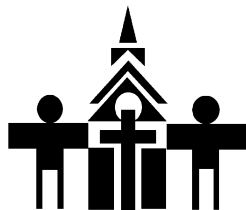


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PRAY FOR AMERICA

"If my people become humble, prayerful
and repent... I will hear and forgive their sins"

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2 Chronicles 7:14



(The following is from an article by **Dr. Gary Tuck**, a seminary friend of mine and now a professor at Western Seminary's San Jose campus. A good reminder and reprinted here with his permission).

"We did it again. We elected a sinner. When are we going to learn? In fact we elected 435 sinners out of 435 seats in the House of Representatives. And a bunch of Sin-ators. You get the point? According to Daniel 4:25, "the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes." God raises up earth's leaders, including those in the USA, which means He puts sinners in places of leadership. Some are aggressively hostile against Him and goodness, some are humble, faithful. Most (?) are somewhere in between. But God is driving history to the end He has determined. That is laid out definitively in Daniel 2 with the course of the four short-lived empires to be replaced ultimately and eternally by "the Kingdom" of "the God of heaven" (2:44). And the main idea about that Kingdom is ... [wait for it] ... the King, Jesus! Hebrews 12:2 exhorts us, "Fixing our eyes on Jesus." Not this President or any other. Sometimes it feels like Christians are arguing, "My guy isn't as bad as your guy; my guy's sins aren't as bad as your guy's." Can we worry and fuss a little less about this or that terrible, immoral President, and celebrate and promote Hope in the glorious Savior-King? What happened to Psalm 37:1, "Fret not yourself because of evildoers"? Verse 8 adds, in loose paraphrase, "when you do, you become like them, evildoer." Ouch! What happened to 2 Cor 4:16, "We look not at the things that are seen but at the things that are unseen"? In choosing one sinner to lead the Executive branch of our federal government, we rejected another sinner who ran against him, and watched yet another sinner move out of the White House. But as long as we are fixing our eyes on this or that sinner, it's hard for us at the same time to fix our eyes on the Sinless One. (As an added bonus, by fixing our gaze

on Him, we are being miraculously transformed: 2 Cor 3:18!). Jesus is coming, not to run for office, but to claim the office that was granted to Him ages ago by the Creator and Supreme Lord of the Universe. See Psalm 2:6-7. As long as we concentrate on sinners (Presidents), it's hard to concentrate on the Savior-King. I hope you will join me in fixing our eyes less on sinners and a little more—of course I am being facetious: a lot more—on Earth's only Hope. And there is real Hope, because He really is coming and He really is going to judge and reign and reign and reign ... If we keep our focus on Him today, we will surely recognize Him when He comes (tomorrow?)."

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9:15 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Music Team rehearsal
10:45 AM Worship Service (1st Sunday communion)

Tuesday

8:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast (at the Merrill's)
6:30 PM K-5 Awana Clubs

Wednesday

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible study (at church)
6:30 PM Music team rehearsal

Thursday

6:00 PM Ages 3 & 4 Awana ("Cubbies")
6:30 PM Jr & Sr High Awana (Journey & Trek)

Third Friday

5:00 PM Craft night (meets in "upper room")

ALSO IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5th, Tom Meyer, of Wordsower Ministries, returns. Tom speaks at churches throughout the country, teaching Biblical truth and also reciting large portions of Scripture from memory.

February 25th Awana T&T Bible quizzing and games in Santa Maria.

February 26th 12:15 pm Constitution revision meeting

February will be an exciting month for our **Awana**



Kids. On Saturday, February 25th in Santa Maria there will be Bible Quizzing for our T&T youngsters as well as

Awana Games. Practices will be Friday afternoons starting on February 3rd. Please pray that we will have enough kids to participate in these activities, for safety at practices and during games, and for wisdom and calm nerves for our quizzers.



- 2 Doug & Kathy Claassen (A)
- 3 Dana Vanderhoeef
- 8 Lisa Baldwin
- 10 Dave Mason
- 13 Marjy Rau
- 21 Valerie Bailey
- 21 Karen Calderwood
- 25 Nellie Calderwood
- 28 Elizabeth Silva

Corrections/updates? E-mail pastor@baywoodchurch.com. We would love to celebrate your birthday or wedding anniversary! If your date(s) are not included, please provide them in an e-mail to office@baywoodchurch.com and we will include them. You may also submit a guest card in the offering during a worship service.

“Pray for America” stickers, for use on envelopes, cards, or other items, are available on the information counter near the front doors of the church. Yard signs are also available.

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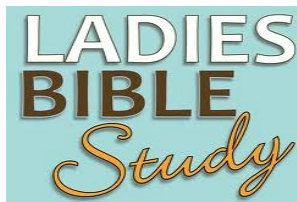
Our music team rehearses each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. If you sing or play an instrument, please contact the pastor or John Rau for more information.



Our **Christmas luncheon committee** is already looking ahead to our 2017 gathering on December 2nd. If you have comments about our recent event or wish more information, please contact Mike or Joan Powers, George or Patty Martinez, or Pastor John.



John Rau continues his uplifting study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount during our 9:15 am Adult Class each Sunday!



The Ladies' Wednesday morning Bible study will resume regular meetings at the church at 10:00 am. Women of all ages are welcome!



The Tuesday Morning **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** resumes regular meetings on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 8:00 am at the

Merrill home (2471 Tierra Dr., Los Osos) For more information, please contact Park Merrill.

Looking ahead . . .



Here are some of the events planned in the months ahead, so mark your calendars now!

Mar. 19th. Annual business meeting. Copies of the proposed budget for the next fiscal year will be available for review early in March.

Elder-Deacon-Deaconess. Names of those recommended for one of these positions should be submitted to an elder (Ben Richert, Don Schmidt, Victor Silva-Palacios, or Pastor John) by Thursday, February 2nd. Please review the qualifications for these offices before submitting names.

Youth Director Update. Please pray for God's direction as our search for someone to fill this position continues.

When Abortion Suddenly Stopped Making Sense

The pro-life cause is perennially unpopular, and pro-lifers get used to being misrepresented and wrongly accused. There are only a limited number of people who are going to be brave enough to stand up on the side of an unpopular cause. But sometimes a cause is so urgent, is so dramatically clear, that it's worth it. What cause could be more outrageous than violence — fatal violence — against the most helpless members of our human community? If that doesn't move us, how hard are our hearts? If that doesn't move us, what will ever move us? One day, the tide is going to turn. With that Supreme Court decision 43 years ago, one of the sides in the abortion debate won the day. But sooner or later, that day will end. No generation can rule from the grave. The time is coming when a younger generation will sit in judgment of ours. And they are not obligated to be kind. -by Frederica Mathewes-Green, in National Review On Line, January 22, 2016.