

SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
THE SHADOW NEWSLETTER
MAY 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS



Church Women United
Annual May Friendship Day Celebration
Friday, May 5, at 9:30am
 Second Presbyterian Church
 812 Edith NE

The theme is "Kindling New Fires." Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30am followed by worship at 10:15am. A luncheon will be served at noon. The cost will be \$10. Please make reservations by May 1st with Marie Kenny at 881-4323 or via email at rkenny17@q.com.

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday, May 10, at noon.

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 13, at 8:00am at Vic's Daily Café (3600 Osuna).

THIS 'N THAT

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will be collecting the following items for women and children of Barrett House through May: paper goods (i.e. paper towels, toilet paper, tissues) instant coffee, tea bags, and toys. Please put your donations in the green box in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

Church World Service Blanket Campaign

We will be collecting donations for blankets during May. If you would like to purchase a blanket in honor of a mother for Mother's Day (May 14), please fill out the form available at the display table for CWS. Blankets are \$10.00 each. CWS has been providing blankets, tents, food, and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster for over 60 years. Blankets help provide warmth, comfort, and the feeling that someone cares.

JOYS TO SHARE!

Dorothy and Leon Parrish's 65th wedding anniversary is on April 27! Join them after worship this Sunday to celebrate!

Floyd Braaten will be a great grandfather again this autumn. Twins are expected!

WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Charlene Bacchus (Floyd Braaten's sister-in-law), Jean Forte (Don Gale's friend), Nancy Harvey, Andreas Maffucci, Linda Miles, Jackie Perry (Dorothy Beckner's friend), Fred Shoemaker, and Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends)

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

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 * Blake Azuela, 5-1 *
 * Al Harvey, 5-17 *
 * Adaline Lucero, 5-19 *
 * Bobbie Bailey, 5-28 *
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 * Steve & Sandy Parrish, 5-16 *
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Redemption

As the young VA chaplain listened to the old sergeant's life story, he saw on his craggy, lined face a road map of failure and regret. The old man had come face to face with his mortality and had judged himself beyond redemption.



Message from the Pastor

For years, the only respite the old guy had from his demons was to drink himself beyond their reach and his caring. His therapy of self-medication was killing him.

The chaplain wondered how he could help this fellow find the forgiveness and peace of redemption that he so desperately needed as regret filled up his life.

In his moment of deep concern, the chaplain opened his bible searching in his mind for a passage of comfort. Surprisingly, his bible flopped open to one of the colorful illustrations by artist Andrea Mantegna of Jesus hanging on the cross between two thieves.

The chaplain, under some impulse, gently tore the illustration out of the bible and placed it in the old man's hand. With rheumy eyes and shaking hands, the old sergeant lifted the picture closer so he could see it. In puzzlement, he stared at the painting, and then suddenly recognition spread across his wrinkled face.

That night the sergeant died, clutching the picture from the chaplain's bible. As the chaplain attended the death, he removed the crumpled page from the sergeant's now lifeless hand, smoothed it out, and placed it back in his bible until the next time he encountered someone who believed his or her life was beyond redemption.

~Pastor Logan

Please note: all of Pastor Logan's Sunday sermons are available on the church website as well as the weekly bulletin insert and monthly newsletter. And don't forget our Facebook page!

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