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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.

Our Founders: What Did They Believe?

Did you know that 52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were deeply committed Christians? The other three all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of scripture, and His personal intervention.

This is the same group that formed the American Bible Society. Immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for this nation.

Patrick Henry is still remembered for his words, "Give me liberty or give me death." But in current textbooks, the context of these words is deleted. Here is exactly what he said:

"An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle, sir, is not of the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

Consider what **Thomas Jefferson** wrote on the front of his well-worn Bible: "I am a Christian, that is to say a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator and, I hope, to the pure doctrine of Jesus also."

Was **George Washington** a Christian? Consider these words from his personal prayer book:

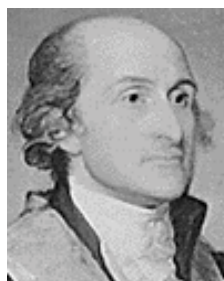
"Oh, eternal and everlasting God, direct my



Patrick Henry



Thomas Jefferson



John Jay

thoughts, words, and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the lamb and purge my heart by the Holy Spirit. Daily, frame me more and more in the likeness of thy son, Jesus Christ, that living in thy fear, and dying in thy favor, I may in thy appointed time obtain the resurrection of the justified unto eternal life. Bless, O Lord, the whole race of mankind and let the world be filled with the knowledge of thy son, Jesus Christ."

Here are the words of **John Adams**, our second president, in an address to military leaders, "We have no government armed with the power capable of contending with human passions, unbridled by morality and true religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

How about our first Court Justice, **John Jay**? He stated that when we select our national leaders, if we are to preserve our Nation, we must select Christians. "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian Nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

John Quincy Adams, son of John Adams, was the sixth U.S. President. He was also the chairman of the American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role. On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President of the United States reaffirmed this truth when he wrote, "The foundations of our society and our

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Our Prayers & Praises:

- Continuing prayers for Charlene Rodman, who is recuperating from thyroid surgery.
- Prayers for Thelma Gomes who had bladder surgery to remove a tumor.
- Marj Loreno asks for prayers for her niece, Nancy, who was diagnosed with M.S. (multiple sclerosis).
- Claudia Small has requested prayers for her 77-year-old sister-in-law, Shirley Valli, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and her husband, Hank; her daughter, Anne, whose son, David, may be bi-polar; and 7-year-old Logan Chatham, who has an inoperable brain tumor.
- Barbara Gardner asks for prayers of healing for their good friend and neighbor, Herman Beeh, who fell 30 feet from a ladder while trimming tree limbs. He is in the hospital with two pelvic fractures and a shoulder fracture.

Happy Birthday Wishes:

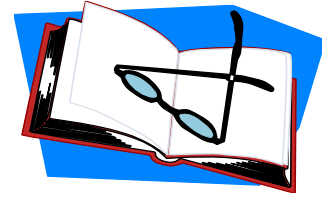
- Kathy Lewis - May 4
- Sharon Rinauro - May 6
- Charlene Rodman - May 15
- Jerry Rinaruo - May 15
- Mel Hogan - May 20
- Laura Bachman - May 21
- John Karp - May 21
- Martha Voss - May 25
- Carole Karp - May 31



Happy Anniversary to:

- Chris & Heather Held — May 16
- Janet & Philip Gurr — May 27
- Bill & Charlene Rodman — May 30

Please call Jan Jones at 267-5069 or email her at 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 of Job to discover how Christians can deal with 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.

Thanks for Your Cards!

My sincere appreciation to everyone in the congregation who brought greeting cards for the Deacons to use. We now have a nice assortment of cards to use for members who are sick, grieving, or have another situation that requires a card.

We are still accepting cards; if you have some to donate, bring them to the Deacons table and leave them in the basket!

Thanks again.

— Nancy Pierce,
Moderator of Deacons

3 New Members Join Us!

Three new members were received on Sunday, April 17. They are Tina Kanow and Janet and Philip Gurr. Please take time to greet them and tell them how glad we are to have them as part of our congregation.

You may have seen Tina greeting and serving coffee and Janet singing in the choir. Philip will be working his electrical wizardry since he is a retired electric engineer.

- **Janet & Philip Gurr** — Janet and Philip will celebrate their first anniversary on May 27. Their families were neighbors in Minnesota 40 years ago. Janet moved here from Washington and Philip from Ohio. They now live in the Ranchos.

Janet has five boys and Philip two sons and a daughter. Must be a lot of fun when they all get together!

They joined CPC by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Wooster, Ohio.

- **Tina Kanow** — Tina is in construction. She was an interior development project manager and she and her husband owned their own company. She is now in the process of completing a course on Nevada building codes to get her license here.

Her husband is a civil engineer and they met on a project. She and her husband have three sons, ages 14, 17, and 19. They live in Minden behind Douglas High School.

Tina, who was raised a Roman Catholic, joined CPC by letter of transfer from Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian in South Lake Tahoe.

New Member Class

Coming May 7th

Another new member class is being held on Saturday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Breakfast will be provided.

Please contact John Karp at 782-3230 if you are interested in attending and learning more about the Presbyterian church and this congregation in particular.

WOW! You're Awesome

WOW (widows or widowers) were out among them again on April 16th having a great lunch at Beijing Palace in South Carson.

All in attendance thought the food was wonderful. We had reservation and sat in a room on the side of main dining room with two tables of Red Hat Society, so we were "in style." We managed to be as loud as anyone else. Lucy Vance became the tea pourer as we had a lazy Susan and would put our cups on it when she had the pot in her hand.

Coming events include

- Lunch in Markleeville,
- Picnic and goose feeding at the park
- Brunch at Fiona's

We welcome any newcomers - 265-9255. Finally Claudia Small was in town so she joined us this time. It's hard to keep some of these people available to us as they keep busy.

—Submitted by Nancy McCauley



DAY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

Let us come together to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

Sing Praises to our Lord and Savior!

We will be decorating in red, so wear something red to add to our festivities.

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government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."

In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

William Holmes McGuffey is the author of the McGuffey Reader, which was used for over 100 years in our public schools with over 125 million copies sold until it was stopped in 1963. **President Lincoln** called him the "Schoolmaster of the Nation."

Listen to these words of Mr. McGuffey: "The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our notions on the character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions. From no source has the author drawn more conspicuously than from the sacred Scriptures. From all these extracts from the Bible I make no apology."

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first.

Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures:

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him. (Proverbs 2:3)"

For over 100 years, more than 50% of all Harvard graduates were pastors!

It is clear from history that the Bible and the Christian faith, were foundational in our educational and judicial system.

When Did Things Change? However in 1947, there was a radical change of direction in the Supreme Court.

Here is the prayer that was banished:

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee. We beg Thy blessings upon us and our parents and our teachers and our country. Amen."

- **In 1963**, the **Supreme Court** ruled that Bible reading was outlawed as unconstitutional in the public school system. The court offered this justification: "If

portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could and have been psychologically harmful to children."

Bible reading was now unconstitutional, though the Bible was quoted 94 percent of the time by those who wrote our constitution and shaped our Nation and its system of education and justice and government.

- **In 1965**, the Courts denied as unconstitutional the rights of a student in the public school cafeteria to bow his head and pray audibly for his food.
- **In 1980**, Stone vs. Graham outlawed the Ten Commandments in our public schools.

The Supreme Court said this: "If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments were to have any effect at all, it would be to induce school children to read them. And if they read them, meditated upon them, and perhaps venerated and observed them, this is not a permissible objective."

Is it not a permissible objective to allow our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments?

James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this: "We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."



Today we are asking God to bless America. But how can He bless a Nation that has departed so far from Him?

Most of what you read in this article has been erased from our textbooks. Revisionists have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's Christian roots.

I, Mary Jones, the designer of this web page, encourage all who read and agree with the words herein, share it with others, so that the truth of our nation's history may be told.

— For more information, visit this website at <http://www.wtv-zone.com/Mary/forsakenroots.html>

New Church Brochure Available

A new brochure with lots of good information about our church is now available on the Visitor's Table outside the sanctuary. The idea for the brochure came up in Jim White's "Contagious Christian" class when we were talking about inviting people to our church.

Jan Jones quickly wrote a tri-fold brochure that can be "printed on demand" on a color LaserJet printer as copies are needed. That way, the brochure can be easily updated without a lot of expense to the church.

Please feel free to pick up a copy (or 2) of the brochure. You may find out some things about our church that you didn't know. It's a great piece to hand to friends and neighbors that you'd like to invite to church or to a church event.

If you have any suggestions for information that should be in the brochure, please contact Jan Jones at 267-5069 or jan@engineeredarts.com



A Letter from Our Friend and Former Pastor, Andrew Sholtes

Dear CPC Members & Friends,

I will be graduating on Saturday, May 21, from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley with a Master's degree in Theology. Following graduation, I am leaving for Europe to introduce my wife to my family in Hungary. I am also taking my daughter, who will join us after her teaching assignment in Ireland is finished.

I will be your pulpit supply on June 12 and depart with my family for my new assignment in Guam on the USS FRANK CABLE AS-40, where I will be a supervisory chaplain.

My current address is still 2600 Virginia Street #1, Berkeley, CA 94709, but the new phone number at my house in Reno is 775-247-3560.

Mark Your Calendar!

Church Picnic in June

Plan Ahead! The All-Church Picnic will be **Sunday, June 26**, from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM at James Lee Park in Indian Hills. Plan on eating at 12:00 noon.

Once again, the Congregational Development Committee will provide chicken and you get to provide generous helpings of picnic fixins'. More details next month.

Why Did God Make Moms?

These answers were given by elementary school-age children to the following questions.

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.

2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work & work at home, & dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

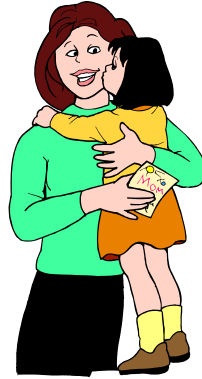
1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

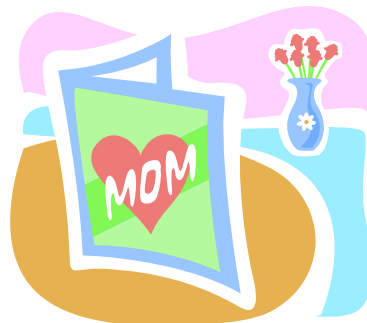
1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.


If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on her back of her head.




Happy Mother's Day to All Our CPC Moms!!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 AM - Communion Worship	2	3 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study at Church 	4	5 7 PM — Choir Alt. Thurs @ 3:30 PM — Brownie Troops 46 & 591	6	7 8 AM-Noon — <i>New Member Class with Breakfast</i>
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9 AM - Worship	9 10 AM — Women's Bible Study at Karps	10 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	11	12  7 PM — Choir	13	14
15 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Wear Red!</i> 9 AM - Worship	16	17 7 PM— <i>Session</i> 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	18 7 PM — Choir Practice at Church	19	20	21
22 9 AM - Worship	23 10 AM — Women's Bible Study at Karps	24 7:30 PM — Pastor's Bible Study	25 7 PM — Choir Practice at Church	26	27	28
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The Fellowship of Believers

“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

“Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

— Acts 2:42-47

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