

Pastor D's Letter September, 2022

SEPTEMBER 2022

If you go out to eat with me, you will discover that I like to get to know the people who you see all the time, including wait staff at restaurants. I guess it's the influence of the small town I grew up in where everybody knew everybody. Growing up in small town Dinuba, one day a man stopped me on the street asked me if I was Sonny's boy. I said I was a Hawkins. He replied, "I knew you were Sonny's boy!" Sonny was my grandfather's nickname. The man thought I looked like my grandfather, but my name sealed it. He KNEW my family, by look and by name.

One of the places I eat often is Chick-Fil-A. I meet with a group of pastors there twice a month. It is a time of encouragement and prayer. As a result of eating at CFA over the years, I have gotten to know many of the workers. The other pastors always give me a hard time when I walk in and get a big, "HELLO MR. DARREN!" and then call the workers by their name as well. However, the other day, when I went to CFA, I called one of the workers the wrong name. Her reply was, "That's my twin sister." Then she laughed and corrected my mistake.

That incident reminded me of when I was in college. When I transferred to Point Loma College in San Diego, I didn't know anyone on campus except my roommate. I quickly made lots of friends. One of those friendships, however, started in a very funny way. There was a student in a couple of my psych classes named Jackie. One day I ran into her on the way to class and I said "Hi Jackie!" She told me she was Jackie's twin sister, Joyce. I was confused and apologized for calling her the wrong name. This went on for a couple of weeks, I'd say "Hi Joyce" and get "I'm Jackie" if I said "Hi Jackie" I got "I'm Joyce." Then I met Jackie's best friend, (who is now the wife of a pastor in my covenant group) who informed me that Jackie was an only child. Jackie had been giving me a hard time for two weeks.

Names are important. Names hold promise and they say something about who you are. In the Bible, God's name is revered so much it is never said. We are told to pray in Jesus' name (John 14:13-14). We are told that Salvation is in no other name (Acts 4:12) than Jesus. What is truly amazing, and a bit scary, is that God KNOWS OUR NAME. There are literally hundreds of verses that declare God know our name. One of my favorites is Isaiah 43:1. "But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.'" ESV

God knows your name! If God knows you, you should take it upon yourself to know God. Join us for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. Bible Study begins Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Adult Classroom of the CE building. Join us as we get to know each other and God a bit better.

See you on Sunday if not before,

Dr. D



Mona Nelson; Lenore Maxwell; Crystal Echols; Mary Ellen Cultip; Mary and Bob Schaal; Missionaries around the World, Scott Gillespie; Leonard Troxel; Betty Hammann; Makyla Ruttle; Lynn Bell; Dean Holland; Cindy Michels; Kyle 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;



September BIRTHDAYS



October BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

2 Cortney Scott
9 Dean Holland
12 Lenore Maxwell
12 Myrle Marlatt
16 Shelley Burge
19 Wayne Williams
26 Barb Moss
29 Karen Marlatt

SCOUTS SEPTEMBER

1 Yeriel Ortiz
7 Abigail Niewiek
10 Kaleb Hatley
11 Zachary Holtry
15 Hailey Wooldridge
16 Leah Glass
17 Jolie Irlanda
17 Melanie Claridge
22 Dymond Duddering
23 Brianda Molina
26 Andrew Kay
30 Asia Bahati

OCTOBER

2 Sandii Leeper
6 Darren Hawkins
8 Vince Apple
10 Cody Hill
11 Elsie Caley
26 Leonard Troxel
28 Sue Vaughan
28 Sandy Willen
29 Paul Schlehr

SCOUTS OCTOBER

2 James Powell
3 Alyanna Martinez
6 Blaine Wooldridge
10 Cody Hill
10 Ruben Herrera
11 Matthew Henson
11 Malachi Williams
15 Sawyer Rabun
16 Ethan Villegas

September ANNIVERSARIES

2 Tom & Judy Rushin
4 Ed & Lenore Maxwell
8 Darren & Shelley Hawkins
12 Harold & Sam Maxwell

TREASURER'S REPORT

Glen Moss

The financial information below includes all 2022 income and expenses through July 31, 2022. 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

	JULY	YTD
INCOME	\$24,209.91	\$140,497.77
EXPENSES	\$23,872.02	\$160,073.27 *

* 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. 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.

We have added a new tenant for our facilities. That should help with our deficits. The Agnus Dei Academy, a group of local families who have determined to provide a home school opportunity for students on a Tuesday and Thursday schedule. This organization meets in two of the Community Building classrooms. Welcome to the Agnus Dei Academy.

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.

SIERRA VISTA SCOUTING NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

The Sierra Vista Scouting program has kicked off and groups are meeting. We continue to see new families interested in the program.

After four weeks, our numbers are sitting as follows:

GIRL SCOUT TROOP

Daisy:	6
Brownie:	8
Juniors	14
Cadettes	12
Seniors/	
Ambassadors	7

CUB SCOUT PACK

Lions/Tigers	6
Wolfs	3
Bears	4
Webelo I	8
Webelo II	5

Our goal is to cap group size at 12 scouts, but some leaders have added additional youth. This year, we are again offering a combination Lions/ Tigers den. Lions are kindergarten aged and Tigers are first graders. We are still recruiting for Cub Scouts at most levels until we reach the cap of 12. Our Boy Scout Troop is sitting at 24 boys.

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEKS

SEPTEMBER 21

Regular meetings for Girl Scouts
Rain Gutter Regatta Event for Cub Scouts
Court of Honor for BSA Troop

SEPTEMBER 28

Regular meetings for all levels

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2

Campout for Girl Scouts

OCTOBER 5

Regular meetings
Adult Class starts back

OCTOBER 12

Cub Scout Pack Meeting
Regular meetings for others

We are happy that the year is underway and hope that you will continue to support your 8054 scouting program and adult education opportunities. If you haven't checked us out yet, please visit any Wednesday for a great time.

If you know of youth who might be interested in getting involved in scouts, please have them contact Mr. Moss at 928-580-7005 or leave a message on the church answering machine at 928-726-6680.

Over the Labor Day weekend, we held our traditional Laguna Mountain Family Camp. We had a great time in the coolness of the mountain weather. We had 31 campers of all ages. One of our campers revealed that she had attended this camp for over half a century with the church. What a record!!

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Labor Day

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