

SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Will They Tell the Stories?

Many educators fear that with computers, tablet devices, and sophisticated cell phones along with the social media craze that many young people are losing certain cognitive skills as well as social skills.

As a Christian educator, I am more concerned that Christians in general are losing their ability and willingness to share their faith in God's divine work in Christ because they are "passing the personal buck" by placing too much emphasis and trust in impersonal technology.

What I fear is that technology will destroy the initiative and a personal sense of responsibility for Christians to share their stories of faith with others. I fear that the stories of God's saving work in Christ, when relegated to videos, movies, online blogs, podcasts, or some other technological media, loses the power of the personal.

The power and the relevancy of God's work in Jesus Christ is first and foremost a personal experience given depth and of faith. It is most affectively communicated when one person, who has personally experienced its power, looks into the eyes of another person who needs to hear its message. So, I think it is import to use technology to its fullest but never at the expense of the personal touch.

~Pastor Logan

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HAPPY 65TH ANNIVERSARY!

Rick & Lee Beasley, 2-14

UPCOMING EVENTS



Church Women United Meeting
Friday, February 2, at 9:30am
 First Presbyterian Church
 215 Locust St. NE

Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30am followed by the program at 10:00am. Roadrunner Food Bank will provide a presentation on their 35-year history, the services they provide, and their commitment to feed 70,000 hungry people throughout New Mexico each week. The collection this month will be for Wings for Life (kitchen supplies, towel, sheets, rugs, shoes, and clothes). For more information, contact Amy Costales at 867-4207.

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 10, at 8:00am at Vic's Daily Café (3600 Osuna).

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday, February 14, at noon.

2018 Women's Winter Retreat
 Sponsored by American Baptist Women's Ministries
 February 23 & 24, 2018
 Denver, Colorado

For more information, please see the brochures on the Information Table.

THIS 'N THAT



The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will be collecting items for Ronald McDonald House through March. Items needed are: small pudding cups, crackers with peanut butter, small boxes of detergent, Bounce dryer sheets, small Styrofoam bowls, and paper supplies (i.e. napkins, paper plates, paper towels, and toilet paper). Please put your donations in the green box in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

Jim Hackney, an accountant and tax specialist, has once again graciously offered to help Sombra Del Monte church members and their families with their tax returns for **free**. Please contact Jim if you would like to take advantage of his generous offer!

The Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, January 28, are provided by Bill & Dorothy Beckner in celebration of Bill's 73rd birthday (1-28)!

WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

Prayers for **Orrin Beckner** who suffered a minor stroke.

Ongoing Prayers Concerns: Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), Fred Shoemaker, and Jeff & Elizabeth Thomsen

Our shut-ins are: **Joanne Colvin and Abigail McVeety**