

Pastor Bill Sperry

"For everything that has breath praise the Lord" Ecclesiates 3:1 Such was the wisdom of the wise, ancient Hebrew writer known as the Teacher. And, though the message of the verse is about as indisputable as "It is what it is," or as generic as most horoscope prophecies, its truth has stood the test of time. And, in the case of this February, it seems to apply pretty specifically to some upcoming changes in the life of our congregation.



Esther Jordan

As you're all likely now aware, our gifted and beloved Esther Jordan has decided this season is the time for the matter of her retirement. Esther has had a full and fruitful career in ministry, and she has spent the last 17 years of that career blessing PB Pres with music, leadership, presence, and the generous use of her many abilities.



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And, of course, along with the blessing of Esther, we've also been blessed by Martin, who has also contributed countless hours of ministry through his own valuable and unique skill set. Sunday, February 5, will be Esther's final day leading music with the PBPC staff. Please plan on joining us for worship that morning and staying the 10 AM service for a reception celebrating Esther's ministry and commissioning her for her season of retirement under heaven.

The end of February is also the season when Roa Paselio will be concluding her staff role as our Roots Director of Worship Arts. Roa plans to remain with the PBPC staff as our Communication and Database Manager as she shifts her musical talents toward other ministry opportunities.

As Roa steps away from Roots, it's time for the Roots / Sunday Evening Worship Service to take steps to partner with the Sunday Night Dinner ministry as a way refreshing both ministries and expanding their scope. Please stay tuned for invitations to participate in enjoying and supporting the new Sunday Night Ministry, which will include dinner, connecting around the table with friends and new, extending compassion old toward some of our neighbors, growing in together, and some faith intimate. contemporary expressions of worship. I'm excited about the potential transition and hope you will be, too.

I also hope you'll take a moment to check out the other reports and invitations presented in this month's newsletter. February is the time for Betty Durst's memorial service (11th), the Deacons' Valentines Luncheon (12th), our Ash Wednesday gathering (22nd) as Lent begins, and the Youth Group Winter Camp (24th-26th). It's going to be a great season under heaven, and I'm excited to share this time with you.

Blessings to you with God's grace and peace ~ Bill



Current Sermon Series: "Believe: Living the Story of the Bible to Think, Act, and Be More Like Jesus"

February 5: "Who is the Church?"
Ephesians 4:15; Genesis 12:1-4
Lord's Supper Sunday; Esther's
Retirement Day

February 12: "How Does God See Humanity?" John 3:16; Hosea 11:1-11 Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend; Deacons' Valentines Luncheon

February 19: "How Do Christfollowers Show Compassion?" Psalm 82:3-4;Luke 10:25-37 February 22: Ash Wednesday Gathering Dinner 5pm / Service at 6pm "Holy Humility"Luke 18:9-14

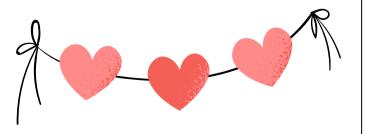
February 26: "How Do I Practice Biblical Stewardship?" Psalm 24:1-2, 1 Cor. 10:23-2





Amy Jones Preschool Director

February is what we call our "love" month at the preschool! The children will be creating love cards for their parents and classmates and we will be discussing how can love each other. They will memorize the bible verse, 1 John 4:16 "God is love." Each classroom will have a Valentine's Day party with yummy food and treats! The teachers and students have open discussions at group time about kindness, helping each other and being a friend to all. The teachers will be conducting Parent Teacher Conferences 1/30 - 2/3. This a great time for the teachers to be able to connect with the families without their children present.



February 8th is "Pink" day at the preschool where we wear our favorite pink outfits, use lots of pink art supplies and maybe eat something that is pink! The children will also be doing color mixings with pink to see what happens when you blend other colors with pink...adding white makes it a lighter shade and adding red makes it darker!

We'll be replacing the landscaping at the front entrance that was killed from the 12/24 fire across the street. The children have enjoyed watching the demo and cleanup from the fire! The workers have been engaging and watching them in the heavy equipment has been a big hit! Since we use emergent curriculum at the preschool, there will likely be many ideas from the children that will be explored in the month of February!







Steve Ritz
Outreach & Missions

Souper Bowl of Caring February 12,23

Once again we will be hosting our annual "Souper" Bowl of Caring offering on Super Bowl Sunday! This year's donations will be sent to San Diego Rescue Mission (SDRM).

This year I encourage you to do it a little different this year. You are always welcome to donate funds this year but do consider looking around your house, garage or even storage units to see if you might have jackets & heavy sweaters you'd like to donate. There will be a coat rack in the Narthex for you to hang those items. On Souper Bowl Sunday we will load them into a truck and get them to San Diego Rescue Mission along with all the donated funds we raise! We are looking forward helping our community in this specific way.





Life Packs

Life Packs are now available for you to pick up in Narthex. Please share these with anyone needing a little help. If you have a good blessing story for us, please let me know so we can share it!

Life Packs will run through the whole year! We always appreciate donations so we can carry on in blessing those in need!

Items we would greatly <u>appreciate more of:</u>

- -Emergency Blankets (available on amazon) (Mylar Thermal Blankets)
- -Tylenol or Advil sleeve caplets
- -Dental Floss
- -Sunscreen (travel size)
- -Snacks (i.e granola bars, small cookies...)

Upcoming Events

Hospitality for Hero's Date Night!

We watch the kids while parents who are in the military get to have a night to themselves! More information will be available as the date grows nearer.

What is happening this month?

Ash Wednesday Gathering

You're invited to begin the season of Lent with a special, all-ages Ash Wednesday gathering starting at 5 PM on February 22 in Calvin Hall.



A dinner of pizza, soup, and salad will be provided between 5:00-5:50 PM followed by an informal service of worship, confession, and ashes from 6:00-6:45 PM. Come for as much of the evening as you can attend! Students and families from our Preschool, Kingdom Kids ministry, and Youth Group will be encouraged to join us for this multigenerational meal and service.

We hope you'll choose to come and to invite a friend or neighbor!

February Birthdays

Carole Dickens Feb 8

William Metzger Feb 9

Barbara Meheula Feb 11

Daniel Teeling Feb 15



If your name was not mentioned and your birthday is in February, please contact Roa Paselio to get that changed in our database. Thank you!

A Memorial Service remembering **Betty Durst** is planned for Saturday, February 11, at 2 PM at PBPC.

Valentines Deacons Luncheon will be held after the sunday morning service on February 12th.

YOUTH GROUP WINTER CAMP

The dates this year for winter camp are February 24 & 26. See Grant Kay for more information regarding winter camp! The following pages are Esther Jordans 17 years in picture form. What a great accomplishment! We are happy to celebrate her amazing work!

On February 5th, following the morning service, we are having a party to celebrate all she has accomplished here at PBPRES.

We hope to see you there!

Worship Arts
Celebrating 17 Years of Music Ministry with Esther Jordan







"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1



Worship Arts





Special Events & Concerts

"Amahl and the Night Visitors"



Silver Bell Workshop and Crusader Bells







Worship Arts





Shane Cowell at organ

Guest Artist Alex Zsolt and Choir

"Celebration Singers" became "Sounds of Worship"





Youth Ensemble

Esther's new focus
Chloe Jordan 2019
after daughter-in-law
died in childbirth.



Worship Arts

God has blessed my time here as we journeyed through seventeen years together. My love goes to the congregation. May God be with you and bless this church and leaders. With love, Esther

Soli Deo Gloria!







Valentine's Day Word Search



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