

Alleluia Newsletter

June/July 2018



From Me to You:

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
And I will give you rest.”
(Matthew 11:28)

VACATION—*n.* a period of rest from work, a holiday; from the verb to vacate meaning to make void or empty (Merriam-Webster Dictionary).

“*I need a vacation!*” Have you ever thought or said that? Taking time off and away from our constant jobs and daily grinds is something of an American tradition, especially during summer. While there are many benefits to be derived from planning and actually taking a vacation, we won’t find that word—*vacation*—in the Bible, and for good reason: can you imagine what would happen if God decided to go on holiday from the universe?

Instead, the Bible uses a different word: “*rest*.” In Scripture, it means “not to rest *from* work, but *in* it—to be *refreshed*” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary, p.528). **Jesus** offers to be our rest and give us refreshment in several ways. In Matthew 11 (quoted above) He means we can cease from our futile efforts to work our way into heaven by simply accepting and trusting in Him: He did the right work on the cross to forgive our sins and make us acceptable again to be with God.

In Mark 6:31, Jesus also invites His disciples to come away “and rest a while.” Here He is offering *recovery* for the body, *renewal* for the mind, and *refocusing* for our lives—three necessities for us to continue to be active and productive for God in our daily “grinds.”

Physical recovery is the drive behind our daily sleep cycles. Getting adequate “rest” restores and maintains our health and vitality. God created our bodies so that we will need to stop and be revived each day; the promise of Scripture is that He “gives to His beloved even in their sleep” (Psalm 127:2; but that doesn’t work while sitting in church pews!).

Renewing our minds is also a daily activity for our refreshment (cf., Romans 12:2). Of course, there is a lot around us today which disguises itself as diversion and entertainment, but it does everything except make us new in Christ. While reading the Bible to some isn’t always refreshing (it can aid in helping us go to sleep!), it is the staple for our having and keeping the mind of Jesus in our minds. Listening to good Christian music and programming can also help. Worship, all the time as well as on Sunday, is THE major way God has provided for the on-going, weekly renewal of our minds in Christ (see Hebrews 10:19-26).

Finally, there is rest which refocuses our lives in and for Jesus. More than anything, we Christians feel the stress and strain of living “in the world but not of the world” (Romans 12:2 again); the constant challenge is to keep Jesus first and foremost, and point everything and everyone to Him. All believers in Christ know just how easy it is to get diverted, distracted or just plain disheartened; that is why Scripture reminds us to “run with endurance the race before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:1). Taking time away, not from but with the Lord, to get refocused on Him and His will is absolutely necessary if we want to grow in Christ and want our lives to continue to count for Him.

Cycles and seasons for our rest are gifts from and an expectation of God (Psalm 23:3!). While many of us will go on vacation this summer, may we all continue to seek and find the real rest Jesus gives, to the *refreshment* of our lives and life together in Him, as His Pasadena Church!

In Christ,

Carl

April 2018 Financial Report



General Fund Checking	\$ 31,958.56
Designated Fund Checking	\$ 57,295.96
PRESCHOOL Checking	\$ 26,977.96
PRESCHOOL MM	\$ 20,826.80
 OPERATING INCOME TOTAL*	 \$ 25,357.03
OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL*	\$ 22,441.48
OPERATING BALANCE (+ or -)	- \$ 2,915.55
 OPERATING INCOME YTD TOTAL*	 \$ 85,096.03
OPERATING EXPENSE YTD TOTAL*	\$ 94,602.25
OPERATING BALANCE (+ OR -) YTD	- \$ 9,506.22
 Deacon's Fund	 \$ 3,447.81

*Amounts are from QuickBooks reports reconciled to bank statements



Stewardship Update

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



God has given us a lot of things to be thankful for and to take care of at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. Sometimes, the number of things that I can personally take care of or do seems painfully limited. Recently I was reminded of something near the end of the parable of the talents. "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" God is pleased by whether we are faithful with what we have, little or much. Let's be faithful with what we have.

Thomas Smith IV
Stewardship Ministry Chair

**Please Remember *The Dollars For Deacons Offering*
Envelopes in the Sanctuary.**



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VBS 2018, JUNE 4 – 8

8:30 - Noon

Please register now

Turn in completed applications to the church office.

Application in Newsletter or pick-up from office or register

Online at www.pasadenapc.com.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED: Call (510-8224) or talk to Terry Odom

WHY 'THE BIBLE SAYS SO' IS NOT ENOUGH ANYMORE

In a recent article, Andy Stanley writes the following:

If someone is first convinced the Bible is God's Word, you can leverage "The Bible says" language. But let's be honest. What do you call people who first accept the Bible as God's Word before they've read the Bible? What do you call someone who takes someone's word for something as significant as "This book is the infallible Word of God?" What kind of person would go for that?

A child.

When did you come to believe the Bible is God's Word? Be honest. Chances are you arrived at that conclusion the same way I did. Your momma told you. Or your pastor told you. You accepted the authority of the Bible long before you read it. In my case, before I was able to read it! Only a child would accept the Bible as God's infallible Word before knowing what was inside the Bible.

<http://www.outreachmagazine.com/features/19900-the-bible-says-so.html/3>

Read the entire article – it may change the way you tell people about Jesus, perhaps even deepen your faith and increase the effectiveness of your witness.

Jan's Mission—Kenya

The long rains came to Kenya in gushes. Many parts of the country (about the size of Texas) were flooded and meager and farms were washed away. Our compound in Landless (in was flooded, but water never got inside the house. Although all our children have rain boots, the water was higher than the tops the little ones' boots. The toilets are flushing but ever so slowly.



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School fees totaling \$6304 have been paid for the second term for our twenty-two children. There were additional expenses of food for some of the children who take their lunch to school as well as \$80 each month for transport to/from the school that doesn't provide bus transportation. We are still in need of textbooks, and an organization in Indianapolis has offered to help pay for some. We are blessed that all of the children are in school, clothed, eating three meals each day, and are healthy, safe, and happy. God is good...all the time.

For more photos and updates, check out our website www.jansmission.com. Donations to help with school expenses are always welcome and very much appreciated.

With love,

Jan Hinkle

PRAISE KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN STORE FOR PRAISE KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP

This summer the Youth Group, led by Gina Driggers and Mac Boyd and Praise Kids Club (preschool through 5th grade), led by Heather Smith Nancy Nottoli and Laurie Smith, will reduce their schedule a bit. Monthly activities will replace the weekly meetings of the two groups. Look at www.facebook.com/ppckidsandyouth for future announcements.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Breakfast With Jesus: Teacher: Larry Oline at 8:30a in Fellowship Hall
We are currently studying the book of ACTS



The Deacon's Developments

The Deacons serve Christ by serving others for His glory and purpose

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the
power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:
first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.” Romans 1:16

**PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SPECIFICALLY
PRAY FOR YOU!!!**

God loves you and so do we!!

Barbara Gonzalez (343-8008)
Larry Hendry (479-6150)

Julie Gull (522-2942)
Michelle Loy (480-0442)

Threse Hammond (480-1436)
Terry Odom (510-8224)

WOC COLLECTS USED POSTAGE STAMPS, “BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION” TO BENEFIT OTHERS

Did you know that used postage stamps can have value to others? Ultimately, they will probably get to a stamp collector (called a philatelist) by way of a charity which sells them to companies which sell to beginning collectors. Also, they won't end up in the landfill.

The stamps which are sold for charities are called kiloware because they are dealt with in bags or packets.






If you care to donate your posted postage to the women of the church, here's how:

1. Look at your mail carefully. Only “Forever” or stamps with value numbers on them are needed, NOT non-profit or bulk.
2. Each stamp needs to have 1/3 to one half inch of paper all around the perforation.
3. Carefully open the envelope by lifting the flap and also the side where it is glued to leave enough paper. This can become second nature after a little practice. Stamp collectors are picky about the condition of stamps and want a paper edge left until a dealer can correctly remove the stamp.
4. Gently tear off the stamp with paper all around it.
5. Place your stamps in one of the baskets in the hallway near the patio entrance to the church. You will see examples of correct and incorrect stamps hanging from the basket. Box Tops for Education may also be placed in this basket. (See the May church newsletter online for details on that).
6. The women of the church send the stamps to charity.



June 2018







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 Communion (traditional) 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a Worship 10:30a TULIP Worship—chapel	4 VBS 8:30a VBS 12p Aftercare 	5 VBS 8:30a VBS 12p Aftercare 7p AA Closed	6 VBS 8:30a VBS 12p Aftercare NO Praise Band Practice	7 VBS 8:30a VBS 12p Aftercare 7p Women's AA	8 VBS 8:30a VBS 12p Aftercare CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	9 9:30A-2:00P Food Distribution. 
10 Grad. Sunday w/Reception 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a Worship 10:30a TULIP Worship—chapel 11a Cong. Meeting	11 1st Day of Summer Camp 8:30-2p M-F 9:45a WOC Communion @ Springs 7pm Rachel Circle	12 7p AA Closed 6:30p Deacons 7p Evangelismissions	13 5:15p Praise Band Practice	14 7p Women's AA	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	16 
17 Father's Day 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a Worship 10:30a TULIP Worship—chapel	18 Summer Camp 8:30-2p M-F	19 7p AA Closed	20 5:15p Praise Band Practice 	21 7p Women's AA	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a Worship 10:30a TULIP Worship—chapel	25 Summer Camp 8:30-2p M-F	26 7p Session 7p AA Closed	27 5:15p Praise Band Practice	28 7p Women's AA	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30 



July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a WORSHIP	30	31 7p AA Closed				
<div> Pastor Carl will be on vacation July 23 through August 7. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please call Pastor Anthony Oliver at 564-1338 </div>						
1 Communion (contemporary) 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a WORSHIP	2 Summer Camp 8:30-2p M-F 9:45a WOC Communion @ Springs	3 7p AA Closed	4  Independence Day Church Facilities Closed	5 10a Koinonia 7p Women's AA CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 8:15a Praise Band Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a WORSHIP	9 Summer Camp 8:30-2p M-F	10 7p AA Closed 6:30p Deacons 7p Evangelism	11 5:15 p Praise Band Practice	12 7p Women's AA	13 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	14 9:30A-2:00P Food Distribution 
15 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a WORSHIP 11a Pot Luck & Ice Cream Social	16 Summer Camp 8:30-2p M-F	17 7p AA Closed 7pm SESSION	18 5:15 p Praise Band Practice	19 7p Women's AA	20 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	21 
22 8:15a Practice 8:30a Bkfst w/Jesus Sunday School 10a WORSHIP	23 Summer Camp 8:30-2p M-F	24 7p AA Closed	25 5:15 p Praise Band Practice	26 7P Women's AA	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Last Day of Summer Camp	28 



Library News



JANETTE OKE AND DAVIS BUNN CREATED A FICTION SERIES THAT MAY HELP YOU UNDERSTAND FIRST CENTURY LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Last month this column introduced the series of books in which well-known authors Janette Oke and Davis Bunn wrote about fictional characters living in the first century of Christianity—*The Acts of Faith* series (*The Centurion's Wife*, *The Hidden Flame*, and *The Damascus Way*) But how did two writers of different genre create this series?

The authors had worked on another Christian fiction series about the French immigrants in America (*The Song of Acadia*), and had known one another for years as they met at the publisher's (Bethany House) and various other times. Mrs. Oke explained in the interview in the magazine *Family Fiction* that they share values, in addition to their faith, such as: "lov(ing) to write, and we are motivated by the possibilities for opening minds and hearts through creating characters and developing their stories." They started brainstorming about this series. "As our sample scenes and chapters went back and forth between us, we realized we indeed shared the same vision for the story and the same understanding of the characters we had created."

She trusted Bunn's "strong research and writing skills, and that I could rely on him for historical authenticity and engaging plot ideas to make this work well," Mrs. Oke continued.

Mr. Bunn also felt great about working with Mrs. Oke, "Janette's perspective, experience, deep familiarity with the Bible, and her devotion kept me firmly grounded throughout this period," he said in the magazine article. Bunn also toured the Holy Land and studied with a rabbi who had become a follower of Jesus and a missionary.

"We also felt strongly," Mrs. Oke said, "that the story must be true to Scripture where characters and events of the day were incorporated."

Bunn explained, "It is my prayer that your experience reading the (books) will be much like my experience researching and writing it—your everyday concerns will fade into the background as you focus on Christ's everlasting and life-changing gift."

Look for these books (a donor's gift) in the library to get a good perspective on what it was like to live in the early Christian church days.

Laurie Smith, librarian

Congregational Meeting

Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday **June 10** following worship (and before the graduation reception) for the purpose of receiving the report and recommendation from the Nominating Committee, and proceed to elect new officers. The nominees being recommended are: for ELDER—Bill Schellhaas, Sergio Gonzalez, and Gina Driggers; for Deacon—Threse Hammond (to fill 1 year term), Mary Davis and Terry Odom (3 year terms).

Please bring in your plastic grocery bags for the our Food Distributions.

Sonrise ECLC



This year has flown by and been very eventful. We have had many changes and many successes. One of the changes is that we are having seven weeks of summer camp. We currently have approximately 50 children enrolled in our summer camp program which is a great start. This summer we will be having water day every Wednesday, learning about ocean animals, dinosaurs and bugs!!!! Watch out because I heard that we could expect some dinosaur eggs to hatch in our preschool!!!

Another fun change is that the church partnered with some of our families to build two arbor seats for our playground. Thank you, Gene Hammond, Mac Boyd and Matthew Driggers for building the beautiful seats for us. Nancy Nottoli and her girl scout troupe used the arbor seats to create a beautiful butterfly garden for the children to enjoy. The girls did a wonderful job helping to build the seats and planting the flowers. Make sure you stop by the playground to see our butterfly garden.

We raised money to make improvements on our playground so the playground committee will be deciding the best ways to spend the money and what is most needed.

We are looking forward to a brand new school year at Sonrise and are rejoicing because this past year was blessed in so many ways. God has great plans for Sonrise Early Childhood Learning Center and we will continue to grow in our ability to minister to children and families.

Shirley McLead, Director



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - JUNE/

JULY, 2018

Communion at the Springs - Monday, June 11th at 9:45 a.m.
Communion at the Springs - Monday, July 2nd at 9:45 a.m.

Rachel Circle - Monday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Felicia Ragland.

The circles and the women of the Church committee will resume meeting in September. We have one day circle (that meets either at 12 noon or 1:00 p.m.) and one evening circle (that meets either at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.). This is not like a club - all women of Pasadena Presbyterian Church are invited to come to either of the circle meetings. They are open to all women. We have bible study, fellowship and light refreshments. We do have a budget for each calendar year and your offerings help us to contribute to the missions that we support, local and foreign. If you want more details regarding women of the Church, please contact Pat Watts (727-302-0888) for further information.

SUMMER IS A TIME OF REFRESHMENT FOR YOUR SOUL WHEN NORMAL ACTIVITIES ARE AT A SLOWER PACE. THIS IS THE TIME TO REFRESH OUR SOULS WITH GOD'S LOVE AND DWELL IN HIS HOLY WORD!

HAVE A BLESSED ONE!

**"Serve one another in love" (Gal. 5:13) and
"Encourage one another" (I Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13)**

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Pasadena Presbyterian Church
Dear Partner in Mission,

Praise unto God who always gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

We thank God for the continued work He's doing in our life, and our involvement with this Church; we are grateful to the Lord. Thank you for your support within the years we are here. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your Church life and providing shelter for our family. Your reward will not be forgotten by God.

This is our 20th year in mission and this is the first time we have seen God provide for the children in advance. We are happy to announce that we have received 75% of the toys and donated school supplies to be shipped to Trinidad soon. **Our expected return date to the field is the last week in September 2018.**

Our back to school program has grown to 120 under-privilege children. We have an all-day event for the children with snacks, food and the distribution of the school supplies with the back-packs.

We are in need of your assistant to accomplish what we want to do to be self-sufficient on the field to work with our hands to meet our ministry and daily needs.

We are asking for donations toward the following items

- 200 Bibles – Church outreach program
- Two airline tickets \$600
- Shipment of items \$900 – from port of Miami to Trinidad
- 120 backpacks \$600 – back to school program
- Deep fryer \$500 – Church outreach work
- Comstock-castle counter top gas pizza oven 24"wide, model P019 \$1,870 – Church outreach work.

Thank you for your contribution.

Ps: expected shipping date June 21st 2018



Anthony & Judy Oliver
PPC Missionaries

FACILITY USE NOTICE

PPC facilities are **not ordinarily** open in the evening for meetings or groups on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and all-day on Saturdays**. If your meeting or group is affected by this new policy, you need to contact the church office to reschedule your use of the facilities to **Tuesday or Thursday evenings until 8:30pm**. If your group can't change to meet on the nights when PPC is now open, you will need to contact Pastor Carl to get keys and codes —you will be responsible for locking up and setting the alarm—or find another location off site.

SUNDAY 10am WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE



April 29 71

May 13 65

May 6 64

May 20 68

Emails to the Church

If you are attempting to contact us at PPC, please make sure you are using the correct email address for us as listed in the weekly Flyer.

If you send an email to us, but do not receive a reply, please call the OFFICE.

If you are not receiving emails from us, please make sure we have YOUR current email address.

PLEASE HELP KEEP GOD'S FACILITIES NICE!

*PLEASE DO NOT PUT PAPER FLYERS OR
ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE WALLS!*

*WE HAVE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR OUR
VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND GROUPS
TO USE TO POST ITEMS.*

*IF YOU NEED SOMETHING POSTED,
PLEASE CHECK WITH THE
APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OR GROUP OR
THE CHURCH OFFICE.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

We try to stay on top of prayer requests and concerns. If you know of someone who is ill in our church family, please let the office know. Even if the office is closed you can still leave a voice mail. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can always leave a voice mail at the Manse at 727-368-5588.

In the event that Pastor Carl is on vacation, we always record the substitute's name and telephone number on our outgoing voice mail message.

Thank you for your help.

Format for Submitting Information To Be Printed

- ♦ **Submit information 2 weeks prior to date needed print ready.**
- ♦ **Send information as an Electronic File MS Word Format.**
- ♦ **Newsletter articles are always due by the 15th of the month.**
- ♦ **Newsletter articles should be in Ariel and font no larger than 10.**
- ♦ **Newsletter articles should be titled with ministry, month and year
i.e., "Library June 2018".**

ALLELUIA NEWS

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

PPC'S MISSION STATEMENT **"GLORIFY GOD, BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SHOW OURSELVES
TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST" (John 15:8)**

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Please remember Pasadena Presbyterian Church in your prayers, your will and your estate planning.

*Happy
Birthday
June
&
July*

06/01 Linda Bellingar

06/06 Diane Long

06/07 Dave Taylor

06/08 Laurie Smith

06/13 Gary Cobb, Sr.

06/15 Nancy Nottoli

06/15 Mindy Cobb

06/18 Gene Hammond

06/21 Alan Kilinski

06/22 Bryce Gonzalez

06/23 Ann Carney

06/23 Arianna Bolden

06/23 Bob Henshaw

06/29 Steve Adams

06/30 Lauren Hughes

07/05 Sunny Mendoza

07/05 Jane Lee Cobb

07/08 Hellen Gull

07/08 Larry Oline

07/08 Bill Schellhaas

07/09 Sergio Gonzalez

07/17 Becky McLaughlin

07/18 Jan Hinkle

07/27 Mindy Irvine

07/28 JoAnn Betancourt

07/29 John Odom, Jr.

07/30 Alice Keator

07/31 Michelle Loy

