

# The Valley Herald

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## Our Mission Statement

Christ Presbyterian Church focuses on a Bible-centered personal faith in Jesus Christ; shares the Christian faith in the community through participation in community and church-based programs; and strives to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives.

## National religious revival visible at UNR

*Student religious groups surge across campus*

**I**nterVarsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Nevada, Reno made students a special offer last year for arriving early to its meetings: a seat.

If you didn't arrive at Schulich Lecture Hall at least ten minutes before the start of the meeting, you would stand or sit in the aisles for the hour-and-a-half meetings. The club's membership has doubled, tripled and more, growing 13-fold from 15 members in 1998 to today's nearly 250.

Part of rising trend showing increased interest in religion by college students, the growing pains felt by InterVarsity are not unique. A recent study by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA claims college students across the country are developing a greater affinity for spirituality and religion.

### Significant Results of UCLA Study

- 78% discuss religion with friends
- 77% report that they pray
- 71% find religion to be personally helpful
- 73% said religious/spiritual beliefs helped develop their identity
- 62% report professors never encourage discussions of religious/spiritual issues

The Spirituality in Higher Education study, quoted above, found religion plays a significant role in the life of college students. Last spring 3,680 students from 46 colleges and universities completed the survey-based study. That data was compared with results from the same survey given in 2000.

And not only do the numbers show a majority of students involved in spirituality and religion, the numbers are rising. In 2003, 58% said it was very important to integrate spirituality into



*Campus Crusade for Christ at UNR draws 25 to 50 students during their weekly meetings.*

— Photo by Shauna McCarthy

their lives, compared with 51% in 2000.

### Part of a National Trend

The national trend of spiritual vigor is noticeable in Nevada said Shannon Ellis, UNR vice president for student services.

"As the nation experiences a growing commitment to religion so are college students," Ellis said. "Increasingly students are coming to campus with a strong religious foundation and they carry this over into their college life.

"For some students, living in close proximity to others of different religions, or of no religion at all, leads to insights that reaffirm their own religious faith," Ellis said. "College years are a time of change, introspection, questioning and exploring what one believes, and religion is ripe for that."

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*Excerpts from an article by Brandon Stewart in Zephyr, an online publication of the Reynolds School of Journalism at UNR. Click on the link below to read the rest of the story: [http://www.jour.unr.edu/zephyr/04\\_spring\\_pages/story1/stewart\\_religion.html](http://www.jour.unr.edu/zephyr/04_spring_pages/story1/stewart_religion.html)*

## Our Prayers & Praises:

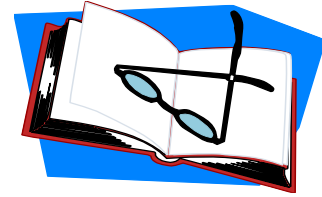
- Continuing prayers for Charlene Rodman, who will be having thyroid surgery on April 21.
- Prayers for Hazel & Ernie Dunn. Ernie has been hospitalized recently for exhaustion and weakness, and his primary caregiver, Hazel, has near-pneumonia. We pray for rest and healing for you both!
- Prayers for Bobbie Zellmer, who had radiation treatments to remove a tumor from her hip.
- Claudia Small has asked for prayers for her friends, Jim & Doris Crawford; Jim is in the final stages of cancer. She also asks prayers for her daughter, Missy, who is going through a stressful time, and for her brother, Warren, who is suffering from a "problem disc" in his neck.
- Prayers for Charlotte Fenlon's cousin, Joan Corey, who suffered a stroke earlier this month.

## Happy Birthday Wishes:

- Linda Johnsen — April 4
- Annika Sikora — April 9
- Kira Sikora — April 16
- Judi Waite — April 18
- Hazel Dunn — April 20
- Kendra Wynar — April 22
- Annabelle Held — April 28



*Please call Jan Jones at 267-5069 or email her at [jan@engineeredarts.com](mailto:jan@engineeredarts.com) for a prayer request or to add your name to the list of birthdays and anniversaries.*



## Adult Bible Study and Prayer Opportunities

- **2nd & 4th Mondays at 10 a.m.**, a Women's Bible Study meets at Carole Karp's home, 1117 Wisteria, Minden (782-3230). They are reading a book on Sarah. All women are invited.
- **Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.**, Pastor Jeff leads a study on what the Bible can tell us about the problem of evil in our world. Join him for a fascinating study.
- **Choir Practice** is moving to Thursdays at 7 p.m. for 5 weeks — from April 14 through May 12. Then it returns to Wednesday nights on May 18.

## Share Your Cards!

The Deacons are asking the congregation to donate any extra greeting cards they may have around the house. They can particularly use "Get Well" and "Sympathy" cards, but blank general-purpose cards are also welcome.

If you have cards to donate, leave them in a basket on the Deacon Table any Sunday. They will be put to good use in sending our love and good wishes to those in our church family who are sick, facing surgery, or who have recently lost a loved one.

- Nancy Pierce,  
Moderator of Deacons

## WOW — A New Group for Widows or Widowers!

The W (widows) O (or) W (widowers) met at Merrill Gardens for lunch. Our hostess, Thelma Gomes, had reserved the dining room for us. We chose from a menu that had many entrees and enjoyed a great time of talking and munching.

Thelma took those who were interested for a tour of the facility and shared her home with us. It is a beautiful facility and so many activities are offered that if you said you were bored, it would be strictly

your choice. I use the word “home” as opposed to “room” because most are one-bedroom apartments.

We had an increase of four from our first time together and have planned our activity for next month. Anyone interested may call Nancy McCauley at 265-9255.

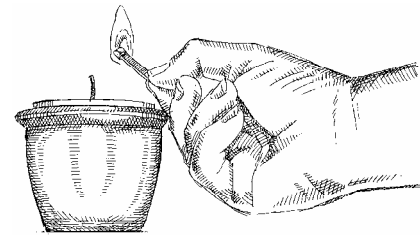


## Easter Brunch Enjoyed by All

Immediately after the 9 a.m. Easter Sunday Service, the congregation was invited to enjoy a special Easter Brunch of fresh fruit, deviled eggs, wonderful pastries, and a choice of beverages. The brunch was a hit with every seat filled!

Special thanks to the Fellowship Group, who decorated and coordinated the event. Purple luminaries with candles were created by Sharon Rinauro and Judy Spivey to coordinate with the purple placemats. More festive touches were the fresh flowers, plants, and other Easter decorations.

Good job, Fellowship Group — we appreciate all your efforts!



## Devotions Available

### ***THESE DAYS***

### ***Daily Devotions for Living by Faith***

Special devotional books are now available for your personal prayer and study time. The current April issue begins by challenging us to risk losing the comforts of our lives. The editor contends that God's call to us is often uncomfortable because it moves us into situations that are out of the ordinary. He ultimately tells us that the church has been called to be a radical community of God's love, unafraid to lose what is comfortable for the sake of transforming lives and helping people find new life in Christ.

These free booklets may be found are on the lobby table. Please help yourselves.

## An Easter Baptism !

Another wonderful event on Easter Sunday (March 27) was the baptism of Rhiana Morgan Quinn, born Dec. 23 to Pastor Jeff & Laura Quinn. It has been amazing to watch the changes in their now 3-month-old daughter!

Jeff performed the baptism and Carole Karp acted as our church representative, asking the traditional questions of the parents and congregation to promise to nurture the Christian growth of Rhianna.

Jeff and Laura, we are truly blessed by your ministry in our church!



*At left, Laura and Jeff with newly baptized Rhiana.*



*At right, Carole Karp, who read the charge to the congregation, with the Quinns.*

## Letters to Jesus — or "Out of the Mouths of Babes"

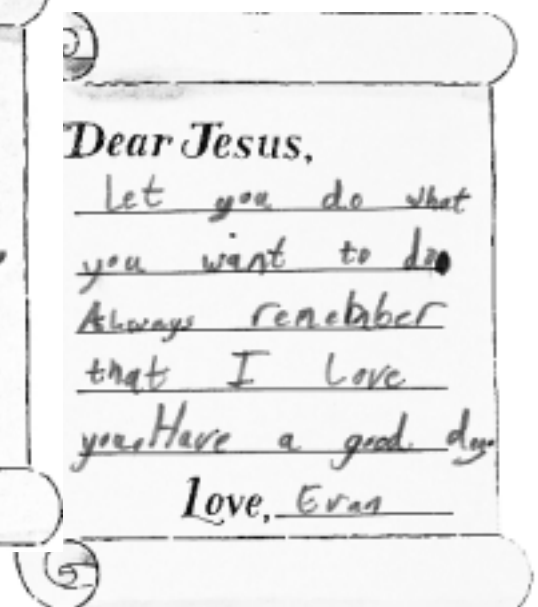
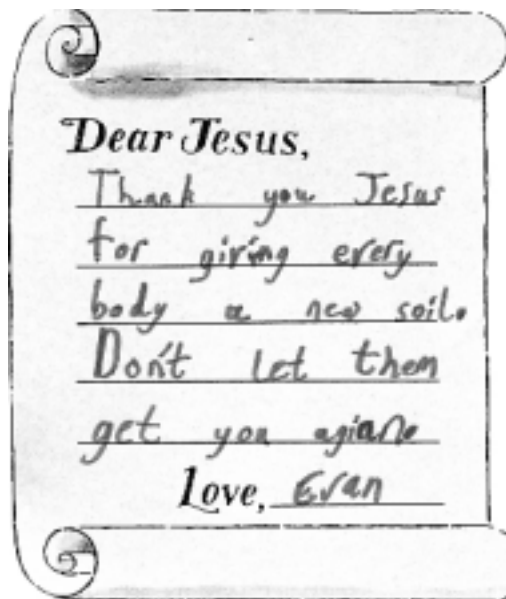
Hi friends,

Tonight I attended a meeting at the church building, held in one of the Sunday School rooms. After the meeting was over, I was looking at the bulletin board and saw some of the letters to Jesus that the class had written last Sunday (Palm Sunday).

Most of them stayed on point...Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross for my sins. However, 8-year-old Evan had more to say. He wrote 2 letters which I have attached. Overlooking any theological implications, I was struck by their simplicity and honesty.

*Happy Easter. He is RISEN!*

P.S. I believe "soil" is intended to be "soul".





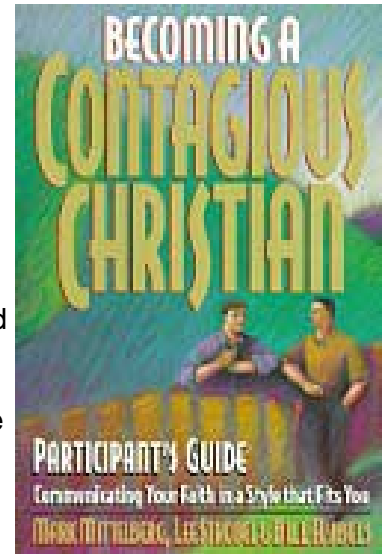
**New Hymn Board** — Claudia Small stands by the new hymn board she donated as a memorial to her husband, Ed, who passed away last November.

She said that Ed had talked about getting a hymn board for the church, but just didn't get it done. "We (the family) got it in his memory. There are numbers and they will be up real soon." Thanks so much, Claudia!

## Seminar Offers Practical Skills

Would you like to be comfortable talking about your faith?

Here's your chance — **Becoming a Contagious Christian** is a highly practical, skill-based seminar being offered at our church. It is designed to help you learn to communicate your faith in a way that's comfortable and effective for you.



For your convenience, CPC will be holding this training twice to try to meet everyone's schedule:

- An all-day Saturday class at 8:00 a.m. on **April 2, 2005**, that includes lunch.
- A second identical class on four **Monday evenings April 4-25, from 7:00–9:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact Jim White at 265-1398. Hope to see you there!

## *April Showers Bring May Flowers??*

Thank you to everyone who helped provide Easter Lilies for our sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

Would you like to provide flowers on another Sunday? Whether they are spring flowers from your own garden or "hot house" flowers from the store, they can be wonderful additions to our worship services.

Maybe you have a special day to remember — a birthday, an anniversary, a loved one? Consider providing flowers for our Sunday morning worship service.

If this is something you would like to do, simply provide the requested information on the Flower Calendar for 2005, posted just outside the first entry to the sanctuary in the Lobby.

If you have any other questions about providing flowers, please contact Charlene Rodman at 265-7875.



## Church Bulletin Funnies

*These notices actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced during church services:*

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us beat Christ the King.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



*Thank You*

What a blessing it is to be a part of Christ Presbyterian Church! Many of you have been so kind to me during the past few months as I have been going through my thyroid problems. What a small gland, but wow! the control it has is amazing. (Jeffrey, there must be a sermon in this somewhere.)

We just want to thank all of you who have called, dropped me notes and cards, flowers and meals. You are all appreciated and loved. My surgery is now set for April 21st. I look forward to being well again.




Thank you most of all for your prayers, hugs and patience. A special thank you to Charlotte, who has filled in for me at worship.

— Charlene & Bill Rodman



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
						8 AM-5 PM — "Becoming a Contagious Christian" Seminar with Lunch
<b>3</b> 9 AM - Communion Worship	<b>4</b> On 4 Mondays from 7-9 PM— "Becoming a Contagious Christian" Seminar	<b>5</b> 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study at Church 	<b>6</b> 7 PM — Choir Practice at Church	<b>7</b> Alt. Thurs @ 3:30 PM — Brownie Troops 46 & 591	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9 AM - Worship	<b>11</b> 10 AM — Women's Bible Study at Karp's  7-9 PM — <i>Part 2</i> of Contagious Christian Seminar	<b>12</b>  7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 PM — Choir 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9 AM - Worship	<b>18</b> 7-9 PM — <i>Part 3</i> of Seminar	<b>19</b> 7 PM— <i>Session</i> 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 PM — Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9 AM - Worship	<b>25</b> 10 AM — Women's Bible Study at Karp's  7-9 PM — <i>Part 4</i> of Seminar	<b>26</b> 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 PM — Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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"I waited patiently on the Lord; and He inclined unto me and heard my cry."

— *Psalms 40:1*

"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever." — *Psalms 73:26*

"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

— *Nahum 1:7*

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

— *2 Timothy 4:5*

## Christ Presbyterian Church, U.S.A

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**Sundays at 9 a.m. —**  
Worship Service  
& Children's Sunday School

**Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. —**  
Adult Bible Study  
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