

Pacific Beach Christian Church

The Front Porch



SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful” (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

“This Covid nonsense” was the phrase used. It was uttered at a very large church here in CA by the featured speaker when asked how long it had been since he spoke before a crowd as large as the one gathered to hear him last weekend. He said it had been six months because of “this Covid nonsense”. That phrase really rubbed me the wrong way. I understand that people are frustrated living with the restrictions that have been put in place to slow the spread of this disease. I also understand that the impact has been felt much more severely by some more than others. And I realize there are differing opinions on how best to protect the vulnerable among us while not completely sacrificing people’s economic, emotional, mental and spiritual health in the process. But for a faith leader to refer to it as “Covid nonsense” seems insensitive and even reckless, especially given this is the week we surpassed 200,000 Covid-related deaths in the United States (let alone the millions of others who survived but have been impacted in a wide variety of ways). This was thought to be a worst-case scenario six months ago, yet here we are with still no end in sight. There is so much about this disease we still don’t completely understand. Many thought it would die down in the summer months and then a second wave would happen during the late fall and winter. But the summer has already brought a second wave. So what does that mean for fall and winter? No one knows for sure, but it strikes me as more than ‘nonsense’. One of the things that moved me early on in this pandemic was the sacrifices being made by the healthy to help protect the vulnerable. I was also humbled and awed by the sacrifices made by those who work in the medical community to care for the sick and dying, even when it meant putting themselves at great personal risk. They deserve better than influential faith leaders referring to this disease as “nonsense”. The Apostle Paul helped to define love in his letter to a Corinthian church divided by many things, including their tendency to be self-absorbed. May we as disciples of Jesus be known by our love, not by our ‘nonsense’.

-Brian

**SEPTEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

09/02 Mike & La Donna Dwyer
09/11 Mike & Peggy Neal
09/17 Rick & Marilyn
Zanchetta
09/21 Don & Charlene Hill
09/22 Ed & Kathy Sly

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

09/05 William Morrison Jr.
09/08 Pam Deitz
09/08 Raquel Osbourne
09/09 Dick Ganz
09/09 Brett Daly
09/13 Jan Julian
09/16 Chris Gille
09/18 Mike Sly
09/21 Art Montoya
09/21 Kay Orsini
09/21 Elizabeth Schmied
09/23 Andi Sanders
09/25 Amanda Gille
09/26 Devin Pelletier
09/27 James Frazier
09/30 Ronnie Calabrese



REMEMBER TO SMILE

My doctor asked
me if I've ever had
a stress test. Sure...
it's called life.



JUST FOR JOES AND FUN
www.facebook.com/jokes014

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Freda Lyman: we continue to place Freda in God's hands now that she has been transitioned from residential hospice to her own home to fulfill one of her wishes to remain in her home

Rick Thornberry: prayers for Rick as he recovers from recent surgery to have a kidney removed

Liz Fotheringham: prayers of thanks that Liz had successful surgery on her eye last week

Osbourne Family: prayers of thanks as we celebrate the arrival of little Lily Rose and both Mom and baby are home and doing well

Will McHenry: prayers for Will as he continues chemotherapy treatments in his ongoing battle with cancer

Michael Hairston: prayers for Charlene Hill's brother as he battles some new health challenges

George Dehaven: prayers for Liz Fotheringham's brother as he continues residential treatment for depression

Casey Smith and Family: prayers of comfort following the tragic death of his cousin, Anthony, in a motorcycle accident

NEW BABY



*For this child
I have prayed
And the Lord
Has granted
The desires
Of my heart
1 Samuel 1:27*

Kevin and Amber Osbourne welcomed little Lily Rose into their lives and family last Friday. Lily weighed in at a very petite 6 lbs. and both Mom and baby are home and doing great. Welcome to the world, Lily!

STAYING CONNECTED

Our **worship services** will continue to be live streamed on Sunday mornings at 10:30am via our Facebook page, and **now** also on our website (click on LIVE) to view. The services are then posted on the page thereafter for anyone who would like to access them later or share them with a friend or family member.

We are also grateful to those of you who have been posting on the **Pacific Beach Christian Church Social page**. This is a separate Facebook page that allows you to share pictures and videos with your church family. And finally, our **small groups** continue to meet during the week via Zoom. We encourage you to stay connected by joining any of the following groups:

Tuesday Evenings (6pm): Sermon-based small group discussion

Wednesday Evening (7pm): Bible study on the book of Exodus.

Friday Evening (7:15pm): Recovery in Christ (now meeting at church)

Saturday Morning (10:00am): The Road to Transformation (meets in the Prayer Garden)

* If you are interested in joining one of these groups, simply call the church office and we will help get you set up.

PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

The next Pastor's Book Club will meet Sunday, October 25th at 5pm via Zoom. The book being discussed is "A House Divided-Engaging the Issues through the Politics of Compassion" by Mark Feldmeir. Please let Brian or Janice know that you'd like to attend the discussion.



MORNING DEVOTIONS

Pastors Brian and Rip continue to take turns sharing morning devotions via Facebook Live on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am. We invite you to visit the church's Facebook page or website for all the videos of our previous morning devotions and worship services.

ROAD TO TRANSFORMATION

One of the primary goals for us as people of faith is to experience transformation in our hearts, minds and lives. The Apostle Paul describes it as becoming a 'new creation'...*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). But truth be told, we don't always feel like a 'new creation'. Sometimes old habits, hurts and hang-ups still have their way with us. So how do we experience transformation that is real and also lasting? If that's a question you would like answers to then come join us on Saturday mornings for an outdoor summer series that will meet in our prayer garden from 10-11am. Bring a chair, a hat, some sunscreen, sun glasses, a bible, a note pad, a pen, and an open mind and heart. We will also practice social distancing, and please also bring a mask. If you have been longing for some personal connection and interaction with your church family, this group might help to satisfy that longing. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Brian.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saint Brigid, in partnership with Catholic Charities and the San Diego Food Bank is distributing free food each week. You can request a food package for pick-up or home delivery by ordering online at:

ccdsd.org/efdn or by calling 619-323-2841.

Food packages can also be picked up as a drive through service in the Saint Brigid church parking lot each week. Registration is required, and allows recipients to identify a distribution site most convenient for them. If you show up on distribution day, you can also register onsite. Register online at: ccdsd.org/efdn.

There is plenty food available and it is available to anyone in the county.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY October 16-17

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"The New and Living Way"

El Camino Nuevo y Vivo • 새롭고 살아있는 길

-Hebrews 10:20

The 2020 Regional Assembly will be our first-ever VIRTUAL assembly for the Pacific Southwest Region. All worship services, business sessions and educational opportunities will be conducted in an on-line format. This year's theme is "The New and Living Way", based on scripture from Hebrews 10:20 and the keynote speaker is Rev. Yolanda Norton, a PhD candidate in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel...and a Theology and Practice Fellow at Vanderbilt University. Anyone interested in attending or simply learning more is encouraged to visit the website at www.disciplespswr.org/ra2020.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Those wishing to give in support of the relief efforts for those who have been impacted by the devastating wild fires here in California and by the hurricanes down on the Gulf Coast are encouraged to do so. Should you direct your gift to PBCC for that purpose, simply designate in the memo "WOC". Thank you.



KID'S CORNER- PICNIC

PBCC Kids and their families are invited to attend a PB Kids and Family Picnic on October 4th at 12:30 pm at Kate Sessions Park. Please bring your own lunch. There will be crafts, family games and music. If you have questions contact Debbie Bishop at:

debabishop@gmail.com



REFLECTION

"Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny."

– Gandhi

"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

– Gandhi

WORSHIP IN THE PARK- OCTOBER 25TH

We would like to invite you to a second outdoor service at Kate Sessions Park Sunday, **October 25th** beginning at 8:30am. The early hour will allow us to avoid the crowds and make it possible for our worship team to get back to the church for the on-line worship service at 10:30am. We will meet at the north end of the park under the trees. So please bring a chair or blanket and adhere to safe practices by wearing a mask, resisting the urge to give hugs and handshakes, and maintaining the appropriate physical distance from one another. But let's also enjoy the opportunity to come together again to worship our amazing God in the outdoor beauty of Kate Sessions Park!

RIC MEETINGS OUTDOORS

Beginning tomorrow night at 7:15pm the RIC group will resume meeting at PBCC. The meeting will take place outdoors on the landing by the front doors. If you plan on attending the meeting, please adhere to safe practices by wearing a mask, resisting the urge to give hugs and handshakes, and maintaining the appropriate physical distance from one another. If you have questions contact the church office or Liz Fotheringham.

