
  - COMMUNION  
1st Sundays                9:30/11:15 A.M.
  - EVERTHIRST (Band) REHEARSAL  
Thursdays                6:30 P.M.
  - HANDCRAFTERS  
2nd & 4th Tues.        10:00 A.M.
  - LADIES' NIGHT OUT  
Last Tuesdays        6:30 P.M.
  - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY  
Thursdays                7:30 A.M.
  - MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY  
Mondays                    5:30 P.M.
  - MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY  
Fridays                      11:00 A.M.
  - MINUTE FOR MISSIONS  
4th Sundays                In Services
  - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES  
See Schedule Page 10
  - RECYCLING  
1st Sundays of Calendar Quarter
  - RING TONES REHEARSAL  
Sundays                    2:00 P.M.
  - STANDING TOGETHER  
2nd Wednesdays        7:00 P.M.
  - TGIF (Children's Program)  
Fridays                      6:00 P.M.
  - YOUTH GROUP  
Sundays                    6:00 P.M.
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On January 4<sup>th</sup>, in Christian Century Magazine, Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes (no relation to me, but I knew him as a young associate who labored in San Diego Presbytery), the president of Princeton Theological Seminary, wrote an op-ed piece regarding the difficulty of the tremendous divide of political views that can be found in church congregations following the results of a Presidential election. Barnes noted that he frets the most for Pastors whose congregants are divided in their political allegiances. Then he adds, *"These churches pride themselves on being a place where all types of diversity are held together by a common center in Christ."*

It can be difficult, as your pastor, to know what to say as a spiritual leader that can help the differing political thoughts and ideas of individuals; consequently the article caught my attention. I am committed to the freedom of differing perspectives on many items which can and do divide people. As I read scripture, the early followers of Jesus had some radical notions of love and what it meant to be community, and how to live that lifestyle out in the political world of their day.

Craig Barnes, who spent 10 years as the senior pastor of National Presbyterian Church said he *"learned how to speak on issues that divide the nation. The goal," he tells his students at Princeton Seminary, "is to preach into the cultural divisions in a way that transcends the competing political platforms."*

A week or so after reading the Barnes article, Roland handed me a page from the next issue of Christian Century from the "letters to the editor" section. A younger senior Pastor from Maryland named Jason A. Poling made an interesting critique of Craig Barnes' piece: He suggested that *"the writer of 1 Timothy admonished his recipient to pray for kings and all those in authority at a time not far distant from one in which the young church faced brutal persecution from Roman authorities. If the church can pray for Nero (or Vespasian, or Domitian, or that other wall-builder, Hadrian), surely it can pray—even aloud—for Trump."* I thought this was good advice in these divided times.

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

**Romans 13:1** *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God."*

Our recent marquee sign (provided by our Outreach Committee) said as much when it read: **"No matter who is President, Jesus is King."**



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### Leadership Meetings:

#### ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 P.M.

#### CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 P.M.

#### CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

#### DEACONS

1st Mondays 7:00 P.M.

#### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.

#### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2nd Thursdays 7:00 P.M.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1st Fridays 8:00 A.M.

#### SESSION

3rd Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.

#### STEPHEN MINIISTRY

4th Wednesdays 6:30 P.M.

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesdays 10:00 A.M.

#### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.

#### YOUTH COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.

### Future Events:

#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MIAMI

Apr. 1 to Apr. 7

#### FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Apr. 2 to Apr. 9

#### SPRING YARD SALE

Apr. 7 to Apr. 8

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Apr. 13 7:00 P.M.

#### EASTER

Apr. 16 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

#### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

Apr. 23

#### AMOR MISSION TRIP

Apr. 28 to May 1

#### PETERSON MUSEUM

May 6

#### MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY (One Serv.)

Jun. 11 10:00 A.M.

#### CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Jun. 11 11:30 A.M.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jun. 20 to Jun. 24



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.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Erma Favalessa

March 5th

Betty Whitehead

March 8th

Doris Hill

March 15th



## HANDCRAFTERS



Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (March 14th & 28th), at 10 a.m., people gather in the Evans Room to share their crafting skills, their interests, and their accomplishments. We are the *Handcrafters*, and everyone is welcome!

## BOOK BUDDIES

March is the month for "One Story One City" for Book Buddies.

"Rise of the Rocket Girls" by Nathalia Holt is the 1940's story of the women who worked for Jet Propulsion Laboratory as human computers.

We will gather March 9th at 4:00 p.m. at Pam Trammell's home, 22254 Oxford Lane, Santa Clarita, where we will enjoy discussion and salad supper.

RSVP Pam 661-607-4632.



# SPRING YARD SALE



It's time to clean out your cupboards, closets and cubbyholes to find your un-wanted treasures. Church Life wants them for the Spring Yard Sale. It will be on Friday April 7th from Noon to 7 pm and on Saturday April 8th from 7 am to noon. Large items can be picked up the week of April 3rd. If you have questions or requests for pick-up, please call Rod or Candy Belcher at 661-297-2445 or 661-645-2449. Thank you very much for your support!

## JOIN US FOR AN OUTING TO THE FOREST LAWN MUSEUM

March 25, 2017

Information and signups on patio.



## LADIES' NIGHT OUT – 2017

Ladies Night Out came together in January at one of our favorite restaurants, Rattlers BBQ. Eleven of us filled up on ribs, tri tip, chicken and of course the yummy salad bar. We had a great time sharing stories, laughing, getting to know new friends and catching up with longtime buddies.

We sat on the heated patio thinking that would be a quieter place for us to spread out. However a group of 17 men were seated across from us soon after we arrived. One of our ladies jokingly observed that they were probably not a men's Bible study group just before one of the men loudly called them all to bow their heads for Grace! At the end of dinner, they introduced themselves to us as a men's group from Newhall Church of the Nazarene. They joked that they get together to laughingly talk about how their wives abuse them. We told them we were a ladies group from Newhall Pres who get together to talk about how we can abuse our husbands! It was great to have a good laugh with another group who enjoys fellowship through Christ!



Whether you have a husband or not, are in your 20's, your 80's or somewhere in between, you are welcome to join us the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. as we enjoy the various restaurants in SCV. Certainly mark your calendars for March 28<sup>th</sup> as we visit our new Cheesecake Factory. It's located in the Westfield Valencia Town Center, 24250 Town Center Drive #110. Sign up at the Church Life table on Sundays.

## CHILI COOK-OFF and DESSERT CHALLENGE



The Winners: Linda Cummings for non-traditional chili, Roland Wrinkle for hottest chili, Debbie Dalton for traditional dessert, and John Favalessa for traditional chili.





I received an e-book called Teaching Your Church to Give: The Guide for Cultivating a Generous Culture by Jayson D. Bradley. He is a writer and pastor in Bellingham, Washington. This book was meant to be read by pastors but came to me because I'm on someone's email list. The book states that it is for anyone who wants to understand the advantages of tithing, needs help overcoming discomfort in addressing financial issues, is looking for responses to common tithing objections, and aspires toward a culture excited about giving. And don't we all aspire to be excited about giving and to be a generous giver as prescribed in the Bible?

One of the first sentences in the book states that it is important for mature Christians to model the charitable, loving nature of God. The Kingdom of God is built upon the voluntary giving of Christians; and a generous community is a community that is comfortable working through financial issues together.

Here are some facts about tithers according to a 2012 State of the Plate survey: 96% of tithers regularly attend church services; 54% serve on a church committee; 53% attend a Sunday school class or small group and 43% read their Bible 4-6 times a week. Okay I have to work on the last one but the other three describe me. I guess I am a good tither. What these results tell me is that tithers – people who give regularly – are very involved in their Christian life. They are growing into mature Christians. They are living a life modeling Jesus.

When Christ followers are convinced to make tangible, measured investments into the Kingdom, they will find themselves compelled toward growth in other areas. Tithing is about more than just meeting a church budget; it is about encouraging believers to discover the joy of Kingdom living that is available to those who learn to give faithfully and sacrificially. Very few things are more indicative of our true spiritual state than how we handle our finances. Giving is part of the disciple-making culture of a church. People need to understand that the gospel is always pushing people outside their comfort zones. When the gospel is preached, people are going to feel that their way of life is being threatened – and it is.

Just like the young ruler in Matthew 19:16-22, people are going to be upset by the conviction of Christ's message. Making a sacrificial offering is not a joy that is only to be known by the wealthy. Usually those with the least are the most faithful givers. A 2013 State of the Plate finding showed that the largest percentage of disciplined tithers have household incomes below \$50,000.

It is scary to commit to tithing when you are struggling just to make ends meet, but remember the words God gives in Malachi 3:10. The Lord woos us with an encouragement to trust that He will always respond to our sacrifice with His overabundant generosity. This shows God's character of benevolence to those who trust Him and live with open hands.

In Money, Possessions, and Eternity, Randy Alcorn writes that giving out of gratitude for the cross should exceed what Israel gave out of necessity. He states the following:

*The Israelites' triple tithes amounted to 23% of their income – in contrast to the average 2.5% of American Christians. This statistic suggests that the law was about ten times more effective than grace! Even using 10% as a measure, the Israelites were four times more responsive to the Law of Moses than American Christians are to the grace of Christ.*

Tithing is a very helpful tool in learning the discipline of giving. Tithing is the beginning of the journey into discovering what it is like to be benevolent. Giving is an investment in the Kingdom of God and not just a tool to increase a standard of living.

The ultimate goal of tithing is to create people who view their possessions and resources as tools for serving Christ and growing His Kingdom.

*"I have held many things in my hand, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." – Martin Luther*



## The Futures Sub-Committee of Session

### *OUR FUTURE*

Our church has been in this physical location for how long? 125 or 126 years??? That's quite a legacy. All around the world the Presbyterian Church has been known as a **church of the people**. Elders and Deacons are elected not only to SERVE but also to LEAD our congregations in places all across the globe! The compassion of Presbyterians for education, hospitals, care for the poor, and fair-mindedness, have also been hallmarks of our denomination. We are generally not "Bible-Thumpers", but we sure believe and study the Bible, trust in our Gracious Lord, and expect the Holy Spirit to guide us in our Study of the Word, in our Gatherings of fellowship, and in our Prayers.

THIS MONTH begins LENT, a time of taking a look at ourselves, at our priorities, and re-balancing them, if necessary. *The Futures Committee* encourages all members and friends in this congregation to become involved in one of the *Lenten Study Groups* provided by Adult Education Committee, to help us learn together, study together, chuckle together, pray together, and just COME, together. You will be blessed. That is a promise.

If you have wisdom to impart to our committee, you may do it at [futures@presby-newhall.org](mailto:futures@presby-newhall.org) We would love to hear from you!

Barbara Irwin, Carol Ramnarine, Tim Pulliam, Bryce Morrow, Dorothy Ng

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### LENTEN STUDY GROUPS START MARCH 2nd:

Pastor Bill is writing study guides for the Lenten season based on the Book of John, and coordinated with his Sunday sermons. Everyone is encouraged to participate in a LENTEN STUDY GROUP. Acknowledging and observing Lent is beneficial for individual Christians and for the Community, as you will be aware as you go through these weeks leading up to Easter sharing ideas with your old and new friends. Sign up on the patio between services on Sundays, call the leaders listed below with your questions, or just show up.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (Starting on March 8th) in the Sanctuary with Pastor Bill Barnes. (Contact Church Office)

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Starting on March 8th) at John and Jung Favalessa's home, 25811 Webster Place, Stevenson Ranch.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Starting on March 8th) at Tim and Coleen Knox's home, 15345 Michael Crest Drive, Canyon Country.

Thursday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. (Starting March 2nd) Men's Breakfast Group at IHOP on Bouquet Canyon. (Contact Jim Combs at 661-406-7600.)

Friday Midday Group at 11 a.m. (Starting March 3rd) in the Evans Room at the church. (Contact Sonja Tweedie.)

Fridays at 7 p.m. (Starting on March 3rd) at Jack and Barbara Irwin's home, 23135 Frisca Dr. Valencia.



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

## THE GENERAL RESURRECTION OF THOSE IN CHRIST: DO WE REALLY BELIEVE OUR OWN SCRIPTURES? (PART I)

-by Roland Wrinkle

A FOREWORD. This is the first part of a multi-part series, authored by Jack Irwin and me (and possibly others) dedicated to exploring the issue of the “General Resurrection of Believers” and whether we have faith in it. Ask yourself this question: When was the last time you participated in a discussion, listened to a talk, read about or thought about the “General Resurrection?” We will cover such matters as: What is the general resurrection? Was Jesus really bodily resurrected? Will *we* be bodily resurrected? Into what world will we be bodily resurrected? What happens to us when we suffer bodily death? What did the general resurrection mean to the early church? What does the general resurrection have to do with “eternal life” and the Kingdom of God preached by Jesus? Why is the general resurrection important to our Christian faith and ethics?

John will post this dialogue on the church website, along with your responses and comments. None of this does any good unless you participate in some way, i.e. reading, talking, writing, and thinking about the subject. We pray that you all will.

A DEFINITION OF THE “GENERAL RESURRECTION:” The bodily resurrection of believers to the fully consummated Kingdom of God here on earth at the second coming of Jesus.

So, here we go:

“What is more scandalous than basing one’s entire faith superstructure on a man who died with seditious criminals on a Roman cross? How about basing one’s entire faith superstructure on the belief that this man literally got up from the dead...and is planning to return, **to raise everybody else from the dead!**”—Brian Blount

Jesus, having been bodily resurrected as “the first fruits...of [the bodily resurrection of] those who belong to him” (1 Cor. 15:23) “is planning to return, to raise everybody else from the dead”? Is that really true? Is that what the Bible actually says? If so, do we truly believe it? I fear that we don’t—and that is why we write. Only two-thirds of Christians believe that Jesus was bodily resurrected from the dead and less than half believe that we will be bodily resurrected to the Kingdom of God at the Second Coming. What are so many of us missing?

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE GENERAL RESURRECTION OF US?

*Plenty:*

Isa. 26:19: **Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a radiant dew, and the earth will give birth to those long dead.**

Dan. 12:2: **Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.**

Dan. 12:13: **But you, go your way and rest; you shall rise for your reward at the end of the days.**

Mark 12:24 & 26: ...you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they **rise from the dead...** and As for **the dead being raised**, have you not read in the book of Moses...

John 5:25-29: Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.... **for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.**

John 6:39, 40, 44: No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; **and I will raise that person up on the last day.**

John 11:24, 25: Martha said to him, **‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’** Jesus said to her, **‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.’**

1 Thess. 4:13-1: **The Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from**

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heaven, and *the dead in Christ will rise first.*

Rev. 20:13: *And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death ... gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done.*

Rom. 8:23: . . . and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, *the redemption of our bodies.*

I Cor. 6:14: *And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.*

Rom. 8:11: *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.*

WHAT DID PAUL THINK ABOUT THE GENERAL RESURRECTION?

*Much:*

1 Cor. 15: "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can *some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead [the General Resurrection]?* But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, *the first fruits of those who have died.* For since death came through a human being, *the resurrection of the dead [the General Resurrection]* has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so *all will be made alive in Christ [the General Resurrection].* But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, *then at his coming those who belong to Christ [the General Resurrection].* Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father..."

I ask again: HOW IMPORTANT DID PAUL THINK THE GENERAL RESURRECTION WAS TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

*It Was Everything:*

1 Cor. 15: "If there is no resurrection of the dead [the General Resurrection], then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and *your faith has been in vain.* We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised [the General Resurrection]. For if the dead are not raised [the General Resurrection], then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, *your faith is futile* and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

WHAT DID OUR FATHER (OF PRESBYTERIANISM) JOHN CALVIN THINK ABOUT THE GENERAL BODILY RESURRECTION OF THOSE IN CHRIST?

*It Was Critical:*

Calvin's Commentaries: "For although the soles of the dead are now living, and enjoy quiet repose, yet the whole of their [hope] *depends exclusively on the resurrection;* ...they wait for that day, on which they shall be *called to the possession of the kingdom of God.* Hence as to the hope of the dead, all is over, unless that day shall sooner or later arrive...[T]he Corinthian's had been imposed upon by some mistaken fancy of a figurative resurrection.... For as *the resurrection is the completion of our salvation....*".

THE APOSTLE PAUL CLOSES PART I OF THIS NEWSLETTER SERIES:

1 Cor. 15: Now I should *remind* you, brothers and sisters, of *the good news* [The Gospel] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, *through which also you are being saved,* if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—*unless you have come to believe in vain.....*" He was talking all about the General Resurrection of believers to the New Creation of God's Kingdom here on earth at the second coming of His Son. Do we believe this fantastical stuff?—or are we content to just leave it at, "I believe our disembodied souls go to heaven when we die and we live in celestial bliss with the angels"? Paul's answer is that it is too much for us to swallow.

1 Cor. 1:14-15: *The Gospel is a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom....*"

Brain Blount (and Paul) ask whether we can base our "entire faith superstructure on the belief that this man literally got up from the dead...and is planning to return, to raise everybody else from the dead?"

Our answer: It ain't easy. Look for Jack's first offering next.



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

## The Lenten Season by Sonja Tweedie

Lent has been described as a season of the Christian year when Christians focus on simple living, prayer and fasting in order to grow closer to God. Lent is a season of the church traditionally observed by Catholics and some Protestant denominations. It begins with Ash Wednesday (March 1st, this year) and ends on Easter Sunday (April 16th). The length of Lent was established in the 4th century as 46 days (40 days - not counting Sundays.) For Catholics Lent was a reminder of the value of repentance. The austerity of the Lenten season was seen as similar to how people in the Old Testament fasted and repented in sackcloth and ashes. (Esther 4:1-3) Over the centuries Lenten observances have developed into a more "sacramental" value (giving up something of value to the person). While many believe that giving up something for Lent is a way to attain God's blessing, the Bible teaches that grace cannot be earned; grace is "God's gift of righteousness." (Romans 5:17)

Several years ago, my friend Lydia (Associate Pastor of the FPC Bay City) and I decided to fast during Holy Week. The first few days were difficult, but on the fourth day I felt euphoric, wonderful! It is amazing how the purified body feels without the bad things in the food we eat. By Saturday, however, we were excited to eat again. (Perhaps that is why *break fast* is my favorite meal.) Fasting is an experience I am glad to have had. It was a spirit-filled week as it not only made me thankful for the gift of Jesus Christ and the living water He provides, but it gave me a deep awareness and empathy for those in our world who are hungry on a daily basis for food as well as for God's love.



Fasting does not require that we give up food (or chocolate!!) We can cut out some of the things in our lives that distract us from God. For example, one day each week we could go without TV, Facebook, texting, and all thing electronic. Look at what clutters your calendar and life. Take time to pray, read scripture or spend time outside enjoying God's world. Cultivate a life of gratitude. Volunteer at a homeless shelter or nursing home or show an unexpected kindness to someone each day. Participate in a Bible study; attend church services. Lent is a great time to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more *in focus* with Jesus. Be aware of Christ's forty days in the wilderness and his temptations. Its a forty-day trial run in changing your lifestyle and allowing God to change your heart. Embrace this opportunity to take each day to strengthen your relationship with God.



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

Youth Mission Trip to Florida: April 1-7

Youth Mission Dinner: March 5, 6 pm

D'ya got donations for the Silent Auction?

(bring 'em March 3, 2 pm to 7 pm,

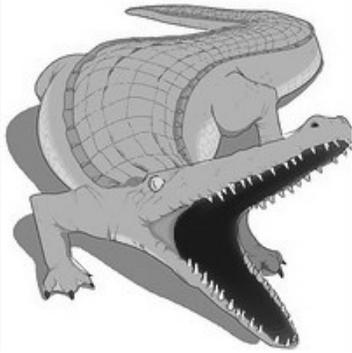
drop 'em in the Evans Room)

*THEME?????*

*We're sending our kids to GATOR Country!*

*What Else??*

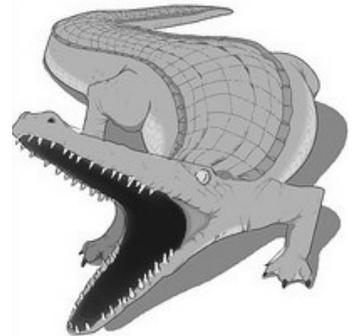
***CHOMPIN' to SERVE***



Buy a ticket at the door if ya hafta!

\$10 each. \$25 if'n yer a fambly.

***CHOMPIn' Good Times***



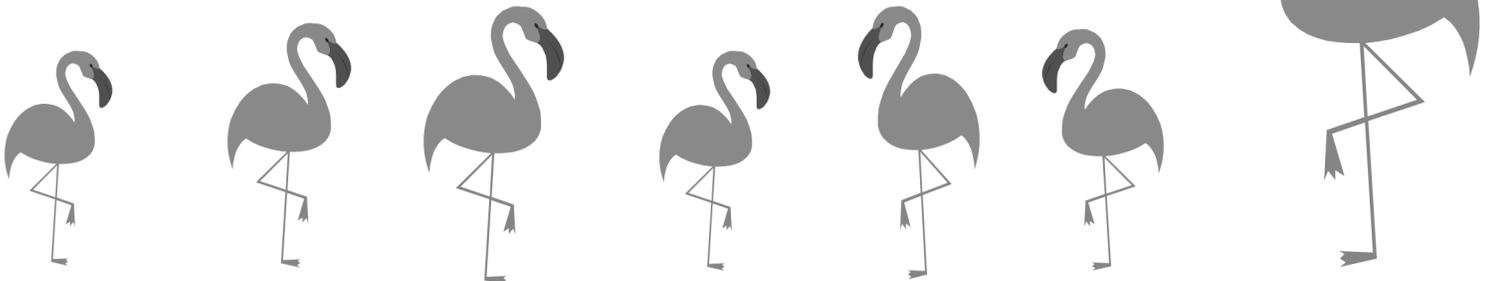
Youth Committee apologizes if any of your

Loved-ones have been attacked by a 'gator.

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**DID YOU GET YOUR FLAMINGO INSURANCE ON TIME?**

If not, get ready to be "FLOCKED." These beautiful birds are currently grazing on the lawn of the church, but they are getting ready to wing their way to lawns of church members with no flamingo insurance, as a gentle plea for financial support for our Youth Group. Heads up, everyone!



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



### PW MISSION PROJECT FOR MARCH 2017

“Help the Children” thanks you for your generous donations of soup and other goods. In March we will focus on canned fruit. Please put your donations on the shelves in the Evans Room. PW appreciates your support in our mission. Thank you!



### PW CIRCLES—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Elizabeth: Stephanie Linn (259-3914 - First & Third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Evans Room. Babysitting is available.

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

Lydia: Judy Reinsma (296-6869) - Meets first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

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

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

# PICTURE THIS!!!



Welcome! Welcome! To Luke Alexander, the long-awaited son of Eric and Marina Clardy and brother of Kristina. Luke was born on February 23rd, weighing in at 9 lbs. 15 oz. Congratulations!

On February 26th we celebrated with the extended Morrow family in the baptism of Seeley Knowles Morrow. Proud parents Bryce and Emily and big brother Reed treated us all to delicious cake between services on the patio.



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(which each child prepared for themselves) and also see the Hart Park animals!

We now look forward to our March activities which will include Dr. Seuss Day on March 2. This will include all things Dr. Seuss including making and tasting Green Eggs and Ham. On St Patrick's Day we might see a lot of green and perhaps we will try to catch that leprechaun this year! March is also the month we explore the colors of the rainbow with our Color Days which has been a tradition at Little Shepherd's. A good song for this theme is "The World Is A Rainbow" by children's song artists Greg and Steve.



Kimmy, Chance & Cora mix ingredients for Valentine Cookies.



Jack "mails" his Valentine to his mommy & daddy.

We began enrolling for the Fall school year 2017-2018 in mid February with priority offered to current families and church members. If you have a preschool age child we hope you were able to take advantage of this because by the time you read this, priority registration will have already passed. Fall enrollment was mentioned in last month's newsletter and was published in the bulletin for a few weeks in February. This opportunity ended February 28th. If you or someone you know still wishes to enroll please contact our office assistant Dawn or Sharie for prices and more information.



Stella displays cookies ready to bake.



Speaking of enrolling, our Parent-Tot Program will be offered for one more session during this school year. This is for toddlers from 18 to 24 months and an adult. The next session will run from April 12th to May 31st. at a cost of \$85.00 for 8 weeks (which is a great deal!)

Happy St Patrick's Day and may you find your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!!

Sharie

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