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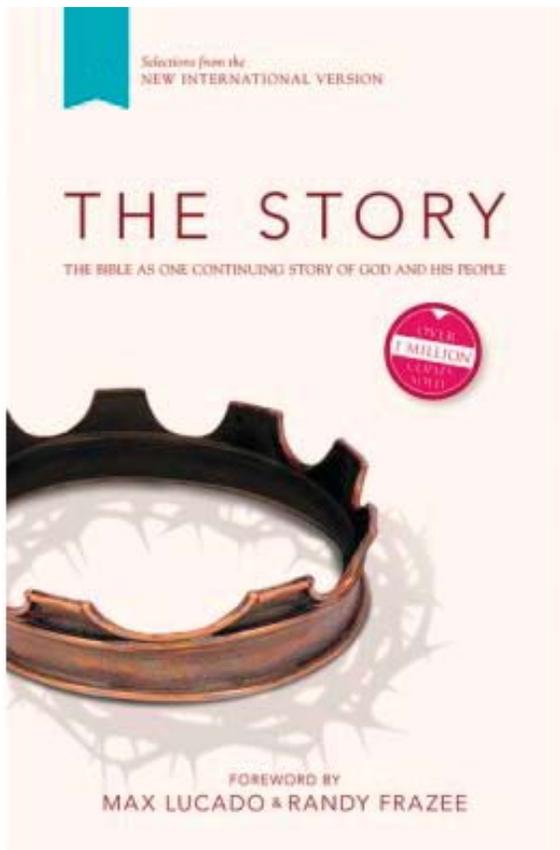
West Hills Church

On a journey with the Living Christ;
connecting with God, Others, and the World.



November 2016

Exciting News for 2017 by Derek Richman



The church has some very exciting news to share!

As part of our continuing effort to build community and unity in the church, the Session has approved the use of **The Story** for 2017. Some of you may be familiar with **The Story** while others may not.

The Story is an abridged, chronological Bible divided into thirty-one chapters that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single grand narrative. For those intimidated or overwhelmed by the unabridged Bible, **The Story** helps people understand God's Word more fully and engage with it more easily.

Simple, accessible, and easy to use, churches are finding **The Story** a powerful way to engage their people in Bible reading like never before. As **The Story** brings the Bible to life, the broad scope of God's message will penetrate hearts. People of all ages will be swept up in the story of God's love and God's plan for their lives.

The Story will be an all church initiative involving the children, youth and adults of the church. Each week we will all be reading and studying the same chapter/passages of scripture. Churches that have used **The Story** have experienced blessings in their children's ministries, their youth ministries, amongst families, and report a greater cohesiveness in their church.

West Hills was actually going to go through **The Story** a few years ago but then sadly, Pastor George became ill and the plans were put on hold. However, we now believe the timing is right. We will begin using **The Story** on Sunday, January 8, 2017. **The Story** books should be available in December of 2016 and January of 2017. We will follow **The Story** from January 8 until the Sunday before Palm Sunday. We will then pick up with **The Story** again, the Sunday after Easter and follow into June and then take a break for the summer. We will pick back up with **The Story** in September of 2017 and finish with it in November of 2017.

I believe this will be a very exciting time in the life of West Hills. I recently received an e-mail in which the person shared their feeling that there were big things on the horizon for West Hills and **The Story** is one of those big things. You may find out more information about **The Story** at their website: www.thestory.com. I invite and encourage all of us to take this journey through **The Story** in 2017.

When God Created Sisters by Angela Arner

Serendipity Sisters can be defined as a gathering - "pleasant surprise." Serendipity: (fortune) that takes the form of finding valuable or pleasant things that are not looked for (or expected).

Our Serendipity gatherings are an opportunity for women to share a blessed time of fellowship. Groups of 6-8 women gather for fun, laughter, fellowship and friendship. The warmth of sisters in Christ sharing brings a special, refreshing spirit! We asked some of our attendees to describe their experiences:

"coming together of ladies from different generations"

"sharing knowledge, relationships, spiritual gifts"

"a relaxed, friendly environment for women from all walks of life to gather and share a bit of their lives"

"cozy, beautiful times of conversation, delicious meals and wonderful fellowship"

"renewing friendships and making new ones each time you participate along with warm hospitality and great food"

The hostesses, for these events, have a reputation for creating an atmosphere where we can relax and enjoy each other's company. A special "THANK YOU" goes to our over forty hostesses. Sharing their homes and hospitality, in a special way, makes all the difference in the success of our time together!

I came across something as I was reading "Spiritual Discipline" from the JourneyMates study materials. The discipline is Hospitality. As I read, I thought of each hostess and what she brings to this ministry. Here are a couple of points for reflection.

"Hospitality is often thought of as synonymous with entertaining. With this view it is easy to get distracted by the looks of our home or on our own performance. Prayerfully embrace hospitality as offering a safe place for others to simply be themselves... befriended, enjoyed.

To merely welcome another, to provide for them, to make a place, is one of the most life-giving and life-receiving things a human can do." by Dallas Willard.

Some of our ministry partners have been able to join us. Teela Mickles, with Compassion in Action, shared *"Serendipity Sisters has been a place of warmth, comfort and spiritual refreshment for me each time I attend. God has called me to minister to people who struggle with extreme difficulties in life and I look forward to the fellowship, peace and kindness among women of faith. I see them as precious expressions of God's love for me. I am humbled and blessed to be a part of this ministry."*

Over eighty Serendipity groups have gathered over the last fourteen plus years. Pictures are a visual image of some of the "serendipity moments." Our photo albums continue to grow!

For me, it is a blessing and a privilege to be part of a ministry where the Holy Spirit brings women together.

Chris Moats shared, "Serendipity Sisters welcomed me with open arms and was a wonderful way to meet and connect with West Hills Women. I'm grateful to all of the women who have hosted and shared their gifts of hospitality. This is a testament to the outreach of West Hills to meet it's mission to be relational and share fellowship and community. Thank you Serendipity Sisters!"

Are you in one of the photos? If not, we hope to see you in a future adventure. The next invitation comes early in January, join us!



*When God created sisters, He answered every prayer.
That asked for someone special. Whose love is always there.*
Why God Created Sisters by Jill Wolf

Spiritual Correspondence

by Jana Prescott



Peace On Earth

What exactly is peace on earth? Is peace 'no fighting'? Where does peace come from? Or, who does peace come from? Governments? People in general? You? Me? You and me hoping? You and me praying? You and me believing? I feel deep down that I have the peace Christ has given me. It just seems to escape me those times when I have quit relying on this special gift from Christ, and I'm heading in my own direction. I bet that's happened to you, too. What are some possible ways we can always keep Christ's gift of peace in our heart, always leading us forward? The best way I can think of is constantly studying what the Bible has to say about living with peace, like in Psalms 34:14 - *"Turn from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it."* Seeking peace should be such an easy task, but we (myself definitely included) are making it such a hard task, leaving out Christ, who is leading all of us to find the peace He has left for us. Seek Him at each and every turn, and you will find His peace right there with you!

Church Family News

Births

*Caspian Silas Pyle, son of
Christina & Brenton Pyle, born October 6, 2016*

Hospitalized/Recovery

Kerry Ault, Shirley Johnson

Deaths

Prayers of comfort for family and friends of:

Gary Anders, on the loss of his mother, Catherine.

Familia De Dios by Derek Richman



Back in August, West Hills was approached by a Spanish speaking church about the possibility of renting some space for their

Sunday worship service. The name of the church is Familia De Dios and their current location is 6805 Grover Street. The reason they approached us is because they felt their current rent was too high and they were looking to save some money so they could eventually purchase their own facility. Their pastor was driving around the Westside area looking for another possible location when he drove by West Hills and felt the Holy Spirit's leading to contact us.

Multiple staff members from West Hills and from Familia De Dios' leadership team have met a number of times and believe that this could be a mutually beneficial arrangement. Through discussions with Familia De Dios, everyone realized that they needed a bit more space than originally planned and we were in a position to offer some more space to them for their needs. In September, the Session of West Hills authorized moving forward with a lease agreement with Familia De Dios.

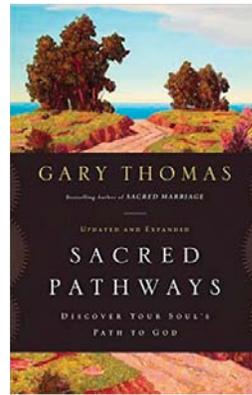
This lease is scheduled to take effect on November 1, 2016. Familia De Dios will be leasing the area on the lower level of the building underneath the chapel during the week for office space and small group ministry. This area had minimal use during the week and we have already accommodated the few groups that met in this area. The church will also rent our sanctuary on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. for their worship service. Whenever we enter into an agreement with another organization, no matter how much due diligence is performed, there are always some issues which come up and need to be worked out. However, we believe that with God's help these issues will be overcome in a gracious manner.

I want to thank you in advance for your gracious reception of our new brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have any questions about this agreement, please contact Mike Alfieri (Director of Business Administration) or Pastor Derek. For more information about the Familia De Dios congregation you may go to their website, www.fddomaha.org, although it is in Spanish.

September Final Operating Fund Report

	<i>as of Sept. 30</i>	<i>as of Sept. 30</i>
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Revenues	\$ 858,129	\$ 880,656
Expenses	\$ 1,031,072	\$ 1,029,799
Surplus/(deficit)	\$ (172,943)	\$ (149,143)

Book Review



A great book available in the Soul Café is, "Sacred Pathways" by author Gary Thomas. This book guides each of us toward our own personal path of worship. If you are currently having a difficult time with your daily devotional perhaps you're not following your own personal path of worship.

This book highlights nine distinct spiritual temperaments.

- 1) Loving God
- 2) Naturalists: Loving God Out of Doors
- 3) Senates: Loving God with the Senses
- 4) Traditionalists: Loving God Through Ritual and Symbols
- 5) Ascetics: Loving God in Solitude and Simplicity
- 6) Activists: Loving God Through Confrontation
- 7) Caregivers: Loving God by Loving Others
- 8) Enthusiasts: Loving God with Mystery and Celebration
- 9) Contemplatives: Loving God Through Adoration
- 10) Intellectuals: Loving God with the Mind

Whatever temperament or blend of temperaments, best describes you, it is NOT an accident. Your temperament is by design of a Creator who "knew what he was doing when he made you according to his own unique specification."

This book will show you the route you were made to travel.



ALL Church Chili & Caroling



Everyone is warmly invited to participate in this year's "Chili and Caroling" event on **Sunday, December 11**, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Many activities compete to fill our December calendars, but this event perfectly combines fellowship with service. After enjoying a bowl of chili/chicken noodle soup with accompanying goodies, you will have the opportunity to share Christmas carols with church family members who are experiencing special challenges, and as a result, all involved will be blessed.

In order to help us with planning, you can sign up in Geneva lounge starting on November 20, but if you don't sign up and can join us at the last minute, please do so. More details will be coming, but for now, make sure you have "Chili and Caroling" on your calendar as a "**not-to-be missed**" event!

Elder Candidates

Mission: Peg Shirley

I have been married to David for 26 years and our son Michael is 22 years old. We share our home with a 6 pound Morkie named Lexie. I have been retired for the past three years and David is also retired. We enjoy traveling.

I have been a member of West Hills for 30 years. I participated in a progressive dinner with a singles group. I sat at a table with Dick Meyer and he seemed so welcoming and approachable that my friend and I decided to come back and visit the church.

My first foot into volunteering was second grade Sunday School and then I began a long tenure working in the nursery. I have served as a Caregiving Ambassador and a Caregiving Deacon. When this responsibility ended I joined the Mission team. I have been an active member of the North Omaha Prayer and Vision team. I also am the mission partner owner for our Cameroonian mission partners, Presbyterian Sunday School and Al - ChrisWOV. I am currently serving my third year as the Elder of Missions. I have been on mission trips to Crow Agency, Holy Land, and Egypt. I plan to participate in the Holy Land mission trip in 2017.

I attended church when I was young, but never heard about a relationship with Jesus Christ. I lost my way in college. West Hills introduced me to what a relationship with Jesus Christ looked like and I haven't looked back since. My life is so enriched by membership at West Hills. The relationships I have built and the studies offered have been critical in drawing me closer to Christ. I love the emphasis on mission at West Hills as I believe this is the work that Christ has called us too. Our primary purpose is to worship God and to share the Good News and I am so happy that West Hills gives me that opportunity.

Nominating Committee: Roxie Fraser

I have been married to Paul Frazier for 43 years. We have been blessed with 2 children and 4 lovely grandchildren. While raising our family, I worked part-time in accounting in our family business. I am currently helping in the transition while our son takes over The Frazier Co. after Paul's retirement. Paul and I have been members of West Hills for about 33 years.

Friends from college invited us to West Hills. Everyone was extremely welcoming and friendly, the sermons were interesting and engaging. We discovered we already knew a number of other members.

I helped with VBS, headed the nursery team, taught Sunday school when our children were young, and served on the nominating committee a number of years ago. I have been in the same small group and on the Prayer Chain for 30+ years and am a Stephens Minister and Caregiving Ambassador. In addition, I love volunteering at Westgate Elementary School in the 6th grade.

West Hills has become an extension of my family. In addition to being challenged by engaging, self-examining sermons, the relational life-style encourages me in my personal spiritual walk. It is a safe place where although I'm not perfect, I can worship my Lord and continue to grow in my personal relationship with Jesus, with the assurance that it's okay to be "a work in progress."

Personnel: John O'Donovan

I was born in Germany and raised in an Air Force Family. I graduated from high school and college in Nebraska. After serving 29 years in the United States Marine Corps I retired from the military. After much searching, we decided to move back to Nebraska and found a home in Omaha. I started a set of second careers before retiring a second time.

Marcia Messman of Kearney, NE. and I were married 46 years ago. Since then we have enjoyed life and living as we travel, watched our family grow and enjoyed the company of friends and family. We have two daughters - Jessica Scheopner of Omaha (her husband Jason and five grandchildren) and Elizabeth O'Donovan of Durham, N.C.

After finding a home in Omaha, we went "church shopping". After several weeks of looking, Marcia's aunt, Faye Van Boskirk invited us to West Hills. That was 15 years ago. There was no looking back after that. We joined the next year and have been members since then. Marcia and I served as co-chairs for the "Come Open the Door" campaign. I have served as member of the nominating committee for one year. Once I stopped traveling for work, we began active again in a covenant group.

West Hills is my spiritual home. It is the place where I feel most at peace, accepted and cared for. It is the family that stood with us through Marcia's battle with cancer and the twists and turns of our lives. I have seen unmatched love and caring here for me, my family and others as we make our way through life. I feel accepted for who I am and where I am, when I am in the midst of this family of believers.

Stewardship: Mike Kelley

Peggy & I have been married 45 years. We have been blessed with two adult children, Drew & Alicia, their spouses Rachel & Jon. Our greatest joy is four beautiful grandchildren, Morgan, Mason, Barrett & Briggs.

While church shopping we visited WHC and never left. We came looking for something more spiritual without having any idea what that truly meant. It was home to us and continues to be. We joined WHC in 1988.

West Hills is where I started a relationship with Jesus Christ. It is home to me and a sanctuary. This is where my spiritual journey became my own and not my parents. My spiritual growth has been blessed and nurtured in this church. I continue to grow in my faith in these pews and hallways.

I am currently serving as Youth volunteer on Sunday nights, on Mission Team, and attend Tuesday Bible Study. I have served as an Elder several times including Elder, Stewardship. I taught Children's Sunday School for many years, volunteered on Youth Mission trips, served on Personnel committee, led Men's Ministry, and have served on several Search committees. One of greatest joys was serving as carpenter assistant to Chuck Burgess.

Deacon Candidates

Caregiving Ambassador: Patti Brownlee

My husband Steve and I moved to Omaha from Fremont three years ago. Finding a new church home was a top priority. Initially we visited churches closer to our West Omaha address, but we kept returning to West Hills for its inspiring worship, welcoming fellowship and many educational and mission opportunities. Another “bonus” was going to the same church as our daughter, Sarah Weller, and her family.

Since joining in 2014, I have served as a Caregiving Ambassador, participated in both weekly women’s bible studies and enjoyed volunteering for numerous projects/events. These activities have been opportunities to serve and grow in my faith while getting to know members of my new church family.

My faith walk could be described as ecumenical. During my childhood and teen years, I was brought up in the Southern Baptist denomination, and I attended an undergraduate college with Methodist roots. During a brief season in my adult life, I was a member of a Lutheran Church, and as a result of life moves, I was a member of two different Presbyterian Churches before joining West Hills. In these churches, I have primarily served in Women and Youth Ministries especially with Senior High students. It was through participation with Bible Study Fellowship(BSF) that I first became acquainted with West Hills.

My husband Steve and I are originally from Indiana. We have been married for 36 years and are avid travelers. Our most treasured time is spent with family and friends.

After serving as an elementary principal for 34 years, I retired in May 2014. I believe God called me to be a principal; I loved it. Since then, I have prayed that God would show me new places and ways to serve others. I am very excited to commit my time and effort to serve as one of your deacons and submit to God’s leading in fulfilling these

Practical Needs: Linda Springsted

Paul and I have been married for 49 years and we have three married children. Kelley, J. P., and Kathy. Paul and I have been members of West Hills for 36 years. When we moved to Omaha in 1980 we began to visit churches. When we visited West Hills, we never left.

We came to West Hills in 1980. I have been involved in a variety of ministries at West Hills: Sunday School Teacher/Supt., Deacon of Practical Needs, Library Asst., Silent Retreat Coordinator and part of the Funeral Lunch Committee. My heart is in caregiving and I feel my gifts are in the practical needs/ service area.

I feel West Hills is a safe place to worship God, learn more about His will for my life and use my gifts in service for God.

Stephen Ministry: Les Peterson

My wife Anne and I have been married for 28 years. Westgate has been our home since we were married. We have two sons, Alan (26) and Scott (23). Anne and I both worked at Mutual of Omaha for several years. I am currently employed with Conifer Health Solutions. Anne is employed with JoAnn fabrics. Alan is attending Fox Valley Technical Aviation school in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Scott lives in Lincoln and is a Manager with Federal Express.

When we were married and living in Westgate, we had visited West Hills a few times, however, I was a member of First Presbyterian in Plattsmouth. That is the church I attended since kindergarten. My wife Anne is a member of St. Joan of Arc parish. I wanted a church closer to our home and took the opportunity to go through the Experiment and became a member of West Hills in 1995.

Our sons Alan and Scott both went to pre-school at West Hills. They also attended Vacation Bible school. I recall visiting one of the services and a person in the congregation said to come back in a couple weeks to hear the new pastor George Moore. Well, I did come back in two weeks to the 8:00 service and I always look forward to coming back every Sunday morning.

The past two years I have been in Stephen's Ministry. Not long after completing training I was called, they had a linking for me. I said yes, and the experience during that time has changed me in ways I never thought of. The monthly supervision meetings have provided additional learning and teaching opportunities. I am a regular attendee at Men's Bible Study. I am faithful to every Tuesday morning to learn and discuss the scripture.

It is the place I come to be renewed every Sunday. The fellow brothers and sisters in Christ that I worship with at the 8:15 service and the men I share with on Tuesday mornings have kept me on my faith journey. I am blessed to have such a caring church home.

Nominating Committee Member-At-Large

Jenny Gollehon

Many of you have seen my husband, Chris, playing electric guitar on Sunday mornings with the worship team. My two boys, Tomas (4) and Andrew (2) can usually be found in the nursery, at Kids Church, or – let’s be honest – running throughout the church most Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

I have been attending West Hills Church since I was in the 6th grade (1995) when my parents brought our family to this church. In 8th grade I completed the Confirmation Class and joined the congregation as a member. I attended church and the youth program regularly throughout middle school, high school and college. Taking several mission trips to Crow Agency, in Montana, has allowed me to build some precious and lasting relationships among my fellow West Hills members as well as some of the Crow people.

I have spent many Sundays volunteering downstairs with the Sunday School program before our kids were born, and I look forward to getting back down there to volunteer with the Kids Church program very soon. The past two summers I have had the chance to help out at VBS which, in and of itself, is simply amazing!

Finally, I am honored to have the privilege to be a part of the Children’s Ministry InGathering Team. This has allowed me to see what we can do to help them build their personal relationship with Jesus.

West Hills is not just a church I attend regularly. It’s a family that has been there for me throughout several stages of my life. This family in Christ has cried with me, laughed with me, celebrated with me and – most importantly – prayed for me. Raising our boys in a Christ-centered environment is important to us and here we have gained an amazing support system through our Connection Group, the Worship Team and the Children’s Ministry team. I feel very blessed that my family and I get to be a part of such a loving congregation.

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Love Tied Up In Scarves

by Julie Burgess

Nominating Committee Member-At-Large

Jason Scheopner

Jessica and I have been married for 22 years and have five children: William, Juliana, Jonathan, Catherine, and Eleanor. I've worked at First National Bank since we moved to Omaha 15 years ago.

We first started attending West Hills in 2002, and became members in 2003. I have been involved in serving Jesus and this congregation in several capacities since we joined. We were first introduced to West Hills by Jessica's great aunt, Faye Van Boskirk. We were running late to visit another church that started at 9:00 when we remembered that West Hills had a 9:30 service.

I have served in the following capacities at West Hills:

- Children's ministry: 2003-present
- InGathering
 - Worship and Music: 2005-2008
 - Mission Management: 2008-present
- Elder of Stewardship: 2008-2011
- Men's Ministry: 2012
- Ad Hoc committee evaluating denominational issues – 2011
- PNC – 2012-2015

I am so grateful for West Hills and for the many ways that this community has nurtured, comforted, taught, encouraged and supported us these past 14 years. I am excited about what the Holy Spirit is doing among us and looking forward to seeing how God uses West Hills to impact our families, neighborhood, city, country and beyond in the coming years.



Christmas!

WE REMEMBER, REJOICE, WORSHIP

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Intergenerational Christmas Program at West Hills**. We don't want you to miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the program! Invite your relatives and friends, all are welcome. Instead of an evening program, the Intergenerational Program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 4**, and will be offered at both the **9:30 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m. services**. It will be a mixture of contemporary songs and classic Christmas carols that will involve the whole congregation at several points (bring your singing voice). The children will be singing in the choir with the adults, and there will be some narration as well. It should be a wonderful and exciting experience! Thank you, to all who are working so hard on the program. It will be a special and exciting experience! Don't miss it!!!

A group of faithful women traveling from churches in the U.S. with The Outreach Foundation had the great privilege of attending the annual women's conference of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon in 2015. Patti Gatzke and I were part of that team that spent a sacred week with our Middle Eastern sisters, most of who were from Syria. As part of our offering to them, we made 100 gift bags with flower-themed gifts and we also had many other gifts, including twenty scarves that one of our other team members brought. They were such a hit! The only problem was there were 100 women and only twenty scarves. Fast forward to 2016...



The Outreach Foundation was invited to return for the same conference this past July, and I was a part of that team. Patti could not come this year, but she had the brilliant idea of repeating the gift bags, only this time we would make sure there was a scarf for each of the women. With the generous gifts of the women of West Hills, I was able to take 43 pounds of multi-colored scarves to Lebanon in April, prior to my trip in July. That was over 150 scarves! Patti lovingly attached a prayer tag to each one so the women would know their sisters in Omaha, Nebraska, were holding them up in the midst of the five plus years of war they have lived through.

The theme for the conference this year was about transformation, and the butterfly became the symbol of a new life in Jesus Christ. Along with the colorful scarves from West Hills, this year's team brought 105 floppy brimmed hats, feathers, flowers, beads and yards and yards of ribbon for a hat-decorating project. On the final evening of the conference we held a fashion show, which featured the hats and the scarves. 100 Syrian butterflies floated through the room, each and every one a daughter of the King!

Thank you for making this gift and the project happen. As I remember the faithful Christians of the Middle East in my prayers every day, I remember all of you and your generous gifts to bring relief to their lives.



Baptism - Why?

Question for the Pastors:

What is the importance about being baptized?

The thief on the cross wasn't baptized yet Jesus said he would be with Him in heaven.

Presbyterians recognize two forms of baptism:

1. Believers baptism. This takes place for someone who wishes to proclaim their faith but was not baptized as a child or infant.
2. Baptism of infants or children.

When an adult is baptized, he or she is publicly affirming his or her desire to accept what God has graciously offered in the grace of Christ. He or she is responding in faith to what God has already done. Presbyterians believe that this baptism in which an adult is baptized upon faith is valid. But we also believe that the baptism of children in which a child is baptized into faith is also valid.

It is sometimes difficult for people to understand why we baptize our little ones who are as yet not able to understand and respond in faith to God's grace. It is perhaps, though, their lack of ability to respond to God's grace that gives us our real reason for baptism. There is nothing that any of us can do to obtain or earn our salvation. It is a gift which has been given. Baptism, especially of infants, is a visible reminder that the initiative in the salvation event belongs wholly to God. These little ones don't yet comprehend what Christ has done for them—as if any of us could ever fully comprehend, and they are helpless in responding to that grace. That is a wonderful reminder to each of us that there is nothing we can do to save ourselves—it is only in God's gracious actions toward us that a right relationship with Him is possible. In baptism, we recognize that everything necessary for salvation has already been accomplished.

There is a wonderful portion of the baptismal service of the French Reformed Church in which the pastor says: "Little child, for you Jesus Christ came into the world, he did battle in the world, he suffered; for you he went through the agony of Gethsemane and the darkness of Calvary; for you he cried, 'It is fulfilled;' for you he triumphed over death... For you, and you, little child, do not yet know anything about this. But thus is the statement of the apostle confirmed, 'We love God because he first loved us.'"

We baptize our children because we believe that before they are even aware of God, God has claimed them for his own. Before that child seeks God, God has already sought that child. Later on the child will have to affirm or reject this offer of God's grace.

It is that reminder of grace that is important. The act of baptism itself is not magical or saving. There is nothing special about the water that is used there is no magic or hidden power that can be attached to the sacrament. As important as it is, it is not a saving act. Baptism itself is not a magic ritual that can save our souls—because if it were, it would merely be an act that we were performing to save ourselves. It is rather a reminder that God is the one acting in grace towards us. Children who have been baptized will one day have to affirm or reject God's grace. But if they reject it, it does not change the fact of what Christ has done.

Presbyterians take this sacrament seriously, and so we ask two things of parents presenting a child for baptism: that at least one parent has affirmed his or her faith in Christ, and that they make a promise to instruct and nurture the child in the Christian faith and life. We also believe that baptism should take place in the midst of a covenant community because it is not just the parents who make commitments at baptism, but each of us who are believing members as well.



Recipes by Nancy Chesire

West Hills Pumpkin Bars

1 cup oil
4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 – 16 oz. can of pumpkin
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups flour
Mix together and pour into a greased 9" X 13" pan.
Bake at 350° for 25 – 30 minutes



Cream Cheese Icing

4 oz cream cheese
6 T. butter
1 T. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 ¾ cup powdered sugar
Beat well. Frost cooled pumpkin bars.

Salted Nut Roll

1 pkg. mini marshmallows (16 oz)
1 jar dry roasted peanuts (16 oz)
1 pkg. peanut butter chips (11 oz)
3 T. butter or margarine
1 can sweetened condensed milk
In large bowl mix marshmallows and peanuts. In separate large bowl melt chips & butter until completely melted (about 2 minutes in the microwave). Add sweetened condensed milk and blend well. Pour over marshmallow/nut mix. Mix well.
Pour into a greased 9" X 13" pan. Cool and cut. Enjoy!!

Nancy has cooked for the West Hills family for many years. She cooks weekly on Wednesday nights, for Special Saturdays, Chili and Caroling, and many other events.



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