

Pacific Beach Christian Church

The Front Porch

April 1, 2021



“Jesus said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’” – Mark 14:36

I met a man this week who just moved to San Diego from Ohio. He is a man of faith, but his faith has been tested of late. He went through a painful divorce...then badly injured his back in a fall at work...and while evaluating the extent of his back injury, the doctor found he has a form of cancer called multiple myeloma that weakens the bones. He lost his wife, his job, his health and his home all in a very short period of time. He still very much believes God has the power to restore his health and help resurrect his life...and is praying in faith that God will do just that so he can be a witness to God's healing power. But then he said something that touched me deeply. If God has a different plan, he is willing to accept that. Ultimately he has decided to place himself in God's hands regardless of the outcome. I value that kind of trust in God. It reminds me of Jesus. As we recall the last days of Jesus' life and ministry this Holy Week, I am reminded of the Jesus who went to the Garden of Gethsemane following the Last Supper and poured himself out in prayer that God would *“remove this cup from me”*. Much like us, Jesus was praying that God would spare him the pain and suffering that laid ahead. So when we pray that God would protect us or those we love from pain and suffering and death, we are in good company. Jesus also prayed that prayer. But Jesus then added, *“not what I want, but what you want.”* Thy will be done. Most of us are tempted to finish our prayers, *“my will be done”*. While we may not pray it directly, it is often inferred. And if our will is not done, we sometimes have a hard time accepting a different outcome. So this week of all weeks I invite you to pray in great faith...so great, in fact...that you are willing to include this part: *“not what I want, but what you want.”* Now that takes faith.

Brian

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



04/05 Lloyd & Eileen Farrar
04/09 Liz & Jeff Fotheringham
04/22 Alan & Debbie Sehlhorst
04/30 Bill & Andi Sanders

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/09 Susan Linder
04/15 Laurie Wolford
04/18 Laura Frazier
04/22 Dawn Frost
04/23 Chris Moore
04/24 Sylvia Parr
04/27 Doug Trenton
04/30 Susan Ganz



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We have several special services commemorating the last week of Jesus' life. While tonight and tomorrow's services will be live-streamed from the church on our Facebook page and website, we are excited about gathering together for an early Easter celebration at Kate Sessions Park at 8:30am on Easter Sunday. So please make plans to join us both on-line and in-person as we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus throughout Holy Week.

Today...Maundy Thursday: join us for our virtual Maundy Thursday service at 7pm

Good Friday: join us for a special virtual Good Friday service tomorrow at 12pm

Easter Sunday: we invite you to a celebratory in-person Worship in the Park service at Kate Sessions Park at 8:30am which will include a Children's Easter Egg Hunt following the service. **We will also have our virtual Easter service at 10:30am.**

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Sanders: prayers for Bill's recovery following shoulder-replacement surgery yesterday

Cliff McReynolds: prayers of thanks that Cliff is recovering well from his recent surgery

Kai Widmark: prayers for Kai after her recent hospitalization

Liz Fotheringham: prayers of thanks that Liz is recovering well from her recent surgery

Jill McIlwain: continued prayers for Jill as she recovers following shoulder surgery

Sandy Roberts: continued prayers for Sandy as she recovers from acute asthma

Sussan Johnsen: prayers for Sussan as she undergoes additional cancer treatment

Mauricio Vasquez: prayers for Mauricio after learning two of his brothers were shot in Honduras, one of them killed and one of them hospitalized

Sarah H.: prayers for Jill McIlwain's friend who is battling ovarian cancer

Dolores Bononi: prayers for a long-time friend of the Daly family who is currently hospitalized with internal bleeding

Janet Fox: continued prayers for Janet following the death of her husband, Alan

Kim Nelson: prayers for Susan Linder's friend as he recovers from back surgery yesterday

Ian Briski: continued prayers for Ian and his family as Ian remains hospitalized and has a very long road of recovery ahead following a severe brain injury

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please bring your donation(s) to the church during office hours between now and April 3rd. Let Janice know who you would like to remember. Your donations will grace the altar on Easter Sunday. Thank you.



EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

Imagine what God can do when we share our gifts. The Easter Offering collected this week will be given to our General Church in support of the missions and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and reaches deep and wide with the limitless power of the risen Christ to develop aDisciples, form new faith communities, connect with ministry partners around the world and serve God's people in need.

REFLECTION

EGO vs SOUL

Ego seeks to serve itself,
 Soul seeks to serve others.
 Ego seeks outward recognition,
 Soul seeks inner authenticity.
 Ego sees life as a competition,
 Soul sees life as a gift.
 Ego seeks to preserve self,
 Soul seeks to preserve others.
 Ego looks outward, Soul looks inward.
 Ego feels lack, Soul feels abundance.
 Ego is mortal, Soul is eternal.
 Ego is drawn to lust, Soul is drawn to love.
 Ego seeks wisdom, Soul is wisdom.
 Ego enjoys the prize,
 Soul enjoys the journey.
 Ego is cause to pain,
 Soul is cause of healing.
 Ego rejects God, Soul embraces God.
 Ego seeks to be filled,
 Soul is eternal wholeness.
 Ego is Me, Soul is We.

KIDS AND YOUTH EVENTS





**PBCC Easter
 EGGstravaganza!**
April 4 - 9:30am
After Easter Service
(8:30am at Kate Sessions)

Egg Hunt is for all ages!
 Bring your own basket!
 Contact
 dbishop@pbchristian.com
 for questions.



PB YOUTH
COWLES MTN HIKE
April 11 - 1pm
email dbishop@pbchristian.com
with questions

PB KIDS DAY AT THE LAKE!
LAKE MURRAY
APRIL 18 - 3PM

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH!
LOTS OF SPACE TO RIDE BIKES
AND ROLLER BLADE OR SCOOTER!
CONTACT DBISHOP@PBCHRISTIAN.COM WITH QUESTIONS




MARCH GIVING UPDATE

We are grateful for your continued support of our ministry during this challenging time. The following are our giving totals through the end of March. Our 2020-21 fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th.

General Fund (March)	General Fund (YTD)
Budgeted: \$14,632	Budgeted: \$142,662
Received: \$14,836	Received: \$132,236

Building Fund (March)	Building Fun (YTD)
Budgeted: \$2,168	Budgeted: \$19,512
Received: \$2,260	Received: \$19,019

ZOOM BAKING PARTY!
APRIL 25 - 1PM
EMAIL DBISHOP@PBCHRISTIAN.COM



STAYING CONNECTED

Our **worship services** will continue to be live streamed on Sunday mornings at 10:30am via our Facebook page and 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:

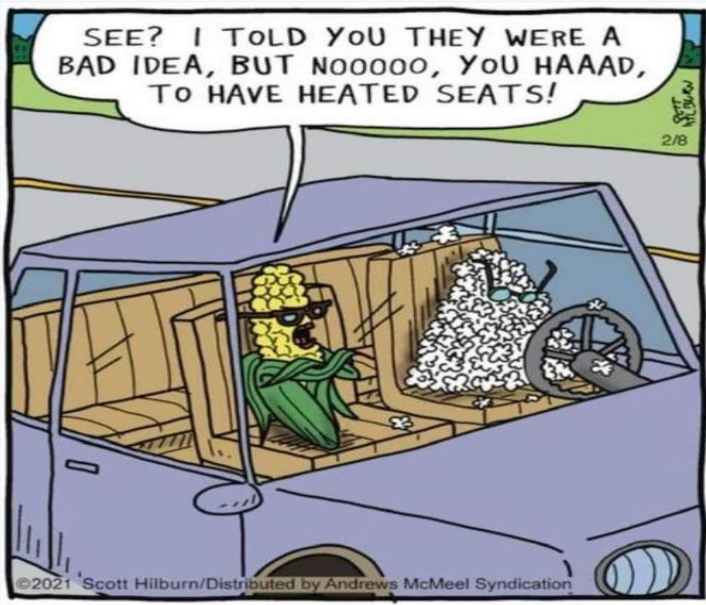
Tuesday Evenings (6pm): Sermon-based small group discussion

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

Friday Evening (7:15pm): Recovery in Christ

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

REMEMBER TO SMILE



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.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATE

With the recent Supreme Court decision that now allows churches in California to worship indoors at 25% of their worshiping capacity, some have asked about our plans for re-opening PBCC. The church's board recently approved the following guidelines based on the State's color-coded tiered system:

Purple: the church will not have indoor or outdoor gatherings of any size

Red: the church will re-start our monthly Worship in the Park services and allow other small groups to meet outdoors at the church

Orange: the church will begin indoor worship in the sanctuary provided we are allowed up to 50% of our worshiping capacity

Yellow: the church will continue to allow for indoor worship up to 50%

We hope this helps to clarify the church's plans for re-opening. Should you have further questions we welcome you to contact our church office.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

As most of you know our San Diego Convention Center has become a transitional shelter for young girls and teenagers who are unaccompanied minors entering the asylum-seeking process. Several hundred girls arrived earlier this week and will be cared for here in San Diego while waiting to be transported to a family member or sponsor here in the United States. While here in San Diego they have some basic needs that we can help with. Anyone wishing to help meet some of those needs is encouraged to bring any of the following donations to the church. We will in turn direct them to the Convention Center. Feel free to contact the church office should you have any questions. Thank you!

- New blankets (twin size)
- New clothing (long-sleeved, short-sleeved tops, sweatpants, jeans in sizes XS/S/M/LG, all sizes to fit ages 13-17)
- Hygiene products (shampoo/conditioner, tooth paste/toothbrush, deodorant, soap/body wash, cleansing wipes, body lotion, feminine products, Kleenex, slippers, shower sandals)
- Gently used books/board games
- Tennis shoes (sizes 3-8)
- Socks and Undergarments (ages 13-17)
- Back Packs and School Supplies (basic/age appropriate)
- Bath towels and wash cloths (white)

