



First Presbyterian Church of Hemet

FIRST WORD

May 1, 2009

Sundays, come join us for...

- 9:00 am
The Heritage Service in the Chapel — Old time hymns and verse by verse Bible Study
- 10:00—10:30 am
Fellowship on the Patio
- 10:30 am
The Sanctuary Service

Pastor's Column

Dear Friends,

A bus for everyone! Thanks to a generous donation from the Riverside Rapid Transit District (RTD), via an endorsement from Hemet mayor Eric McBride after a request from Bob Browning, FPC is now the proud owner of a 2000 Ford twelve passenger bus with an all important wheelchair lift. What that means is we now have the capability of getting everyone who wants to come to worship on Sundays and other events during the week can get here. No longer will church attendance at



Pastor Larry Thorson

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Drill Team

Show Time is a drill team that is using our Family Center facilities! Yep, that's right, a drill team. Yana Anderson, an energetic and engaging young woman, has taken the challenge of molding a group of darling children, ages 3 to 18, into a thing of precision, and by doing so, she is helping to build confidence and discipline in these kids.



Yana Anderson

Yana got the idea for leading the drill team last October from her niece. She then did some research, liked the idea, and decided to go ahead and form a drill team on her own without any support except from the kids' parents. She was looking for a place to practice with her drill team and met Coach Carter during one of

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his recruiting campaigns for the Upward program at Stater Bros. The seed was planted, and a month later they worked out a tentative arrangement to use our facilities at the Family Center.



The drill team has home-made uniforms, donated equipment and a lot of enthusiasm. Don't be surprised if some Sunday morning you see a group of youngsters parading down the aisle praising God with energy and precision.

Library News

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH—JOYCE MEYER

Joyce Meyer is one of the world's leading practical Bible teachers. A New York Times bestselling author, her books have helped millions of people find hope and restoration through Jesus Christ.

She travels extensively, sharing her life-changing messages. Joyce also has a television and radio program, "Enjoying Everyday Life," that is broadcast worldwide. In addition, her programs can be accessed around the clock at www.joycemeyer.org.

She believes and teaches that regardless of a person's background or past mistakes, God has a place for them and can help them on their path to enjoying everyday life. Joyce and her husband, Dave, have been married for over forty years, and they are the parents of four grown children. Dave and Joyce Meyer make their home in St. Louis, Missouri.

We have the following books written by Joyce in the library:

Approval Addiction	Eat and Stay Slim
Battlefield of the Mind	Me and My Big Mouth
Be Anxious for Nothing	Woman to Woman

A Presbyterian Today magazine subscription was ordered for the library, and it is available on the book cart. Some articles of interest in the April issue:

St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach was the Audubon International's 2007 choice for "The Greenest New Church In America."

"Called To Be Servants," page 17, is an article on and for deacons—informative and helpful.

Did you know that there are 44 Presbyterians in the U.S. Congress? See page 28 of the April issue.



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FPC be only available to those fortunate enough to 1) live close enough to be able to walk to church or 2) fortunate enough to own a car that runs or 3) have a body that allows them to get in and out of a vehicle without a wheelchair. NOW EVERYONE CAN COME TO WORSHIP!

All we need to make this a full reality is a driver who is willing to get a class B endorsement on their license and some people willing to go with the bus and help people get on and off. We need a team of about 12 people who would be willing to go out one Sunday a quarter for this important ministry so that EVERYONE CAN COME TO WORSHIP! Would you pray about getting involved in this important ministry? Let me know when you want to start. Thanks

Pastor Larry

Thank You

I am recovering from my recent surgery; however, I am still a bit restricted as to what I can do. Each day when the mail came, it was like a hand reaching out and touching me. . .a hug, as I opened beautiful cards with kind words. Meals were certainly appreciated and helpful to Don, as well as being delicious. The lovely flowers reminded us of your friendship.

You, dear friends, are the rainbow of our lives, the soft pastels and the bright hues; the pot of gold; the promise after the storm; the reminder that God loves us in the gift he gave us in your friendship.

Don and I treasure our "church family." Thank you so much for your love and kindness.

Doris Silva

Bible Study

First Presbyterian Church of Hemet is blessed to have so many opportunities to study God's word. Jim Karcher, Keith Walley, Sequoyah Dawes, Pastor Larry, myself, and the Women's Circles' leadership have years of training and experience in teaching God's word to his people. This is an invitation to join us to know God more fully by getting into his word. Call the church office for times and places.

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is now in the book of Colossians. This New Testament letter is from St. Paul to the church at Colossae. Epaphras started this church and it was he who asked Paul to write to the members persuading them not to adhere to false teachings, but to rely on the reality of Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room as we look to St. Paul to answer troubling questions regarding the church at Colossae.

In the meantime, you can look me up on the Internet where I host a blog called Bible Study for the Rest of Us, at www.thewordlives.com.

James



BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Roy Goodberry Lanny Lund
May 2	Joyce Cleat Ona Dodson
May 6	Bob Vieten
May 7	Maxine Brodkorb Jerilee Crossman Phil Jolliff
May 8	Ralph Jordan Beverly Stobie
May 9	Marguerite Bigham Lawrence Stillwell
May 11	Thomas C. McMorrان
May 14	Gail Nugent
May 16	Betty Rousell
May 18	Sue Lund
May 19	Lou Jolliff Harold Stephens
May 21	William Wilson
May 24	Margaret Buchan
May 27	Bernice Chapman Jack Pritchard Clay White
May 28	Lillian Enger
May 29	Norma Zollinger
May 30	Diane Gutierrez
May 31	James Brannan



CELEBRATE



Attention Line Dancers

There is late breaking news from The First Word newsroom —

The Line Dancing class has been canceled until the fall. Startup date and time will be published in an upcoming edition of The First Word.

You can depend on The First Word for all your up-to-the month FPCH news and information.

Music Notes

I would like to personally thank all who participated in any way during the Holy Week services. I am afraid to name them individually because there were so many and I am sure to forget someone. Please know that whatever your contribution was, it was greatly appreciated. The services were all very beautiful and meaningful.

Moving forward: our next celebration is Mother's Day on May 10th. In honor of Moms, my newsletter this month will give you a few chuckles about being a Mom.

Great Truths from Small Children

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
 When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
 If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
 Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
 You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
 Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
 Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac.
 Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
 School lunches stick to the wall.
 You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
 The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.
 Don't say that the "Last One is a Rotten Egg" unless you're absolutely sure there's a slow kid behind you.
 If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse.

You Know You've Turned Into A Mom When...

You automatically double-knot everything you tie.
 You find yourself humming the Barney song as you do the dishes.
 You hear a baby cry in the grocery store, and you start to gently sway back and forth. However, your children are at school!
 You actually start to like the smell of strained carrots mixed with applesauce.
 You weep through the scene in Dumbo when his mom is taken away, not to mention what Bambi does to you.
 You get so into crafts you contemplate writing a book called: 101 Fun Crafts to do with Dryer Lint and Eggshells.
 You are out for a nice romantic meal with your husband, enjoying some real adult conversation, when suddenly you realize that you've reached over and started to cut up his steak!



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 when. . .

Presbyterian Women News

Can it be that this will be the last month for the circle meetings and the luncheon gathering? Wow! This year has just gone too fast. We still have plenty to do. Then we start all over in September.

April Luncheon Gathering: The elegance of the beautiful china teacups, delicious homemade tea sandwiches and salads, cream puffs and chocolate eclairs, as hosted by Rebekah circle, was delightful and enjoyed by all. A lovely sprig of fiber optic centerpieces, that lights up and plays a tune, was given by Doris Silva. There was a winner at each table who took home the centerpieces.

The program was by Pam Roeth, who is an Elder at Tustin Presbyterian Church. She is also a member of Lesotho-Los Ranchos delegation to the "Joining Hands Against Hunger" network in the African country of Lesotho. Pam shared very interesting facts and slides of her trip to Lesotho, where the Los Ranchos delegates work toward the transformation of Lesotho into a nation where people have the ability to address and sustain their fundamental human needs. The perception of a mostly uncivilized jungle was transformed as we saw a much different picture of Lesotho, with houses and paved roads. We thank Joyce Emery for bringing Pam to our attention. Joyce knew Pam from being a former member of Tustin Presbyterian Church. It was also a joy to meet several of the members of Joyce's Circle from Tustin; including Marilyn Watson, a founder of "Michelle's Place," in Murrieta, which is a breast cancer resource and support center for women.

The annual Birthday Offering Dedication Service was observed. The Women's Auxiliary celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1922 by beginning this offering for projects with a definite cause. This year the Creative Ministries Offering of Presbyterian Women elected La Mujer Obrera in El Paso, Texas, which is a guidance center for Mexican immigrant women to gain employment skills. The other project selected for this year's offering was "His Kids, Tool" for the Children's Home for orphans in the Ukraine. Circle members are asked to consider giving towards this ministry, at April Circle meetings, \$.10 for every year of your birth, or one dollar if you prefer not to divulge your age.

Thanks to Don and Doris Silva, we are on our way to having the funds to purchase a much-needed new DVD player for the Fellowship Hall. The Silvas have put together a wonderfully entertaining DVD of our Spring "Fashion Show Archives." The DVD is available for \$10.00 donation. It is a priceless documentary of the sort that everyone should see and own. Please contact the Silvas or me if you are interested. We women AND men have a lot of fun and laughs, as you will see on the DVD.

There is still time (until May 15) to make your early discount reservations for the July 11-15 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky. Shirley Jouglard and I are excited to be your representatives attending the gathering. Reservation information is available by calling (888) 728-7228.

Church Women United's "May Friendship Day Celebration" potluck luncheon will be held on May 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hemet United Methodist Church. This is a chance for you to fellowship with women of all faiths from our community and share in the celebration of our diversity. No donations, you show up with your food. Mary Adams, our representative, hopes that many of us will attend.

Please join us on Friday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. as Lydia Circle hosts our final luncheon gathering until next October. The 2009-2010 officers will be installed and there will be an interesting program as well. The cost is \$7.00 and reservations are needed by May 4 to the Church Office. If it is your first time attending the luncheon, you are our paid guests. That is the "Deal of the Day"! But you will need to make reservations.



Happy Mother's Day

Annie's Column

My name is Virginia Weems but I go by Annie. I was born in Denver, Colorado, on September 14, 1988. While I was a baby my biological parents were addicted to drugs and alcohol. When I was 18 months old, my paternal grandparents took me into their home and raised me. I believe that God intervened to get me away from my biological parents' horrible lifestyle. Now, I attend California Baptist University in Riverside. My Major is Criminal Justice and my Minor is Psychology. I plan to become a Parole Officer after I graduate next spring. I am really excited to be here working with the youth. I think that there is amazing potential to help the youth have a stronger relationship with God.



The youth ministries here at Hemet First Presbyterian are changing. We have great plans for our youth programs and hope to start growing in the near future. On Sundays, we start our youth service with a worship service to allow the children to feel the presence of God. Then the children go to the different classrooms based on grade level. We have three levels: kindergarten through second grade, third grade through fifth grade, and middle school through high school. In the classrooms, each grade learns a lesson about different Bible stories and how to build a relationship with Christ. On Wednesday nights, we have our middle school and high school clubs, where we play games and have Bible studies. These nights are really important to our youth because it gives them a chance to learn more about God and to help them build a stronger relationship with Him.

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