



The Shepherd's Call

MAY 2018

Vintage:

Casting the Ancient Anew

Blessings Upon You!

If you have been with us in worship during this season of Easter, you know we have been talking about the power of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts is filled with act of power by women and men who had been living rather simple lives before they encountered Jesus. They were trained by Jesus, but it wasn't until they received the power of the Holy Spirit that they moved beyond their fear and their locked doors to embrace the mission that Jesus had called them to. We have not had the benefit of training with Jesus directly, but that same spirit that called the first disciples out of their fear is available to us and indeed the Holy Spirit is present to each of us.

It is then, in the presence of the Holy Spirit that I announce that our Bishop will be appointing me to Seal Beach Leisure World beginning July 1st of this year. We have accomplished a great deal together in these last three years and the Holy Spirit has been working in powerful ways to bridge the human divide between the two services that make up our congregation. I believe the next step for our community is to have a bilingual pastor who can serve the English speaking community and better connect to the Vietnamese community of our first service. As our English speaking service has grown in the last year or so, our growth has come largely from Vietnamese

families who choose to worship in English. These families represent the growing demographic of our larger community and reveal the spiritual health of our English speaking faith community who have and continue to welcome them with open arms. To this day, Sunday morning continues to be the most segregated hour around the country—and yet it isn't for us! We have much to celebrate in that regard. We also have things to work on as a community. My presence at 3/4 time came in part through funding from the Annual Conference which was never a long term solution. Pastor Darren before me, was funded in part through his shared time with Community UMC down the way from us. It has been quite some time since we have had a full time pastor in the English speaking ministry at Good Shepherd, and yet I see the grace of the Holy Spirit leading us ultimately in that direction again.

I am with you through June and it remains my honor and privilege to walk with you in faith. We will soon know what the Bishop intends as far as your new appointment and Lana as the Chair of SPRC and I will share with you as soon as we have something to share. In the meantime, pay attention to the leading of the Holy Spirit in your life. Listen for the leading of the Spirit and share with someone what you are hearing.

Blessings,
Rev. Johan Dodge

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Announcements

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



5th - Peggy Reardon
6th - Hunter Miller
14th - Jody Christian
14th - Fran Thelander
23rd - Sierra Keller
27th - Mattias Dodge

Please let the office know if we're missing on any important dates!

May Meetings

Tuesday, May 8th
Trustee Meeting, 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 15th
Preschool Board Meeting, 6:15pm
Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm



Ladies Who Lunch



The next lunch gathering will be on **Friday, May 18th**.
We will meet at Uncle Pete's Café at 12:30pm,
14276 Beach Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683.
All ladies of the church are invited to join us.
Make sure to let Peggy Reardon know
so she can reserve the right size table for our group.
You can reach Peggy at (714) 897-5883 or perkypeggy@aol.com.



Thanks To...

We had a great "Tile Guy" who work with us on the remodeling of the restrooms. Mike Robinson gave us good service and a wonderful "church price". We would recommend him if you need any tiling done in your home. Mike can be reached at (949) 306-1382.

Thanks to Terry Priester for his help with the restroom remodeling, Bill Somsak and Linda Priester.



Great Questions to Ask Yourself

What is my responsibility to improve myself
to better know God and share God's love with others?

- * Am I developing myself to become a spiritually mature Christian?
It will give a special kind of inner peace.
- * Am I regularly setting time aside to read Scripture with others?
- * Am I earnestly praying for others and with others?
Do we know how to pray? What do we say?
- * Am I knowledgeable enough about Scriptures to be able to tell others about Jesus?

If you can't say "yes" to these questions,
you should probably consider coming to
a new weekly morning Bible Study:



**On Thursday, May 17th
In the Aldersgate Room**

Everyone who is available at **10 a.m.** on **Thursday** morning
is invited to attend. This will be an organizational meeting
so if you have thoughts on how we should proceed,
we encourage you to come and contribute your ideas.
Bring any suggestions you may have about study materials.
Things to discuss may include:

- * What material should we use in our Scripture study?
- * Lecture or video?
- * Who will lead the discussion/or take turns on various topics/or?
- * Do we like this time, day, place?
- * Are refreshments needed?
- * Who would be willing to be a contact/communications person for this group?

Questions? Email:
Linda Priester, topriester@dslextreme.com
Bill & Lin Somsak, wjsomsak@earthlink.net

Good Shepherd School News



For Good Shepherd School, this has been a year of so many changes and growth. Each month, the school becomes stronger as it grows as a ministry of Good Shepherd Church.

So many wonderful things are going on at Good Shepherd School. Lately, we have gotten so many new children for the yellow room (2-3 year old classroom) plus so many other prospective ones. Starting in May, we are going to use the red room for the 3 year olds because we are expanding quite fast!! The Lord has provided us with the furniture that we needed for the red room. We feel so blessed and grateful for all of the new families in our program. We are getting great recommendations from our families and the teachers are working really hard to keep our families happy!!

We also feel so blessed and grateful for all of the continuous help and support that we get from:

Terry Priester, Linda Priester & Bill Somsak.

Thank you so much, we really appreciate all that you do for our school!

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone that has been donating plastic bottles, cans, and ink cartridges, etc.



Thank you so much for the continuous prayers.

We are now requesting prayers for two new teachers.

On the news...

May 9th, Wednesday (Family Tea)

8:30-9:30am - It's a special gathering to celebrate our families. We would love to have a couple of volunteers for this event.

May 10th, Thursday (Picture Day)

May 14th-16th, Monday-Wednesday (Staff Appreciation Week)

May 19th, Saturday (NO Work Day)

May 26th, Saturday (Monthly Fundraiser) 10:00am-3:00pm - Tamales/Pupusas/Plant Sale

Blessings



May 2018

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		1 9am Shepherd's Hands 3pm Viet. After School 6:30pm Zumba	2 3pm Viet. After School 6:30pm Zumba	3 3pm Viet. After School 7pm Women's Huddle 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7:30pm AA Meeting	4 6:30pm Zumba 7:30pm Viet. Bible Study - Member's House	5 9-2pm Viet. Computer Class 10am Memorial Service for Beverly Dietrich 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice
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