

**SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**THE SHADOW NEWSLETTER**  
**SEPTEMBER 2018**



**Lessons From My Childhood:  
 When Ole' May Died**

Coming home from school, I knew from two blocks away something was wrong. It was 3:30pm, I could see my dad's truck in the driveway and my granddad's car parked in front of the house. What had happened? While running the two blocks home all sorts of awful things went through my mind. I ran into the house expecting a conclave of misery and answers only to find it silent, no one home.

I went into the kitchen looking for mom - no one home. I looked out the back door and I saw my dad and granddad sitting on the picnic table. Dad had his head in his hands and granddad had an arm around his shoulder. Something was really, really, wrong.

I went out quietly and slowly approached. Dad was speaking and I could tell he had been crying - What! Granddad said something to Dad and he had a sob caught in his throat also - What! Crying, demonstrations of affection and consolation, I started looking around for the glow in the sky, the world was coming to an end for sure, or something had happened to Mom. "Oh, no, Mom," I cried.

Dad turned to me and said, "No, Mom is alright, she's gone to the store and will be back shortly. It's Ole' May, she died," and he sobbed deeply.

Ole' May, who I think had been called Ole' May since she was a pup, was my dad's pride and joy coon hound, whom he had taken to the vet that morning on the way to work. Ole' May was old, we knew her time wasn't long, but we weren't ready for this eventuality. So, I joined in with mixed emotions. My heart was breaking in part for the loss of Ole' May, but in part for the confusing joy of seeing my dad and his dad, definitely men of their time and culture, comforting and consoling one another. It took a shared grief to bridge a masculine, cultural divide. Sad, huh? ~Pastor Logan

**Sermon Scriptures for September**

- September 2 James 1:17-27
- September 9 James 2:1-10; 14-17
- September 16 Proverbs 1:20-33
- September 23 Mark 9:30-37
- September 30 Mark 9:38-50

**THIS 'N THAT**

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will continue to collect school supplies through September. Supplies that are most needed include: Kleenex, Clorox wipes, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, and red ink pens. A green donation box is located in the church office. Thank you!

The autumn edition of **The Secret Place**, a booklet for devotions for daily worship, is now available in the Bloom Center on the north bulletin board. This is a free publication! There are also a few large print editions available.

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- Steve Parrish, 9-23
- Joyce Hyink, 9-24
- Joshua Parrish, 9-29



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**Happy 67th Anniversary!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



The church office will be **closed** on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. Have a happy and safe holiday!

**Thursday choir practice** resumes on September 13 at 7:00pm.

**Meet Our New General Minister and President of the Christian Church (DOC) - Rev. Teresa Hord Owens**

Saturday, September 8  
 9:30am-3:00pm  
 Monte Vista Christian Church  
 (3501 Campus Blvd. NE)

Rev. Owens will be talking about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the Christian Church in the US and Canada. She will also be preaching on "Bearing Fruit Together" (John 15:1-5) for the afternoon worship service. **Sombra Del Monte is being asked to provide salads for the luncheon.** If you would like to attend and provide a dish, please let the church office know as soon as possible. We need to provide registration information.

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 8, 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, September 12, at noon.

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR...**

Leon Parrish, Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), and Fred Shoemaker

Our shut-ins are: **Joanne Colvin and Abigail McVeety**  
*Abigail has been moved to Medical Resort at Fiesta Park as she receives treatment for an infection.*