



from the pastor

Dear friends,

It was just another monthly elders' meeting, but this time something was different. Perhaps you've spoken to one of our elders, listened to them, and heard them say (maybe with some surprise in their voice) that it was a *really* good meeting. If not, then let me just say to you: *something's happening*.

One of the topics discussed by the elders was prayer; specifically, ways that we can become a more prayerful church. It really seemed to me that, as we talked about prayer, the Spirit was present, guiding the conversation.

The conversation continued a few days later at our Lenten study group. After reading and discussing the importance of prayer for everything we do – including evangelism – the members of the study group engaged in a time of prayer for each other and for the church. It was a deep, powerful time of prayer. Once again, I knew that the Spirit was present ... and that *something's happening*.

One might think, "How nice," and move on. However, one week later, women from Bixby Knolls Christian Church gathered for a "Pray and Play" day, at which they explored new, creative ways to pray, and recommitted themselves to a life of prayer.

Some might be tempted to think that all these separate conversations on prayer are a coincidence, but we know better than that, don't we? *Something's definitely happening...*

The day after the Pray and Play program, our Sunday worship service focused on (you guessed it) prayer. This was not a case of jumping on the prayer bandwagon. The worship topic for the first Sunday of March had been decided upon many weeks earlier; and yet, somehow, it fit right in to the conversations that were already taking place. Clearly, the Spirit is at work among us.

I am thankful for these conversations on prayer. I'm thankful for the elders I've worked with here at Bixby Knolls Christian Church (including those who are no longer elders) and their dedication to our ministry. I'm thankful for the opportunity our Lenten study group provides, and for the women of our church and region for programs like Pray and Play.

Most of all, I'm thankful for the Spirit's presence among us, and the guidance God's Spirit gives us as we continue journeying on the way of Jesus. *Something's happening* at Bixby Knolls Christian Church, and it's being led by the Spirit.

Shalom,

Pastor Danny



EASTER CANTATA APRIL 4

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST"
The Easter story through Peter's Eyes

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and so much more!

ELDERS EDITION

Elders met last month and worked through a lengthy agenda. Mostly we discussed visitation, the Mission Plan, and worked on our study from the book "Unbinding the Gospel". A new system of visitation has been created and approved by the Elders. For more information please check out the article regarding visitation.

We were pleased to realize as we looked over the Mission Plan that some things have been occurring naturally in the church and that we as a congregation over time have done enough healing, and have moved past some of the concerns brought up in the plan. We were also pleasantly surprised that the study the elders are doing with the "Unbinding the Gospel" as well as the Lenten Bible Study, which is using "Unbinding the Heart" are nicely tying into some strategies and actions that are in the Mission Plan. Based on this discovery the Elders have decided to continue with the study and use it to work on the Strategies marked section C and actions marked C1 and C3 in the Mission Plan. Bottom line we will be working on prayer and stressing its importance in the life of our church and the lives of congregation.

As stated above the Elders are continuing to study "Unbinding the Gospel". This book/study is already energizing us and helping us see opportunities for growth not only in numbers, but more importantly the spirituality of our church. We are looking forward to sharing the Spirit's energy with all of you.

As always, please pray for us as we work for our church and God.

MISSION: VISITATION

The Elders have approved a new system for visitation. There are some changes to the way visitation has been done in the past.

One of the biggies is that we are no longer looking at visitation as an in-home visit but as any contact. It is being recognized that while a person to person contact is very important other forms of contact are also significant. We will now consider contact; a person to person visit, a phone call, a letter/card, or an email. It is our hope that this will encourage people that were not able to do an in-home visit before feel like they can still participate in making contact with others in the church.

Next, we not only want contact to be done by the pastor and the elders, but we want visitation open to anyone in the church willing to make contact. We are not only considering visitation for those which are homebound but also to those that are visitors, members in need, and/or new members.

Also, we want to make an effort to keep track of the contacts happening so we can make sure that those wanting contact are receiving it. From now on there will be a folder in the office with lists of those wanting contact, a place to record that contact was made, and what method of contact was used. Monica will help with the record keeping. It is simply being asked that if you visit someone, make a phone call, or send a note or an email on behalf of the church please let her know so it can be recorded. You can let the office know by calling, leaving a note, or sending an email. Please remember to not only give the name person with whom you made contact but what type of contact you made. If you want to make contact but don't know who or how to, call the office and ask. Likewise if you know of some one needing contact please let the office know.

It is our desire that by making these changes more people receive contact and that more people are willing to reach out. If you have any questions you can ask an Elder, the office, or Pastor Danny.



The Women's tea will be on May 1st—May Day. We will celebrate this day of flowers with a demonstration of flower arranging by Melinda of Melinda McCoy's Flowers .

Perhaps you will be one of the lucky ones to go home with one of the special floral arrangements that will be made that afternoon.

Bixby Knolls Christian Church
Saturday, May 1st at 1:00 pm

Tickets are a \$12.00 donation to BKCC. There is limited seating, so please make reservations as soon as possible by calling
Sandy Jeglum 427-4387

Hostesses are still needed for 4 of the tea tables.

CWF News *The Christian Women's Fellowship will have a Open Board meeting on March 25th at 10:00 am. All women are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on the budget for next year, the slate of new officers, and planning our calendar for our July 1st new year.*



CAMPER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 12 - SEE OFFICE FOR APPLICATION

Mini (entering gr. 2-3):
July 7-10
Junior (gr. 4-6):
July 18-24
Chi-Rho (gr. 7-8):
August 8-14
CYF1 (gr. 9-10):
July 25-31
CYF 2 (gr. 11, 12 & grads):
August 1-7

Earthquake Response

Through **Week of Compassion and Global Ministries**, Disciples are responding to the recent tragedies in Haiti and Chile. The need is urgent, but it will also continue months and even years into the future.

Your gifts to the Disciples Mission Fund and Week of Compassion are making a difference in the lives of countless Haitians and Chileans. Thank you!

For current information, visit:

www.weekofcompassion.org
www.globalministries.org

2010 Quadrennial Assembly—a gathering for all women of the Disciples of Christ Church and their friends and family—will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina June 23-27th.



Early bird registration is \$375.00 and after April 1st \$400.00. For more information go to www.quadrennial.org or ask Sandy for registration.

Palm Sunday will be the deadline to bring **Easter cards for our Veterans**. The drop off box will be in the narthex.

Celebration with Dr. Sharon Watkins

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

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(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday, MARCH 14, 2010
3:00pm

Founders Day 2010: Fresh Bread

Chapman University is hosting its 27th annual Founders Day.



The 2-day event will be held at Chapman University March 19-20, 2010.

To register, call 714.997.6760, visit www.chapman.edu/churchrelations, or pick up a registration form from our church office. You may register for all or part of the 2-day event.

Pro-Reconciliation, Anti-Racism Training Workshop

April 9-10, 2010
Westminster Gardens
(1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte, CA)
Cost: \$45 (includes five meals)

One of the priorities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to become an "anti-racist, pro-reconciliation" church. Racism is a sin that has long marred the image of the church, and God calls us to work toward the goal of overcoming racism in our church and our society.

If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Danny.

NEWS & Notes

- ⇒ Bixby Knolls Christian Church has welcomed five new members in recent weeks! They are: Sarik Tuon, Kimvar Sar, Yay Kheng, Sophear Nay, and Glenn Ruttencutter.
- ⇒ Fran Bhall has been in Canada to attend the funeral of her aunt, and to follow up with work regarding the estate. She plans to return to Long Beach this week.
- ⇒ Gayle Schoepf is celebrating her 80th birthday! BKCC members & friends who know Gayle are invited to a party in celebration; the party will be held in Long Beach (4441 Tulane Ave.) on Sunday, March 21, 1:00-4:00. Gayle's daughter Elaine says "Come by any time! No gifts, just your presence."
- ⇒ Joyous news from former members Wes and Betty Rollo. They are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl.
- ⇒ Pastor Nancy Fowler, a former BKCC Interim Minister, broke her hip from a fall. After surgery she is now home. Let us pray for Nancy as she heals and recuperates. Any expressions of comfort may be directed to Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North, Torrey Pines, CA 92037

To have your news, joys, or concerns included in next month's newsletter, send a note to Pastor Danny at dannybradfield@gmail.com, or call the church office.

Mark your calendar

A Night with Judas Iscariot

Dr. Marvin Meyer, director of Chapman University's Schweitzer Institute and Griset Professor of Bible and Christian Studies, will portray Judas Iscariot in a special presentation next month.

A recent publication by Chapman University asks: "Does Judas Iscariot really deserve to be the historical poster boy for evil and betrayal? Could all that scorn be misdirected? Could Judas actually be a hero?"

The event is free and open to the public. It takes place at Wallace All Faiths Chapel (on the Chapman campus) on **April 6 at 7 p.m.**

Spring Fling

The Youth Leadership Team of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the Pacific Southwest Region Presents...

"All Nine All the Time"

Galatians 5:22-23 - The Fruit of the Spirit

April 9-11, 2010

A leadership training and spiritual retreat for youth in 9th - 12th grade at Loch Leven Camp & Conference Center

\$130.

Disciples Teens Invited To Christian Leadership Conference

Are you a high school student who wants to serve the church? Then consider attending "Here I Am: A Conference in Christian Leadership," which will take place June 11-13 at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. High school students completing grades 10, 11, and 12 are invited to attend a weekend of leadership development, worship, food, and fun.

To register, go to www.culver.edu/herelam or direct questions to Brent Reynolds at 573-288-6420 or breynolds@culver.edu. And if you want to go but need financial assistance, talk to Pastor Danny.

Hey, youth! Did you know that four children die every minute because they lack clean water? Come to Chi-Rho or CYF this month to find out how YOU can provide a person with a lifetime supply of clean water!

BE COUNTED 2010 U.S. CENSUS

The census defines who we are as a nation. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to states and communities based on census data. Accurate census data help determine congressional representation, grant funding and guide local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, housing, schools, places of worship and more.

The census questionnaire is only ten questions long. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

March 2010: 2010 Census forms are mailed or delivered to households.

March – April 2010: Be Counted Program is implemented. Census forms are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.

April 1, 2010: Census Day, the official day of the population count. All 2010 Census responses should represent the household as it exists on this day.

May – July 2010: Census workers will visit households that do not mail back their forms to take a count in person.

Dec. 31, 2010: Census Bureau presents the 2010 apportionment counts to the President of the United States.

a bible quiz

1. What disciple's mother-in-law was healed of a fever by Jesus?
Mark 1:30-31
2. What according to Proverbs, lifts its voice up in the streets?
Proverbs 1:20
3. Who recognized Peter's voice after he was miraculously delivered from prison?
Acts 12:14
4. Who had surgery performed on him while he slept?
Genesis 2:21
5. Who spoke to Abram while he was in a deep sleep?
Genesis 15: 12-16
6. Who bore three sons and two daughters after giving up her first son to serve the Lord at Shiloh?
1 Samuel 2:21



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UPCOMING SCRIPTURES

March 14: Exodus 16: 4-5, 22-30

Sermon: Sabbath

March 21: Matthew 25: 31-45

Sermon: Service

BIXBY KNOLLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH *(Disciples of Christ)*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship and Children's Church

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday - office closed

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor Daniel Bradfield

-Minister

Monica Lanz

-Church Secretary

Barbara Neal-Peebles

-Music Director/Organist

Christine Perkinson

- Church Child Care

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