

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



As we've been going through Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, I've been struck by his desire to assure the people in a church he himself founded of his faithfulness to the Savior who commissioned him as an apostle. In spite of his struggles and all the opposition he has faced, he and co-workers such as Titus continued to "speak

*before God with sincerity, like men sent from old" (2 Cor 2:17). This must always be the goal of everyone who seeks to communicate the marvelous truths of God's Word. Should we lose our focus on "truth and sincerity," we risk becoming something other than what God has called us to be. In the words of Scott Hafemann, when this happens "our congregations often no longer view themselves as those whom God has called in Christ to seek and worship the Lord in the power of the Spirit. Nor does the church view herself through the lens of redemptive history as the people called to mediate God's glory to the ends of the earth. Instead, she becomes a conglomerate of consumers held together only by its common view that this or that particular church happens to be the institution in the area best designed to provide the services sought. Going to church is more like going to a supermarket than like getting together with family. As in Paul's day, so too today, the popular preachers are frequently those who give the people what they 'want,' religiously speaking, thereby confirming them in their own self-understanding and self-reliance." So I want to encourage everyone reading this to keep "truth and sincerity" in mind as you pray and as we gather for times of worship, fellowship, and recreation. First, always remember we are called to love one another **sincerely** (Rom 12:9; John 13:34). Second, do all you can to grow deeper in God's **truth** (2 Tim 3:16; Ps 33:4). And third, **be thankful** (Col 3:15), for the extent to which we live in truth and sincerity is a mark of God's work in our lives!*

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 JULY

"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 as we study a series entitled "Becoming a Woman Whose God is Enough."

The Men's Tuesday Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. It will resume in September.

Prayer chain. Prayer for one another is a vital part of our life together as a church. You can be part of our e-mail prayer chain by letting Pastor John know at pastor@baywoodchurch.com. If you do not have Internet access, you can listen to periodic prayer needs by dialing (805) 528-9507 (this line is only for hearing prayer needs. Messages are not checked at this number).

- 2 Alva Schultz
- 8 Rachel Calderwood
- 8 Pastor John
- 13 Shannon Powell
- 14 Doug Claassen
- 14 Sam Hawley
- 14 Sam & Julie Hawley (A)
- 17 Steve Cook
- 18 Samantha Ordonez
- 24 LeRoy & Lisa Baldwin (A)
- 28 Dean & Karen Calderwood (A)
- 31 Tiffany Ordonez



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 “BPCCC” with a notation stating “Camp Fund.”

French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, “I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests—and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning—and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.”



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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 BPCCC. 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.

“Aroma Reminder.” Some individuals (i.e. those with allergies or undergoing treatments such as chemotherapy) are adversely affected by the aromas of perfume, after shave, and cologne, so we ask for your consideration in their use.

Awana concluded another great year. Ten children completed their Awana Books. Even those who didn’t complete their books memorized many Scripture verses. It was a fun, exciting, and crazy year.

Volunteer opportunities at BPCCC. If you wish to become a more active part of the life of our church, here are some areas to consider, along with the contact person:

- Awana clubs (resumes in September) - Sam Gill
- Music team (vocal or instrumental) - Pastor John Usher - Cesar Ordonez
- Junior Church - Karen Calderwood
- Web site help - Pastor John
- Christmas gift boxes - Sasha Jefferson

Note: Ministries involving children and teens require a background check (cost paid by the church).