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See August Calendar on Page 2

July Events:

- SENIOR HIGH CAMP
Jul. 2-8
- SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
Jul. 3 10:00 A.M.
- BAND CONDERT--TOWSLEY CANYON
Jul. 22 7:00 P.M.
- SURF CAMP
Jul. 25-27
- SUMMER MAGIC AT BARNES'
Jul. 30 4:00 P.M.

August Events:

- JET HAWKS VS LAKE ELSINORE
Aug. 11 6:35 P.M.
- CELEBRATION OF SARAH BOLIN
Aug. 20
- SUMMER MAGIC AT BARNES'
Aug. 27 4:00 P.M.

Recurring Church Events:

- BOOK BUDDIES--No Meeting in August
2nd Thursdays 4:00 P.M.
- CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
No rehearsals July & August
- 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
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
3rd Sundays--None in July
- 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.



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 COLUMN JULY-AUGUST 2017

When an interviewer asked Abraham Heschel what he believed his greatest gift was, the Rabbi replied, *"My ability to be SURPRISED."* Summer is a season of change and surprise. People wander away from their routines and have experiences they don't have during the long work days of Fall through Spring. Surprise creates a sense of wonder in a human. Heschel reasoned, *"Without awe, wonder, and amazement, no reverence is possible."*

Scientists have discovered that our brains gravitate to surprise as much as our best religious yearnings do. Neuroscientists have discovered that we derive more pleasure from surprises than from other sensations. When human subjects in a Baylor College of Medicine study received computer-generated squirts of either tropical fruit juice or tap water in their mouths, scientists viewing the MRI's noted that it was the element of surprise—not the pleasurable effect of one taste over the other—that elicited the greatest surges of dopamine. More dopamine reached the anterior cingulate cortex of the brain when unexpected stimuli triggered a reflexive neutral response. Basically, surprise is pleasing to us.

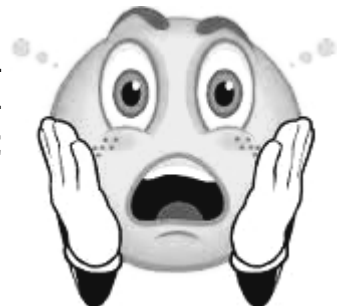
Let me illustrate: *A little girl was talking to her grandmother. She asked, "Grandma, how old are you?" The grandmother replied, "Now dear, you shouldn't ask people that question. Most grownups don't like to tell their age." The following day, the girl had another question. "Grandma, how much do you weigh?" Once again the grandmother replied, "Oh, honey, you shouldn't ask grownups how much they weigh. It isn't polite." The next day the little girl was back with a big smile on her face. She said, "Grandma, I know how old you are. You're 62. And you weigh 140 pounds." The grandmother was a bit surprised and said, "My goodness, how do you know?" The girl smiled and said, "You left your driver's license on the table, and I read it." Grandmother said, "Oh, so that's how you found out." The girl said, "That's right, and I also saw on your driver's license that you flunked sex."*

That power of surprise is one of the reasons live sporting events keep attracting people. (Weren't the NBA finals exciting between the Cavaliers and Warriors?) There is a dopamine rush every time a baseball goes flying out of the park. Or when Keven Durant pulls up for a long distance 3 pointer we again are amazed.

It's also why we can't tickle ourselves. Unpredictability is the key to tickling, and our brain cancels out the element of surprise when we attempt to tickle ourselves.

So, this summer, get out of your routine. Find time for rejuvenation. Allow yourself to be surprised by life. For a Christian that experience can be described as the AWE of GOD.

In His Grip,
Pastor Bill



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

JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

Jean Kost July 7
 Marion Waters July 24
 Marie Hallock August 12



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.
FUTURES COMMITTEE	
2nd Tuesdays	
MISSIONS COMMITTEE	
1st Tuesdays	7:00 P.M.
OUTREACH COMMITTEE	
2nd Wednesdays	7:00 P.M.
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	
1st Fridays	8:00 A.M.
SESSION	
3rd Tuesdays	7:00 P.M.
STEPHEN MINISTRY	
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:

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE ENDS	
Sep. 3	10:00 A.M.
YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISER	
Sep. 3	
HOLLYWD BOWL— JOHN WILLIAMS	
Sep. 3	5:30 P.M.
LITTLE SHEPHERDS' 50TH ANNIV.	
Sep. 10	10:00 A.M. One Serv.
SUPPER IN THE UPPER ROOM	
Sep. 10, /Sep. 24	4:00 P.M.
USHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY	
Sep. 17	
MINISTRY FAIR	
Sep. 17	
SANTA CLARITA RIVER RALLY	
Sep. 23	8:00 A.M.
ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE BEGINS	
Oct. 1	
FALL AMOR TRIP	
Oct. 6 to 9	
BOX CITY	
Oct. 7	
FALL YARD SALE	
Oct. 13-14	
PLEDGE DRIVE ENDS	
Oct. 22	10:00 One Serv.
MEET THE REFORMERS	
Oct. 29	
STRESS-FREE HOLIDAYS (CLASS)	
Nov. 19	4:00 P.M.

HANDCRAFTERS



Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (July 11, 25, August 8, 22), 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

Book Buddies will discuss "At the Edge of the Orchard" by Tracy Chevalier on Thursday, July 13th at 4:00 p.m.

A pioneer family settles in northwest Ohio in 1838, growing apple trees to claim their property with seeds from the local tree man John Appleseed.

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

No Book discussion in August. Starts again Thursday, September 14th.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT



We will gather on July 25 at 6:30 pm at Piccola Trattaria

18302 Sierra Hwy #107, Santa Clarita

AND on August 29 at Red Robin

27063 McBean Parkway, Valencia

Happy Birthday

Well another year has come and gone and First Presbyterian Church of Newhall is another year older. **We have been around for 126 years.** You couldn't tell by our demeanor, our music, our sermons, our campus or the way we treat our guests. (We try to treat people like guests not like visitors.) Celebrating 126 years in the same place is an unheard-of feat for a church west of the Mississippi.

We had a nice celebration Sunday afternoon June 11. Of course, how do we Presbyterians celebrate important things? Great food, great music and a great sermon. Starting at 10 am, we all enjoyed a music-filled service as **Music Appreciation Sunday** filled our hearts and souls with some glorious sounds.

It turned out to be a little cool outside for a picnic, so after the service we promptly moved things upstairs to Fellowship Hall to make everyone a little more comfortable.

Then we all enjoyed a lunch of pulled pork sandwiches and a Holy Spirit pot luck. Of course, what would a birthday celebration be without cake and ice cream? The ice cream was served up by our own wonderful, hard workin' 'n' prayin' Board of Deacons lead by the unstoppable Pam Trammell. Church Life Committee served up delicious chocolate and vanilla cakes.

Some people liked the pulled pork so much they asked how it was prepared so here is the inside scoop: Get a pork shoulder (bone in) from Smart and Final; buy some of their seasoning called **Pappys**. Rub it generously all over the pork shoulder. Start cooking it when the pork is at room temperature. Cook it at 225 degrees for 9 hours (yes 9). After that, check it every half hour for pull-a-part-tuitiveness. When it pulls apart easily, remove from the pan, lift the bone out, pull it apart and serve. Delicious and easy.

I would like to take a moment to thank the members of the Church Life Committee. All worked long and hard. They are Dan and Cyndi Signet, Sandy Gravitt, Jim Creighton, Rod Belcher and Nicole McCreery (my co-elder) who worked tirelessly to pull this off. God, please bless them all.

See you here next year for #127!!!



Lauryn Kanagi

Saturday, May 20th... What a beautiful day as 33 people from First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, along with several hundred other Santa Claritians, gathered together to celebrate Santa Clarita Day at Dodger Stadium.

We were excited to have the largest group of Newhall Presbyterians join us this year. Thirty-three people piled into nine cars and traveled to Dodger Stadium to watch the Dodgers faced off against the Miami Marlins.

It was free Dodger shirt day (for the first 50,000 to enter the gate) at the stadium, generating excitement to fill the place with fans.

The Dodgers lost 10-6 to the Marlins, none-the-less, spirits were high from the fellowship enjoyed at the game. Dodger dogs were filling tummies along with all the stadium delights.

Some even cruised down and visited Dale and Gloria Boss who work at a concession stand at Dodger Stadium. They are always a pleasure to see at the park.

We all hope you can join us again next year for another Santa Clarita Dodger Day.

GO DODGER BLUE!



Judy Jones, Judy Carter, Chi Kanagi



Candy & Rod Belcher

DODGER DAY REMEMBERED

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.

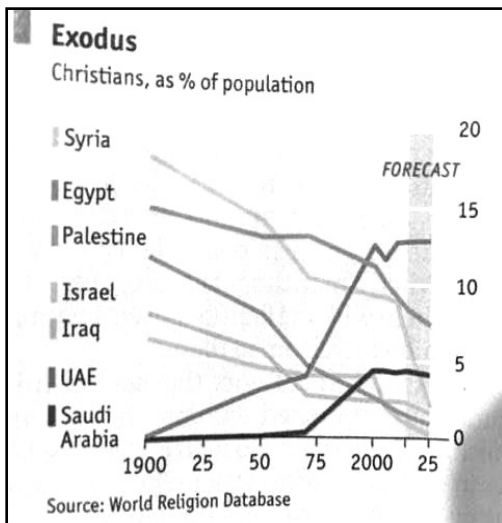
Many Modern Martyrs - by Art Moore

Recently one of the members of our men's Monday night Bible study (alias—Bible Boys) presented each of us with a small book entitled The Lost Letters of Pergamum by Bruce W. Longenecker. The book is a novel (fiction) but it accurately depicts the lives of Christians in a pagan world in Asia Minor (Turkey) and Galilee during the first century AD. Among other things, it vividly describes the extremely horrible treatment of Christians during the reign of Roman Emperor Domitian (81-96 AD). In particular, the atrocities perpetrated as part of coliseum “games” are described. It is an exciting story, and I highly recommend it to anyone over 18 years of age.

The book is characteristic of many novels, movies and articles that we have seen over the years, related to the persecution of Christians. With this, we sometimes tend to think of Christian persecution/martyrdom as something primarily relegated to ancient history. But this is wrong. The fact is that more Christians are being persecuted today than in ancient times. (Of course there are a lot more of us to persecute now.) According to Open Doors Watch List approximately 215 million (or one in twelve) Christians experience persecution today.

The causes or “engines” of persecution are many and varied, but not surprisingly 70% of all persecution comes from Islamic extremism. Of course, that means that a significant amount comes from other sources. In fact, the worst (listed as #1) in the entire world is North Korea which is communist/atheistic. In India (#15), the main engine is extreme Hinduism together with religious nationalism. Even in our neighbor Mexico (#41), a nominally Christian nation, persecution comes from organized corruption (i.e. drug cartels). In a few cases the dominate branch of Christianity in a county will persecute Evangelicals and Pentecostals working there.

While I was preparing this article, I was called by my financial advisor. He is a Roman Catholic Syrian and has considerable knowledge and experience about the Middle East. He emailed me the graph below:



As you can see, the most persecution is in the Middle East, with countries like Egypt, Syria, and Iraq suffering the largest percentage losses in Christian population.

In a Fox News article entitled *Christianity's Prospects of Surviving in its Birthplace are Grim*, the author (Perry Clairmonte) describes the situation in Egypt, Iraq and Syria.

As you probably know, in ancient times Christianity flourished in Alexandria, Egypt and in Antioch of Syria. These Churches may have preceded the Church in Rome. Yet today, we read about the Muslim Brotherhood and ISIS attacking Christians in Egypt. We read about how 200,000 Coptic (Egyptian) Christians have fled the country.

In a “World News” article by Heba Farouk Mahfouz entitled *Coptic Christians Describe Bus Attack in Egypt: Even the Little Children Were Targets* she relates

eyewitness accounts of an attack by ISIS that killed at least 30 people and injured 26. The attackers shouted before firing their weapons, “Either recite the Islamic shahada creed, live as practicing Muslims, or be killed.” Many shouted back “We are Christians and will die Christians.” (At least 30 did!)

In Iraq we can find similar stories.

On a brighter note, there is an article by Charles White of Metro.co.uk, *“Christian Church Destroyed by ISIS Rebuilt by Muslim Residents.”* The story explains how residents of recently liberated Mosul are working together to restore a

church and show that: “Mosul is yours as it’s ours.” This can give us assurance that there are a great many Muslims who deplore Christian persecution as much as we do.

Now, back in the good ol’ USA, we can be extremely grateful that we can worship where, when and as we please. But the Church in the USA suffers in a completely different way than in the countries I just mentioned. The USA Church suffers from a culture of indifference and secularism. We hear, “Spring Break – not Easter Vacation;” “My kids can’t come to Sunday School because of softball practice on Sunday mornings;” “I don’t believe in organized religion” and “All the church wants is your money.” How we counter that is a subject for future discussion, but if we were better informed about the persecution of Christians in the rest of the world, we might better appreciate what we have here.

With that in mind, I suggest that we have adult classes addressing “Modern Martyrdom.” (My financial adviser might be a good resource.) We might give to an organization like Open Doors and pray for our brothers and sisters in the rest of the world. Jack Irwin suggests that we need to be ready to welcome, help and accommodate Christian refugees as they are forced to seek asylum in the USA.

In any case, we all need to understand, personally and deeply, that Christian persecution/martyrdom is NOT just the subject of ancient history but exists and is terrible and violent even in the 21st century.

Mathew 5: 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Adult Education

WATCH FOR EXCITING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES COMING THIS FALL!

Supper in the Upper Room—Offered at 4 PM on alternating Sunday Afternoons. It will be a casual meal along with a look on basic Christian and Presbyterian beliefs. This might be especially helpful for new members and for folks who would like to refresh their understanding of Christianity and Presbyterianism. Plan on a good time to socialize and make new friends.

Meet the Reformers—On Sunday, Oct. 29, a celebration of World-wide Reformation Sunday is planned. There will be a late afternoon talk by Pastor Bill Barnes and a drama by the Adult Ed Committee, followed by supper.

The Great Bible Challenge—Participate in a guided Bible study. Read through the Bible throughout the year on your own—your time, your speed— with guidance and support from the Adult Ed Committee.

“Preparing for Advent” Classes—As we prepare for the Christmas season, two classes will be available to help us keep the “Christ” in Christmas. Parents and grandparents might benefit, in particular. The first will be a class that will help us keep the stress of too many expectations at bay; the second, a class that will help you to develop your family’s own special Christmas traditions.

The Crisis of Worldwide Christian Persecution—This class takes an in-depth look at Christian Persecution and what we can do to help. (See Art’s article starting on page 4.)

Rebecca Cranert





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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES:

On Sunday June 4, we celebrated our youth who graduated from Junior High and Senior High.

Junior High: Sharon Tomei, Alan Nreseko, Madison Hartman, Caleb Prepon, Sarah Hammonds, Kyle Johnson, Amy Johnson and Van Johnson.

Senior High: Lauryn Kanagi, Camryn Montalvo, Alexander DiGiovanni, Zachary Buhle, Violet Kwak, Jackson Edwards, Conor Lauerman, Justin Lombardo and William Hauer.



AMAZING!



WOW



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.

DEACON PRAYER CHAIN

The Deacons are responsible for the e-mail prayer chain of our church and would like to invite those, who aren't part of it yet, to consider joining the **PRAYER WARRIORS**. There is a *Prayer Chain Confidentiality Notice* that needs to be signed if you are interested, which you can get from Pam Trammell, Deacon Moderator, or in the church office from Bob Balkcom. Once you sign this, you are added to the group.

Prayer requests are received by one of the Deacons who then sends them to the Prayer Warriors, and you pray. There is no forwarding or responding. It is very simple and effective.

Let me know if you have any questions.
Pam Trammell





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.

Spiritual Maturity by Sonja Tweedie

This summer our worship services will feature "first person" sermons from members of our church family. They will be sharing meaningful scripture introduced and taught to them by their parents, grandparents and/or mentors, showing us how the scripture affected their lives and how we might be challenged to use these truths in our own lives. It takes a degree of spiritual maturity to recognize that, as we grew, our parents and others were guiding us through Biblical truths that affected who we have become.

Warren W. Wiersbe in a Bible study on James is quoted, "I am convinced that spiritual immaturity is the number one problem in our churches. God is looking for mature men and women to carry on His work and sometimes all He can find are little children who cannot even get along with each other."

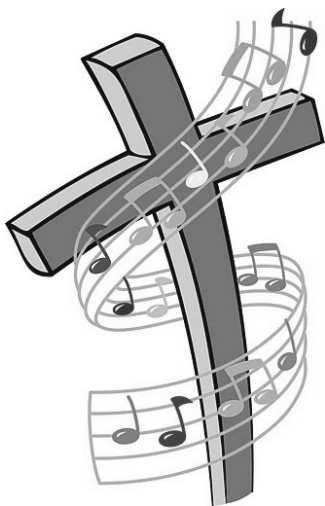
- ◆ How would you define Christian maturity?
- ◆ Where have you found the greatest personal spiritual growth?
- ◆ How is your church growing the maturity of its believers?

These are important questions to ponder.

In Chapter 6 of Hebrews we learn that we must keep growing in Christ. After all, we do not end our education once we learn our ABCs or multiplication tables; we continue to advance to literature and algebra and beyond. Once we learn about Christ and what He did for us, we do not stop there; we learn through worship services, Bible studies, Life Academy classes and other church-related activities what Christ wants us to know about how we are to live. "Therefore let us move beyond elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity,,,,," (Hebrews 6:1)

The men and women who will be blessing us this summer with their knowledge of scripture and how it affected them have shown, through their willingness to preach, that they are on their way to spiritual maturity. I say "on their way" because while we are alive it never ends. The more we learn about Christ and his teachings, the more we want to know. This will be an exciting summer! Come each week from July 2 through September 3 at 10:00 a.m. to learn how scripture changed lives. Through these lessons you also will grow and progress toward becoming more spiritually mature in your faith.

THE CHURCH BAND WILL APPEAR AT AN OUTDOOR CONCERT ON JULY 22, 2017!



First Pres Newhall's Christian Band **EverThirst** will be making its second appearance at the **LA SummerFest Praise Night** Christian concert in Towsley Canyon Park. Last year was a big success; the band played a 60-minute set of great Christian and contemporary songs before an enthusiastic crowd of music lovers from all over the Santa Clarita Valley. The family show featured three bands from churches in our valley. Under the lights and under the stars, it was a night to remember.

This year, the concert will be on **Saturday night, July 22, 2017, starting at 7:00 p.m.** Admission is free. Towsley Canyon Park is located at 24255 The Old Road, Newhall, CA, 91321. The park is near Interstate 5 at the Calgrove exit, on the west side of the freeway.

Bring a lawn chair. Many folks from First Pres attended last year and had a great time. So did the Band! Hope to see you there!

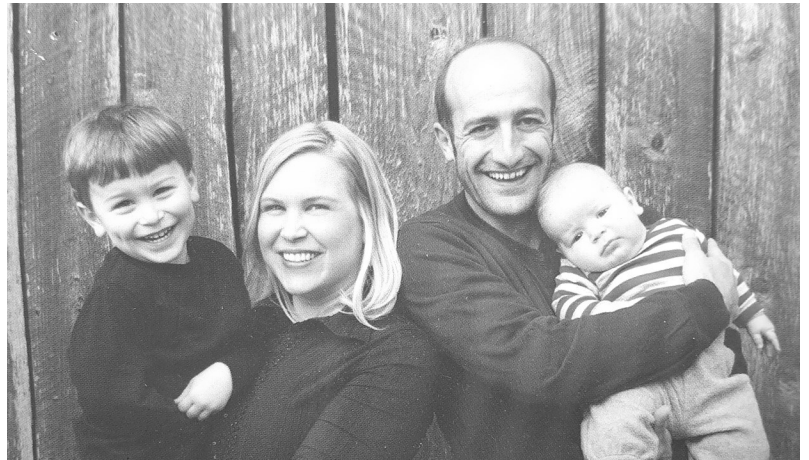


The purpose of The Mission Committee, in order to further share the gospel of Jesus Christ, is to responsibly use the resources of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, wherever we find a neighbor in need. We are committed to meeting mission needs in our

The following are excerpts from Ramazan Arkan’s latest prayer letter. Ramazan and his family are dear to the hearts of the “Turkey Trotters,” a group of 24 Newhall Pres members and friends who traveled to Turkey in 2012. Ramazan gave a sermon at our church the following year. Some say Ramazan is a modern-day Apostle Paul, converted by a vision of Christ, and called to fearlessly teach the good news of the Gospel of Christ to his countrymen in Antalya, Turkey. The Antalya Evangelical Church receives support from Newhall Pres as designated by the Mission Committee.

Greetings Dear Friends!

As you may know, in 2005 we started a project to raise money to build a new church building in Antalya. In 2013, we bought land and in 2014 we began construction of the building itself. We were able to start using the building in 2016 and we had planned to have a grand opening celebration at that time. However, because of the political unrest in Turkey, we felt it necessary to postpone that grand opening celebration.



The Arkans, Joshua, Karen, Ramazan and Levi

We praise God that after this long journey of fund-raising, building construction, and obtaining permission to use the church, in May we finally had our grand opening ceremony! Many individuals and representatives from the churches and organizations that supported this project came from different places around world to join us that day. Several key political leaders from the local government of Antalya attended and participated by giving speeches at the grand opening. These individuals come from Muslim and/or secular backgrounds, so you can imagine the significance of their support. They gave messages of unity and love. The believers who spoke at the ceremony praised God for His work and the gift of the building. They also gave clear messages of the gospel.

In effort to both celebrate the church opening and to make our presence known in the church neighborhood, we had a children’s carnival, a classical music concert, and a large yard sale to raise money for the less fortunate. Many of the people from the neighborhood around the church attended these events. There are 5 neighbors that are now attending our church services regularly. One couple has already put their faith in Jesus!

This summer, 6 new believers will be baptized. Please pray for these individuals to grow in their faith and be bold for Jesus. Pray for wisdom for those who disciple and encourage them. Pray that they would experience deep blessing of being a part of the Body of believers in Antalya.

Ramazan Arkan

STANDING TOGETHER

Newhall 1st Pres. participants in Standing Together were guests of our Muslim friends for an interfaith Iftar on June 9. The Iftar (meal at sunset breaking of that day's Ramadan fast) took place at The Unity Center that is just a few blocks from the church.

The Standing Together group has met together for 6 1/2 years for the purpose of understanding one another's faith. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All are welcome. This month's discussion topic is the attributes of God.

Carole Wheeler



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had an awesome week of VBS fun! With 55 children and more than 50 volunteers, our church campus was alive with activities and God's love! We watched a funny and educational skit each morning and sang our favorite VBS songs before heading out to other sessions. We made cool crafts, ate yummy snacks, played fun and wet games, and sang songs and danced. We also learned about people from the Bible who served God and made a difference in the past and about kids who are doing it today. They were all "specially made" just like we are—to serve God's purpose.



Our charities this year were:

Help the Children (canned food items)

Amor (spare change)

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who donated items, their time and their talents. You ALL made this fantastic week happen for the children!

Lelia Meddows



SENIOR MOMENT

Encouragement for the Home Stretch

Gray hair is a
Crown of splendor;
It is attained
In the Way
Of righteousness.

Proverbs 16:31

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.



The following was borrowed from a Facebook post by Holly Bullock Diaz, Pam Trammell's daughter.



Proud family moment: Today this beautiful woman (**Pam Trammell**) was awarded the **Presbyterian Woman of the Year at First Presbyterian Church**. What an honor and so well-deserved! She has been a member of the church for over 40 years, serving as a preschool teacher, preschool board member, Sunday school teacher and member of the Mission Committee. She started Family Promise at First Pres and has been a Deacon multiple times, currently the Deacon Moderator. She's a faithful servant always aiming at spreading God's love. After it was awarded she went out and served coffee after the service! Thank you for showing us the importance of putting others before yourself, all with a smile and a compassionate heart. (I don't believe there is a Man of the Year award, though if there was Don (Trammell) would certainly be a deserving recipient as well!). "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual favor serving the Lord." Romans 12



Pam Trammell was surprised to receive the Presbyterian Woman of the Year award during the service on Sunday, May 28. Our traveling lady had missed the usual presentation of this award during the Mother's Day Tea while she was enjoying exotic places in Europe. Presentation was made by Tina Pulliam.

PW MISSION PROJECT FOR JULY & AUGUST

"Help the Children" thanks you for your generosity and appreciates your faithful giving of food donations. In the past three months over 333 boxes, cans, and jars have been given to help the families in need! For the months of July and August, PW will focus on peanut butter, jam, jelly, and cereal. Please put your donations on the shelves in the Evans Room. PW appreciates your help in our mission project. 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.

Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall



In June we said goodbye to another school year and sent our Pre-K children off to Kindergarten with a short but very sweet program fol-

lowed by a celebration on the preschool playground.

We have our summer program starting in July, the dates of this program are July 11-13, 18-20, 25-27. Our summer program is an all outdoor program which includes water activities and traditionally includes popsicles to end our summer mornings! Miss Karsyn will be teaching the summer program with the assistance of staff members who are available in July.



On August 22, we will start a new school year! We still have some openings for our 2017-2018 school year and Miss Dawn has been scheduling tours to fill spaces for that. At this time, we are a little over half full with some openings in all age groups. This program typically ends mid-June.

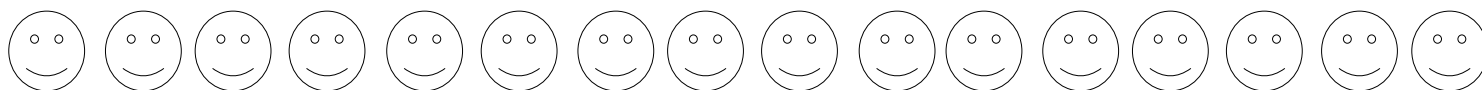


You may already know that Little Shepherds Nursery School will be celebrating 50 years of serving families in September! The nursery school opened its doors on September 11, 1967. A celebration is being planned for Sunday September 10th starting with a blended church service at 10am honoring all past and present staff of the nursery school, followed by a celebration in the preschool yard. A few projects are in the works to commemorate this occasion, a raised garden project is in the planning stages with one of our Eagle Scouts and should be completed by September 1, we are

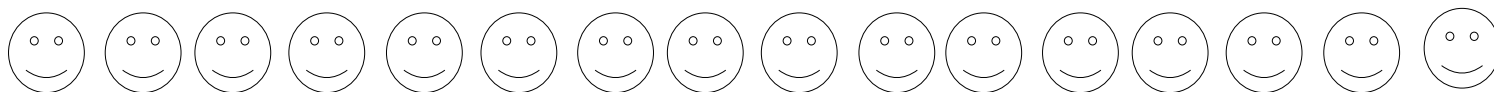
working with Buildings and Grounds to permanently plant two fruit trees on the preschool playground, these were donated to the school in April by Tony Stewart. Please mark your calendars for September 10th and join in the celebration!

All year we work hard to make learning fun, now it's our turn to rest in the sun!

Have a blessed, restful and fun summer, Sharie



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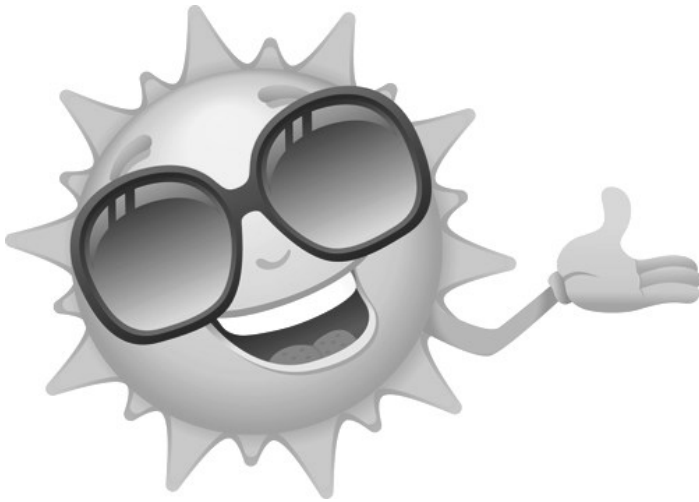
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