

**SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**THE SHADOW NEWSLETTER**  
**JULY 2017**



**The Power of Prayer**

The moment the fan went off, the stagnate heat and humidity of the Southeast Asian night fell on me and jarred me awake. As I gathered my wits from the remnants of sleep, I became aware that the power was off again.

Soon flashlights sliced through the dark like light sabers in a science fiction movie. Someone yelled, "Put out those !@#% lights, you're making us a target!" With that panicked outcry, the annoyance of the power outage turned to a cold wave of fear.

Hushed sounds of people dressing in the dark, curses at shoes or boots that wouldn't cooperate, shusshes, and commands of "quiet" gave an almost comedic quality to the fear and confusion in the barracks. That comic relief was broken when someone started mumbling the Lord's Prayer.

Those words of a barely audible, mumbled prayer centered us, helping us find our training that had been misplaced in the dark as long minutes piled up into long, dark hours. Improvised weapons - ball bats and broken, splintered mop and broom handles helped to make the necessary a little more bearable. However, the thing that helped us regain our courage and confidence in ourselves, in one another, and our training, had come back to us out of the uncertainty of the night in the words of the Lord's Prayer.

It turns out a drunken crane operator had swung the boom of his crane into a major power line and cut power to most of the airbase. Regardless, our fear had been real and our help in prayer had been just as real. ~Pastor Logan

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- ★ Joanne Colvin, 7-9
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  - ★ Elizabeth Thomsen, 7-11
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  - ★ Nancy Baker, 7-19
  - ★ June Blair, 7-19
  - ★ Tony Lucero, 7-20
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- ★ Bill & Dorothy Beckner, 7-6  
*(Happy 49th Anniversary!)*
  - ★ Dale & Sylvia Schafer, 7-7
  - ★ Don & Rebecca Gale, 7-9
  - ★ Fred & Maxine Shoemaker, 7-30  
*(Happy 73rd Anniversary!)*
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Independence Day Celebration**  
**Sunday, July 2, after Worship Service**

All food and drinks will be provided. Please sign up at the Information Desk if you will be attending and if you can help with set-up, serving, or clean-up.



The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.  
**Have a safe and happy holiday!**

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

**Don't forget!** There will be a Cabinet meeting after worship service on Sunday, July 9.

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday, July 12, at noon.

**THIS 'N THAT**

The **new 2017-2018 church directory** is now available! Please pick up your copy today in the Narthex. **There have been many changes the past year**, so please be sure to shred your old directories.

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will be collecting items for *both* men and women to support **St. Martin's Hospitality Center** through July. Items needed are hygiene products, socks & underwear, coffee mugs, and gently used washcloths and towels. Please put your donations in the green box in the church office. Thank you!

The Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, June 25, are provided by Jeff & Elizabeth Thomsen.

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR...**

Our sympathies to Christina Parker and family on the loss of her aunt, Faye Ward, on June 17.

Don and Rebecca Gale request prayers for Fred Butzon, who has cancer.

Prayers for Jennifer Parrish, who is having severe neck pain due to a car accident.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Charlene Bacchus (Floyd Braaten's sister-in-law), Janet Berry (John Towne's daughter), Joanne Colvin, Brenda Home (Brent Walker's mother), Linda Miles, Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), and Fred Shoemaker

Our shut-ins are: **June Johnston, Abigail McVeety, and Corinne Wagner**