



Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship Services 8:30 & 10:15 am

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Beth Moore Bible Study A Woman's Heart - God's Dwelling Place



Discover the parallels between the Tabernacle's building and your life as a chosen vessel of God. *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place* by Beth Moore is an 11-week Bible study that looks in-depth at the Old and New Testaments to help us discover our incomparable worth in Christ.

Women around the country rave about Beth Moore studies, so join Pastor Julie Hodges at PDCPC on Monday mornings beginning September 21st from 9:30-11:30 in FLC Room 205/6. The first hour is a video lecture by Beth; the second is small group discussions focused on daily workbook studies

completed prior to class. Childcare will be available.

Sign up for class and childcare by Sept 13th in the church office or with Pastor Julie at julieh@pdpresby.org; 346-8195 ex. 14. The cost is \$15.00 which includes a workbook which will be available the first week of class.

Bring a friend.

Minute for Ministry and Mission

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 8:7, "Just as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in the grace of giving." It is clear from this and other passages that wherever you are in your journey to a

more generous life, God wants to take you further.

Our Stewardship Theme for this coming year is "Sharing Our Blessings." So let's begin our journey toward sharing our blessings by counting our bless-

ings. There is a lot of bad news about the economy, and yet we, as a people of faith, have a lot of blessings. And as we count our blessings, we will develop

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Church Staff

- Pastor - Doug Garrard
- Associate Pastor - Denn Denning
- Transitional Associate Pastor - Julie Hodges
- Pastoral Associate— Marilou Booth
- Interim Church Administrator - Floyd Vail
- Youth Director - Kathy Aposhian
- Director of Children's Ministries - Diana Miller
- Volunteer & Event Coordinator - Shirley Darrow

Why Do We Have Stephen Ministry?



Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." John 21:16

People sometimes may ask or think, "Why do we need Stephen Ministers? Don't we have pastors to provide care?" The simple answer is that our pastors cannot possibly provide all the caring that is needed. Our pastors are like firefighters—when a crisis happens, they rush to the scene to put out the fire. But shortly after that, another fire will break out in our congregation, and they'll need to

rush to that scene. They still will provide care to the victims of the first fire, but their time quickly becomes consumed by the second, third, and fourth fires. This is on top of their other duties as pastors.

This is where Stephen Ministers come in . . .

The pastors will always be our firefighters, but our Stephen Ministers are people who come in after the fire is put out (and sometimes before) and help the victims sort through and clear the debris and begin to rebuild. Stephen Ministers continue to give care as long as needed during the rebuilding process—one month, two months, six months, or possibly a year or more. They provide the steady, consistent one-to-one follow-up care that our pastors want to, but simply cannot provide.

Please be in prayer for our Stephen Ministers as they care for members of our church family and

community.

For those who might need help . . .

If you (or someone you know) are struggling with a challenge or difficulty in your life right now, please call and ask to be connected with a Stephen Minister. You will experience a wonderful caring relationship which is confidential and filled with God's love. Please call Patti Hartley: 760-200-1111 or email her at: pattihartley@gmail.com

For those who would give help . . .

If you would like to become part of this caring ministry and would like more information, please call Jan Garrard: 760-345-0677 or email her at: jan@dc.rr.com. A new Stephen Minister training class will begin at the end of October.

ATTENTION WOMEN

Put these dates on your calendars and join us for lots of good fellowship.

DECEMBER 12, 2009
Christmas Brunch

JANUARY 30, 2010
Women's Conference

MARCH 27, 2010
Friendship Luncheon

PASTOR DENN'S PAPER AVAILABLE

John Calvin, Protestant Reformer

In July, Pastor Denn Denning spent a week of study-leave at the new David Allan Hubbard Library at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, studying the life and influence of John Calvin. If you'd like to have his 8-page summary on Calvin, please contact the church office. We can print it for you or send it to you electronically as a Microsoft Word document.



Calendar *update*

2009 Mariner Trips Scheduled

Join us for some wonderful adventures during our 2009-2010 season.

LAWRENCE WELK

Tuesday, December 1st

"A Christmas Carol" is a classic that you will not want to miss. The cost includes transportation, the show and a lovely buffet lunch. You will also have some time to relax and enjoy.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

Tuesday, December 15th

Don't miss this glorious production of the birth of Christ in music and drama. The memory will be with you throughout the season. This is always a favorite.

LONG BEACH AQUARIUM

Tuesday, January 12th - \$75. pp

This trip includes viewing the wonders of the ocean at the Long Beach Aquarium which is the largest aquarium in the US and features over 500 species and then we will have a harbor tour.

CARNIVAL CRUISE

Monday, Feb. 8 to Feb. 12

We are repeating the opportunity to cruise from LA on Carnival Paradise. This will be a 4 night 5 day cruise with stops in San Diego, Ensenada and Catalina.

GETTY VILLA

Monday, February 22nd

The Getty Villa in Malibu has reopened and features Greek, Roman and Etruscan antiquities arranged by themes including gods and goddesses as well as the story of the Trojan War. The architecture is magnificent. A trip you will never forget.

TUCSON INCLUDING TOMBSTONE, BISBEE AND YUMA

Tuesday, March 9 to March 12

Our 3 night trip take us to the Tucson, AZ area with visits to Tombstone, the Karchner Caverns, Bisbee and Yuma.

MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Tuesday, March 23rd.

Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded more than 200 years ago. The Mission now embraces the Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage. After enjoying the serenity of the gardens, you will want to visit the Serra Chapel, Padres Quarters, Soldiers Barracks and the Great Stone Church.

For more information on any of our exciting trips contact Bev Johnson at 253-927-2764 or e-mail her at ALBEVJOHN@MSN.COM or call Bob Whitney at 760-341-0529.

Festival of Life Prayer Gathering

SAVE THE DATE FOR PRAYER
—SEPTEMBER 21ST

Everyone Invited to the Festival of Life Prayer Gathering Friday, Sept. 21, 7 PM at Southwest Community Church.

The Festival of Life is a non-profit partnership between

The Lighthouses of the Valley (LOV Movement) and Dr. Mike MacIntosh and the Festival of Life. The LOV Movement started in the Valley five years ago and is comprised of approximately 100 churches, para-church ministries and marketplace leaders dedicated to reach-

ing out to the Coachella Valley. Dr. Mike MacIntosh and the Festival of Life have been doing evangelistic outreaches around the world for 20 years.

The purpose of the Festival of Life Coachella Valley is to work together to bring the

love of Jesus Christ to the entire Coachella Valley.

For the Festival of Life to be successful in bringing men and women to a saving knowledge of Christ, prayer is our greatest strength.

Watchman Nee writes,

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Dinners for Eight

ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND NEW FRIENDS

Dinners for Eight are returning. The dinners will take place in the fall—the hostess and group decide on the date. Please join us for one of these very popular gatherings. You will enjoy good food and fellowship.

Groups are established for a one-time meal. Your hostess will call you to arrange a time and ask you to bring a dish to complement the entrée. She will also provide other details.

To register, fill out the form below and drop it off at the Congregational Life Table on the patio or mail it to the address below. You will be contacted in October by a hostess about a date and time.

Registration Form

First and Last Name(s) _____

Desert Address/City/Zip _____

Local Phone Number or Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Mark your preference: Lunch/Brunch _____ or Dinner _____

I am willing to host: Yes _____ No _____

Which service do you attend? 8:30a.m. _____ 10:15a.m. _____

If you are a winter resident, when do you expect to return to the Desert? _____

You may mail this form to Carleen Presley; 43-351 N. Heritage Palms, Dr.; Indio, CA 92201

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a more generous spirit for sharing them.

Brian Kluth has written a book entitled, "A 40 Days Spiritual Journey to a more Generous Life." In it he relates how he and his wife increased their offerings by 'counting their blessings.' He writes, "For years, we would sit down on Sunday nights with a pencil and notebook and list the ways God had provided for us over the last seven days (e.g., my main income, my wife's substitute teaching income, unexpected financial income/gifts, discounts on purchases, hospitality/help we experienced, and more.) Based on what we recorded we would give

10% of my expected salary to our church and give 10% or more of the other financial blessings to other Christian causes and needs."

So here, one man tells us of a formula that works for him and his family.

All of us can follow his formula. We can more intentionally count our blessings and based upon the counting, we can determine how we will share our blessings with the ministries and missions God has opened up for us in this congregation, in our community and throughout the ends of the earth.

During our Moments for Mission over the next several months, we will be present-

ing a cornucopia of missions, ministries, programs and institutions that we provide for and support through our generous giving here at Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church. During these sparse summer months, it is even more important that we faithfully tithe, fulfill our pledges and give to assure that we continue to meet our promises and commitments to the Lord's work in this corner of the kingdom where he has assigned us to shepherd and feed. We should, in these critical times, abide in a faith that is unwavering. Our commitment should be determined.

These days are not a time when people expect to in-

crease their standard of living. But it is certainly an opportune time, if we are faithful in counting our blessings, to share them. As Matthew tells us in his accounting of the Good News in 6:33, "God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."

Instead of having a mindset of survival, perhaps we need a mindset of revival. And what better way to revive our lives than in counting, recognizing, giving thanks for and sharing our blessings.

Mending Hearts

Contributed by Maureen Mulcahey—(760) 360-1922



Welcome back—if you got away! Some of us did not have that option. Summer heat slowed us down but we still were able to donate ten children's dresses to the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center in June and eleven short sets were delivered in July. We did not meet in August but each of us has been sewing at home.

In addition to the Sinatra Center, we are also making blankets, clothes, knitted hats, & infant caps for Project

LINUS, which provides love and comfort to children in need through the gifts of handmade items like ours, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Rosemary Durkton takes our finished products to needy families and local shelters.

Because we no longer send items to the Tenwick Hospital in Kenya (that project was put on hold because the postage and duty charges were beyond the capability of the Tenwick recipients), Rosemary has been a "God Send" in finding us other outlets for our

sewing. So we continue to sew on for God and Mend a Heart!

Please be sure to cut out your Campbell Soup UPC's and 'Box Tops for Education' from General Mills Products (we don't need the whole box) and drop them in the red coffee can in the Church Office. These are a way of donating to the education of our own Valley children at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

Join us and feel gratitude in *your* heart, as you work to Mend a Heart.



September 2009 Prayer Calendar



“...and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous man is powerful” James 5:16

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Please Pray For Marcia Weber And Michael Lunn And Vahe Apelian	7 Labor Day Please Pray For James Scott And Daranee Muong Pruan	1 Please Pray For Pastor Marilou & Family And Jack Miller And Connie Roller	2 Please Pray For Marlene Fischer And Dorothy Baker And Bob & Dianne Zemer	3 Please Pray For Steve Rosa And Alice Taylor And Susan Reed	4 Please Pray For Gloria Rand And Trey Temple And Denise Attebery	5 Please Pray For Robert Grier And Karina (Eide) And Mary Foote
13 Please Pray For Mirnd Hough And Gretchen Russell And Bonnie Sorensen	14 Please Pray For Diane Morris And Dr / Mrs. William Jamison And Joe Dorsey	8 Please Pray For Lynda Samen And Belva Farina And Wilma Stadnyk	9 Please Pray For Rosette Agacanian And Dorothy & Dan Thompson And The Hinman Family	10 Please Pray For Nancy Ragnaw And Ruth Cohee And The Wexler Family	11 Please Pray For Susie Moore And Eleanor Hill And Barbara Maccarillo	12 Please Pray For Erin Quinn And Winston Fuller And Geoffrey Schaaaf
20 Please Pray For Joan Balay And Don Clark And Tracie Teague	21 Please Pray For Susan Brown And Virginia Collins And Stephanie Howe	15 Please Pray For Katharine Taylor And Tom Mulcahey And Lew & Dorothy Stroh	16 Please Pray For Eddie Hernandez And Nicholas De Roo And Edwin Anderson	17 Please Pray For Joyce Pennington And Linda Reed And Nora	18 Please Pray For Joseph Devere And Joe & Leoma Sisel And Pastor Art & Jewel Innen	19 Please Pray For Dorothy Hansen And Judy Cameron And Helen McIntyre
27 Please Pray For CPT Nathan Marshall, AF Michael Moritz, USMC Keith Myers, USA CPL John Christian Neall PO3 Chris Payne, USN	28 Please Pray For SGT Jon Phillips, USA SGT J.W. Phillips, USMC LCpl Michael Piedro Major Rick Furinton	22 Please Pray For Michelle Green And David Gambill And The Geary Family	23 Please Pray For Jean Linder And Phoebe McFarland And Eve Stevens	24 Please Pray For Gregory L. Bosworth, USN Casey Cardenas, USA -Iraq Pvt Alex Crumpton Loren Drivdahi, Iraq	25 Please Pray For CPT Matthew Egan USMC SSG Jason E. Fincher Austin Genereaux, USMC Mike Graham, USCG CPT John Hallet, USA	26 Please Pray For SGT Dabian Harris, USA Nathan Johnson, USMC Ray Klett, USN Drew Kohler, USA Erik Allen Liston, Afgh
		29 Please Pray For SFC Ronald Spencer, Jr. PFC Thomas Sites, USMC CPT N. Tallant, USA - Afgh 1LT D. Tallant, USA - Iraq	30 Please Pray For Laura Weber, AF Academy Wes Wentz, USMC LCpl George White, USMC Adam Wood, USA - Afgh			

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered church family rooted in Biblical truth. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are passionately committed to love God through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As believers, we support one another, serve people in need and proclaim the Gospel message to our community and throughout the world.



Festival of Life—Join a PDCPC Prayer Group

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“God’s will is like a train whereas our prayers are like the rails of a train....If we do not take up the responsibility of prayer, we will hinder the fulfillment of God’s will.”

Prayer events to which all believers from the Coachella Valley are invited are the Prayer Gathering on September 21 at 7 PM at Southwest Community Church, and the 100 Days of Prayer that will kick off on January 1st.

JOIN A PDCPC PRAYER GROUP

Along with prayer, leaders in each of five regions in the Coachella Valley (Palm Desert and Rancho Mirage comprise Region Three) are looking at ways we can meet the needs of its people through caring and how we can share the gospel effectively. We would love to have you join a PDCPC prayer group to pray on a regular basis: for the concerns of each church in Region Three; for the leaders of the Festival of Life; and for the

Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of people who need the Lord.

If the Lord is leading you to join our prayer team, contact Marilou Booth at (760) 346-8195, ext. 24.

For more information about the Festival of Life, the September 21st Prayer Gathering or how you can get involved, visit our website at www.lovmovement.com or call Elder Carleen Presley, or pastors Denn Denning or Marilou Booth.