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Pastor D's Letter May 1st, 2022

MAY 2022

Last week I went to the WCPPC (the West Coast Presbyterian Pastor's Conference). It was the 50th year Anniversary of the Conference. It had been 20 years since I last attended this conference. It was a great week. There were excellent speakers, time set aside for small groups and lots of free time. However, one of the most interesting features of this conference takes place on the first night, it's called, "Check-In Time". It doesn't matter if it's your first visit or the 50th visit to the conference. Those in attendance are put into groups of about 40 and everyone is supposed to summarize their year with one word. Then you have 60 seconds to explain why you chose that word.

So, what word would you chose to summarize the last year of your life?

Jeremiah 17:7-8

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

The word I chose is blessed. It's been a crazy year and I had a friend whose word was chaos. But I chose BLESSED, because despite Covid, falling stock markets, increased inflation, and everything else that's happened, GOD IS IN CONTROL!

I am blessed with a wonderful family. In church, while finances are slow this year, we are able to pay bills. We've had a good number of winder visitors this year, who have fallen in love with our church and have said they are looking forward to coming back next fall and winter. We've had good Worship, Sunday school and Wednesday night services. Scout parents are coming and participating in our programs.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water ... and does not fear with heat comes... It is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit. God is blessing us! We are blessed to be God's people. How could I use any other word to express my year when God is in control!

I hope you will join us for all our activities coming in May. If you can't be here in person remember you can watch our Sunday services on Facebook. And you can always support us financially online at our website.

The LORD BLESS YOU and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. The LORD be gracious to you and grant you peace, now and always. Amen.

THIS MONTH EVENTS

- May 1st Pancake Breakfast proceeds will go to buy bibles for Total Recovery
- May 8th Celebrating our Mothers.
- May 15th Joins us to Make Sandwiches for Crossroad Mission
- May 22nd Graduate Daniel Troxel and Teachers recognition.
- May 25th Wednesday Water FUN DAY!.



Rick Davies; Elaine Manifold; Bob Wilcox; Mona Nelson; Crystal Echols; Mary Ellen Cutlip; Mary and Bob Schaal; missionaries around the world; Scott Gillespie; Leonard Troxel; Betty Hammann; Makyla Ruttle; Lynn Bell; Dean Holland; Cindy Michels; Kylie Rivera; the unrest in our country, Police and Law enforcers; Total Recovery Ministry; leaders of our country; the unsaved; our military and their families; all those affected by COVID-19; Afghanistan situation; Border Patrol; Ukraine and Russia.



BIRTHDAYS



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7	Harriet Brown	9	Angel Delgado
9	Ed Maxwell	10	Livia Orlich
12	Colleen Foland	16	Daniel Gomez
21	Mary Ellen Cutlip	23	Erin Little
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ANNIVERSARIES

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Pancake Breakfast SUNDAY MAY 1st



The Youth will ike to thank you for your support and donations on their

PANCAKE BREAKFAST DAY

They raised \$439.00

FOR TOTAL RECOVERY NEW BIBLES.

MISSION

Lynette Hamilton

Join us on Sunday May 15th after service we will be making sandwiches for Crossroads Mission We are in need of:

Lunch Meat, Cheese Peanut Butter & Jelly





FOOD SUNDAY

1st Sunday of each month donations go to Crossroads Mission

TREASURER'S REPORT

Glen Moss

The financial information below includes all 2022 income and expenses through January 31. The income figures include all giving, whether toward a pledge to the Annual Stewardship Campaign or donations to a Mission Partnership, a Special Offering, or any other type giving. The expenses include all expenses incurred including the distribution of monies donated toward special projects or Mission Partnerships.

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS

	Feb	YTD
INCOME	\$21,728.34	\$60,668.68
EXPENSES	\$24,756.08	\$73,639.87 *

^{*} Income includes gifts for special events and offerings and the Expenses also include where those special items have been "passed along" to the intended organization.



As you can see, our year to date expenses exceed our year to date income. In 2021, we began the year with the remaining funds from the Payroll Protection Program loan which was forgiven. In 2022, we do not have that luxury. We are fortunate that we have an Investment Account that began as the proceeds from an estate that was donated to the church. The downside is that any expenses not covered by donations and rent income from the Preschool and other users of the facilities will be charged against the Investment Account.

God is Good and we have been blessed. In all things God is faithful to us, let us be faithful to Him.

These are the gifts of God from the people of God for the Work of God.

Let us be good stewards of His gifts.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Harold Maxwell

The Trustees have been blessed this last month by a couple of volunteer work projects.

- 1.- First, Daniel Troxel organized 9 Scouts from Troop 8054 to plant a dozen dwarf Arizona Bells to form a hedge along the southeast corner of the property next to the Sanctuary. When mature this hedge will provide color and help disguise the vacant ground east of the Sanctuary.
- 2.- The second project was performed by Joshua Roberts.

 Joshua helped Mr. Maxwell to inspect and repair the irrigation system

 prior tothe upcoming summer. Both projects were a great help to the Trustees.

SIERRA VISTA SCOUTING NEWS MAY 2022

OVERALL PROGRAM

We are winding down another successful year. The final day of scouts for this activity year is May 25. We have reserved the giant water slide and have invited the Yuma Fire Department to visit us. Dinner that evening will be a pot luck from families and the program will provide lemonade, plates, napkins, and utensils, hamburgers and hotdogs and buns along with mustard, ketchup, and mayo. Each family is requested to bring a dish to share. Suggestions include lettuce, tomatoes, and any other popular fixings, desserts, chips, salads, and sides.

Early registrations for the fall program will be taken starting May 4. All returning Girl Scouts will be registered. Early bird registrations for Cub Scout registrations are also being taken. Any returning Cub Scout from the current scout year will receive a special rate. The benefit of registering now is that you can receive the "discount" and guarantee a slot in the program now.

The annual Labor Day family camp in the Laguna Mountains is scheduled for September 2 and 3 (the Friday and Saturday before Labor Day. The campground will be the Horse Heaven Group Campground near Laguna Mountain. This campground is semi rustic in that it has potable water but does have pit toilets (no flushing water). Directions will be available soon. Cost for the campground will be \$ 10,00 per person. This covers the cost of the campground reservation. We will be offering a meal plan for those who do not want to cook or/ are not comfortable doing so. Meals will be provided for a fee of \$ 10.00 per person (reservations required and paid in advance). The meal plan will cover four meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. The campground will be available on Friday at 11:00 am. Friday meals are on your own. Typical activities for Friday night will include a campfire (if allowed by the Cleveland National Forest. Saturday will have nature hikes, games for kids, general relaxation, potentially some achievements to be earned. Check out is required by 11:00 am Sunday, September 4. For those who are interested, we will hold a short non-denominational worship service before we pack up and head home.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP

The annual Girls Scout Camporee was held the weekend of April 22 – 24 at William Heick Regional Park near Julian California. The final Awards and Recognition ceremony for the Girl Scouts will be held on Wednesday, May 18.

CUB SCOUT PACK

Webelo I's joined the Boy Scout Troop at the activity at Senator's Wash over the April 23 weekend.

The final Pack Meeting for the Cub Scouts will be held May 11.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

The Boy Scout Troop is very active. Over the weekend of April 22-24, the boys held a campout and water activities at Senator's Wash. There are quite few scouts attending Summer Camp this year.

MAY 2022

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Mother's Day			Scouts 6pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm			
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Sandwich Time for Crossroads Mission			Scouts 6pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Graduate and Teacher Recognition			WATER FUN DAY @ 6:00 PM			
29	30	31				
			Scouts 6pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm			