

The Shepherd's Staff

Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City, California



September 2013



Back to School for Kids, Back to Bible for Adults

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to
day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among
all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be
revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the
heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his
sanctuary.

(Psalm 96 NRSV)

Sometimes, when I'm doing my morning devotions, a scripture I'm reading that day speaks to me. I'm sure those of you who regularly read your Bible have had a similar experience. On a recent morning, these verses from Psalm 96 stood out to me and I wanted to share them with you. I hope you find these verses as encouraging as I did.

This Psalm instructs us to praise God with song, with music. There's such a delight being voiced here. There's joy being expressed. The writer of this Psalm encourages all of us to praise God for God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

The psalmist goes on to say how great God is. God is to be revered above all gods, the idols of other peoples. God is great, greater than any idol we may worship like money or success. God is not a god of wood or stone, but the creator of this world. God is strong and beautiful and we are to ascribe to God honor and majesty.

These verses provide a brief, but full description of the God we worship and praise. These verses encourage us to joyfully worship God, to delight in such a strong and beautiful God even when we may not feel like it.

Reading these verses encouraged me that morning to remember with joy the God I love and serve. They caused me to stop and pray a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for all God is and for all God has done. Let me encourage you to do likewise!

I'm always amazed when a verse from my Bible reading opens my heart to praise God in new ways or gives me a new perspective on God and my faith. Let me encourage you to take time each day to read a Psalm and a chapter from a book in the New Testament. With the beginning of the fall season, it's a good time to make Bible reading a habit if it already isn't.

So, if you haven't, start reading your Bible daily. You may find that God will speak to you through the verses you're reading.

Blessings,
Pastor Lee

SEPTEMBER 2013: SPECIAL DATES



Sunday September 1
Wednesday, September 18
Thursday, September, 19
Saturday, September 21

Potluck Lunch
New Bible Study Begins
Session
Story Time



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

Comfort and peace for the families missing loved ones

Recovery

Barbara Barrett – healing in eye
Leslie – Diabetic - Healing
Norman Larson – bleeding ulcer
Bob's son Bob – heart issues
Vern – open heart surgery
Mary Jane – pneumonia
Greg – pain from fall
John – healing
Manny – vein problem
Florence – heart attack
Matt – diverticulitis
Priscilla Martinez (LaVida's daughter) – liver and other concerns
Ruthie – recovering from surgery
Ray
Trish – multiple health problems
Marti's sisters Candice
Marci – angioplasty
Anita – healing and help
Grace – recovering from surgery
LaVida & Debbie – patience & healing

Continuing Health Concerns

Patty's friend Shemko
Bill's mother in coma, final days
Rena Rodman
Francis and Paula – terminal cancer
Patty Valdez, Matt & Ann Matheson, Charlton, Alexis, Mary
- Friends and Family suffering with cancer:
Phyllis, Father Isaac, Aaron, Tom, Ben, Ray, Jon, Lynn, Stacy, Reggie, Barnie, Kathy, Dale, Sammy, Neal, Cathy, Paula, Scott, Ruthie, Arvid, Kathy, Pat, Scott, Kathy, Anna Marie, Darrell, Jim

Community and World Concerns

Cathedral City police and fire departments
Darryl & Family – comfort

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	Desert Summer Kids Feeding Program
Twenty-nine 29 Palms Marine Base Wounded Warrior	Life Line subsidies
Well in the Desert	Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Scholarship for graduates of Cathedral City HS	Migrant Farm Workers – bedrolls and food
VA & Stroke Centers	Shelter from the Storm
Clothes That Work	Ronald McDonald House
One Great Hour of Sharing	Veterans hospital Loma Linda
Alternative Christmas	Baby kits for Haiti
School supplies for Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park Kids	2 Cents-a-Meal

SEPTEMBER 2013 Prayer Calendar

Please pray for each individual on the date listed

1) **Matthew 18:21-35**
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Carol Frances

2) Romans 14:1-12
When brothers and sisters
judge each other
Rebeka Franz

3) Psalm 114
Tremble, O earth
Dick Gampert

4) Hebrews 11:23-29
The faith of Moses
Murray Gibbard & Dell Morgan

5) The Faith of Moses
Building each other up
Kay Graham

6) Mark 11:20-25
Forgiveness for those who
forgive
Art & Karin Grice

7) Exodus 16:2-15
Manna in the wilderness
Marti Haas

8) **Matthew 20:1-16**
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Butch & Eloise Haltman

9) Philippians 1:21-30
Standing firm in the gospel
Ed Harbur

10) Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Remembering the wilderness
Kelly Heldenbrand

11) Romans 16:1-16
Cowokers in Christ
Winnie Hockenbery

12) Psalm 119:97-104
God's word sweeter than
honey
Kirk & Nancy Horton

13) Matthew 18:1-5
True greatness
Carol Hoskins

14) Exodus 17:1-7
Water from the rock
Helen Hyde

15) **Matthew 21:23-32**
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Lee Ireland & Linda Hamilton

16) Philippians 2:1-13
Christ humbled to the point of
death
Hazel Jacobsen

17) Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Recounting God's power
Reed & Mary Karr

18) Exodus 18:1-12
Moses reunited with family
Betty Leehan

19) Philippians 1:15-21
Christ is proclaimed
Mel & Arno Liehti

20) Matthew 9:2-8
Jesus' authority to forgive and
heal
Matt & Ann Matheson

21) Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
The commandments at Sinai
Florence Maybee

22) **Psalm 19**
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Fern Miller

23) Philippians 3:4b-14
Nothing surpasses knowing
Christ
Steve & Janet Miller

24) Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23
God's favor for the people
Gerald & Joy Moss

25) 1 Peter 2:4-10
Christ the cornerstone
Pat & Annette Patterson

26) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
God reconciles us through
Christ
Jay Peck & Marlys Peck

27) Deuteronomy 6:10-25
Keeping the commandments
Peris Family

28) Exodus 32:1-14
The golden calf
Steve & Louise Pesce

29) **Matthew 21:33-46**
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Wayne & Mary Price

30) Philippians 4:1-9
Rejoice in the Lord always
Gail Prosser

**A Report of Summer Programs of 2013
at Community Presbyterian Church of Cathedral City**

Throughout the summer activities of 2013, all of the Kids Cove team members confess that God works mysteriously through us, for us and within us for spreading God's Good News to our neighbors. It is always amazing to watch how a small congregation can dream big and how much a small congregation make a difference by serving their neighbors. I can't say thank you enough to all of you!

First of all, the Kids Cove team really appreciates all the support and prayers from our congregation members. With your love for kids and your passion for the Kingdom of God, our church could resume Vacation Bible School at our church, could continue three successful movie nights, and could have the second fantastic year of Community Water Fest for the kids in our community as well as in our church. Thank you all for your prayers and support!

For the first movie night on June 19, we had 46 people including adults and for the second movie night on July 17, we had 42 people. For the third movie night on August 14, our attendance tripled. We had 103 people including 15 volunteers, 18 parents, 12 preschoolers and 59 kids who received school supplies from our church. Thank you for donating school supplies for kids!

We had 42 kids during three days of VBS. The Kids Cove Team and 4 youth volunteers dedicated to the VBS. God sent us youth laborers in order to work with us spreading Good News to their neighbors. The neighborhood youth volunteers went door to door to invite the children to church. We give special thanks to the Women's Circle for serving dinner for the kids and volunteers!

One of Kids Cove Team members summarized our 2013 VBS as "They learned that Jesus is their friend and they learned that we, Community Presbyterian Church, are their friends." On the second night of VBS we saw every child stand and pray the prayer to accept Jesus as their Savior. It was an amazing moment for all of us.

The second Community Water Fest which was held on August 17th was a great fun. Around 123 people got together at our church, enjoying water slides, games, and a hot dog lunch. Surely it was a community event for all of us working together, having fun together, cleaning together, and practicing Christian love together. Thank you all of you who came to the Community Water Fest!

Your help, your love, your support and your time made these possible. We pray that God continue to bless all of us to be God's instruments!

Many blessings,

Pastor *Esther Shin*

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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.