

THE BAYWOOD BEACON

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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

FROM THE



PASTOR

Those of you who were here for worship on May 28th know the message touched on how we must keep in mind that our plans are always subject to God's purposes and that we do well to consider what God might be leading us to do for someone else at the same time. As 2 Corinthians began, the Apostle Paul sought to reassure the church in Corinth that changes in his plans to visit them had only their best interests in mind (1:15). I raise this topic here because with summertime and possible vacations looming on the horizon, what plans have we made? If a vacation is on our agenda, we'll be planning where to go, where to stay and for how long, and of course how much we're going to be able to spend! This line of thinking raised two questions in my thinking: 1) Do I give as much time to planning – or even thinking about – how I'm serving my Savior, and 2) what is my response going to be if God somehow changes my vacation plans? What if there's an illness? A family emergency of some sort? What if my car fails when I'm already on the trip? Be assured I pray none of these misfortunes befall any of you! But if we find ourselves in the midst of an upset at some point between now and Labor Day, perhaps we should pause, reflect, and ask what God may be wanting us to learn through it all. Is there someone else I should focus upon? Is there another project or opportunity I might pursue instead? Paul's plans had already been "rearranged" as he had made an unexpected trip back to Corinth from Ephesus to deal with problems that remained even after his teachings in 1 Corinthians. Ultimately he would arrive and spend time in Corinth again but his focus was always on what was best for them spiritually (see again 1:15 – "that you might benefit twice"). So let's plan our days but let's also keep Psalm 90:12 in mind, that we might "number our days aright" and thus "gain a heart of wisdom!" Those who have become seasoned in the faith know full well that, more often than we'd prefer, wisdom comes not through mere study but through the often challenging times of life. And that includes change! That's a reminder I need to hear, as well.

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)

Wednesday

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

Third Friday

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

ALSO IN JUNE

A memorial service for Dana Vanderhoef will take place at our church at 11:00 am on Friday, June 9th and a luncheon reception will follow. If you can assist in any way with the luncheon, please contact Joan Powers. Thank you!

"Mark: Follow Me." Our adult Sunday school class has begun a study of the gospel of Mark, with a focus upon growing in our task of following the Master. We'll find Jesus the King shatters expectations by coming to serve, not to be served. He is royalty who spends time with sinners rather than kings. And the crown he wears is one of thorns. We hope you'll join us to learn more about this Servant-King!



The Ladies' Wednesday morning Bible Study meets at the church at 10:00 am. Women of all ages are welcome!

The Men's Tuesday Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. Plan to join us again in the Fall for a good time of fellowship and being in the Word.

- 1 Donna Langford
- 3 Doug Powell
- 5 Abel Richert
- 6 Joyce Cameron
- 8 Len Soldano
- 8 Sue Watson
- 9 Pat Merrill
- 11 Vanessa Ordonez
- 12 Lee Olson
- 15 James Vasta
- 16 Gary & Freddie Ream (A)
- 17 Juliette Tiffin
- 17 Richard Dorflinger
- 21 Barbara Hugo
- 22 Betty Mahin
- 24 Mark Hugo
- 25 Randy Bello
- 25 Alan Conkling
- 25 Eric Baldwin
- 27 Tim & Shannon Powell (A)
- 28 Mallory Claassen
- 28 Megan Baldwin
- 28 Sadie Richert



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.



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.



Christian summer youth camps and camp fund. Applications for Camp Good News (sponsored by CEF) are available on the info counter near the front doors. Scholarship applications are also available for those requesting financial assistance. Financial gifts to our camp fund should be made payable to “BPCC” with a notation stating “Camp Fund.” Thank you!



Flower Calendar. If you would like to provide flowers for a worship service in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, please sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board near the front doors.



Please include the name of the person and the occasion for which the flowers are given.



Operation Christmas Child. We are continuing to collect items for Christmas 2017. Your donations may be placed in the large red container just inside the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Staffing needs at BPCC. Please continue to pray for God’s provision of both a youth pastor/director and a music director for our church. Responses to our search for a full-time youth director have thus far been few and our board continues to seek God’s leading for the right person. We also seek His provision of a gifted person to serve part-time as the leader of our music ministry.

An elderly preacher was rebuked by one of his deacons one Sunday morning before the service. “Pastor,” said the man, “something must be wrong with your preaching and your work. There’s been only one person added to the church in a whole year, and he’s just a boy.”

The minister listened, his eyes moistening and his thin hand trembling. “I feel it all,” he replied, “but God knows I’ve tried to do my duty.” On that day the minister’s heart was heavy as he stood before his flock. As he finished the message, he felt a strong inclination to resign.

After everyone else had left, that one boy came to him and asked, “Do you think if I worked hard for an education, I could become a preacher—perhaps a missionary?”

Again tears welled up in the minister’s eyes. “Ah, this heals the ache I feel,” he said. “Robert, I see the Divine hand now. May God bless you, my boy. Yes, I think you will become a preacher.”

Many years later an aged missionary returned to London from Africa. His name was spoken with reverence. Nobles invited him to their homes. He had added many souls to the church of Jesus Christ, reaching even some of Africa’s most savage chiefs. His name was Robert Moffat, the same Robert who years before had spoken to the pastor that Sunday morning in the old Scottish kirk.

Lord, help us to be faithful. Then give us the grace to leave the results to you.