

Pacific Beach Christian Church

The Front Porch

June 24, 2021



“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 118:24

I have heard these words dozens, maybe even hundreds, of times. I have used them almost as many. But it is possible that a phrase, or in this case a verse, can become too familiar. They can lose their power and meaning. I officiated at a celebration of life for Lee Higgins this week. This verse was used as a part of the service. The meaning was clear. Lee embraced life fully, even the hard stuff. Her daughter described her as a “car guy”. She loved learning everything she could about cars. She attended many a Car Show down at the Convention Center. Her next car was going to be hydrogen-fueled. But her philosophy of driving became her philosophy of living. If you encounter a red light, turn right. Find an alternate route. Adapt and overcome. She did it in business...divorce...following the death of her son...and in retirement. She was the kind of person who closed her business in 2010 and started working in a new field...in her 70’s! She seemed to understand that life is fleeting...a temporary gift. We can choose to embrace it as the gift that it is, including that which is painful and difficult, or we can allow one day to roll into another. Lee chose the former. She had the following hanging in her kitchen:

A New Day

This is the beginning of a new day.
God has given me this day to use as I will.
I can waste it or use it for good.
What I do today is very important because
I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever,
Leaving something in its place.
I have traded for it; I want it to be gain – not loss;
Good – not evil; Success – not failure
In order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it.

There is something to be said for recognizing the significance of the gift that is today. We will not get it back. We can easily get stuck in what happened yesterday. We can cast our gaze on what might happen tomorrow. But perhaps one of our greatest spiritual challenges (and opportunities) is to practice living in the gift that is today. It is a gift that will not last. And when we do, then we might join the psalmist in genuinely proclaiming, *“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Brian

JUNE & JULY ANNIVERSARIES



06/25 Jack & Kelley Dapra
 06/28 Dieter and Margaret Steinrichter
 06/29 RJ & Andrea Lucchesi
 07/12 Kyle & Dani Griffith
 07/14 Chris & Amanda Gille
 07/22 Darwin & Patricia Mann

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

06/24 Tiffany Gilmore
 06/25 Ben Frazier
 06/25 Rick Thornberry
 06/26 Steve Butler
 06/27 Brendan Daly
 06/28 Darwin Mann
 06/28 James Carroll
 06/29 Nolan Julian
 06/30 Marjorie Swailes
 07/05 Priscila Monteiro
 07/07 Erika Belvin
 07/08 Howard Williams
 07/10 Bill Morrison
 07/11 Melba Page
 07/14 Kira Johnson
 07/14 Alyssa McMoran
 07/15 Brian Daly
 07/15 Sandy Roberts
 07/19 Bob Davila
 07/19 Kevin Osbourne
 07/21 Kyle Griffith
 07/21 Aurora Bishop
 07/25 Mike Neal
 07/26 Marin VanNoord
 07/28 Craig Johnson
 07/29 Marta Morrison



Election Results

Our thanks to everyone who took the time to participate in our Annual Congregational Meeting and Election this year. We are happy to report that we received 49 ballots by mail, all of which approved the new slate of Board members, Elders and Deacons. We also had 47 of the 49 approve the 2021-22 Budget (with two ballots leaving that box blank). The following people were elected (or re-elected) to serve a two-year term:

Board

Sandy Roberts-President
 Pamela Pelletier-Secretary
 Laurie Wolford-Upward
 Jan Julian- Outward
 Christine Johnson-Member at Large

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Thornburgh Family: prayers for Sandy Robert's friends as they battle health challenges
Kurt Allen: continued prayers for Cameron's brother as he undergoes treatment for cancer
Stacy Circuit and Family: prayers for Bear's good friend following the death of her mother, Vicki Wright
Richie and Jasmine Sanchez: prayers for our Regional Minister and his family following the sudden death of his father-in-law
Will McHenry: continued prayers for Will as he undergoes treatment for cancer
Eddie Howard: continued prayers for Janice's brother who has been released from the hospital and is recovering at their sister's home here in San Diego
Sussan Johnsen: continued prayers for Sussan as she undergoes cancer treatment
Clay Buntrock: prayers for Ginny Buntrock's ex-husband as he battles leukemia
Ian Briski: continued prayers for Ian and his family as he continues his recovery from a brain injury

Installation and Consecration of New Leaders – July 11th

We will be dedicating our new board members, elders and deacons as a part of the worship service on Sunday, July 11th. We encourage both those who are new and those returning in their previous roles to join us for this special service of installation and consecration.

(Election Results continued):

Elders

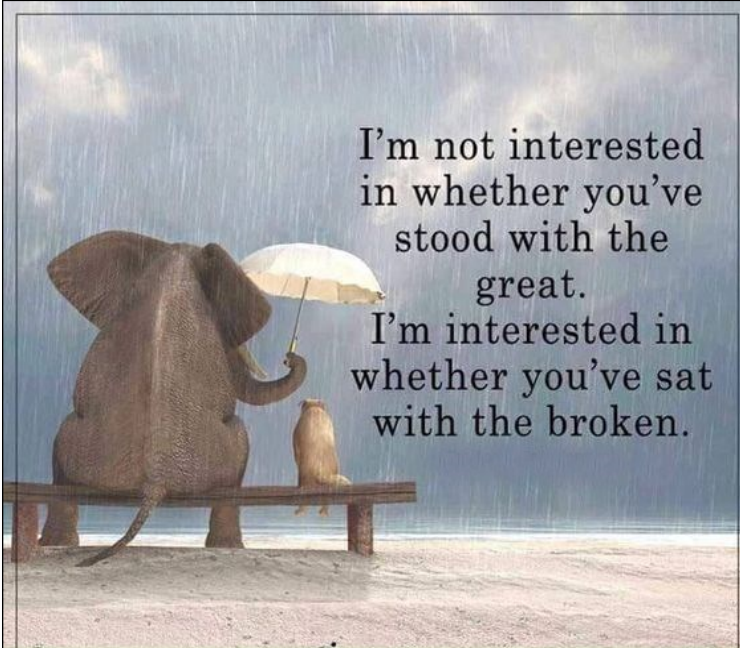
Lyn Beattie
 Doug Trenton
 Carolyn Hernandez
 Sandy Roberts
 Margaret Steinrichter
 Sylvia Trenton
 Katherine Levy
 Howard Williams

Deacons

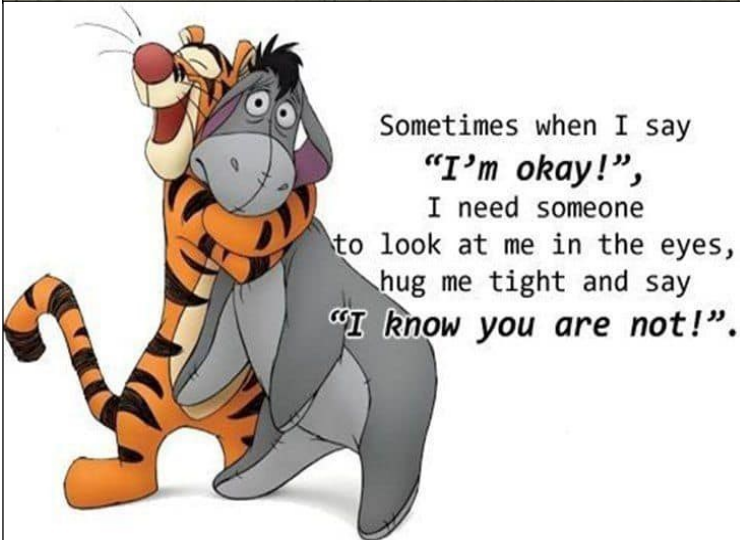
Roger Clark	Casey Smith
Susana Clark	Alyssa McMoran
Tom Deitz	Robert Laffoon
Charlene Hill	Laura Frazier
Robbie Frazier	Amber Osbourne
Don Hill	Cliff McReynolds
Christian Julian	Christine Johnson
Craig Johnson	Cameron Allen
Janice Calabrese	Kevin Osbourn
Dani Griffith	Anna May Southworth

Our thanks to all of these servant leaders for saying 'yes' to serving God in and through our church!

REFLECTION



I'm not interested
in whether you've
stood with the
great.
I'm interested in
whether you've sat
with the broken.



Sometimes when I say
"I'm okay!",
I need someone
to look at me in the eyes,
hug me tight and say
"I know you are not!".

REMEMBER TO SMILE

**Husband's
Brain**

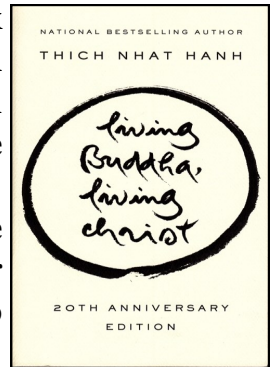


**Wife's
Brain**



PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

The next book in our Book Club series is an Interfaith classic from 1995: **Living Buddha, Living Christ** by **Thich Nhat Hanh**. Hanh is a Vietnamese Buddhist monk who has also spent a great deal of time with Christian leaders. In this beautiful book he explores the common ground between Buddhism and Christianity, and in the process, demonstrates a genuine and meaningful grasp of Christianity. The book offers simple yet meaningful ways to enhance our spiritual journey. Our discussion of the book will take place on July 11th at 6pm. So join us as we explore ways to expand our understanding while also deepening our faith.



ALLIANCE Q WORSHIP SERVICE

You are invited to join AllianceQ for Pride Worship today at 4pm. Pride worship will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube.

To register copy and paste the following:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXASssJnGNcrAo8z4ailMl32CJYerpdab2yDpqTT40D1pngg/viewform>

"Transforming the Story"



PRIDE WORSHIP • JUNE 27, 2021
4 p.m. PT | 5 p.m. MT | 6 p.m. CT | 7 p.m. ET
Streamed Live on Facebook and YouTube

**Disciples
LGBTQ+
Alliance**

Register for the virtual fellowship following the worship service at disciplesallianceq.org/thestory

Covid-19 Update – Entering Phase Two

We are happy to report that our board approved a recommendation from our Covid-19 Protocol Team to enter Phase Two of our Re-Opening plan. Phase Two allows us to open the sanctuary for worship to anyone wanting to attend without restrictions, without advance reservations, and without a check-in process. We are still recommending all those attending the service wear a mask, but masks will be optional for those vaccinated. Those unvaccinated will still be required to wear a mask throughout the worship service. Our children and youth will continue to meet outdoors during the worship service and they are asked to continue to mask. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact our church office. We thank you for your patience and support during these last 15 months and we look forward to welcoming you back to in-person worship beginning this Sunday, June 27th!!!

City Church Launches New Ministry on July 10th

We are excited to announce that City Church will be launching a new Spanish-speaking ministry here at our church on Saturday evening, July 10th at 7:00pm. City Church is a Disciples of Christ congregation that originally launched in San Marcos, but are now looking to re-launch here in Pacific Beach. Their services will be here at PBCC on Saturday evenings and all are welcome whether you are a Spanish speaker or not. Help them spread the word about this new ministry by inviting a Spanish-speaking friend or neighbor!

Front Porch Moves to Twice-Monthly

We originally launched the Front Porch as a way to maintain weekly communication with our church family at the beginning of the pandemic. Even the name, "The Front Porch", signified a way for us to connect meaningfully and informally on a more regular basis when in-person gatherings were not possible. Now that we are moving to our Phase Two Re-Opening, we will be scaling back the publication of the Front Porch to twice-monthly beginning in July. We hope the weekly publications served their purpose of helping to keep you connected while apart, but now we look forward to seeing many of you again in person!

PB KIDS & YOUTH

Sunday School is Back!

-Currently available for grades K-5

-Socially distanced outdoor learning with a weekly craft

-Reserve your spot with Debbie at: dbishop@pbchristian.com



PB
KIDS
&
YOUTH



Announcement!...While we are not attending Loch Leven this summer, we are joining forces with several churches in San Diego to bring a bit of Loch Leven to San Diego! On July 23 and 24, we will be hosting a day camp at Vista La Mesa Christian Church (4210 Massachusetts Ave. La Mesa CA 91941) with meals, games, songs, and of course, a talent show! Ages 5-18 are invited. RSVP to Debbie to save your spot ASAP.

PB KIDS AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July 11 - PB Kids and PB Youth Beach Pick Up
12:30 pm (meet at PBCC)

July 18 - PB Kids Baking Party
11:45 am (right after the service outside at Dawes St. patio)

July 25 - PB Kids and PB Youth Game Day at Mission Bay Park
1 pm (same spot)

RIC RETURNS TO CHURCH SOON

Our Recovery in Christ group is continuing to meet via zoom for the time being. However, now that the church has entered Phase Two of the Re-opening plan, RIC will return to meeting in the fellowship area **soon** with the windows and doors open, appropriately spaced, with masks optional. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Christ-centered recovery group, join us on Zoom and in the near future, here at the church on Friday evenings at 7:15pm. More information will follow.

