



Whispering Pines Church

Praise Report



A (somewhat) Quarterly Newsletter

Jan-Mar 2019

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From Pastor Jeff



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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Our Church sent 8 men to the Shepherds Conference this year. The theme was Faithful. Faithful in the ministry, faithful in serving, faithful in prayer, faithful in marriage, etc. It was a time of fellowship and feeding on the Word by some of the best teachers, authors and preachers of our day. It's hard to say who was the most impactful preacher we heard since it seemed like whoever spoke last was the best of that day. The servants of Grace Community Church were simply amazing. Many took time off from work and helped serve almost 5,000 men. Of course, being there to be a part of John MacArthur's 50 years of preaching from the same pulpit was inspirational (He even signed a book for my Tracy)! I'm sure it got old for Pastor Tony that during every sermon someone had a quote from Charles Spurgeon. That's right, I couldn't let that one go. Was it Johnny Mac who said that they had Spurgeon bobble heads at the shepherds store? The stampede to get there was life endangering (ok, it was for old guys like me). The big tent in the parking lot had many Reformation book sellers with books you don't always find so easily at great prices. It was a

great time to get to know brothers from other countries. Wayne was especially good at talking to them and getting contact info for when he might visit them. We heard stories of persecution in Africa, India and Mexico. We are so blessed here in America. We have so much to be thankful for. The worship music before each session was always uplifting. It's something to hear that many men lift their voice to praise Jesus. For me personally the message on prayer and being a husband who loves his wife as Christ loves the church were the most convicting. But they were all convicting. Whatever was preached, it was always a time of soul searching later in the hotel room. But it was the fellowship of the men from our church that was the greatest blessing. Spending time with them was priceless. Getting a hug from Tim Lloyd every day of the week? What's not to like about that? I think I'm good for the year now Tim (just kidding). You can hear the preaching that we heard by going to the shepherds' conference web site – www.shepherdsconference.org. I recommend that highly as you won't be disappointed by what you hear.



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PRAISES!

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Isaiah 25:1

Praise God for our pastor who is faithful to preach the whole Word of Scripture and not skim over or omit what is not "pleasant" to hear.

Carolyn A.

Praise God my work place is doing the right thing. Thank you all for your prayers. God is faithful!

Anonymous

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Psalms 103:6

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From Pastor Jeff

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One of the things that struck me was how fortunate we are to have a pastor that brings the word faithfully every Sunday. It's not easy bringing a message every week and dealing with all the things that come your way from work, home and the church. Please pray for our pastor every day. I would be remiss to not say thank you to whoever helped so many of us go this year. God's richest blessing be upon you and

your family. I highly recommend the shepherds conference to any man who is interested in going next year. You won't be disappointed. Who knows, they might have restocked their supply of Spurgeon bobble heads by then!

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jeff

What we've been doing

Small Group Bible Studies

Jan 21st - Mar 11th



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard you and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I am thankful for all who trusted

God's Word, and sought His peace in their life. There were 3 small groups led by 2 facilitators for each group with a total of 40 people including the three hosts who opened their homes. We sought God's heart in prayer for one another by opening the Lord's prayer, letting it teach us how to pray. It was great to be reminded of the fact that we are invited into the presence of God and make our request known to Him. And come to know His love for us. He really cares about us.

Looking forward to small groups in the future!

I thank my God always for you.

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PRAISES!

Thank you, Lord, for the amazing care you have given my grandson Colton. He's two-year-old now. He is doing well even with his health challenges. Lord, you are continuing to keep Colton in your loving, caring arms. This little guy is thriving. Praise God!

Pauline

My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.

Psalm 71:8

Thank you, Lord, for the wonderful sisters I have found in this church. The fellowship, support and joy that they bring is so amazing. It keeps me warm in a dark and cold world.

Jayne B.

What we've been doing (continued ...)

Women's Brunch and Movie Feb 2nd



A Love Worth Fighting For...

The women of WISE hosted a potluck brunch and movie on Feb 2nd. There were over 20 women, from 18-70 years old, who enjoyed the movie, food and in-depth discussion. "The War Room" is about the power of prayer in healing a marriage, or any relationship worth fighting for. I believe most in attendance were inspired to go home and create our own prayer war room where we can get away from the distractions and focus on our God and the relationship that he so wants to have with us.

The New 2019 Directory February 2019



We published the 2019 church directory in February. If you need a

copy please contact Jeff Biscotti at jeff.biscotti@gmail.com. There are two sizes available and you can also receive an electronic file.

2019 Shepherd Conference March 5th - 8th



The Shepherds' Conference is a men's conference put on by John MacArthur's Grace Community Church in Sun Valley (near Burbank) CA. It is a 4-day conference. The men from our church often travel to the conference together but depending on the individual's time availability (not everyone can go for 4 days) they will also travel solo. It is an amazing experience for our men. Read the "Pastor's Corner" for details from this year's conference.

If you take pictures at any church function or activity or if you have anything that you would like to see in the newsletter please send it to Jayne.biscotti@gmail.com



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What we've been doing (continued ...)

PRAISES!

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 105:1

Thank you for your prayers! My niece for whom I asked for prayer, has past the critical time in her pregnancy and is carrying a healthy baby and she is now healthier herself.

Lisa G.

Yours is the day, yours also is the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter.

Psalm 74:16-17

WISE Kick-off Brunch for Spring Bible Study March 16th



The kickoff for this year's season was quite an event. The brunch provided awesome food; thank you ladies.

The topic for the day was how to be there when someone is going through difficult times. We are all aware that sometimes bad things happen to good people. Lisa P. gave a wonderful lesson in how to minister to those that are hurting or grieving and Christy Moscini, Eva Nau and Kristen Sulonen shared their testimonies with 30 women so we, as WISE women know how to support and love those around us.

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Baptism Mar 17th



Felicia Van Hecke was baptized during our morning service on March 17th

Congratulations Felicia!

Support for Living Well Medical Clinic



We didn't make any blankets this quarter but there were several baby bottles of change collected as cash donation. Keep that spare change going to a good cause. Pick up an empty bottle in Wayne Hall and return it with change to Jayne or to the church office.

To get involved in supporting the Living Well Medical Clinic contact Jayne at 530-559-6499 or Jayne.biscotti@gmail.com



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PRAISES!

Praise God for strength, wisdom, patience and faith to endure.

Anonymous

We thank you, O God!
We give thanks
because you are near.
People everywhere tell
of your wonderful
deeds.

Psalm 75:1 NIV

What we've been doing (continued ...)

Compassion International



This ministry is raising children around the world out of poverty. For \$38 dollars a month sponsors provide food, clothing, education, and healthcare. The children learn about Jesus in a safe, caring environment. Most of the children become doctors, teachers, pastors, etc., as well as Compassion International workers.

To become a Compassion sponsor today! See Sharon Stockwell.

Interfaith Food Ministry



Feeding Families, Fueling Hope for 30 Years

The Interfaith Food Ministries greatly appreciates the grocery bags, egg cartons and donations of non-perishable food items. Please bring all donations to Wayne Hall. For more information contact Sheila Roberts sroberts@nccn.net

Nate's Story A Testimony to Share

Two years ago, I was one of the lost ones on the street. I had been living that way for a couple of years.

A couple of strangers (now close friends) came up to me with a flyer from their church talking about a food and clothing program. When I couldn't get to their church in Penn Valley, they came and picked me up in their church van. After that they pretty much adopted me into ... well it was kind of a family

adoption program...and they introduced me to Christ and started taking me to church. From there I got clean and started working to get my daughter back full time. I still go to that church regularly. I have gotten my daughter back full time. I am now two years clean. And I'm working to buy the home I grew up in. Basically, my life has done a huge 180 and I would say it is from my new found love for Jesus and because of church. I've done the foot work, but I've done it with Him this time, and that is why I am successful in my trials. Cause I have tried it before

without Him and I didn't get far. My life today compared to what it was two, two and a half years ago, is completely turned around. So, I've been waiting ... I haven't shared my story with my church congregation either really ... but something just told me it was time. And my story is not done yet but that is where I am right now.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Thank you, Nate, for sharing your story with us.



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After four failed weekend plans to visit my sister (in my own strength), I surrendered the issue to God to open a window of time for our visit in His timing. Within the hour of that prayer, my weekday schedule shifted and opened up a perfect window for the visit. Praise to our Precious King !

Anonymous

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:11-12

THANK YOU LORD !

Team Reports

Contact Team

The Contact Team is working hard to usher folks from the parking lot into the church, and to maintain our church grounds. Thank you to Bob, James and Wayne for keeping the place mowed and raked. Thank you, Pauline, for the pretty flowers.

If you are interest in helping out on this team please contact the church at (530) 273-1722.

Follow-up Team

The Follow-up Team has been busy connecting with new comers.

There have been cards sent to welcome the new comers, and to encourage the ill or struggling. There have been meals prepared, and rides provided for members who have needed assistance.

We are always looking for more members to help us to support our church in these ways. If you are interested please contact Jeff Biscotti at 916-759-7950

Outreach Team

Our Outreach Team has many ministries:

-The Evangelism Team – The Evangelism Team has been active with our Argument Free Evangelism method. This tool for evangelism is extremely simple and easy to use. No memorization, skill or debating – just The Good News. To find out more about Argument Free

Evangelism contact John Vogel at (530) 432-2316.

The current Evangelism Team consists of John Vogel, David Stanley, Wayne Bryan, and Mike and Nancy Wayne. To get involved contact John Vogel (530) 432-2316

- Cascades Senior Living Sunday Morning Worship Team have a service every week at the assisted living facility. The team consists of about a dozen musicians and teachers with a rotating schedule. If you are interested in exercising your gifts in these areas please contact Jeff Olson at 530-272-2204

-Outreach events team – If you want to initiate an outreach event such as, a comedian night, block party, community whatever, contact Shelli Netherby at 530-913-2109

-Inter Faith Food Ministry – Collecting non-perishable foods, paper bags and egg cartons to be distributed through a community ministry. Contact Sheila Roberts at 530-265-5922

- Living Well Clinic – Making beanies, booties, and blankets, and, collecting spare change to support the pro-life medical clinic, Living Well. Contact Jayne Biscotti at 530-559-6499 if you can help make articles for these new babies.



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PRAISES!

I have recently needed biopsies for two different issues but PRAISE THE LORD both biopsies revealed minimal issues and I will be fully healthy again soon.

Cindy H.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Psalm 105:2

There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2:2

Praise God for His tabernacle within my heart. Teach me to worship as you want.

Judy T.

Team Reports (continued ...)

Worship Team

Providing our service every Sunday morning are gifted and tested pastors and musicians. Our musicians are asking us to pray for a drummer. We are also looking for help with the audio and visual portion. We will train, experience welcomed but not required. Contact Jeff Biscotti 916-759-7950

Small Groups Team

Our current small groups are Bible study groups. That's just a great thing to do when you get together in a small group.

-The Brown Bag Bible study

For anyone with Mondays between noon and 2pm free, please join us. Currently we are studying the book of Revelation. The real blessing about Revelation is it is the revealing of Jesus Christ in His glory and kingship. We eat our lunch between 12 and 12:30 along with fellowship, and start Bible study about 12:30 till 2pm. Hopefully you can bring your lunch and join us in this fun fellowship time.

-Men's Bible study

This group is studying the kings of the old testament and applying the lessons from those characters to our lives today. They meet from 7:00 to 9:00 every Thursday night. For more information contact Dan Papararo 530-272-1665.

-Women's Bible study (WISE)

This group also meets from 7:00 to 9:00 every Thursday night (how convenient for couples). They are currently studying the tabernacle and finding that this ancient structure shows us how God wants us to pray and worship today. For more information contact Lisa Papararo 530-272-1665

-Adult Sunday School Classes –

We have two classes meeting every Sunday morning at 9:00

-A Walk Through the Bible –

Read through the Bible, chapter by chapter, cover to cover. Listen as John Vogel reads through the Bible. Ask questions in a relaxed environment.

-Iron Sharpens Iron - This group is studying Revelation. An in-depth study with Mike Wayne for mature Christians interested in discussing challenging questions.

-The Fundamentals of The Faith Class (FOF) –

This class is for those who are new to our church. It covers what every Christian needs to know about what we believe. We encourage folks to ask questions regarding our church's beliefs. This creates valuable theological exchanges. Learn what our core convictions are here at WPC in our FOF Class with John Vogel 530-432-2316.



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PRAISES!

I shared with my 81-year young mother our Persecuted Church Bible Study. Why we pray for the Persecuted Church. I have given her some of the handouts from Jeff and Tracy. She shared with me that she brought it to her "life group", that they should pray for the Persecuted Church and now they are!

Lisa G.

My life is Blessed!

Anonymous

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Psalm 103:1

What's Coming

General

Operation Christmas Child



We are ramping up our Adopt-A-Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child 2019. It may look a little different this year so watch the weekly bulletins and the bulletin board for details. Call the church (530) 273-1722 for more info.

VBS Bake Auction



Grab your favorite recipe and get ready to start baking. *It's time for our VBS bake Auction!* Right after service on June 2nd.

Each year the money from the auction pays for the curriculum, food, and supplies so that we don't have to charge any of the children to come and learn about Jesus.

Please bring your baked items to the kitchen prior to church service on June 2nd. Have a label on your item with your name and a description of your baked item. Be sure to list "walnuts" or any nuts inside.

Ideas: cakes, cookies, cupcakes, breads, casseroles, lasagna, enchiladas, etc....

Family Camp



Save the date July 26-28 for this year's family camp. Great fun! Great fellowship! Great place to worship! ... Don't miss it!

July 4th BBQ in the Parking Lot



We will be celebrating the 4th of July in the church parking lot again this year. Bring the family and enjoy the fair ground's fireworks without the fairground hassles. Church family fellowship included ☺

Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast: Meets on the *first Saturday* of each month. Come join your church brothers for a fellowship breakfast at WPC, **7:30-9:30 am**. Contact is Mike Wayne (530) 265-2060



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Write them on the "Prayer Request Card" and slip them into the tithe box at the back of the church.

Write one every week and let's fill this space with praises to the one and only God that loves us while we are still sinners.

Take notice of all the small miracles that surround us every day... the perfect timing that happened in spite of our plan

What's Coming (continued...)

Children's Ministries



Let's Speak Life Children's Ministry, kindergarten through 5th grade. We are excited about this adventure that God has called us on. We are in the Gospels, learning about Jesus our Savior and Friend. We meet at 9am for Sunday School, and in the sanctuary for the song with the adults to be dismissed during greeting time to Children's Church around 10:45. Please tell everyone you know that we do have a children's program, and invite them to join us.

Contact for children's ministry is Brenda Lloyd 530-955-5732

May Children's Event: Gather children within your sphere of influence and bring them on May 17th Friday evening from 7:00-9:00pm We will be having a kid's evening full of fun and learning about Jesus.

Women's Ministries

WISE Spring-Cleaning Brunch



On Saturday, April 27th from 9:30 to noon the ladies are having a pot-luck brunch at the church. We will be learning to simplify our homes, our hearts and our hurried schedules. Child care will be available. For more information contact Linda Girton at: (530) 272-4610 or lgirton@gmail.com.

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NOTES FROM OUR FRIENDS

Living Well Medical Clinic sends thanks and appreciation for the contributions and handmade items

Interfaith Food Ministries greatly appreciates the grocery bags, egg cartons and donations of non-perishable food items.

Who to Connect With?

If you are inspired by what is going on in your church and would like to get involved, please connect with these people to get you plugged in.

Contact team - Maintaining the property, driving and maintaining the shuttle bus, parking lot attendants and ushers.

The Church 530-273-1722

Small Groups team – Bible studies and other small group gatherings.
The Church 530-273-1722

Children’s Ministry

Brenda Lloyd 530-955-5732

Follow-up team – Connecting with new comers and taking care of the church body through cards, helps, and visitation.

Dan Papararo 530-277-0215

Jeff Biscotti 916-579-7950

Men’s Ministry

Dan Papararo 530-277-0215

Mike Wayne 530-265-2060

Outreach team – Senior living outreach, events, evangelism, Coffee Shop Outreach, Interfaith Food Collection, Living Well Medical Clinic, Dress a Girl or Boy, Children’s Christmas Boxes.

Shelli Netherby 530-913-2109

Women’s Ministry

Lisa Papararo 530-272-1665

Linda Girton 530-272-4610

Worship team – Responsible for the Service, music, sound & visual.

Tony Stanley 530-273-1722

Jeff Biscotti 916-579-7950

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Professional Services

Christians supporting Christians

These listings are for church members who are looking to hire help for their personal projects from within the church body.....Christians supporting Christians.

Cleaning and Book Keeping

Lisa Giannoni
Household Solutions
530-388-8632

Handmade Gifts and More

Mug Rugs, Table Runners, Quilts, dishcloths, Eye Glass Cases, Children's Clothing, etc....

Colleen Gulas
Missy's Boutique
530-559-8334
colleengulas@gmail.com

Small Engine Repair

Jeff Biscotti
JJ's
916-759-7950

Real Estate

Stacy Stanley
Home Smart I care
530-277-9577

Stained Glass – Windows, Panels, Gifts, Classes

Jayne Biscotti
Son Light Glass
530-559-6499

Website Development and Digital Marketing

Alexzander Flores
530-444-0228

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