

**THE BAYWOOD BEACON**  
JANUARY, 2017



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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



*Another year. Are you ready? What will the next 12 months bring? While I don't profess to know every detail I can, with a reasonable degree of certainty, predict that 2017 will offer each of us one birthday, two special Christian observances (Easter and Christmas), three meals a day (if we both want and need them), four seasons, and many other opportunities and events that will undoubtedly thrill us, challenge us, and at times possibly make us sad. But in and through all these things, I invite you to pray with me that we will not lose our sense of perspective. Whether in joy or sorrow, whether things happen for which we've planned or even when events catch us totally by surprise and maybe even unprepared, let us keep in mind that we are loved not only by the sovereign all-powerful Creator God, but that He is also a personal God who watches over every aspect of our lives. Yes, sin's effects still creep into our world and touch our lives, sometimes with dreadful results, but the God who has called us to himself and who died for us on the cross remains ever-ready to stand with us in the midst of strife and uncertainty. As we often sing . . . "God is good – and all the time." I know from experience how that truth can at times be obscured when tears are flowing or uncertainty reigns. But it's times such as that I must return to eternal truth: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ~Psalm 91:1-2. As we together begin the next 365 days, let us look with hope to what God has in store, and let us stand on the rock of his truth in each and every moment! Wishing you God's very best in the coming year! ~Pastor John*

**REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday**

**9:15 AM** Sunday School classes for all ages  
(NO classes on New Year's Day)  
**10:00 AM** Music Team rehearsal  
**10:45 AM** Worship Service (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday communion)

**Tuesday**

**7:30 AM** Men's Bible Study at Celia's Café  
**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)

**Third Friday**

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

**OTHER JANUARY EVENTS**



**Annual Chili Cook Off coming in January!** A specific Sunday for this always fun event has not yet been selected, but watch the weekly bulletin for more details. We Look forward to your entry!

On January 15<sup>th</sup> we will observe **Sanctity of Life Sunday**. Pam Johnson, Executive Director of Tree of Life Pregnancy Support Center, will be our guest at 9:15 am to provide an update on the work of Tree of Life and answer questions, as well. She will give an additional update during our worship service.



**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. **NOTE:** Regular club nights will not resume until the week of January 8<sup>th</sup> (first club night is Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>).



- 1 Louise Bello
- 4 Bob Church
- 4 Victor Silva-Palacios
- 6 Briana Arnold
- 6 Matt Arnold
- 8 Colin Egan
- 9 Gavin Langford
- 13 Michelle Claassen
- 13 Wayne Lidbeck
- 16 BPCC (est. 1944)
- 22 George Henriksen
- 24 Kathrene Tiffin
- 31 Peter Saiki

Corrections/updates? E-mail [pastor@baywoodchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@baywoodchurch.com) and we will include them. You may also submit a guest card in the offering during a worship service.

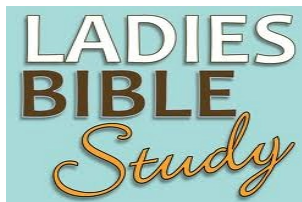
**"Pray for America"** stickers, for use on envelopes, cards, or other items, are available on the information counter near the front doors of the church. Yard signs are also available.



**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.



Our **Christmas luncheon committee** is already looking ahead to our 2017 gathering on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.



*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 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 am at Celia's

Garden Café in 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!*

**Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** *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.*

**Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>** *Annual business meeting.*

### Let Your Light Shine

Dr. Paul Brand was speaking to a medical college in India on "Let your light so shine before men that they may behold your good works and glorify your Father." In front of the lectern was an oil lamp, with its cotton wick burning from the shallow dish of oil. As he preached, the lamp ran out of oil, the wick burned dry, and the smoke made him cough. He immediately used the opportunity.

"Some of us here are like this wick," he said. "We're trying to shine for the glory of God, but we stink. That's what happens when we use ourselves as the fuel of our witness rather than the Holy Spirit."

"Wicks can last indefinitely, burning brightly and without irritating smoke, if the fuel, the Holy Spirit, is the One on whom we rely, rather than ourselves." ~Philip Yancey