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October Events:

GLAD TIDINGS INDIA BOOK DRIVE

October--All Month

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

Sept. 27-Oct. 3

ArtSLAM

Oct. 1 6:00 PM

LIFE ACADEMY BEGINS

Oct. 3 9:00 AM

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN STARTS

Oct. 4 10:00 AM

AMOR TRIP

Oct. 9-11

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Oct. 18 & 25 11:30 AM

COMBINED WORSHIP

& PIE CELEBRATION

Oct. 25 10:00 AM

SPOOKTACULAR FALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 3 5:30 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct. 30 6:30 PM

PASSAGES MUSEUM

Oct. 31 9:00 AM

Recurring Church Events:

BAND REHEARSAL

Thursdays 6:00 PM

BOOK BUDDIES

2nd Thursdays 4:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays 7:30 PM

COMMUNION

1st Sundays 10 AM; 5 PM

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

Fridays 11:00 AM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Various Times & Places (See p. 9)

RECYCLING (For Camp Scholarships)

1st Sundays of each quarter

RING TONES REHEARSAL

Sundays 2:00 PM

STANDING TOGETHER

2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM

TGIF (Children's Program)

Fridays 6:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays 6:00 PM

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As many of you know, when I came to the church, I was reintroduced to a younger man who was working with our youth, who happened to have been in my dorm when I first went to Whitworth. Paul Rock had recruited Phil Aijian to work overseeing our youth program. It didn't take long to recognize Phil's great love for people and caregiving. As we found an Associate Pastor, Phil was ready to "hang up" his youth work. But God had other plans. I asked Phil to take our Deacons (and later create Stephen's Ministry with the help of Sandy McIntosh.) He has a great sense of humor and a tremendous love of people.

Having grown up as a "PK" (preacher's kid) he was no stranger to church ministry. And although many PK's don't have great memories of church, Phil and his siblings were aware of the pitfalls of working at a church, yet still found themselves involved in communities of faith. His sister Rachael Durley married a Presbyterian minister and as a member of our family of faith has served in many leadership and caring positions in our church.

This led to Phil's wife Patti and me pushing him to complete his studies to become an ordained Certified Lay Pastor in our San Fernando Presbytery and serving on our pastoral staff here at First Pres. Newhall. The one thing Phil has resisted was any desire to preach in the pulpit. However, God has been working on his heart, during this painful time of closing his family's Door and Sash store in San Fernando Valley.

I am delighted to tell you that at our last Session meeting, the Elders of our church created a new calling for Phil to preach once a month at our church. He will begin this new assignment in November. In addition he has made himself available to preach "pulpit supply" for other churches in our Presbytery, as long as it doesn't compromise his commitment to our family of faith.

A story, of which you may not be aware, happened to Phil as he made a call at the home of one of our parishioners. He rang the doorbell and was waiting to be received but no one came to the door. He sensed that someone was at home but repeated ringing of the bell brought no response. As a final departing act he wrote Revelation 3:20 on the back of one of his calling cards and stuck it under the door: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone will hear my voice and open the door I will come in." Two days later Phil received his calling card back in an envelope with a brief note attached which simply contained the text from Genesis 3:10: "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." (This story is apocryphal.)

After all, as the proverb goes, "When one door (shop) closes, the Lord "Phils" with another."

In His Grip,

Bill Barnes

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Leadership Meetings:

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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. 6:45 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:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

November 1

PW HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

November 7

CHILI/DESSERT COOK-OFF

November 8

VARIETY SHOW

November 22

PW CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

December 12

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

April 2-8



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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Millie Tanner	Oct. 5
Laralea McLaughlin	Oct. 8
Jim Combs	Oct. 10
May Valiton	Oct. 15
Becky Combs	Oct. 29

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

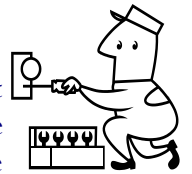
Oct 27th at 6:30pm

Olive Terrace (formerly George's Bistro) 28261 Newhall Ranch Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91355 (Gateway Village Shopping Center)

MEN AT WORK

Next meeting: October 17, 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' discussion on Thursday, October 8th at 4:00 pm will be about the classic "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. This story is about a young girl's coming of age at the turn of the century.



Discussion and salad supper at Ellie Fuller's home, 25035 Greenmill Ave. Newhall. RSVP: 661-259-4983.

HANDCRAFTERS

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (October 13th & 27th), at 10am, people gather in the Evans Room to share their crafting skills, their interests, and their accomplishments. We are the *handcrafters*, and everyone is welcome!



CHURCH FALL YARD SALE:

Friday Oct. 9th and Saturday Oct. 10th

Drop off your items at the Church (far side of Fellowship Hall) on Friday. Early Saturday morning we will be setting up. Come on down and help. Sale ends on Saturday at noon. Contact Patrick Stokes or Carol Ramnarine if you need help with any items you are donating.



CHILI/DESSERT COOK-OFF

Nov 8th is our annual chili/dessert cook-off, Chili Makers—bring your favorite chili dish; Dessert Makers—bring a homemade dessert for this fun event. Prizes for hottest or not and best dessert will be awarded....bring it on!



VARIETY SHOW.

Nov 22 at 6:00 PM (or after 5pm service). Save the date to bring your talent or just to come and enjoy the night! bring a potluck dish of your choice for our Holy Spirit potluck dinner and stay for the Variety Show.



ORGAN CENTENNIAL

A full house enjoyed the Centennial Organ concert on September 20th. Talented organists (clockwise from top right), Stirling Yearian, William Campbell and Thomas Brown played Vaudeville and silent movie tunes, showtunes, classics, hymns and other music. A highlight was Stirling's rousing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Much thanks to Jim Parodi (our church organist) and Jerre Crosier (devoted organ engineer) for their planning, research, publicity and Master of Ceremonies talent.



Flash! For a marvelous article about our organ and wonderful Jerre Crosier, who keeps it going, go to <http://www.thesignaledition.com> and find Sept. 25, 2015.

FRIDAY MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY

If you seek an on-going Bible study, you have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through the scriptures each Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Evans Room.

This fall we are continuing our study of the Holy Spirit through scripture and two excellent books: The Holy Spirit: An Introduction by John Bevere and The Forgotten God by Francis Chan.

Please bring your Bible and lunch or a snack, if you wish. We always have a great time as we share our thoughts and feelings about our Christian lives and the amazing Holy Bible. We will see you there.



THE HOLY SPIRIT by Sonja Tweedie

On May 24th the Christian Church celebrated Pentecost. The choir robes were adorned with red stoles, our Pentecost banner was hung, and our sanctuary was decorated with red flames and flowers thanks to Tina Pulliam's amazing creativity.

Meanwhile the Friday Midday Bible Study spent May and June learning about the Holy Spirit. We thirsted to learn more about Him, who He is, what He does, His language, how He speaks to us and what He can do through each of us.

Presbyterians and other reformed denominations rarely hear about the Holy Spirit in worship. We sing "Glory Be to the Father" and the Doxology both of which include the Holy Spirit; we baptize babies, children and adults in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; we recognize the Trinity, but in worship we generally hear more about Jesus and God. The Holy Spirit is mentioned at Pentecost, but rarely talked about at other times. In Acts 2 we observe the Apostles as the Holy Spirit descends on them and we see in the remainder of Acts how the Holy Spirit works through them, giving them strength, courage and abilities, without which there most likely would not have been the Christian Church.

In the book Longing for God by Richard Foster and Gayle Beebe which Bill mentioned in his Feb. 15th sermon and which many of us have read, Beebe states "We enter into a life with God, a conversational and redemptive relationship in which our life becomes open to the influence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit initiates life within us and guides us in a never-ending process of being formed into the likeness of Christ."

In our baptism we were filled with the Holy Spirit, but it is up to us to acknowledge His presence within us and to realize that He is at the ready when we need Him. In Galatians 5:22,23 Paul shares that the Holy Spirit gives us nine Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We learn in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 that we also receive Gifts of the Spirit, some of which include pastoring, teaching, leadership, healing, wisdom and miracles.

The Holy Spirit is the source of life from God. He is the one, through Christ, who connects us to God. He is our strength and comfort. We are to turn to Him when we are in trouble and when we are weak, being assured that He intercedes with and for us. The Holy Spirit will lead us and teach us.

People say if they need God's help they ask God or Christ, but scripture tells us that God, although omnipresent, is on His throne in Heaven and Christ is seated at God's right hand. Where is the Holy Spirit that we received during baptism? He is within us to help us and guide us throughout our lives.

This is where we get the strength and stamina to get through the tough times. He gives us creativity - Tina does not come up with those decoration ideas on her own and He assists Bill with his sermons and research. Many of us use Him everyday both for small tasks and for answers to difficult questions. It is amazing how much more we can accomplish. Life is so much easier when we recognize that power within us.

The Holy Spirit is in our worship services through the sermon, scripture and song. He gives us joy we might not think possible. Acknowledge the Holy Spirit within you and discover how glorious life can be.



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.*

PIE DONATIONS Needed for the

PATIO PIE PARTY

See one of our stewardship team at the
Pie Shoppe
on the patio to sign up.

We'll draw a pie donor's name at the party on October 25th for a
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall's "PIE" Stewardship Campaign.

As this year's Stewardship Chair, I am looking forward to you joining me in exploring four interpretations of PIE throughout the month of October. The challenge for each of us is to discover and act upon what we can contribute of our time, talent and treasure to the work of God through First Pres Newhall. We'll use unique 'pie charts' to graph our progress toward realizing the expanding visions of God's Kingdom at and through our church. Each of us is part of the PIE!

Our first piece of PIE is: Your "Participation Is Essential."

We band together as God's family to commit our time, talents and resources to the ministries and missions of God's Kingdom here at FPCN. The Campaign will begin October 4th and conclude with a Pie Party on the patio on October 25 to celebrate!

Our second piece of PIE is "People Inspire Each Other"

Get inspired by reading the 2016 goals and visions of our session, a roadmap of where we are going. Get inspired on Sunday mornings as people share their testimonies about how the Lord has used them at FPCN and blessed them. Pastor Bill will inspire us with sermons about PIE (sounds delicious). Share your inspiration with others. Where can you contribute to the ministries, missions and work of our congregation?

The third piece of PIE is: Your "Prayer Is Empowering"

We know that prayer works, as we hear people's testimonies during worship. We are asking you to pray that the Lord would inspire and excite people about being involved here at FPCN. Pray that the Lord would draw people into our Forever Family. Pray for the success of our PIE Campaign, for the commitment of time, talents and treasure needed to further the Kingdom of God here at and through our church. And, pray about your commitment.

And the fourth piece of PIE is: Your "Personal Investment Exalts"

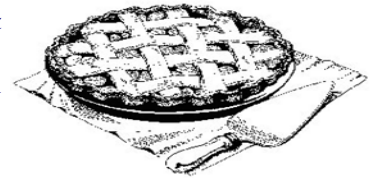
The Lord God is unceasingly faithful to us. Let us return that faithfulness to the God who gives us so much. Stewardship of our time, talents and treasure is our way of being faithful by thanking and worshipping our God. We are asking everyone to consider a financial pledge, however large or small, and also to consider a pledge of commitment of time and talent.

What You Can Do: Participate and Celebrate at the Pie Party Oct. 25th!!

Please prayerfully consider your commitment of time, talent and treasure and submit your pledge card on or before Oct. 25th. Pledge Cards will be mailed, in the bulletin, and on line. We will celebrate the success of our PIE campaign with a (real) Pie Party on the patio, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, after a combined service. There will not be a 5 pm service that day as we will all join together at the 10 a.m. worship. You may want to consider donating a pie as well for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card.

Prayerfully, in Christ,

Sue Stanger, Stewardship Chair





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.

THE ARK

Genesis 6: 11-22 ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. ¹⁶Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

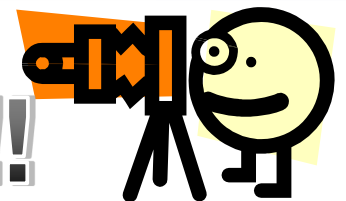
In early 2015, Phil got a request by an elderly woman who was wheelchair-bound asking for help with her weed problem. The neighbors had been complaining about how overgrown the weeds had become and she really wanted to do something about it, but this lady did not have any resources or anyone who could help her. What was she to do? Maybe her church could help? Good idea! So she called up Phil and asked if he could help. Being the amazing guy Phil is, he contacted the Youth Team to see who could help this lady. The youth team got a few volunteers together and within a week they started the job. They went over to the woman's residence on three different occasions to help pull her weeds for hours at a time. Even though the sun was beating the younglings down, they kept their heads up high and the sweat bonded them a little closer. Not only was the youth team able to help this member, but they were able to get stronger as a group.

Through this example, the Mission Committee has created an opportunity for people of all ages to participate in the ARK (Actions of Random Kindness). The ARK is a local mission opportunity where if someone is in dire need of assistance the ARK aims to help in the best way possible. If you want to help we will be more than happy to have you on board. We will be looking to take assignments as they come in and fulfill those requests depending on availability or skill set required.

If you would like to get involved, please send an email to presbyark@gmail.com and let us know you are interested in being a volunteer for a friend in need.



PICTURE THIS!!!



After the 10:00 AM Church Service on September 20 and at the Senior Lunch on September 23rd, we celebrated Marion Redfern's 95th birthday. Barbara Ave Maria, jokingly weary from researching the subject, announced that Marion had helped initiate the Senior Lunch back many years ago when it was called the "Pres Club." The honoree, radiant in her glittery tiara, tirelessly greeted friend after friend, obviously enjoying her two special days.

"...and many more, dear Marion."

AMOR HOMEBUILDING FAMILY TRIP OCTOBER 9TH – 12TH

Come Build Hope this Month



Because of Amor, a family receives a house every 20 hours. AMOR has a goal to build 35 more homes this fall. That is 35 families that would have had to wait until next spring to get a house. That is 35 moms, dads and couples who can sleep better knowing their kids are warm and safe.

We will leave the church on Friday morning October 9th and return on either on Sunday the 11th after lunch

or Monday the 12th in the morning. (Monday is Columbus Day.) Our goal is to have a crew of at least 17 so that we can finish a structure. The slab will have already been poured to save our backs!

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

Amor ministries has been serving God by mobilizing His church to build hope for families in need. It began 35 years and 20,000 homes ago! See www.amor.org.



Contact John Favalessa at amor@presby-newhall.org or Art Moore for details.

GLAD TIDINGS INDIA—CHRISTIAN LITERATURE BOOK DRIVE

For a detailed description of this ministry, please refer to last month's NEWHALL PRESS. In short, this organization directs donations to a self-sustaining indigenous Ministry in India, including a VBS program for children. Bibles and Christian literature will be collected at the church through the month of October, sent to Glad Tidings, and sold to purchase literature in Indian languages.

As a side note, our little-used library located in the Evans Room will be liquidated. We are invited, during the month of October, to help ourselves to library books we wish to read. At the end of the month, the remains of the library will be donated to Glad Tidings.



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

Are you ready? —for the TGIF **SPOOKTACULAR** that is. We are transforming the parking lot and Fellowship Hall of our church on October 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 for a **THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY** extravaganza! We will meet at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall in our Halloween costumes for a special themed dinner, games, and Bible lesson. THEN its **Trunk or Treat** time! We will head down to the parking lot to play more games and to win candy and prizes. This is going to be an awesome time but the more kids and families we have, the better it will be. There will be fun for all ages of children.

We also are inviting adults to join us for **Apple Cider** and a snack at the kiosk on the patio while the kids are in Fellowship Hall. Once the kids come down we will ALL participate in the function. Decorate your trunk and get some candy ready- it's going to be a blast for the whole church. If you'd like to participate in decorating your trunk please let Ms.Sarah or Ms. Lelia know as soon as possible. Decorating and cider start at 6:30 so bring your best for the kids enjoyment.

Your preschool through 6th grader will have so much fun on this special night, but it will be even more fun if they bring friends. There will be a prize given for best costume, best trunk, and most friends brought. So get your thinking caps on and get creative!

Hope to see you there for every TGIF every Friday 6 to 8 pm and on our special TGIF event on October 30th 5:30 to 7:30 pm.





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
Thursday October 1st, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Thank you to all who participated in the Wash 'N' Worship. We were able to raise over 700 dollars towards our high school mission trip.

This year we will be working in San Francisco from April 2nd through April 8th. We will be serving the unchurched population of San Francisco. Our team will be serving in soup kitchens, serving the homeless population, doing light construction projects, and running an after-school program for the Salvation Army Church. It will be a mission trip that focuses on evangelism and the combination of relational and construction work. Sometimes, in order to preach the name of Jesus we need to meet people's physical needs before we can help them realize their spiritual needs.

Your high school student will have an experience to tell about for years to come. If your child is interested please see Sarah or Ian about an application. The cost of trip has not been decided yet but will be affordable for all families. Through fundraising, and hard work our church makes sure that all high schoolers are eligible for this trip. Most students are able to raise all or most of the funds needed for our mission trips.

There is a non refundable 100 dollar deposit that is due mid January. Please be sure to have the deposit and student application filled out and put in the church office no later than January 15th.

This is an amazing opportunity for your student to know and grow in their faith. Please encourage them to be a part of this amazing mission trip as well as all of the fundraising activities.



Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall



The children are settling into our routine, making friends, and enjoying themselves (all while learning!). We had our first music class with Miss Kathy. We learned about beat and rhythm. She brought several different styles of drums for the children to explore. The children loved the hands-on experience!

This month, we will be looking forward to our annual Halloween Parade. The children will arrive at school in their costumes, and parade around the yard for parents and family. We will also "Trick-or-Treat" through the church offices that day.

Thank you, First Presbyterian Newhall, for all of your continued support.





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.

LADIES SAVE THESE DATES!

All women are invited to participate in the following PW sponsored events:

HOLIDAY CARD MAKING—Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

Our expert card-maker/teacher Terri DeYoung will lead us in making Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. \$5.00.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m., Marie Callender's

This festive annual event will feature music by the Ringtones bell choir and introduction of the 2016 PW Coordinating Team. \$15.00



Help the Children thanks you for the peanut butter, jelly, and other food donations. Many families were helped! During the month of October, we are focusing our donations on canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, chili, etc.). Please leave your donations on the shelf in the Evans Room. Thank you!

MAKEOVER FOR THE MASTER FAITH LIFT

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Scripture verses came to life on September 26th as the women of our church and many guests participated in the 4th annual PW retreat. Teacher, author and seminar speaker Carole Cliffe led us on a makeover that we won't soon forget, with humor, poetry, poignant stories and catchy phrases learned from her mother. Example: "Go to the throne before the phone." At the noon break we enjoyed a delicious lunch from Panera and lots of awesome "girl talk."

Thank you, PW Committee for your prayerful planning and hard work.



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 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.

WE ARE NOW CELEBRATING THE 7TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR UNIQUE PROGRAM OF ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Life Academy is Unique!

After a nationwide search of adult Christian education programs our Adult Education Committee created our own model called “Life Academy.” It is unique, not found in any of the other churches we surveyed. The news of our successful “model” has traveled around our San Fernando Presbytery and it has been copied by Granada Hills Presbyterian Church.

Your Participation has made Life Academy Successful!

Before Life Academy, First Pres had literally the same dozen or so people taking one adult course each fall, winter and spring. Now we have upwards of 65 people taking many courses each fall and spring.

Life Academy fits the Busy Lives of Today with Short Courses!

Instead of the 12 to 16 week adult education courses that are typically offered in churches, Life Academy courses may be only one class or at the most 7 class sessions in length.

Life Academy gives You a Window into the Wide World Around Us!

Courses have opened up your personal world to the local, national and global communities. We can indeed become “Global Christians.” We have heard experts speak on Islam. Teachers talked about Christianity in Egypt, Pakistan and India. Scientists from “Reasons to Believe” presented intriguing information on science and faith. Mission leaders have shared from the SCV Homeless Shelter, Zoe’s children’s ministry in Thailand, and the Mary Magdalen Project in LA to rescue prostitutes. We have watched the fabulous pastor Rev. Nicky Gumble of England teach on the basics of Christian faith in “Alpha.” We have heard experts on health, nutrition, finance, family issues and on social issues such as bullying and addiction.

Life Academy Gives you Excellent Bible Teaching and Instruction on the Christian Life!

We have toured the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation to learn and understand the Written Word of God. We have taught on Christian Disciplines: prayer, meditation, and listening to God. Courses have covered our Presbyterian heritage and traditions and the creeds and confessions that guide our church and our denomination PCUSA. We have also sat together to see movies on spiritual leaders such as CS Lewis, probably the most influential Christian writer and apologist of the 20th Century.

Life Academy Gives You an Opportunity to Share your Gifts, Talents and Knowledge!

We thank and honor many in our own congregation who have shared their expertise and knowledge. We count 42 people from our congregation who have taught in Life Academy since 2008, some multiple times. They have shared on a variety of subjects.

Why Should I Participate in Life Academy? The Bible tells us to study the Written Word of God

Paul, probably the greatest theologian in Christian history, wrote these instructions to his disciple Timothy: “...the Holy Scriptures ... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [For] all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man [and woman] of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (II Timothy 3: 15-17) These are still excellent instructions for those who want to follow our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus.

Why Should I Participate in Life Academy? Our Presbyterian Tradition Holds that Every Member Should be Informed and Educated.

Who can say he or she knows everything about the Faith? We are all on a “learning curve” to be more faithful. Education in our Presbyterian tradition is not just the domain of the Ordained Pastors. Elders and Deacons, as leaders of the Congregation, are to be knowledgeable. Members are to grow in understanding of the Christian Faith and of the Holy Scriptures, which guides us in the Christian life and through which God does speak to each of us. In addition, the Presbyterian tradition is NOT to cloister ourselves away from society as some traditions are apt to do, but to be involved as Christians in society, and to do so we must be knowledgeable and informed.

Our 2015-2016 Goal for Life Academy! Everyone participate!

The Adult Education Committee hopes that each person will take at least one Life Academy course this year. Our Pastors and our Session are committed to the priority and necessity of education for Christian life and growth. This fall the courses begin on Sunday, October 4th and continue through early November. See the following schedule of courses. If you have not registered, please call the Church Office to register. Except for the Grief Recovery class “walk-ins” are also welcome.

From your Adult Education Committee, Anne Watts, Chair, Jack Irwin, Roland Wrinkle, Art Moore, Carol Cogley, Becca Cranert and Pastor Bill, our staff advisor.

Saturday		Sunday	
9am—Noon		1/2 hour before 1st Service	3pm—4:30pm
Oct. 3:	Spirituality	Faith Talk	Oct. 4: Epidemic of Gun Violence
Oct. 10:	No class	Faith Talk	Oct. 11: Fun Fall Flavors
Oct. 17:	Living Waters	Faith Talk	Oct. 18: Caregiving with Alzheimer’s & Dementia
Oct. 24:	God’s Plan & Acts	Faith Talk	Oct. 25: Future of Church in America
Oct. 31:	Passages	Faith Talk	Nov. 1: Two-Tag Parole (PREP)

Monday Evenings 7pm—8:30pm Oct. 5—Nov. 16: 7-week Grief Recovery



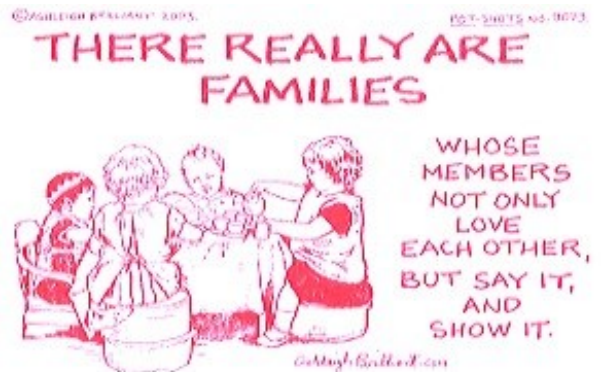
The Outreach Committee is called by our Heavenly Father to extend the hospitality that we find in our fellowship to the community, to visitors, and to new members, in order to draw them into the family of Christian faith at First Presbyterian Church.

New Members Class coming this Month

If you missed the last class in June, the next new members’ class is just around the corner, on Sundays the 18th and 25th. The classes are informal and led by Pastor Bill. Any and all questions are encouraged. New members will be invited to the Session meeting on October 20th to see how the business of running this church is accomplished and also to meet with the Elders. There is no obligation to become a member, but if you choose to, you will be received into this family of faith before the congregation on November 1st.

One of the distinctive characteristics of Christian faith is that it is *shared*...in community in the company of others. In Matthew 18:20 Jesus states, “for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them”. Paul described the church as “the Body of Christ”. No one person is the whole body, each is a part. We need each other’s gifts to complement our own. Membership means we are all necessary parts of the whole.

If you are not a member yet and want to be a part of this caring church family of faith, please contact the Outreach Committee chairperson John Favalessa (661) 755-4269 (email favalessa@yahoo.com) or Sandy in the church office (661) 259-0555 (email churchoffice@presby-newhall.org).

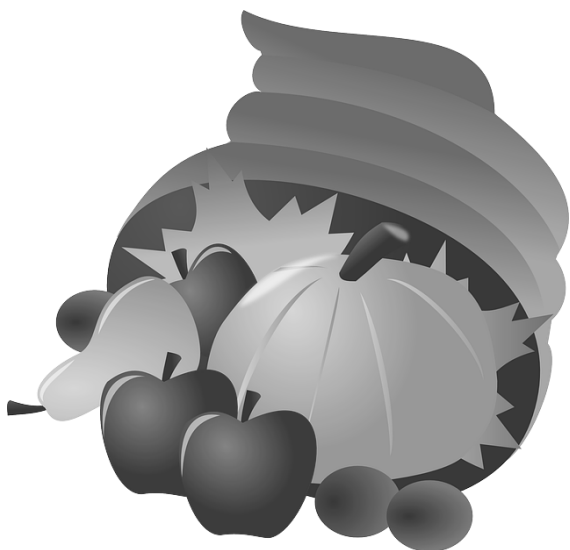


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