

Joyful Noise

Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church

February 2012

Some Basics

On January 29th, we ordained and installed new officers for Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church. They were elected by the congregation, they spent some time in study and prayer and preparation for service and they were examined by the session and pronounced ready. During our time of study and preparation together there arose a question. It is actually one of the ordination questions they were asked to answer in the affirmative before the congregation. "Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?"

Yes it is a long question. There is one element of the question that almost always rises to the surface of the discussion. If I am receiving and adopting some essential, or list of essentials, what are they? That is a great question, one that has been asked many times, and answered in many ways.

What I want to do right now is present a list of six items that those in the Reformed tradition (which includes us Presbyterians) have held. This is not meant to be exhaustive or complete, nor is it meant to slight other ideas that might be held near and dear by some. It is simply meant to be a starting point for discussion and learning.

The Sovereignty of God: There is no part of life that is separate from God; human life is rooted in the will and intention of God; the glory of God and God's purposes in the world are more important than the salvation of one's own soul.

The Authority of Scripture: The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament

are the only rule of faith and practice; the Bible is to be interpreted in light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ.

The Lordship of Jesus Christ: Christ alone is deserving of our allegiance and devotion; the presence of God in Jesus Christ makes more sense out of life, and gives more meaning to life than any other revelation.

Justification by Faith: We are put right with God by grace through faith alone and not by any thing we are, believe, or do; the opposite of justification by faith takes two forms, works righteousness-where we can earn salvation by being good, and beliefs righteousness-where we can earn salvation by believing the right things, both of which put the responsibility for salvation on humans, not God.

The Priesthood of All Believers: All persons have equal access to God; no priest or minister can answer for any other human being; believers have a right and responsibility to answer for themselves and for their neighbors to God; there is no qualitative difference between clergy and laity, sacred and secular, Sunday Christianity and work-week life.

The Fellowship of the Church: You can't be a Christian by yourself; Christianity is corporate as well as personal; love of neighbor is the truest test of orthodoxy and doctrine.

And to think, this deals with just one portion of the question! Remember we do not have a list of essentials this is just a few that the Presbyterian and other Reformed churches have held as important, even vital to the life of the church.

Blessings, Pastor Frank

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Mexico Mission 2012

April 11-15, 2012



Start making plans now to join our annual mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico what hundreds of other youth from our community already know: Mexico can change your life.

and learn Mexico Mission can change your life.

This mission opportunity is open to Senior High students or adults who would like to make a difference in the lives of others and in their own life. This year's trip is scheduled for April 11-15, 2012. Registration is now open. If you have questions or need more information, please call Rev. Smith at the church office.

A word about safety: Over the last year or so there have been an increasing number of reports of violence in the Tijuana area. Please know that our mission team has been in close communication with our brothers and sisters who live across the border to assess the actual danger level. We have been assured and reassured at this time that the violence that has been reported in our periodicals is well to the east of where we work. The areas in and around central Tijuana and the Colonias we serve near the playas have seen less violence and are well protected and continue to be very tranquil at this time. Our mission team will keep a vigilant eye on the tumult in the region and act accordingly. We would never put our students or leaders in harm's way if it was determined to be unsafe to proceed with the trip.

A NOTE ABOUT PASSPORTS: The current law states that passports are now required for all travel for ALL persons, including U.S. citizens. For complete information regarding passports please visit www.travel.state.gov, click "Western Hemisphere Travel Initiatives" under the "Passports for US Citizens". Now is the time to complete the passport process. Be sure to remind any friends you are planning to invite to our mission trip that they will need a passport as well. The Placentia Library located at 411 E. Chapman Ave. in Placentia, 714-528-1925, has a full service processing center with convenient hours.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Jr. High

WNF meets each week in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Join us for activities and events that will enhance your faith.

Upcoming Themes and Events for February include: Stupid Cupid Night, Mardi Gras Party Night & Leapin' Leap Year

Sr. High

Come join us for Youth Connection every Sunday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Note the special times & events: 2/5: Super Bowl Party. Location TBD. Game kicks off at 3:30 PM.

4,5,6 & Jr. High Summer Conferences at Calvin Crest

From June 24-30, 2012 we are pleased to offer these opportunities for our children and youth :

- For incoming 4th- 6th graders ('10-'11 school year):
Sherwood Forest at Calvin Crest
- For incoming 7th & 8th graders ('10-'11 school year):
Crestview Camp at Calvin Crest

For many of our students, summer camp at Calvin Crest has become a "not to be missed" activity in their summer schedules. We hope all our children will take advantage of this great opportunity.

Additional information and registration forms will be available soon on our church web site.

Senior High Summer Journey: "perfectly imperfect"

Montreat, NC – Philadelphia, PA – New York, NY

July 29-August 12, 2012

This summer offers a chance of a lifetime to experience a Montreat Youth Conference and community service in Philadelphia through Broad Street Ministries and some sightseeing and urban adventures in New York City!! Game on! All information about this epic event is available online at www.canyonhillspc.org. Can't do both? No worries, come for part and join the adventure!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Disciple Dollar Store

Our next Disciple Dollar Store will be on February 5. It will be between services in Room 8. Diana Deiss does a great job in organizing and making sure that we have fun stuff for the kids to pick from. We also received some great donations of new stuff for the store.

Remember Diana's tip, keep the Disciple Dollars in the glove compartment of the car that you drive to church and then they are ready to be spent!

If you have items to donate, please check with Diana Deiss. She would love to get some donations of new toys or activity items for the kids to purchase. You can contact Diana at 714-281-3889 or dianadeiss@hotmail.com.

Toy Donations

If you would like to donate toys or other items for Sunday School or the nursery, that would be wonderful, but please, please, please check with Don first. Many times we have had items just dropped off that we aren't able to use. It becomes a project to get it to the Goodwill or Salvation Army. Thank you.

Nursery Volunteers

We will be putting together a new Nursery Volunteer schedule that will start in April. Our volunteers will work in the nursery, during one service, about 2 – 3 times during each six month schedule. We can accommodate your preference for a service and schedule

around any vacations or other activities that you may have planned. If you would like to be a part of this fun and rewarding ministry, please contact Don Ebberts at the numbers shown below.

Easter Celebration

Mark your calendars for April 7, when we will be having our Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt. We are still working on our theme and should have an announcement soon. Whatever the theme is, just know that it will be an Eggventure. This will be on Saturday morning from 9:00 – 11:00. We look forward to a really great event this year. Sign-ups will start soon. If you can volunteer to help, please contact us at the numbers shown below or go to the website to sign up.

2012 VBS

The dates for Vacation Bible School will be July 16 - 20. Get this on your **calendar!** Our VBS goes from 9:00 AM to Noon, every day and everyone, students and volunteers, always have a great time. We hope you and/or your children will be involved.

Children's Ministries Contact Information

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Director of Children's Ministries
John Martindale – 714-637-2172
juandarm2000@yahoo.com
Children's Ministries Elder

Mission

Thanks to You, the Close to Your Heart Fundraising Campaign was a Big Success!

It's amazing what a few burgers and fries, scarves, and bracelets can do!

Thanks to your support, the Mission Committee's 2011 fundraising campaign generated a total of \$5790.42 over the year through the following projects:

Monthly Ruby's restaurant nights

(April-December) : approximately \$1400

Bracelet sales: approximately \$800

Alternative Gift Market (scarves, livestock, candles, Kenyan handicrafts) approximately: \$2100

Donations: approximately \$1400

Combined with existing funds, the mission committee is currently making the following donations

in your name:

\$6,157 to East Africa Partnership : This will cover secondary schooling fees for 5-6 girls from the Limuru orphanage, as well as providing a small menagerie of goats, pigs, sheep, and chickens.

\$2,000 to CHPC Adult Mexico Mission fund: This funds the cost of materials for two homes to be built by our team in Tijuana, Mexico

\$1026.42 to Mercy House to fund needed supplies and improvements to the transitional homes

As these dollars help others both near and far to reach their God given potential, who knows how far their impact may extend. Please pray that these gifts may not only bless their recipients, but will be paid forward for years to come.



OUTREACH

It's OK to talk to strangers.....

It's OK to talk to strangers when they are visitors at our church! Just remember that they probably feel even more uncomfortable than you do! People tell me that they don't know what to say after hello. Let me give you a few hints. First, make eye contact and smile! Then say hello. Say something like "I don't know you, are you visiting us today?" If they say yes, then tell them that we are happy they chose to worship with us.

Introduce yourself, and tell them what brought you to this church. Ask them if they are looking for anything in particular, then try to introduce them to someone who might know about their area of interest, or get their name and contact information to pass on to the office.

What if they embarrass you by saying they have been coming here for two years already? Just admit you're sorry that you haven't met them sooner or that you don't remember. Introduce yourself and say you hope to see them again. Get their name and try to remember it. I know it's a step out of most people's comfort zone, but it really is not such a big step.

The reason I feel compelled to write about this is that last Sunday, my sister was in town and came with me to church. She was standing on the patio as I was busy with other things. She even smiled at some people; most just looked the other way. I watched out of the corner of my eye, and no one approached her even though she was just standing there alone. In fact, in 25 minutes I saw only one person go up to her

and say hello without me pointing her out first. Thank you, you know who you are.

I know it's hard. It's just not as hard as you think. I have been guilty of shying away myself, but I have learned that it gets much easier the second and third time you do it. After a while, it's not hard at all. Maybe as we prepare for the Lenten season this year, we can think about what we will 'give up for Lent'.

Maybe we can give up our reluctance to speak kindly to someone we don't know. Maybe we can give up our fear of embarrassing ourselves. Maybe we can realize that a child of God has come into our midst looking for something, and that maybe that 'something' starts with us. Please give it a try!

Jana Kidd, Elder for Outreach

Deacons

Dear Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for participating in the 2011 Mercy House Adopt-a-Resident program. We thank you for adopting our 7 families living at our Regina House Transitional Shelter for single mothers with children. Our clients were truly grateful for the gifts they received on Christmas. You helped make this a memorable Christmas for them.

This year, with your help we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 54 adults and 137 children living in our transitional shelters, aftercare program, and emergency shelter programs. We thank you for supporting our mission of providing a unique system of dignified care for the homeless individuals we serve and we hope you enjoyed the experience.

We appreciate your support and hope you will participate again next year.

Happy New Year! Ashleigh Anderson Camba
Volunteer Coordinator

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All donations to Mercy House are tax-deductible. Our tax identification number is 33-0315864. This organization is a 501c (3) tax-exempt organization, IRS Section 170(b)(2)(iii) for both federal and state tax purposes

Deacon Blood Drive

We have scheduled the CHPC Blood Drive for Monday, February 27 from 1-7pm. We will be in classrooms 7 & 8/9 for the donation process. We will provide additional information and begin sign-ups February 5.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH 6TH GRADE

Our children's choirs will begin rehearsing again, Thursdays from 4-6 pm. Our first rehearsal will be **Thursday, February 2nd**. Join us for one of the most outstanding programs here at CHPC. While music is dying in the elementary schools, our music program is thriving here in our church. What do you get for 40 dollars per child/ 80 dollars per family?

- Your child will learn musical concepts
- Your child will serve their church in worship
- Your child will LOVE playing musical instruments
- Your child will learn scripture from our gift box; they will learn old and contemporary hymns
- Your child will get wonderful dinners provided by Children's ministry elder John Martindale and Adult Education elder, Jan Oosten.

Your preschoolers will have a wonderful time making a craft each week.

- A chance to keep Chery and I young at heart; WE LOVE YOUR KIDS!

Last, but not least, our musical this year will be **KING OF THE JUNGLE**. This was our first musical Chery and I put on together and it is sooooo much fun! **Performances will be at both services SUNDAY, MAY 20th.**

Come, support us, the music department, our church and its mission to reach out to others, one by one increasing discipleship for Christ.

Blessings, Chery and Leslie



The church season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Our evening worship service will be a time of reflection and preparation for the season of Lent.

All are invited to join us for this special service.
February 22 at 7:00 PM

Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 19 – Pancake Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 22– Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 1 – Palm/Passion Sunday

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. services

Thursday, April 5 – Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 8 – Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service – Nature Center

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services

More Deacon News

People Helping People

If you have a skill that you would like to share with the congregation or you just cleaned your garage and have something you would like to sell or donate or maybe just need a little help on a regular basis.

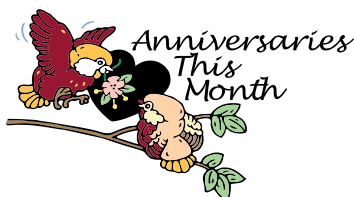
Well we have just what you need! Every 2 to 3 months (more often if needed) the Deacons put out a flyer in the church pews with just this information. If you would like to be included please contact Leslie

Ditch 714-692-9574 or email sunlover59@gmail.com. Please read this flyer on Sundays as there might be something in it that may be of interest to you.



Birthdays

Katherine Coulter	3	Kelly Hartfelder	11	Bryce Little	22
Megan Jones	4	Megan McMillan	11	Rich Egkan	23
Bobby Wiens	4	Ravin Perez Spangler	11	Ron Gully	24
Jerry Coombes	5	Christina Earle	13	Bob Jones	24
Brad Coombes	6	Michael Gombos	14	Monika Caplis	25
Bryce Pennington	6	Patty Hoffman	14	Joy Riech	25
Gayle Mccue	7	Michelle Coulter	15	Alicia Grimes	27
Jessica Zager	7	Carter Smith	15	Wayne Bartley	28
Samantha Berger	8	Colin Webber	16	Snow Coleman	29
John Drum	8	Patty Gaby	17		
Jackson Ohman	8	Lynn Levoy	17		
Nicole Gleason	8	Jonathan Lewis	17		
Denise Behle	9	Jessica Weifenbach	18		
Brittany Lark	10	Cheri Jones	20		
Kenneth Shimizu	10	Tina Crine	21		
		Claire Behle	22		
		Chelsey Knight	22		



Brandon & Marcia Burrows	3	Jim & Renee Bogenreif	21
John & Betty Thompson	5	Dan & Paula Stow	25
John & Fran Holloway	8		
Darrell Elwell & Susan Mocarski	13		
Bob & Linda Lewis	18		

Thank you from Sgt Matthew Johnson

To CHPC, I wanted to thank you for all the love and support that I have received in the last year. The many cards of love and encouragement that were sent my way while I was deployed in Afghanistan were great symbols of love sent from kind friends and loved ones of whom I hold dear to me within our church family. Also I wanted to give thanks for the gift cards I received along with the cookies that were sent to my family. The fudge chipped ones were especially wonderful and were almost eaten within that same night!

I cannot show enough gratitude for the support CHPC has shown me over the years but I hope you at

least know how much all the gifts and tidings that are delivered are appreciated.

I ask for prayers for this week for my family and I for God's love and safety. I know many of the service members may not acknowledge the gifts you send but I can assure you none go unnoticed. Thank you all again for everything you have done. God bless, Sgt. Matthew Lee Johnson



What a Great Group of Women We Have in PW

The Mission Committee was truly appreciative for those PW members who donated breakfast casseroles to the ADVENTure brunch: Cindy McCormick, Jan McCaughey, Barbara Ebberts, Marie Bath, Ginger Hardwick, Janice Caballero, and Leslie Ditch. We will continue to collect socks for Mercy House through the month of February. Even though the weather may not be quite as cool as normal, they still need socks; male or female, dark colors or white and any style. Bring them to church with you on Sunday and put them in the creative box, designed by Verna Horton. So far we've collected 200 pairs of socks.

The PW Celebration Luncheon will be held at Alta Dena Country Club this year on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Please put the date on your calendars. We're encouraging everyone to go on the web site, www.freerice.com. The site is sponsored by the World Hunger Program and by answering vocabulary questions; you can actually donate rice to those in need. The more correct answers you have the more rice you donate. There is also more information about all of their programs on the site. It's fun, quick, and helps others.

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Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, February 19th

Back by popular demand! Pancake breakfast between services on Sunday, February 19, 2012 to help usher in the Lenten Season.

Traditionally, the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday is celebrated as **“Fat Tuesday”** a day in which you use up all the remaining decadent foods in your pantry in preparation for Lent.

Pancake Breakfast



Often, pancakes are served on Fat Tuesday (Marti Gras in French) as a way to use up your fats and dairy which you would be denying yourself during Lent.

We will be celebrating Marti Gras together with a Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday, February 19. If you generally attend the 9:00 AM service then plan to stay a bit longer and if you generally attend the 10:30 AM service then come a little early so we can enjoy some fellowship together. Sign-ups (just so we can make some plans) will be available in the church bulletin or you can just pop us an email at chpcanaheim@gmail.com.

Joyful Noise is a monthly publication of Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church. If you need more information about our church or about upcoming events, please call the church office.

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