

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



"There's no place like home for the holidays." So goes the opening line of a well-known song that concludes with the words, "If you want to be happy in a million ways, for the holidays, you can't beat home sweet home." I'm sure those words ring true for all of us, because special times are made more special as we spend them with our families. While in the Army I remember spending one Christmas on the east coast apart from my parents, sister, and extended family, and while I was with friends it just wasn't quite the same for me nor for my parents, either. And now, as a parent myself, I can appreciate both perspectives, because Kathrene and I enjoy having all of our children and extended family together for a holiday whenever possible. Now, having opined about these perspectives, I wonder how often I think of being truly home for the biggest "holiday" (or "holy day," if you will) of all, namely, when we are together with all of God's children in heaven! And I'm sure we can expect rejoicing in heaven upon our arrival by those who have gone before! So, as much as we long to gather our loved ones around us each December 25th, how much more should we long to be together with our entire "family" forever? At that time our focus will be not upon "presents," but upon being in the very "presence" of our Savior Himself! We will then be enjoying that for which King David could only hope – we will "dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6). As we gather with those we love this Christmas, may all of us only consider such a special time to be a mere "appetizer" for what is yet to come! Until then, Merry Christmas to all!

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

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")
4-5 PM Jr & Sr High Awana (Journey & Trek)

OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS

3rd Noon Christmas Luncheon at Madonna Inn
4th 9:15 am Brad Dacus of Pacific Justice Institute
10:45 am Brad Dacus
10th 2 - 8 pm Christmas Open House at Sam Gill's
11th 10:45 am Missionary Christmas offering
11th TBA Youth Christmas party (at church)
18th 12:15 pm Christmas Season fellowship
19th 7:00 pm Church carol sing at the Merrill's
24th 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service
25th Christmas Day

Christmas Season Fellowship. We hope you will plan to remain following our worship service on December 18th for a time of light refreshments and fellowship together as we begin the Christmas week. Everything will be provided!



Christmas gift boxes. We will again be providing gift boxes of food, gift certificates, and other items to bless families in our area. If you know of someone whom we can bless in this way, please contact Sasha Jefferson. Thank you!



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

Awana clubs are up and running for 2016-17.



The Kids are having fun, learning, and memorizing God's word, but our numbers are down

from last year. Please pray that God will lead more kids to our Awana program.



- 1 George Martinez
- 2 Shannon Egan
- 4 Roy and Joey Murphy (A)
- 5 Ben Richert
- 5 Matthew Vasta
- 6 Dolores Buckholtz
- 18 Shawn Jefferson
- 22 Grace Ordonez
- 22 Matt & Starr Arnold (A)
- 25 Mary Conkling

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.

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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.



The Tuesday Morning **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is taking a break until the new year.

Church carol sing, December 19th!
Meet at 7:00 pm at the Merrill's home in Los Osos for an evening of singing Christmas carols. Please bring a "finger-food" item to share.



Christmas Open House. Sam Gill is having her



annual Christmas Open House on Saturday December 10th from 2:00 - 8:00 pm. Please join her for fun, food, fellowship, and of course chocolate! If

you would like more info, please contact Sam!

Looking ahead . . .



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

Dec. 4th

Guest speaker **Brad Dacus** will address our adult class at 9:15 am and will bring the message during the 10:45 worship service. Mr. Dacus is president of the Pacific Justice Institute, a non-profit legal defense organization specializing in the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties. **Pacific Justice Institute** works diligently without charge to provide its clients with all the legal support they need. He speaks often at church services and related events. In the rapidly changing church and state landscape, he will bring words of encouragement and hope.

Dec. 24th



6:30 pm!

Jan. 15th

Pam Johnson, Executive Director of Tree of Life Pregnancy Support Center, will be here for Sanctity of Life Sunday

Feb. 5th

Scripture memory expert **Tom Meyer**, joins us again with teaching and recitation of Scripture designed to encourage our Christian walk. Many of you may recall his past visit when he recited the entire book of Revelation from memory during the worship service.