

**SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**THE SHADOW NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY 2019**



**Lessons I've Learned: This End Goes Up**

When I was in high school I worked in an office supply and printing company. The foreman of the print shop was a crusty, old salt named "Pop" Birdsong. Mr. Birdsong was also the county coroner. (County coroners were elected and did not have to have any medical expertise.)

On one of my rotations through various departments in the company, I worked in the print shop and bindery. Being a teenager and inexperienced, Pop was not as hard on me as he was on others. He was demanding and exacting, just not as colorful in his corrections.

One day while I was working in the bindery on a big job, Pop discovered that a significant number of the publications had been inserted into their covers and bound upside down. Well, you can image the tongue-lashing I got, plus I had to go through dozens of boxes of bound publications checking the page-cover orientation. I can still remember Pop saying, "You got to know which end is up dummy!"

That humiliating admonition about checking the orientation, as you can tell, has stuck with me, and I think has served me well over the years.

We later learned that the person cutting and trimming the publication had placed them in the wrong orientation on the binding transfer table. Wow, did she get an earful! However, as the binder, it was my responsibility to check before gluing and pressing the publications.

No matter what social or cultural values one generation passes on to another, it is the receiving generation's responsibility to fact check them and test their moral, ethical, and spiritual soundness.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.*

*Prov. 3:5-8 (RSV)*

This is the end that goes up. ~Pastor Logan

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Church Women United Gathering**

Friday, January 4, 9:30am  
 Grant Chapel AME Church (7920 Claremont Ave NE)

Carolyn Good will share her experiences from attending the Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto, Canada in November. A report on the CWU Regional meeting in Los Angeles will also be given by the CWU President. Questions? Contact Amy Costales at 867-4207.

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday, January 9, at noon.

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 12, at 8:00am at Vic's Daily Café (3600 Osuna).

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- ❄️ David Hughes, 1-7
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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Floyd & Pat Braaten, 1-11  
 Andreas & Mary Maffucci, 1-20



**Sermon Scriptures for January**

January 6	Matthew 2:1-12
January 13	Luke 3:15-17,21-22
January 20	John 2:1-11
January 27	Luke 4:14-21

**THIS 'N THAT**

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1. Church office hours for Wednesday, January 2, are 9:00am to 11:00am.



Thank you for the generous staff love gifts received this Christmas! God bless all of you in the new year!

**The Sombra Del Monte Staff**

**In appreciation:** We would like to thank everyone who supported our after worship fellowship times in 2018. Thank you to everyone who contributed refreshments and helped with set-up and clean-up! We enjoyed a wonderful year of great food and fellowship. And our heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talent throughout the past year at Sombra Del Monte.

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR...**

Bernie Martinez (Don Gale's friend), Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), Carolyn Tumey, and Fred Shoemaker

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