

# The Shepherd's Staff



## Community Presbyterian Church Cathedral City, California

JULY 2011



Wasn't Pentecost Sunday worship just wonderful? There were people attending from all walks of life, young and old. The service truly enabled those present to worship God and to give God glory. Thank you to all who made the day possible. And thank you for bringing lots of guests to worship that day. Sharing the day with so many people brought delight to the singers and to all of us in the congregation. It was great to see the church full and to share our love of our Triune God with those attending. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see 70 people in worship every Sunday? As my Scandinavian friends from the Midwest would say, "you betcha!" Yes, it would be wonderful! But how can that happen? Why would we want it to happen?

Our desire is not to grow the church just to have more members sitting in the pews. Our desire is to share with others the Gospel, the saving news of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. By growing the congregation the Community Presbyterian Church Cathedral City will be able to continue to bring God's love and the Gospel to the people of the Valley.

How can the church grow? People just don't stop by our church because they pass by it each day. People come to church because they are invited. For Pentecost many of you told people about the church. Many of you invited people to come and worship and to enjoy the special music. Keep up the good work.

What do you tell people about our church? You tell them about the friendly congregation. You tell them about the wonderful potluck lunches we have on the first Sunday. You tell them about the music and the enthusiastic pastor. But first and foremost, tell them what worship means to you here at Community Presbyterian Church Cathedral City. Tell them why you attend. Make it personal. Sharing the Gospel and the love of God is the responsibility of all who attend Community Presbyterian Church Cathedral City.

You say all your friends attend church regularly? That's wonderful. Make new friends! Jesus associated with all types of people and told them about God's love for them. You may not be Jesus, but you can meet new people and talk to them about our church. If you need some pointers, let me know. Church is the place where people get together to support each other on their faith journey and to worship and thank God for all God has done for us. It's home. It's where we gather to love each other and support each other once we understand that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

If you love the Lord and like our church, tell someone. Don't keep your faith and our church a secret.

Pastor Lee

# JULY 2011: SPECIAL DATES



Sunday, July 3  
Monday, July 4  
Sunday, July 10  
Wednesday, July 13  
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Thursday, July 14

Church Picnic  
Independence Day  
Palm Springs Museum FREE Admission  
9:00 Deacons Meeting  
10:00 Women's Circle  
9:00 Session Meeting

## 10 TIPS TO HELP YOUR PRAYER LIFE

By: Gregory Koukl

1. **Choose a specific place to pray** away from distractions so you can concentrate. Ringing phones and other distractions will sabotage your "quiet time" before it gets started.
2. **Pray at the same time every day**, if at all possible. Make it part of your regular routine and it will become habit.
3. **Pray out loud**. Many people can pray under their breath or in their minds for long periods and still maintain intensity, but for most of us it's a quick ticket to dreamland. When we pray out loud we have to concentrate more on what we are praying about.
4. **Keep a note pad handy** so you can jot down different things that come to mind while you're before the Lord. Sometimes you'll get great ideas totally unrelated to what you've been praying about. If you jot them down you can quickly get back to the topic at hand without being too distracted.
5. **Make a list** to keep track of your prayer needs. The weekly prayer request list in the announcements is a great place to start as well as the prayer calendar in the Shepherd's Staff. Each day you pray for a different set of needs along with the daily church member on the prayer calendar.
6. **Redeem time for praying** out of unused corners of your schedule. Those who have to drive to work can use the time talking with the Lord instead of screaming at traffic (just don't close your eyes!). Busy homemakers can combine prayer with housework, especially if the task doesn't require a lot of concentration.
7. **Change the pace during your prayer time**. Include praise, thanksgiving and singing as well as petition. Spend some of your time reflecting on the Scripture, meditating on it and digesting its meaning.
8. **Keep a prayer journal**. To keep track of what you prayed for and when you prayed for it, leaving a space to jot down the answer when it comes. This will help you to keep alert to God's answer so you can thank Him promptly.
9. **Pray with someone else**. Though some prayers can only be said in solitude, there will be times when you'll want to join hearts with another person in prayer. If you commit to meet on a regular basis, the accountability can really help build consistency. Such prayer trysts can become powerful, life-changing events.
10. **Pray one-sentence prayers**. If the thought of laboring over a topic wears you out, pray short, sincere prayers instead. A sentence or two may be all that's needed to exhaust the topic for you for the time being. If so, just move on to the next item without feeling guilty for your brevity.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, make us mindful of your power and your glory as we pray for those in need.  
Our Service Men & Women, Our Country & Our President  
*Pray for our Church at 12:00 noon daily*

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## *Death of a Loved One*

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Pastor Karen Greschel passed away. Pray for comfort for family and friends and North Kirk Presbyterian Church.  
Tim Steele's sudden passing at 43 years old. Pray for his family.

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## *Recovery*

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Ann Matheson recovering from minor surgery  
Jerry Moss had a heart valve replaced and is recovering  
Mary Karr's son Chris' father in law – pneumonia  
Barbara Barrett's in-law, Mary Ann McGilvery, diagnosed with cancer  
Denise Poncy struggling with Lupus

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## *Continuing Health Concerns*

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Helen Hyde's daughter Katherine diagnosed with Lyme disease  
Bob Barrett's sister Patty diagnosed with MS  
Barbara Barrett's daughter diagnosed with MS  
O.B. Bakke – pray that he chooses life – he is staying strong  
Noel White's cousin, Kathy Findley - battling leukemia  
Kay Graham's daughter, Donna  
Gail Prosser  
Patty Valdez  
Carol's mother & brother; Fern & John – both have chrones disease

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## *Community and World Concerns*

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Cathedral City police department  
Health and safety of all our members and families  
Marti's nephew Brandon, a Navy Seal, is in Afghanistan  
Julee Collins' grandson, Doug Way – deployed to Afghanistan

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**Prayer concerns in addition to those expressed during Sunday's worship service may be submitted on the prayer request cards in the pews or by contacting the church office. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.**

*Please Pray for the Mission Activities of the church as well*

Neonatal unit blankets and baby items  
Twenty-nine 29 Palms Marine Base Wounded Warrior  
Well in the Desert  
Scholarship for graduates of Cathedral City HS  
VA & Stroke Centers  
Clothes That Work  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Alternative Christmas  
School supplies for Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park Kids

Desert Summer Kids Feeding Program  
Life Line subsidies  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission  
Migrant Farm Workers – bedrolls and food  
Shelter from the Storm  
Ronald McDonald House  
Veterans hospital Loma Linda  
Baby kits for Haiti  
2 Cents-a-Meal

# July 2011 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

- 1) Psalm 45:10-17  
God has anointed you  
Bob & Barbara Barrett
- 2) Romans 7:15-25a  
The struggle within the self  
Alma Boney
- 3) **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**  
**Proper 9 (14)**  
Doug Bridges
- 4) Romans 1:18-25  
The guilt of humankind  
David & Debbie Brown
- 5) Romans 3:1-8  
The faithfulness of God  
Julee Collins
- 6) John 13:1-17  
Jesus washed the disciples' feet  
David & Opal Eason
- 7) Genesis 25:19-34  
Esau sells his birthright to Jacob  
Carol Frances
- 8) Psalm 119:105-112  
Your word is a lamp unto my feet  
Rebeca Franz
- 9) Romans 8:1-11  
Living according to the Spirit  
Dick & Carol Gampert
- 10) **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**  
**Proper 10 (15)**  
Kay Graham
- 11) Micah 1:1-5  
Judgment for Jacob's transgressions  
Art & Karin Grice
- 12) Ephesians 4:17-5:2  
The old life and the new  
Clint & Marti Haas
- 13) Matthew 13:10-17  
The purpose of parable  
Butch & Eloise Haltman
- 14) Genesis 28:10-19a  
Jacob's dream of the ladder  
Maxine Heldenbrand
- 15) Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
You have searched and know me  
Winnie Hockenbery
- 16) Romans 8:12-25  
The revealing of the children of God  
Kirk & Nancy Horton
- 17) **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**  
**Proper 11 (16)**  
Carol Hoskins
- 18) Revelations 14:12-20  
The harvest at the end of time  
Helen Hyde
- 19) Galatians 4:21-25  
An allegory about those saved  
Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton
- 20) Matthew 12:15-21  
God's Chosen servant  
Hazel Jacobsen
- 21) Genesis 29:15-28  
Leah and Rachel, Jacob's wives  
Reed & Mary Karr
- 22) Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Give thanks to God  
Betty Leehan
- 23) Romans 8:26-39  
Nothing can separate us from God's love  
Matt & Ann Mattheson
- 24) **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**  
**Proper 12 (17)**  
Gerald & Joy Moss
- 25) Genesis 30:25-36  
Jacob and Laban argue  
Pat & Annette Patterson
- 26) Genesis 30:37-43  
Jacob prospers at Laban's expense  
Jay Peck
- 27) Genesis 46:2-47:12  
Jacob settles in Goshen  
Maryls Peck
- 28) Genesis 32:22-31  
Jacob receives God's blessing  
Gail Prosser
- 29) Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
I shall see your face  
Nancy Joy Pryor
- 30) Romans 9:1-5  
The glory of God's people in Israel  
Bertha Rawlings
- 31) **Matthew 14:13-21**  
**Proper 13 (18)**  
Rena Rodman

## DEACON'S DOINGS

The Deacons continue to serve the church and community in many ways. Most recently they donated to the Desert Summer Kids Feeding Program. This money will go to help local school children be able to continue to receive a school lunch throughout the summer months. In addition to that Kay Graham continues to sew baby blankets and along with baby clothing and items donated they are taken to the local hospital to help families in need.

Our Deacons pray daily during their lunch hour for our church, community, country and President. Please remember to join them once a day in your own prayer time as well.

## WOMEN'S CIRCLE HAPPENINGS

The Women's Circle is always busy ministering and blessing the church and community. They worked hard to provide a scholarship to Christian Carbajal again this year. And have been providing Sunday School classes for the children during Sunday worship service. They are always on hand for special meetings to serve where needed and on July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be providing a picnic lunch for the church. Be sure to thank the women and tell them how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication to the church and community.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Gampert	July 10
Jay Peck	July 13
Carol Gampert	July 16
Lauren Williams	July 19
Mia Bass Peris	July 29

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Butch & Eloise Haltman	July 13
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**Thank you for making the Pentecost Worship Service  
an exciting service.**



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## **Who We Are**



We are a church family who care for each other and all of God's people. We celebrate worship each Sunday, thanking and praising God for the wonderful gifts generously given to us. We then go out into the world to share God's love with all we meet. We are strengthened for service and outreach through small group outreach activities and weekly Bible study. All are welcome to join us as we seek to glorify and serve our risen Lord.