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### PASTOR'S COLUMN



July & August 2014

As I write this article we are looking forward to sending the most children and youth away to summer camp that we've ever sent. We need to pray for these life-changing opportunities as these kids experience an amazing opportunity to grow in Christ. In our prayers we can include prayers of community, joy, fun, growth, and even more specific needs. I remember a fourth grader who was experiencing his first summer at camp. Soon he sent his mother a brief but pointed letter: "Dear Mom, please send me lots of food. All we get here is breakfast, lunch and dinner."

For the rest of us, there are unique possibilities to experience growth during summer. You may go someplace you've never been or you may spend time on an activity you've never tried.

With summer vacation coming up, an English teacher wrote the on the chalkboard, I AIN'T GONNA HAVE NO FUN ALL SUMMER. "How do you correct this sentence?" she asked the class. One student called out from his desk, "Get a boyfriend!"

We can also learn about other perspectives as we travel to distant places. People's lives may look different than ours. Their ideas and daily routines are possibly different than ours. My wife and I are going to explore Nova Scotia for 5 days this summer. It will be totally different for us, and I'm looking forward to learning how life is experienced differently there. I came across the following story:

Former Under Secretary of the Interior John C. Whitaker is reminded of how easy it is to get an out-of-perspective feeling about one's importance in government whenever he thinks of an 85-year-old woman who has lived her life in one spot in Nova Scotia. The population there swells to nine in summer and stays steady at two during the winter. Whitaker, who has been fishing there every year since he was 12, flew in one day. Miss Mildred welcomed him into her kitchen and said, "Johnny, I hate to admit I don't know, but where is Washington?" When Whitaker realized that she wasn't kidding, he explained: "That's where the President is. That's like where you have the Prime Minister in Ottawa." Then she asked how many people lived there, and Whitaker said there were about two million. She said, "Think of that, two million people living so far away from everything."

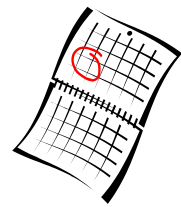
Wherever your summer leads, continue to ask, "Where is Christ in this place or experience?" And have a great summer.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Bill



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.

**TAKING A SUMMER BREAK:** Friday Noon Bible Study & Ringtones. Watch for announcements.

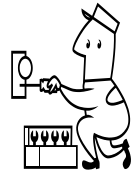


**MEN AT WORK**

Next two meetings: July 19 & August 16

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 will discuss One Thousand White Women, the journals of May Dodd by Jim Fergus on Thursday, July 10th at 4:00 p.m. May Dodd's journey west is a tale of sorrow, suspense, and triumph.

The meeting will be at Ellie Fuller's home 25035 Greenmill, Newhall. RSVP 661-2519-4983. Salad supper to follow the discussion.

There is no meeting in August however September's gathering will discuss Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

**SAVE THESE DATES -**

July 7, 14, 21 & 28	Fun With the Son
July 9, 16 & 23	Summer Magic
July 10	Book Buddies
July 12	Standing Together
July 13	Grease Sing-a-long
July 13-18	High School Camp
July 19	Men at Work
July 20-25	4th to 6th grade Camp
July 27-Aug 1	Jr. High Camp
July 29 & Aug 26	Ladies Night Out
Aug 9	Couples' Garden
Aug 16	Men at Work
Aug 31	Hollywood Bowl

**BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S**

Lucille Ford	7/13
Bob Durham	7/9

**COUPLES' GARDEN**

Pastors Linsey and Robbie Carnes from Kirk o' the Valley will speak on Gender Roles from a biblical perspective. Dates are Saturday August 9 and Saturday September 13. Come at 5:30 pm for appetizers in Fellowship Hall followed by lecture/discussion, then date night to follow. Child care will be provided free. Cost \$5/couple.

**HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

The Big Picture: Hitchcock Sunday August 31st 7:30 pm. David Newman will conduct the orchestra while we watch scenes from Alfred Hitchcock movies. Dinner in fellowship hall at 5pm and carpool to shuttle bus. Cost \$25/ticket. Deadline for ticket sales is July 27. Questions: Call Candy Belcher 626-297-2445



**LADIES NIGHT OUT**

July 29 at 6:30 pm  
George's Bistro  
28261 Newhall Ranch Road  
Santa Clarita 91355

August 26 at 6:30 PM  
Piccola Trattoria  
18301 Sierra Hwy. Unit 2  
Canyon Country 91351

Sept 30	Stone Fire Grill
Oct 28	BJ's
Nov 25	No Meeting
Dec. 30	Black Angus
Jan 27	Lima Limon
Feb 24	Wood Ranch



**SUMMER MAGIC**

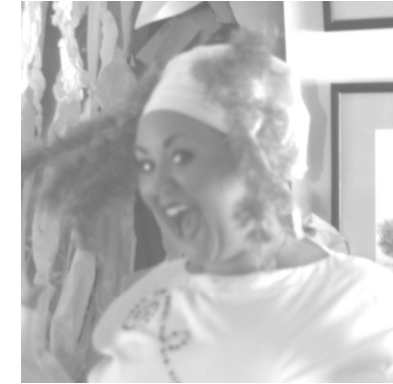
Bring your family to share in "Summer Magic" in a relaxed backyard setting at the home of Bill & Brenda Barnes, 27215 Branbury Ct. Valencia. Picture this: Kids in the pool; Dads talking around the grill; Moms laughing poolside; Youth playing croquet or Ping-Pong; Adults talking in the gazebo; Church Life Committee serving an eat-when-you-get-here supper. July 9th, 16th, and 23rd, come any time between 5:30 and 8 pm.



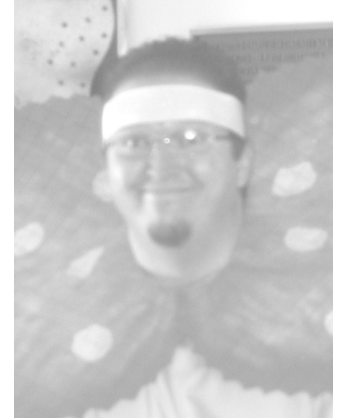
**MEMORIES OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Ian Fletcher: SHRED



Sarah Bolin: AXL



Chris Clewett: IGGY

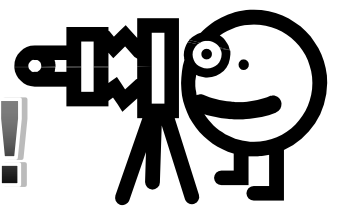


Nancy Tomei: FERN



Chris Howell: MILTON

**PICTURE THIS!!!**



Ari Benjamin—7 lbs. 10 oz.— 22 in.

On 6/9/2014 Ben and Caitlin Johnston-Urey became the proud parents of **TWINS!** (Ben is our former pianist and organist.) Big sister is Madelyn Skye.



Ava Arabella— 6 lbs. 13 oz.— 19 in.



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.

### WILL YOU STILL LOVE ME IF I'M WRONG? *By Roland Wrinkle*

This has been my church (and church family for over 30 years). I've spent half of my life studying the bible and about the bible. I have voiced my positions and beliefs not infrequently and not always softly. Sometimes I have ticked some people off. Sometimes some of you have disagreed with me. Sometimes (okay, maybe some say more than sometimes) I am wrong. So....do you still love me? Well, if you're a follower of the risen Messiah, you're commanded to. And this wasn't a mere recommendation for community peace and order—it was and is the decreed categorical imperative that holds heaven and earth together, the heaven and earth which was created by the God we pledge allegiance to.

Here's the creed that Jesus instructed us to confess, to teach our children and to never forget:

*Love the Lord with all your heart, strength, soul and mind,*

*And love God by following Jesus,*

*And love others.*

He also let us know that, until He returns, we are to function in this world as His body in the form of the gathered Church. If we start taking it upon ourselves to condemn or cast out other members of that Church because of disagreements over various hot-button positions, then we ought to resign from the *HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS CLUB*.

Back to me being wrong about things from time to time. N.T. Wright is probably the most respected New Testament scholar on the planet. He claims that he is probably right about 80% of the time, but the problem is he doesn't know which is the 20% he's wrong about. If that's so, then I'm probably wrong in the order of (and let's be charitable to me here), say, one-third. So, this means that, when I rub you the wrong way because you're convinced you're right, you may very well be right—that is, I'm wrong. I'll even give you better than that. Over the past 30 years I've changed my mind or position on a wide swath of biblical issues. By definition, then, I believe I was wrong (at least in the past) about 50% of this stuff. The math is likely more complex than this, but it seems to add up to me being wrong to the tune of 80% of something or other.

So, what are you gonna do? Turn your back on me? Cast me into the lake of fire? Tell me to go start my own church? Rick Lyons asked us, "*Should we be intolerant of the intolerant?* (Mull that one over for a while.) I believe the broader western church has gotten the central message of the Gospel wrong and that it goes about reading the bible wrong. I believe much of what the post-Enlightenment church teaches about heaven and hell is wrong. What if you disagree? What are you gonna do? Subject me to correction and discipline until I see the light and conform to your heartfelt orthodoxies? No! (as Paul would say). Dogmas without love are dog-doo (which is exactly what Paul *did* say—except I cleaned up his more explicit language).

Jesus not only told us to love—and to love wildly, promiscuously and limitlessly, but He showed us what He was talking about. Jesus loved the loathsome, the low, the miscreant, the thug, the smelly, the unclean and the despicable. Jesus loved the unlovable. Not just that, but He dined with them! In those days dining with someone was seen as an endorsement of those you supped with. And He commanded us to do likewise. So what do we do with those who flat-out get the bible (according to me or you) wrong? What if I got it wrong (at least currently) on heaven or hell, how the bible should be read, homosexual ordination, homosexual marriage, the role of women in the church, the place of the church in the wider world and culture—or a hundred other issues that are poised to rip us apart? Answer: *You love me!* "*If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.*" (Yup, Paul again.) We wrap all of our disagreements up in a protective cocoon of love and we talk to each other about our differences. We don't go off and start other churches simply to give exclusivity to our own orthodoxies. We love each other and get about the business of being Christ's body on this earth. What ya' think all that humility and humbleness stuff was all about when we spent so much time talking about the *Fruits of the Spirit*? No one cherishes his biblical insights more than I do. So, I'm wrong some (pick a percentage) of the time. Talk to me. But, if you're a Christian in the sense of being a follower of Christ, love me. (I love you—and I know you're wrong.)



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.



### Fun with the SON!

July 7, 14, 21, and 28

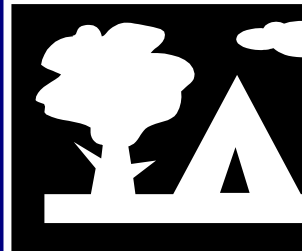
9am—noon

Pre-k thru 6th grade



In this mini-VBS format, children will learn to be secret agents for Jesus through music, stories, crafts, playing, preparing & eating snacks. Register NOW on the patio. Cost is \$15 per child/day; family deal is \$25/day.

### Summer Camp



July 20–25 (sleep away) for 4th grade–6th grade

Kids will come home jazzed about God's love for them.

*Space is limited so register NOW!*

Cost is \$400 per camper: \$100 deposit due by July 5th; balance due July 20th.

### COMMUNION & CANS



As a fundraiser for camp scholarships, our kids will be collecting recycling every month on the first Sunday. The catchy title stems from the fact that this is also Communion Sunday every month. There will be three bins available—for aluminum, glass and newspapers. Bring your donation, toss it in the bins, and forget about it for the rest of the month. Our goal is a fabulous camp experience for every kid, regardless of their ability to pay!



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.

**PRAISE IN THE PARK:** Every Tuesday we hold youth group at Valencia Glen Park. Drop off time is 6 pm; pickup time is 8 pm. We will have games, music and a lesson. This program will be for youth: incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders through graduated high school seniors. This is a fun environment and a great way to introduce your friends to our youth group. Park address is 23750 Via Gavola, Santa Clarita.

July 13 – 18: High School camp

July 27 – Aug. 1: Junior High camp

Cost is \$450 per camper and space is limited! See Sarah to reserve your spot.





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.

## Mary Martha Circle

Mary and Martha are sisters in the Bible and sisters to Lazarus whom Jesus resurrected. Both Luke and John describe them as friends of Jesus. These sisters were known to be bold followers of Jesus that inspired others to offer hospitality, study the scriptures, and love God and their neighbor.

The Mary Martha Circle has been around for over forty years. It first started as a working women's group, so the ladies met in the evening. Many women at this time were heading back to work. Some of the first members were Janet Bingham-school librarian, Wanda Lewis-teacher, Vernadene Zigtma-church secretary, Marion Redfern-Hallmark employee, Carole Wheeler and Becky Novy- teachers, and Dorothy Harris. Amazing women!

Mary Martha Circle grew so large over the years that we eventually split into morning and evening groups. The morning group became Lydia Circle and we remained the Mary Martha Circle. We meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in various homes. We have insightful discussions about our lessons and share different viewpoints to consider. We have a wonderful Christmas dinner together and entertain each

other with some inventive white elephant gifts that we exchange. It is always surprising to see what someone will slip into the gift pile! We laugh, pray, share ourselves and share a lesson together. Our small group, Carol Ramnarine, Chi Kanagi, Becky Novy, Nancy Spigelman, Sandy Park, Dee Ann Wood and Karen Sandoval are still dedicated to our Circle and even with some of our members travelling to exotic places, still meet and continue on. We would love to extend our welcome to come join us.



The Ladies of Mary Martha Circle



### 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) & Wanda Lewis (296-2354) - Meets first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.
- Mary Martha:** Karen Sandoval (298-7977) - 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 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.

## MISSION TRIP—THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

**Romans 10: 13-15:** *For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news. From being the Associate Youth Director for our church, teaching teenagers how the Lord works through us and how our hands can speak louder than our words, to being a participant on the Amor trip, one thing is certain, each trip is unique in seeing God's work. Also, as the Sunday school teacher for our youth (junior high and high school kids) I highly stress the importance of mission work and quite often use the examples of my experiences in the Florida, Dominican Republic, and now Mexico (Amor) mission trips.

Each Mission trip has had a huge impact in my life, and this trip to Mexico was no exception. One thing that I greatly enjoyed, was spending time with our men of the church. They bring so much knowledge and experience to the table, it's nice to just sit and listen to their understanding of the world and understanding of our Lord. When I went on the Mission Trips with the Youth program we would entertain younger kids with games, songs, and interpretations of the Bible through skits or simply read out loud. I was a teacher for the Youth Mission Trips, but on the Men's Amor trip, I was a student. It's quite nice to be the student, I can make mistakes (taking an excerpt from our youth). I am just joshing to say I don't make mistakes, but it was really nice to be with the men of our church. I loved hearing and participating in the evening devotionals, working with the men (who surprisingly don't stop once the work starts), and learning more and more from their journey in faith in comparison to mine.

The two most predominant examples that come to mind are my conversations with Jack Irwin and John Favalezza. These two have been with the church since I began coming when I was 17 (I can't believe that was 13 years ago), and Jack is even responsible for bringing the Amor trip to our church. I have known these people for 13 years, and until this trip, I couldn't even tell you why they came to our church. Now, I know, and it's the same reason I came to our church. We love people, we love the wicked and the sick, and we love to talk with our hands (and stomachs) more than our mouths.

This past experience in Mexico with the men of our church made me realize something that is quite nice and reassuring: I feel that this church holds the same identity of Christ as I do. Since most of us get to know each other for about twenty minutes for one day a week and engage in shallow conversation, no one really gets to know the identity of the people of our church. I challenge you, get to know the people and ask them about their faith. You will be surprised by the answers and if you are struggling with engaging our people, don't be nervous, for we all fall short of the glory of God. I am extremely humbled by our church, our people, and our Lord. I am very blessed to be here with you and thank you for reading.

With Gratitude,  
James W. Allison



## MEET OUR MISSIONARY

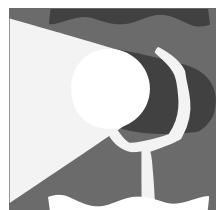
Reverend Sarah Henken's home presbytery is in San Fernando. She began working in the Andean Region (Latin American and the Caribbean) as the Regional Liaison for that region in July 2010. Sarah has always had a passion working for the people in Latin America. She had previously served as a Young Adult Volunteer in Uruguay and as coordinator of the Colombia Accompaniment Program. Sarah Supports partner ministries, implements regional strategies, and facilitates the work of other mission workers. Sarah also works with U.S. Presbyterians involved in partnership in Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela. First Presbyterian Church of Newhall is glad to support Sarah in her journey in the Andean Region.



James Allison



# AUGUST SPOTLIGHT



## Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall

The opening of Little Shepherd's Nursery School in 1967 ushered in the child care business in the Santa Clarita Valley. It has always been dedicated to the excellence of every child's development and has promoted an atmosphere that helps each child to develop positive emotions about themselves as a basis for loving others. Through play and exploring their surroundings, children learn to love the Lord as well as love education. Guiding each child in this endeavor is a dedicated staff with many years of early childhood development experience.

Summer School is in session for 4 weeks in July beginning on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration is in process.

The 2014-15 school year begins August 26<sup>th</sup> with a new schedule. Three-days-a-week will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The two-day program remains the same on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is also a one-day-a-week program where the parent can decide which day the child will attend. The school is also offering for the first time a TK/K after-school program from 12 noon to 3 pm. Similar to the extended care program we have for our current students, children in TK/K morning programs will come in the afternoon for fun activities. Enrollments for all these programs are now being accepted.

For more information, call 661-254-2312.

Here is what some of our parents/grandparents of former and present students have to say about our fabulous school:

"All 3 of my children have attended Little Shepherd's. It is a caring and loving environment with teachers who know what they are doing and help each child reach their potential. The classes are small so that each child gets special attention." - Dorothy Ng

"Both of my sons attended LSNS in the 70's. My five grandchildren followed from 2003 to the present time. It was as perfect for us then as it is now." - Sue Smyth

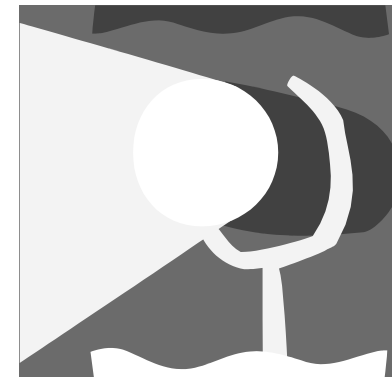
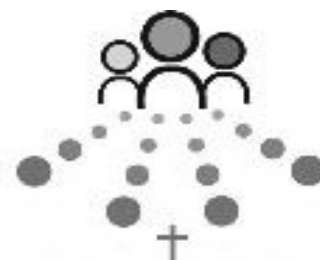
"Little Shepherd's is the best!! It is a nurturing, Christian environment that my three children enjoyed many years ago. LSNS is a place all little ones would love (and their parents too!!)." - Sally Ledbetter

"Little Shepherd's was a safe and warm family environment for my children as they attended for 5 years. The teachers at Little Shepherd's nurtured my children to be kind-hearted and responsible individuals. We will always treasure the time we were able to spend with Miss Esther and her team of amazing teachers. Miss Jolene and Miss Genie have remained in our hearts and our daily prayers as they have touched our children's lives so greatly." - Nicole McCreery

With the emphasis on socialization and play, Little Shepherd's provided the perfect environment for teaching our daughter, Courtney, to solve problems and get along with others. The staff was loving, caring, and nurturing! Her favorite activity was the bouncy tire. Granddaughter, Lauryn, also loved the tire...like mother, like daughter. We are so blessed by their positive experiences, and feel it was, and is, a very special place!" - Chi Kanagi



# JULY SPOTLIGHT THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE



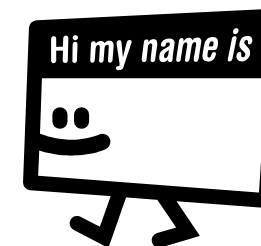
The Outreach Committee is called by our Heavenly Father to extend the hospitality that we find in our fellowship to the community, to visitors, and to new members, in order to draw them into the family of Christian faith at First Presbyterian Church.

This past year, I became the Elder in charge of Outreach. I thought, "COOL, now there is a way I can give back for all my blessings in addition to being a sometimes-singer in the choir!" Then I started thinking and wondering, exactly what it is that outreach does. Well, as I am still finding out, Outreach is just that, reaching outside to spread the word of God. Whether it is through actions or word, Outreach is spreading the news about God while spreading the news about our fun little community here at First Pres. Newhall.

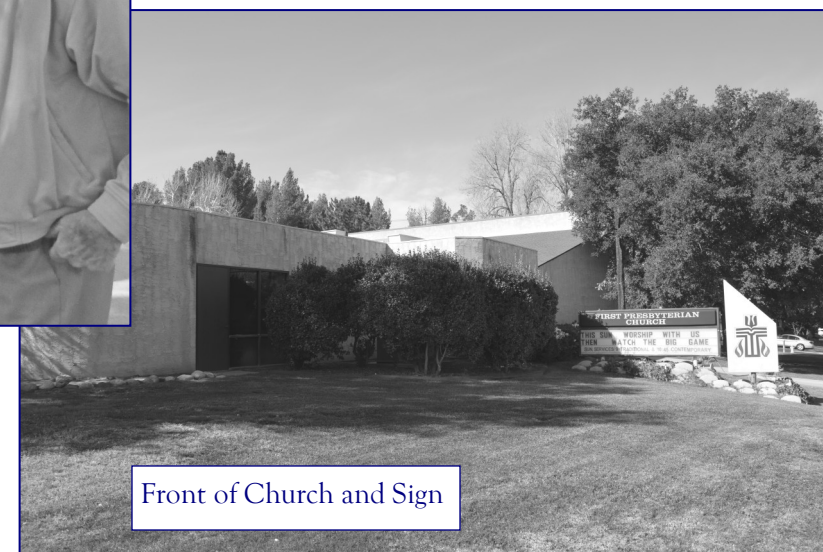
The Outreach committee is: the Greeter who greets you with a smile every Sunday morning and gives you a name tag; the inspirational and witty front sign; Facebook; Google and newspaper advertising; Guardian Angels; the web site; New Members class; Visitor Gift Bags; the Cookie Ministry; The church directories; who's who in the pew; and so much more.

When you get right down to it, the Outreach committee is... YOU! There is nothing more powerful than the testimony that you give about your church. Either through word or action, you are spreading the news about God and our community every day. We are all a part of Outreach. We are the first and last connect with people. So if you would like to take a larger part in Outreach, come join the committee. It is as easy as saying "Hi" to someone.

Jeff Gilbert



Greeters and Nametags



Front of Church and Sign



# SPOTLIGHT ON THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE - THE CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you explored our church website? You may be in for a surprise!

www.presby-newhall.org

Our main page (pictured below) is designed to show visitors what we are about and what we have to offer. It is also a gateway for members to see what's happening and provide resources.

The menu bar is your gateway for getting connected and involved. The Menu items are:

**Our Community** - Here you'll find *Our Vision, Directions, What Presbyterians Believe* (our creeds!), *Staff, Contact Us*, the online *Church Directory* of members, *Stories of Faith* and *Little Shepherds Nursery School*.

**Celebrating God Together - Worship Service** information, *Sermon Archive* (going back to 2001 and it's searchable!), *upcoming Sermons*, and information on *Weddings* and *Memorials*.

**Something for Everyone** - Our *upcoming events*, our church's *Online Calendar* as well as our *Newsletters*.

**When You're Hurting** - Our *Deacon and Stephen Ministry* information including contact email forms.

**Discover Your Mission** - *Get involved* has a ton of information and ideas including a list of all our Committees. *Kingdom Work* shows all the missions we support and how you can help. *Presbyterian Women*.

**The Next Generation** - Youth group information and *Youth Forms* for scholarships and programs.

**Photo Galleries** - mission trips and some surprises .

**Engagement** - *Theological & Events Blogs*. You are invited to participate!

# THE CHURCH WEBSITE - a few of the many details:



Our Sermon Archive (under menu Celebrating God Together) has over 500 sermons going back to 2000! They are full searchable by Preacher, Date, Bible passage, series and sermon title. You can listen online or download. You will see the Bible passage. Any visual presentations used are also available.

Sermon Archive

The virtue of a Mienisch (Matthew 20:1-16) Edit Sermon  
 Rev Dr Bill Barnes, June 8, 2014  
 Part of the Fruits of the Spirit series, preached at a Sunday Morning service  
 Tags:  
 Download



About Rev Dr Bill Barnes: a passionate Christian, pastor, theologian, scholar, educator, therapist, gourmet cook, sommelier, surfer dude, beloved by the congregation and a great guy  
 Matthew 20:1-16  
 20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. How when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last." (ESV)  
 Galatians 2:20-26  
 20 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 21 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 22 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 23 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 24 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (ESV)

Check out our photo albums. If you have church related pictures to share we can create a page!



Christmas Choir Concert

Find your mission: Kingdom Work


Local Mission Opportunities: The First Presbyterian Church of Newhall  
 The following organizations and individuals are supported through your Mission Committee. We gratefully encourage you to explore their varied and continual volunteer needs.  
 Amor Ministries - Provides assistance to the poorest families in New Mexico, Mexico and South Africa. Their solution to the need is completed by thousands of volunteers from all over the world who participate on an Amor Mission Trip. First Presby Newhall has two homebuilding mission trips a year to Mexico in the spring and fall and has done so for the past 16 years. Trip pictures, for more information on Amor: www.amor.org  
 The next Amor homebuilding trip is October 11th - 14th. This is our church family trip. All in the community are welcome for more information on the trip contact: Amor@presbynewhall.org  
 Family Promise - Provides temporary shelter, food and support services for homeless families. 661-251-2867 Chris Najera, Coordinator. Web: www.familypromise.org  
 Hands & Hearts - Provides spiritual, emotional and tangible support to members of the United States military who are deployed in harm's way. 661-255-3222 Karoline Blackston, Director Email: hands\_heart@yahoo.com  
 Help the Children - Faithful giving and prayerful support in feeding & helping people, supplying health services & providing disaster relief. 661-702-8852 Michael Santamarra, Director Web: helpthechildren.org (Santa Clarita link)  
 Little Shepherd's Nursery School - A developmental preschool and a part of the ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall for 46 years. 661-254-2312, Dyanne Voss, Director. Web: www.littleshepherdsnurseryschool.com  
 Lutheran Social Service - Passionate commitment to servicing the Community Care Center needs and well-being of our communities through many different outlets. 661-298-8972 Web: lsssc.org  
 Michele Bracceros - First Pres Newhall Missionary "GRU" (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ INC) 909-684-7222 Web: gbu.org/0479159  
 Monte Vista Grove Homes - Residential Christian ministry dedicated to meeting the needs of qualified retirees of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). 626-796-8190 Deborah Herrest, Director Web: mvg.org  
 San Dixon Family Health Centers, Inc. - Strive to ensure that our SCV neighbors have access to affordable, quality primary care, serving the uninsured and under-insured. 661-257-2339 Brene Leon, Comm Rep Web: sffhc.org  
 Santa Clarita Senior Center Multipurpose center - dedicated to independence, dignity and quality of life for our senior citizens and the community at large. 661-259-9444 Web: scsvcc.org  
 Santa Clarita Shelter A Bridge to Home-Provided Services - Serves the needs of homeless individuals of the Santa Clarita Valley. 661-388-0002 Annette Guzman, Manager web: santacclarita.org  
 SCV Food Pantry - Dedicated to alleviating hunger throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. 661-255-9078 Belinda Crawford, Director. email: executive\_director@scvfoodpantry.org. Web: SCVFoodPantry.org  
 Zoe International - Zoe's Children's Homes rescues and cares for orphans in danger and children who are sold or at risk of being sold into human trafficking - worldwide. 661-255-7963 Web: zoe.org

Our Theological Blog! (under menu Engagement).

Encourage spiritual growth and join our online discussion of theological topics. All are welcome to post comments or questions or create a new topic. The blog is moderated by some of the deep thinkers of our church. Here is a list of the current topics:

- A Meditation on how to exhibit the Fruits of the Holy Spirit without being religious
- more on the NT- Wright Convocation
- Doing Theology in the 21st century
- Sermon on the Mount series: Takes on Matthew 6:1-16
- Growing in Christ
- Sermon on the Mount series: Takes on Matthew 5:38-48
- Sermon on the Mount series: Takes on Matthew 5:17-32
- God's Plan for our good and for our future (Jer. 29:11)
- Old Testament Worldview, murder & war
- The Resurrection of the Believers Fool's Paradise
- Have we gotten heaven all wrong?
- How the American Church Took "Christ" out of Christmas

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Something For Everyone Every Day

Upcoming Events the May Newsletter is available here

New Members Class June 8th & 15th; to sign-up - call the church office

Vacation Bible School June 23rd to the 27th. Online registration here (the page may take time to load)

Little Shepherd's is now enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year. The school's new hours are Tues, Weds, Thurs: 9:00—12:00 with a Pre-K, T-K and K after-care program (noon—3:00pm). Call 661-254-2312 website http://www.little-sheps.org

Little Shepherd's Fundraiser - remember your child with a commemorative tile. See Chi Kanagi. order deadline is July 1st.

Ladies Night Out June 24th Red Lobster 6:30pm



Our Vision

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An Atmosphere of Acceptance - Come as you are, make friends and journey together

Practical Meaningful Messages - Our pastor expresses the truth found in Scripture in a fresh, credible way. You'll hear practical messages from the Bible that relate to the problems and pressures we all face.  
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 Sandy McIntosh, Office Manager presby2@pacbell.net

Stories of Faith

Our life is enriched by the stories of faith from those who have walked before us. Dr. Paul Ailjan inspires us as we hear his perspective on faith and fellowship. Let his story speak to your heart and life!



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ongoing series - Fruits of the Spirit

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