



# The Shepherd's Call

MARCH 2018

## Vintage:

Casting the Ancient Anew

### Foolishness

This past Sunday, we looked at a short passage in Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth—1 Corinthians 1:18-25. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength (NRSV). And as we get closer and closer to Easter, you may have already noticed that Easter falls on April 1st—otherwise known as April Fools. And I have been trying to think of ways of incorporating April Fools into our Easter marketing but it has all just felt forced and I have resisted it. At the same time, we have this excellent passage from Paul that captures the essence of Easter and foolishness.

There are many times when we look at our numbers—both the number in worship and the amount that we are giving in our tithes and offerings and we doubt ourselves and our ability to not just

survive, but to thrive! And then we look at the renovation work that has begun—doesn't the floor look good? And we hear about the other renovation work that will soon take place in the restrooms off the hallway and we begin to understand that in Christ we are more capable than we ever thought possible. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 that not only was the message of Jesus foolish in the eyes of the powerful, his message was carried first to people with the least power in the society at the time. And yet, and yet these least and lost, these common fishermen from the backwaters did what we sometimes still think of as impossible.

In Christ, the impossible—that which seems most foolish in this world—becomes not only possible but achievable provided we are willing to play the fool.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Johan Dodge*

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1 Corinthians 1:18*

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# Announcements



## March

9th - Blaise Richelieu  
20th - Joanne May  
25th - Diane Maggs  
28th - Pastor Johan Dodge

## March Meetings

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> -  
Trustees Meeting, 7pm

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> -  
Preschool Board Meeting, 6:15pm  
Church Council Meeting, 7pm



## Save the Date!

Bill & Lin Somsak are celebrating their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and  
**YOU ARE INVITED!**  
**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
5-8pm  
Good Shepherd UMC  
We will have a buffet dinner so we would  
appreciate your RSVP by March 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Lin's cell 714-496-9160



## Ladies Who Lunch



You are invited to the next lunch gathering on  
**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.**  
We will meet at Café Westminster,  
6260 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683.  
Please let Peggy Reardon know if you're interested in joining at  
714-897-5883 or [perkypeggy@aol.com](mailto:perkypeggy@aol.com).

## See's Candy Fundraiser



Be a good little Easter Bunny and help raise money for the Apportionments by supporting our See's Candy fundraiser. Pick up an order form this Sunday and ask your friends, enemies, neighbors and family to take a look at the wonderful, yummy candy available. We only have 2 Sundays to gather orders so don't delay. Candy order must be in by **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you don't have your order completed by **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, you can drop it off at the office. If the office isn't open, just put it in the mail slot.

Please remember to collect payment at the time people order. We can only deliver candy that is paid for. This is an easy fundraiser as everyone loves Easter candy. Candy will be delivered after church on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Our Apportionments pay for the mission work of the world-wide church. It supports missionaries, teachers, military chaplains, campus ministers and all other church workers who don't have a local church to support them. It also supports schools and hospitals that are owned by the Conference. So it is important we contribute our share of the funds.

Please contact Linda Priester if you have any questions at  
714-531-0504 or [topriester@dslextrreme.com](mailto:topriester@dslextrreme.com)

## Empties Donation

Linda Priester is looking for empty, old perfume bottles that she needs for an art project for the new ladies room. If you have a perfume bottle that you kept because it was pretty or held your favorite scent, she would like to have it. Just bring it to church on Sunday.



# Good Shepherd School News



Here are some important info you can share with your family, friends, or neighbors who are interested in our program:



Ink cartridges, plastic bottles, overripe fruits/vegetables/fruit peelings (we feed our bunnies and chickens with them)

If you would like to help us by donating some of the above, anything would be greatly appreciated!

## On the news...

The school is a ministry of the church and provides an environment that encourages the growth of children intellectually, physically and spiritually. The school serves children **ages 2-6 years in the preschool and (we provide help with potty training) kind-5<sup>th</sup> grade in the after school program.**

Teachers plan the curriculum using the State Foundations and set individual goals for each child based on the Core Knowledge Curriculum as a guide. Good Shepherd provides a quality program and has great low rates. We offer huge outdoor fun/safe areas designed for the children to explore, be challenged, and learn about nature.

**We continue helping the environment and teaching the children of the importance of recycling by...**



March 10<sup>th</sup>...Preschool Monthly Fundraiser  
**Plant/tamales/pupusas sale, 10-3pm**

March 14<sup>th</sup>...St. Patrick's Day Party  
(School Age)

March 16<sup>th</sup>...St. Patrick's Day Party  
(Preschool)

March 30<sup>th</sup>...Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you so much for your continuous prayers and support!

**GOD IS GOOD!**

# March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	2 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study - Member's House	3 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
4 8am Viet. Service 10:30am Eng. Service	5 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:10pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm Men's Huddle 7:30pm Bible Study - Bjelland's Home	6 9am Shepherd's Hands 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	7 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	8 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	9 12:30pm Ladies Who Lunch - Café Westminster 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study - Member's House	10 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 10-3pm Plant Sale/Fundraiser 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
11 Daylight Saving 8am Viet. Service 10:30am Eng. Service	12 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:10pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 6:30pm Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm Men's Huddle 7:30pm Bible Study - Bjelland's Home	13 9am Shepherd's Hands 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Trustees Meeting	14 3pm Viet. After School Program 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall	15 3pm Viet. After School Program 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	16 6:30pm Zumba - Wesley Hall 7pm Viet. Bible Study - Member's House	17 St. Patrick's Day 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
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