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Sunday Services:
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School:
Preschool-5th grades 9 & 11 a.m.
6th thru 8th grades 9 am
9th thru 12th grade 9, 11 a.m.
Adult Class 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday Nights
Youth group for junior and senior
high students
7—8:45 pm

Sunday, April 13
New Member's Luncheon at
Pastor Jeff's house
4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 19 and
Sunday, April 20**
Compassion Weekend!
No morning worship service
on Sunday
Celebration Services at 6:30 p.m. on
Saturday and Sunday

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See A Broadway Playhouse Production this Sunday at Faith!

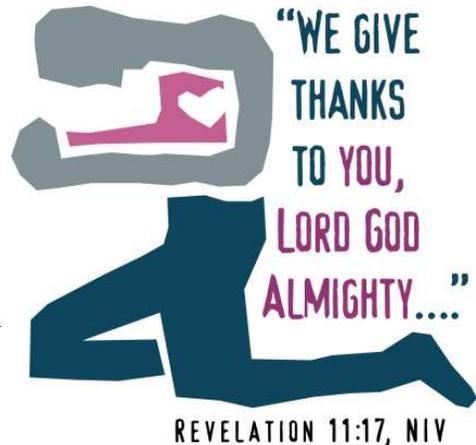
HARD JOB BEING GOD will be presented by the Broadway Playhouse to benefit Family Promise at Faith Church, this Sunday, April 6, at 2:30 p.m.

Straight out of the Old Testament, through the 60's and into the now for your family's enjoyment, come and see this contemporary musical sharing the age-old human story of our relationship to God. The events and stories shared are familiar from the Hebrew Scriptures but are told in reference to modern times. Here is Gold's plea to humankind to transform the evils in society that harm and destroy life. The human struggle today in urban society is much as it has been for thousands of years.

The cast of 25 will present musical vignettes of Old Testament stories in the Bible. It begins with the story of God's hope for humanity. The theme "a celebration of peace, love

and justice" is ever-present throughout the production. The story of Moses, the conflict of Ruth, Joshua and the Walls of Jericho, and the Story of the prophet Amos take on a new relevance in a setting of today's urban setting.

Suggested donation for the production is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be sold after worship services this Sunday and at the door. This event promises to be a great afternoon of entertainment for the whole family. Please invite your friends and neighbors too! Contact Tanya Anderson at 442-5414 with any questions.



Pastor's Column

For Those Who Have Never Been Baptized (And Even For Those Who Have)

By Jeff Chapman

An incredibly exciting event in the life of our congregation is coming this May 11th. That day is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to earth and the birth of the church. It's also the annual date when we take time to focus some of our worship on the gift of the sacrament of baptism. Some of you remember last year when several people were baptized and we all had an opportunity to re-affirm our baptismal vows.



Oftentimes there are people who have been active in the life of the church but who have never been baptized or have never had their children baptized (in the Presbyterian tradition, we baptize children of believers as well as adult believers). Part of the reason for this is often that many people simply don't understand baptism and/or they don't know how to go about getting baptized.

On top of this, there are many of us who were baptized many, many years ago. Some of us even before we can remember. And so since our baptism is so distant we may feel we have lost connection with the event and we long to re-experience our baptism in some way. Maybe you have felt that way.

Baptism Sunday addresses both of these.

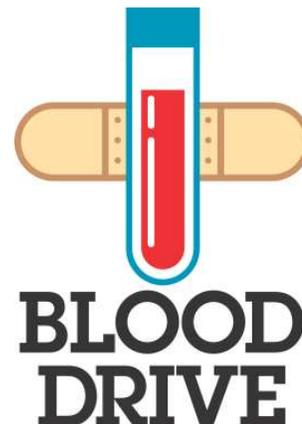
On that day we would like to offer to baptize those who are ready to make a commitment of their life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior but who have not already been baptized. We would also welcome parents who are already committed followers of Jesus Christ to have their children baptized at that same time.

And for those of us who are already baptized? Well, we will offer the wonderfully rich (and woefully underutilized) practice of re-affirming our baptismal vows. This is a practice which many of our Christian brothers and sisters regularly utilize (including our Ethiopian Orthodox friends), but is often neglected in our modern protestant congregations.

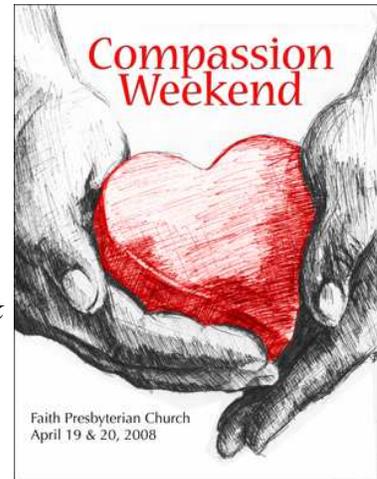
All in all, we think that this Baptism Sunday promises once again to be a wonderful celebration in the life of our community here at Faith. **If you would like to explore baptism that day for yourself or for your children, please contact Pastor Jeff Chapman here at church (428-3439 or jchapman@faithpresby.org) . We will hold a baptism class on Wednesday evening, May 7th, for all those who would like to be baptized.** This will be an opportunity for us to explore the meaning and significance of this wonderful sacrament.

Give Blood for The Powell's Daughter

Put "saving life" on your to-do list. Leukemia patients like Terri Powell Strack rely on donated blood to keep them strong and healthy when they need it the most. You can help. When donating at any BloodSource location, mention #4280 to credit Terri's blood account. For every pint donated, another pint is available for Terri to use. Help Terri win her fight against cancer, and give the gift of life in the process.



If you haven't signed up to participate in a Compassion Weekend project, please hurry! The deadline is Sunday, April 6. Some projects have already been filled -- our cooking and military projects, as well as our William Land School project. Close to 200 folks in the congregation have already signed up! There are still plenty of openings on Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20 for the following projects:



Environmental

Planting trees for the Sacramento Tree Foundation (*most likely in Elk Grove*)

Removing invasive weeds at Ancil Hoffman Park

Cleaning up Mile 22 on the American River Parkway

Cleaning up the Sacramento Northern Bike Trail

These projects involve some walking, bending and lifting. Children under 10 can participate with their parents or a supervising adult.

Education

Assembling education kits and writing notes of encouragement for World Vision (*good for folks of all ages, from 2 to 92*)

Human Services

Visiting Seniors at the Greenhaven Eskaton facility on 455 Florin Road (*all ages*)

Painting and planting at the same Eskaton facility

Mentoring high-risk youth through games and sports

Knitting blanket squares for children in need

Refurbishing a house through Sacramento's Rebuilding Together: painting, repairing, upgrading (*16 and older only*)

Sign-ups will be taken at the Compassion Weekend table in the narthex after both services on Sunday. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to be a part of this awesome time of service to our community and our world!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
NEWS**

VBS- 7/7 -7/11

Children's ministries meeting April 13th- 12:15-1:15- childcare available if you can let us know you are coming.

June-new Children's Ministries Elder takes over –Christine Mendoza

KFIA radio station has some great parenting programs. "Homeward" emails me a daily devotional related to parenting..... but really about our walk with Christ....and it has really been a small little blessing to read every day.

Peace to you, Pamela Rock, Elder

Thanks to all of the children that helped pass out the flowers on Easter Sunday. You made many people's day by sharing God's love with them.

The children recently made bookmarks to give to the deacons and to the Family Promise Families.

Wow, can you believe it is April already:

Preschool- 1st grade

April 6th- John 14:15-26-Never alone- A love that is active.

April 13th-Acts 8:26-38---Phillip Shares the Good news

April 20th-COMPASSION WEEKEND: SIGN-UP FOR AN EVENT-No Sunday school

April 27th-Acts: 9:1-19----On the Road to Damascus-Saul meets Jesus

Important Dates:

Next family fun night- 4/27

Youth Sunday 6/8

Easter Celebration with Family Promise

Our week hosting Family Promise began with a delicious Easter dinner celebration and ended with a yummy barbecue. We want to thank the following people who provided meals to the 13 guests:



Kent and Sue Kim, Donna Touros, the Chapman Family, Gayle Alexis, Bethany Draeger, Joyce Hathaway, Marlene Calbo, Mary Masterson, Audrey Sherfy, Tanya and Bob Anderson, Alycia Harshfield, Tom Busch, Cheryl and Margaret Finch, Sally Ravas, Paul and Betty Keller, Dan and Christa Morris (and Justin), Martha Smith, Rick and Sally Evey and the Nichols family. Gary Cash cooked a welcomed hot breakfast on Saturday morning. Our Team Leaders welcomed the guests and handled their duties with ease: Donna Touros, Mary Masterson, Marthe Sweet, Jane Owen and Sally Evey. The following volunteers faithfully handled the after dinner time in Link Hall: the Popham family, Janet Leader, Caryn Davis and daughters, the Noe Family, the Ainsworths, the Bilbos and Tracys, Sally Evey and Debbie Barton.

Our wonderful sleep over crew included: the Thommens, Chuck Bell, Glenda Arellano, Nancy Arkelian, Jane Owen, Gary and Alyssa Cash, Georgianne Becker and Samantha Parillo

Our Set/Up and Take/Down leaders, Roy Bagby and Jeff Brown, directed their volunteers in record time: John Warren, Debbie Barton, Jim Tracy, Cathy and Danny Healow. The Laundry Leaders, Jo and Larry Thommen, coordinated the efforts of Kathy Ellis, Andeen Lovett, Mary Nabers, and Ann Johnson. A special thank you goes to Glenda Arellano for stocking the refrigerator during the week and Jeff May for delivering the mattresses. The Easter Bunny (Georgianne Becker and her grandchildren) delivered special Easter baskets to the children who were thrilled with the toys and age appropriate gifts inside. Betty Park kindly provided favorite reading material to two of the children and adults.

We appreciate the flexibility of Melinda Lewis who shares her office with a family, Kristi Kampel, and the Vaughns who move their program out of Link Hall for the week. Thank you to the Pastors who support the program and pray for the guests of Family Promise. Our church has been blessed by the generous contributions of many people in the past three years we have belonged to Family Promise of Sacramento. *Cynthia Crow and Sue Hooper*

Thanks for the Decorating Help!

We want to thank several persons for their help in decorating the sanctuary for the Easter season, including Pat Beal, Chuck Beal, Barbara Brown, Bert Brown, Wally Smith, Pablo Acosta and Rick Crow. We also want to thank Sue and Kent Kim for donating the large palm fronds from their tree that were used in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday.

New Piano Purchased

The beautiful new Mason Hamlin grand piano in the sanctuary which had been on loan to us has now officially been purchased. Session voted at its last meeting to use some of the memorial funds that have been donated to the church for the purchase of this lovely instrument.

Plans are to place a plaque on or near the piano noting that it was purchased with memorial funds. We will soon have a nice new cover to help us maintain this beautiful church legacy for years to come.



MEN'S RETREAT Set for MAY 30-JUNE 1

Men of all ages: Mark your calendar and save May 30-June 1 for our 1st Annual Men's Retreat at Westminster Woods. Rev. Dan Fowler will be our speaker and facilitator. Known to many as Faith's former Associate Pastor, Dan is the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Ft. Bragg, since 2003.

Who's invited? Faith's men of all ages and boys in first grade and older. This will be an intergenerational retreat. We'll talk, pray and listen together as Dan leads us in fellowship and spiritual enrichment. This is an opportunity for fathers and sons to learn about each other in a different setting.



We'll also hike, build campfires, (be sure to talk to Jeff about his MANFIRE), and worship together outdoors under the trees. Optional activities include the Challenge Course, accompanying Paul Keller on a field trip and hike to Bodega Bay, visiting nearby Occidental, walking the Labyrinth and, for some of us, taking a delicious

nap in the afternoon. The food is good at "The Woods" and so are the trees, meadows, refreshing air and mild summer temperatures.

Sign-ups begin Sunday, April 6. The cost is \$115 per person for two nights and four meals. This is for the standard cabins with bunk style beds. The only optional extra charge is \$40 for the Challenge Course for which a minimum age of eight is recommended. For a few of the seniors we have rented Hilltop House at \$175 a person. It has beds, linens, full bathroom and kitchen – all the comforts of home!

Once the cabins fill up, a few may want to pitch their tents and camp in a meadow for \$62 per person for the weekend, including three meals on Saturday and Sunday brunch.

We're expecting 40 or more men and boys to join in the fun and fellowship, including Pastors Jeff, Jim and Patrick.

Questions or comments? Contact Jim Tracy about registration. Ask Paul Keller about hiking. Talk to Bill Frye about anything.

Boomers and Beyond Conference Set

The Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center is offering a band-new conference called "Boomers and Beyond." Older adults (do you Boomers see yourselves as "older?") can share their stories about Faith, Bible and Mystery. The date is June 1st through 5th. Cost for the week is \$410 for shared housing. A single room is \$556. Fine meals are provided from Sunday dinner to Thursday lunch. The facilities are like a modern hotel with a nice dining area and great meals. There may be some brochures around Faith or you can get more information by calling 775-588-1835.



A Quick Way to Spoil the Health Benefits Of Fish

Yes, eating omega-3-rich fish is a great way to reduce your risk of stroke. But not if you order the Friday fish fry!!! In fact, eating fried fish actually raises your risk of stroke. So ask the kitchen for broiled or baked--and no butter. You'll be glad you did for these two reasons. One, fried foods are typically high in trans fats. The other reason to steer clear of the fryer: fried fish can skew the balance of omega-6 and omega-3 fats in your diet--and that's not good. For high-omega-3, low mercury fish, choose baked or broiled salmon, trout or pollock. If you like, try herring or sardines.

Time & Talents Offering

April 2008 ~ Ministry Opportunities

Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Committee/Coordinator/Contact
Link Hall Welcome Center Assistants 10 people needed to answer the telephone, greet visitors, minimal computer work, and help in the office as needed	Beginning 05/01/08	Mon – Fri 9:00am - 1:00pm or 1:00pm – 4:00pm (select various days as your schedule permits)	Joyce Hathaway 916-391-0249 Kristi Kampel 916-428-3439
Loaves & Fishes People over 15 yrs old needed the second Monday every month to help prepare &/or serve meals to the homeless	Begin immediately the second Monday of the month – sign up for one month or as many as you are able	Meal preparation: 7:15AM (3-4 hrs) Serving Meals 10:45AM (3-4 hrs)	<u>Mission</u> Bob Connett 916-421-0430 (bobnlen@yahoo.com)

What's New on the Web?

Have you visited Faith's website lately? Next time you are logged on to the Internet go to www.faithpresby.com to see what's new. There are new photos on the Welcome page so go see if your smiling face is there! Also new on the Welcome page — links that will take you directly to the Presby News, sermons, and Compassion Weekend. If you have any additions to the Web or changes to existing content, please contact DiAnne Brown at Sierraskymktg@netscape.net or



S.S.I.P Annual Dinner Scheduled

The South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership is having their annual dinner and silent auction on May 7 across the street at St Anthony's. Social hour is 6 pm (time to look at the auction items) and dinner at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. Check with Betty Park about buying yours. This is a fundraiser for Food Closet operations and for the proposed new Food Closet Building.

Attendance Book Reminders

Thank you to all who sign the attendance book weekly! As a reminder, when signing in, Please **print your full** name. Our Welcome Center Volunteers will be entering this info into the church database, and they might not know your signature! Use the attendance book as a **tool** -- any changes and/or additions to your address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. please note it down as a **change** for us! If you are an usher, worship assistant or in the choir, please make an effort to still sign in. Your Deacons use the attendance book logs for maintaining care to their parishes, so they really appreciate your help with the above!