

Chiming In

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NEWS AND EVENTS

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JULY 2025

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SERMONS:

- July 6: Psalm 30 Restoration
- July 13: Luke 10:25-37 Goodness Grace Us
- July 20: Luke 10: 38-42 Sibling Rivalry
- July 27: Luke 11: 1-13 The Snake?

Faithfully Yours

In each of the three years of the common lectionary (recommended texts over a three year cycle) one of the Gospels is prominent. We are now in Year “A”. There are some passages from the Gospel of John, but the prominent Gospel writer is Luke.

I love Luke. I love Luke because Luke is a story teller who includes lots of parables and lots of ways we can enter the life of Jesus to know him better. This month there are two of the best known and most beloved of all the parables—one about a man left to die along a road, and one about two sisters who sometimes just don’t see eye to eye.

For me, stories enter our imagination. We have our own pictures of just how the people look and what the landscape is like. We might even know the voices of the characters who are speaking in the words we read. My son loved Harry Potter movies, but he always said he liked the books better—because the movie didn’t look like the Harry he saw or the wizard he met in the pages he couldn’t stop turning.

The parables do exactly the same thing. Each time we hear one that we have heard before it touches us in a new way—we are caught by a different character. Sometimes I am lying beside the road. Sometimes I am walking by the person lying beside the road. Sometimes I am stuck in the kitchen, sometimes I am sitting down to listen to words that calm me and transform me.

So in the lazy days of summer...My invitation to all of us is -- keep on reading the stories in the Bible! They are the foundation of our faith. They tell us the stories of God’s people. More than anything they catch us where we are now and help us know just where to go next as we walk with Jesus along the way.

Happy reading!

JULY 2025 HAPPENINGS

- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** July 1st, 11am - 5pm in Bower Hall
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** July 1st at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** July 12th at 10am
- **VESPER:** July 17th at 6:30pm
- **VBS:** July 21st-25TH at 9am -Noon
- **GIRL SCOUT CAMP:** 21ST- 25TH Noon-7pm
- **FOSTER ALL CAMP:** 29th - Aug 1st 9am- 3:30pm
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 Noon in Dreier Hall
- **PAINTING CLASS:** 10:00am- 12:00pm in reier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 9:45 in Dreier Hall
- **WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm via Zoom

All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women. For more information contact Jane Poole via email at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net.



PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2025 – 75th Anniversary edition online church pictorial directory is available!

This online directory is a valuable tool for connecting with fellow church members/friends. It is easy to find contact information and connect with others in our church family, as well as maintain your contact information. All of this information is password protected and validated via emails of our members/friends only.

Note: We are using the Anniversary field for the date you joined the church. To create your profile or log in, simply type the link below in your browser and follow the instructions: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

If you would like a printed copy, please contact Diane Delaney. Thank you!

MODERATOR

Diane Delaney, Moderator

We held our first Council meeting for 2025-26 on June 3rd. This year's Board Chairs are: CE: Tina Jasiukonis and Jon Wallace, CWS: Jane Poole, Deacons: Wade Young, Music: Melodie Roden, and Trustees: Tony Bliss. A new addition to the Council is the Men's Association, led by Robert Jones. Our next Council meeting will be on July 1st, all are welcome to attend. Thanks!

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

“WHENEVER I’M AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.” PSALM 56:3

MONDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 21 – JULY 25, 2025, 9:00 ~ 12:00PM

VBS 2025 promises to be an unforgettable experience for children in our congregation and community, filled with fun, fellowship, and most importantly, growing closer to God. Through exciting activities, engaging lessons, and meaningful worship, we'll journey together in exploring the light of Christ's love.

Children ages 4 - 6th grade are invited to attend our VBS experience. Children grade 7 and up are invited to join our leadership team as counselors or counselors in training (CIT). Service hours will be offered to each volunteer.

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 21 – July 25, 2025

Time: 9am - Noon

Location: 14115 Magnolia Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

If you have questions, don't hesitate to text Tina @ (818) 430-1169 or send her an email to Kjasiukonis@gmail.com or call the church main line @ (818) 789-7124



SIGN UP →



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KIDS CORNER

Jan Long

This is my last article as Christian Education Board Chairperson. After many years and a particularly tough past year, I am passing the torch to Tina Jasiukonis and Jon Wallace who I know will do a great job. I am, however, still on the Board and continue to enjoy teaching Sunday School.

First, I would like to thank the Trustees Building and Ground Committee for having the railing on the upstairs C.E. Building re-enforced. It was a bit loose in some areas and we can now breathe easier knowing our kids are safe upstairs. Two weeks ago was the Children's Service and the kids did a great job! I want to thank Finn, Robin and Devon for their participation. Also, thanks to the parents who brought the kids for rehearsals and to Greg W, Melodie R and John Sawoski for their assistance with the songs. The kids really appreciated the bibles presented by Rev. Beth.

We started out the summer this past Friday with the Be Bold group having a swim party with tostadas, good conversation, and swimming games. It was fun to see 10 youths enjoying their time together. We are also planning some other outside activities We are starting our summer Sunday School program studying Fruits of the Spirit with some fun crafts.

Tina is organizing the leaders and youth counselors for Camp Firefly Vacation Bible School on July 21 - 25. She is busy working on enrollment. If you have children or grandchildren who want to come for a fun-filled week, please contact Tina regarding enrolling. Also, please invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Praying you all have a wonderful, fun but safe summer.

TRUSTEES

Tony Bliss

Not much to report for the month of June other than to share that our 2nd floor CE building railing has been repaired.

Trustees will be off for July and return the 3rd week of August. Have a great summer everyone!

GOOD NEWS FOR ONCE FROM YOUR TREASURER

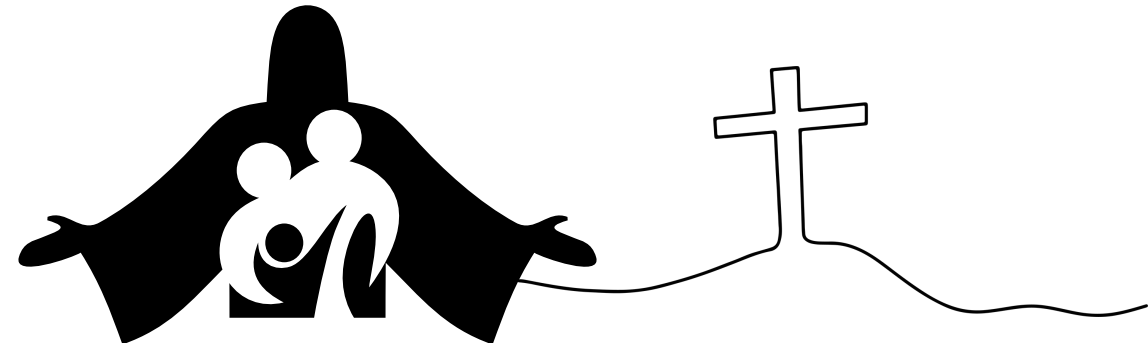
The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) - sometimes called the Employee Retention Tax Credit or ERTC is a refundable tax credit for certain eligible businesses and tax-exempt organizations that had employees and were affected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our church was eligible for this credit and we applied for it.

I am very pleased to announce that our claims were verified and accepted.

We received checks from the Internal Revenue Service totaling \$345,461.

After paying the CPA for claim preparation (\$10,500) we have deposited \$334,961 into our endowment investment account.



THE PURSE PROJECT IS BACK!

Michele Marot

The Women’s Wednesday Night Bible Study is again sponsoring the Purse Project! We have collected just over twenty purses that need to be stuffed with goodies and supplies to be given to women in need.

We are asking for donations to put into the purses, things like hair brushes and combs, conditioners, scrunchies, nail trimming sets, deodorants, socks, personal toiletries, etc. Whatever you think women would appreciate and could use! No time to shop? We would be happy to accept your cash donation and shop for you!

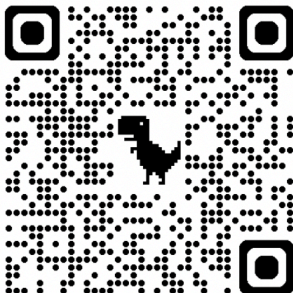
Please check out the display in the church narthex for more donation ideas (and a box where you can leave your items/donations) which will be set up until mid July.

Questions? Ideas? Please contact Jane Poole or Michele Marot.
May God bless you for being a blessing to others!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Save lives by becoming a Blood donor at the COTC Blood drive! Donors will receive an exclusive pair of Red Cross x Goodr sunglasses while they last! To schedule your life-saving appointment, scan the QR code, or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code ChurchoftheChimes or call 1-800-733-2767.

Tuesday, July 1st in Bower Hall 11am -5pm





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