

The Shepherd's Staff

**Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City, California**

October 2011



When was the last time you had to explain your faith in Jesus Christ – why you were a Christian? Can you recall the conversation? Were you prepared to answer? Or did you have a bit of difficulty explaining why Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior?

Oh, I know there are times that we're caught off guard and stammer a bit when asked about our faith. It seems that I often think of what I should or could have said ten minutes after the close of the conversation! How about you?

How do we prepare ourselves to talk about our faith? Yes, I use the word prepare. We need to prepare ourselves. How do you do that – wishin' and a hopin' – as the old song goes will not cut it. Each of us has to study so we can best use our talents to serve Jesus and to grow in faith.

Oh, you say, "study!" Yes, study can be exciting and liberating. I know that I'm excited when I can assist another in understanding a Bible verse. You can be like Philip in Acts chapter 8 where he interpreted the scriptures for the Ethiopian eunuch. It's exciting to be helpful.

Study is not just for the pastor, for those in seminary or for "smart" people. Study is for everyone. We grow and are transformed as we study. The apostle Paul said in Romans 12:2 we are transformed through the renewal of our minds. Jesus said that the knowledge of truth will set us free (John 8:32). The purpose of study is transformation of every aspect of our lives. We study to seek the deeper transformation of our heart and life and to find spiritual wisdom and the mind of Christ.

Each one of you reading this is most likely saying right now, "I need to study, but I'm not good at it." And I say, "really?" I know people who quote baseball or football stats on players who had died before they were born. Do you think those people have to study to learn that information? Do you listen to the news or read the daily newspaper to keep up on world events? Did any of you study to take an exam for employment? What is it that interests you? I study Christ so I can become more like him. Some days I feel like it's a losing battle, but I keep at it! I take the time to study.

How much time do you spend studying Christ? There's more to Christianity than going to church and singing praise songs. Christianity must become the spiritual core from which all our desires motivations and decisions arise. To do this requires study.

Community Presbyterian offers weekly Bible studies and will be offering a Sunday morning adult class. Please join these opportunities to strengthen and deepen your faith. Study so that you can best use your talents to serve Jesus and to grow in faith. That's what it's all about!

Pastor Lee

OCTOBER 2011: SPECIAL DATES



Sunday, October 2
Wednesday, October 12
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Thursday, October 13
Sunday, October 23
Friday, October 28
Saturday, October 29
Sunday, October 30

11:00am World Communion Sunday
9:00am Deacons Meeting
10:00am Women's Circle
9:00am Session Meeting
3:30pm Installation of Pastor Lee Ireland
5:00-7:00pm Fish Dinner Fundraiser
11:10am Story Time
Bake Sale



On Sunday, August 28th, the church distributed school supplies to children, K~8, who assembled in fellowship hall. This is the fourth year the church has provided school supplies for children from the Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park. Following the Sunday worship service, children and their families were welcomed by all of you, our church members, and invited to partake in the desserts and refreshments while school supplies were being distributed. This project was all made possible because of the members of the church providing the means to provide the supplies needed.

Thank you all so much for your generosity to this project.

A big thanks to Patty for organizing it all.



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

Death of a Loved One

Pray for peace and comfort for Peggy Bakke with the passing of OB.
Patty Valdez' family and the loss of their foster baby.

Recovery

Linda Faas in and out of surgeries recently
Bertha's sister-in-law Betty Ann recovering from knee surgery
Dot's friend Patt Mannino – healing in lungs from emphysema
Nancy's family - Jimmy Polof –75% of his body has 2nd degree burns
LaVita Warren – heart surgery
JD Smith – cancer
Jerry Moss – recovering from operation and shingles
Noel's friend Guy Patton – cancer in remission
Peggy's friend Carla recovering from brain surgery

Continuing Health Concerns

Noel's friend Hans Berg
Rena's friend Mike is in his final days with stage 4 cancer
Peggy's daughter Kim struggling with circulation in her legs
Butch's son Barry is struggling with chemo
Patty – Joe diagnosed with Huntington's Disease
Carol Francis' brother John suffering with Crohn's disease
Noel White's cousin, Kathy Findley - battling leukemia
Gail Prosser
Patty Valdez

Community and World Concerns

Ongoing concerns within Patty's family after the passing of a foster child in the home.
Bertha's friend Craig looking for a job
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
Our Marine's safety as he returns to active duty.

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

September 2011 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

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| <p>1) Philippians 3:4b-14
Nothing surpasses knowing Christ
Eric Williams</p> | <p>12) John 6:25-35
God will feed the believer
Brown Family</p> | <p>22) 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
The apostle's concern
Maxine Heldenbrand</p> |
| <p>2) Matthew 21:33-46
Proper 22 (27)
Lauren Williams</p> | <p>13) Exodus 33:12-23
God's glory revealed to Moses
Julee Collins</p> | <p>23) Matthew 22:34-46
Proper 25 (30)
Winnie Hockenbery</p> |
| <p>3) 1 Peter 2:4-10
Christ the cornerstone
Evelyn Woods</p> | <p>14) Psalms 99
Proclaim God's greatness
David & Opal Eason</p> | <p>24) Numbers 33:38-39
Death of Aaron
Kirk & Nancy Horton</p> |
| <p>4) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
God reconciles us through Christ
Chad & Billie Ackerson</p> | <p>15) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica
Carol Frances</p> | <p>25) Joshua 2:14-26
Faith without works is dead
Carol Hoskins</p> |
| <p>5) Deuteronomy 6:10-25
Keeping the commandments
Beth Alfred</p> | <p>16) Matthew 22:15-22
Proper 24 (29)
Rebeca Franz</p> | <p>26) Deut 26:16-27:7
The covenant ratified
Helen Hyde</p> |
| <p>6) Exodus 32:1-14
The golden calf
Sid & Martha Anderson</p> | <p>17) Rev 18:1-10, 19-20
Standing firm in the gospel
Dick & Carol Gampert</p> | <p>27) Joshua 3:7-17
Crossing into the promised land
Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton</p> |
| <p>7) Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23
God's favor for the people
Neal & Jean Angus</p> | <p>18) Rev 18:21-24
Babylon will be found no more
Kay Graham</p> | <p>28) Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37
Thanks for a beautiful land
Hazel Jacobsen</p> |
| <p>8) Philippians 4:1-9
Rejoice in the Lord always
Peggy Bakke</p> | <p>19) Matthew 17:22-27
Jesus pays the temple tax
Art & Karin Grice</p> | <p>29) 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
The apostle's teaching
Reed & Mary Karr</p> |
| <p>9) Matthew 22:1-14
Proper 23 (28)
Bob & Barbara Barrett</p> | <p>20) Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Death of Moses
Clint & Marty Haas</p> | <p>30) Matthew 23:1-12
Proper 26 (31)
Betty Leehan</p> |
| <p>10) Jude 17-25
Prepare for the Lord's coming
Alma Boney</p> | <p>21) Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
Show your servants your works
Butch & Eloise Haltman</p> | <p>31) Joshua 4:1-24
Another story of the crossing
Matt & Ann Mattheson</p> |
| <p>11) Exodus 33:1-6
The people in mourning
Doug Bridges</p> | | |



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 2nd we will be given an opportunity to take part in the World Communion Sunday worship service with the Korean congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity to merge two congregations, two cultures of one faith together to worship the Lord.

You don't want to miss this wonderful time of worship. The service will begin at 11:00 am instead of our earlier service time.

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FISH DINNER

Thanks to the generous amount of fish Butch caught this year we will be having a fish dinner fundraiser. Please see Butch to purchase tickets at \$10 a piece. That's a great deal on what's sure to be a tasty meal. Please invite your friends and family as well to enjoy this fun night. All proceeds from the dinner will go to the church general fund.

We'll have grilled and baked halibut for you to enjoy. The dinner will be at the church from 5-7pm on October 28th.

Fish
Dinner
Oct 28th



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STORY TIME

Story time was a great success Saturday with 13 children in attendance. The children listened to Peggy Bakke share about her hummingbirds through a slide show. And they decorated picture frames to take their own hummingbird picture home. They also got messy making bird feeder pinecones. It was a great time for all the children.



Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

The next story time will be October 29th, please plan on bringing the little children in your life. They will learn about flowers and even get the chance to plant flowers in the garden out front.

October Birthdays

Vera Syfert

October 10

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www.churchinthecove.org

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.