



Whispering Pines Church

Praise Report



A (somewhat) Quarterly Newsletter

Apr-June 2019

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From Pastor Dan

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It is around the 4th of July that we start thinking of the freedom and liberty that we enjoy. Upon closer inspection we realize there is much more to our freedom and liberty than waving a flag and eating hot dogs. Look at Isaiah 61:1-2. It tells of someone who came to proclaim liberty to the captives and opening the prison to those who are bound. This “someone” is Jesus. The “Good News” is freedom and liberty that comes through Him during this time of the God’s favor.

The Jews had a problem during Paul’s time. You could accept the message of the gospel, but you also had to earn your freedom by practicing some of the requirements of Judaism. Paul noted the threat to liberty by those who wanted to define what it really meant. Galatians 2:4-5 reminds us that the fight for our liberty in Christ requires constant vigilance.

How do we maintain this vigilance? Let’s look at Galatians 5:1. Jesus came to set us free! We are to stand firm in His freedom and not slip back again into that prison of sin. Don’t use this freedom as an excuse to sin. Don’t start thinking in terms of what I want and need, think in terms of how can I love the other guy, and what he needs. If I love my neighbor as myself, it helps take the focus off of me. What happens if I fall back into sin? Go to I John 1:9 and remind yourself what the Word says about confession and forgiveness.

Look at the difference between the freedom in Christ and the slavery that comes from following what the flesh wants. Compare the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21 and the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Big difference between slavery and freedom! Live as servants of God.

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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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 the Lord
My doctor has told me that I am CANCER FREE!

Thank you, God.

Christy M.

Praise our God and the Lord Jesus for knowing what I needed before I even saw it on the horizon.

Judy T.

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

Psalms 103:6

What we've been doing

WISE Spring-Cleaning Brunch - April 27th

By Christy Moscini



It's Spring. You take the winter blankets. They are washed and folded and ready to be put away until Fall comes. But when you open the cupboard and find yourself lying under the clutter that poured out, "Spring Cleaning" flashes before your eyes.

On April 27th a potluck brunch and 30+ women came together to learn how best to handle the winter messes that get in our homes and our lives. Lisa P. gave great hints on how to choose what to keep and what to toss. Whether to toss it into a garbage barrel or donation bin. We were also reminded that we need to spring clean our spiritual lives. To spend less time gathering things and more time cleaning things we keep. To get us started we were sent home with the scriptures to help us, a guide to follow and a tub to get us started.

Let's Speak Life Children Ministry – May 17th

By Brenda Lloyd



We have had a great couple of months. In May we had a children's Spring get together.

We celebrated the new life spring brings: the flowers, budding trees, baby animals. We see the newness where ever we go. But the kids learned that because Christ loved us enough to die on the cross and rose again in three days, we too have a chance for newness... John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world. That he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." And because of his love and sacrifice we know that:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning: great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, there I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24

We had stories, games, crafts and food.... if you have not been to a Speak Life Children's Ministry activity please come and join in..... God bless you



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PRAISE FOR A MIRACLE

Today we took Colton (our 2-yr. old grandson) to get another MRI of his brain. His last MRI (at 5 months) showed his right optic nerve is under-developed, and thinning in the midline structure of his brain. We waited anxiously while they completed the MRI and then for an appointment with the neurologist. We found out that his brain is fully developed and there are NO deformities of his brain. His optic nerve is still just as under developed as it was when he was 5 months old so he's still blind in his right eye, which we didn't expect to change. He has officially "graduated" from neurology, endocrinology, and hematology. He has NO developmental delays and is thriving.

The biggest weight has been lifted off our shoulders and this little man will no longer have to be poked and prodded at. He has been a trooper through it all!

Pauline

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

VBS Bake Auction

June 2nd

By Shelli Netherby



We had an exciting Bake Auction this year. Our Auctioneer was Jeff Olson, who put his auctioneering talents to good use... and boy did we keep him busy with our bids and counter-bids!

We had a huge variety of food to bid on this year. We strayed from the usual cake or cookie style of a bake auction. We were lucky, enough to all have homemade breads, enchiladas, and if you can believe it... We had pulled pork!! Thanks to the generosity of our church family we earned \$3,000 to fund this year's VBS! It will be an amazing VBS this year, under the direction of Brenda Lloyd.

July 4th Parking Lot BBQ

By Shelli Netherby



Our family looks forward to spending the 4th of July with our church family. We relaxed and visited with everyone all evening.

We had a nice view of the fireworks being set-off at the fairgrounds. We also had our annual Chili-Cook-Off. Danielle Netherby and Mike Wayne participated in the cook off with judges choosing Danielle's as the 2019 Chili Champion.

We all benefitted as we polished off most of the chili. Thank you to Mike and Danielle for treating us to your amazing recipes. ☺

Women's Summer Book Club – Chapter 1

June 27th

By Christ Moscini



After having a wonderful salad bar and ice cream bar provided by Nancy Wayne and Kathy Carley, about 20 of us sat down under Nancy's tutelage to discuss the first chapter of "The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert". What an eye-opening chapter. The discussion was lively, the fellowship awesome ...and... another bowl ice cream, please

See the "What's Coming" section for book details.



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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, 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.

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

2019 VBS – Return to Rome

July 8th – 12th

By Brenda Lloyd



VBS 2019 Rome-Paul and the Underground Church was a success. God brought the kids he wanted there, and I believe kids and adults alike had a great time. VBS was all about Paul and Brutus and the Underground Church. The kids loved listening to Paul (Liam) and Brutus (Mike Wayne) as Paul ministered to Brutus. The cave

where the Underground church met, was a favorite among the kids.

There were games and craft and music and of course food. Each day had a great theme:

Day 1: God's Love is a Gift, Romans 6:23. They made bracelets.

Day 2: God's Love Changes us, Romans 12:2. They did tie dye.

Day 3: God's Love is always with us, Romans 8:38. They made a cross.

Day 4: God's Love saves us, Romans 5: 8. They painted rocks.

Day 5: Gods love is worth sharing, Romans 1:16. They made a scroll with scripture.

I thank everyone who was involved in any way with VBS. It is because of you it happened...

God bless you ... Brenda

Ministries We Support

Living Well Medical Clinic



We collected another half dozen or so baby bottles filled with change as cash donations for this wonderful

organization. Keep that spare change coming. 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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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.

Ministries We Support (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. 530-213-0528

Interfaith Food Ministry



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

Operation Christmas Child



Fill those Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child 2019. Contact is Sharon Stockwell 530-213-0528

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



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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.

The current Evangelism Team consists of John Vogel, David Stanley, Wayne Bryan, and Mike and Nancy Wayne. To find out more about Argument Free Evangelism and get involved contact John Vogel at (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 – We are 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!

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Praise God my mother is CANCER FREE

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For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

Team Reports (continued ...)

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 studied the kings of the old testament through May and took a short summer break before starting "BBQ and Book Club" in July (reading the book of Acts). BBQ is at 6:30 every other Thursday night. For more information contact Dan Papararo 530-272-1665.

❖ Women's Bible Study (WISE)

This group has also switched over to a Summer Book Club meeting at 6:30 every other Thursday night (how convenient for couples). They are currently

reading "The Secret Thought of an Unlikely Convert".

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 I Corinthians. 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.

How blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee?

Psalms 84:5

Praising Jesus... Sharon Stanley is cancer free

Stacy S.

Team Reports (continued ...)

Worship Team

Providing our service every Sunday morning are gifted 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



What's Coming

Family Camp July 26th – 27th



It is not too late to come join us for Family Camp. Scotts Flat Lake - Dates July 26th and 27th. Gate 2. Here is the Itinerary:

Friday

- Check in starts at 1:00 pm
- Dinner is at 6:00.
- We will be playing Games and roasting s'mores in the "Group Site" (behind the store and park)

Saturday

- Devotions at 10:00 am. The Men will meet at site 204 and the women will be in the Group site.
- Dinners at 6:00 at the Group site.

Saturday (continued)

- After dinner we all walk down to the Lake and witness the JOY of Baptism. (*If you are wanting to be Baptized, please contact Tony Stanley.*)
- Back to Group site for games and S'mores and Fellowship.

Sunday

- Church Service at 10:00am at the Group Site.
- Check out is 12:00 noon.

DON'T MISS OUT ON GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY. THEY WILL KNOW US BY OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER!!!!

Hope to see you there
Tony and Diane Wilcox



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Staying Connected 3rd Sunday



On the 3rd Sunday of every month we are having a potluck lunch and fellowship time right after the morning service. We will discuss on-going and upcoming activities in the church followed by a short time of learning and sharing lead by various church members. This is an opportunity to bring your gifting to the church body.

Please bring a dish to share and join us as we seek out how God would have us serve.

Parking Lot Ministry Aug 21st – 24th



We will be opening up our parking lot during the fair again this year, collecting donations to go to our "Apostle's Feet Fund" and greeting our community with free bottles of water and caring conversation. Please sign-up to help out (sign-up sheet on back table). Contact is Bob or Lisa Giannoni (415) 955-7464

Identical Friends Comedy Team

September 21st



The comedy team "Identical Friend" (formerly know as Fishes & Loaves) will be performing at our church on Sep 21st. Save the date and spread the word. More details to come.

Parking Lot Craft Fair October 19th



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!
We will be having a Craft Fair in the church parking lot on Oct. 19th. Save the date and start making those really cute, beautiful, unique and fun items to sell. Call Shelli (530) 913-2109 to reserve a table space. Watch the bulletin for details to come.

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PRAISES!

Praise God for my oldest daughter's healthy choices, thank you Lord!!

Kelly R.

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

Psalms 103:1

Hi, I'm Fred Relaford's cousin visiting him from Venice, CA. You have a great church and service, and a very friendly church.

Susan D.

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

What's Coming (continued...)

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

Men's BBQ and Book Club: This is a men's time of fellowship with good food and great discussion of the book of Acts. We are meeting at 6:30 at the church on the following dates. Read the assigned chapters before the meeting and be prepared for a great discussion.

July 18 th	Chapters 1-7
Aug 1 st	Chapters 8-14
Aug 15 th	Chapters 15-21
Aug 29 th	Chapters 22-28



Men's Retreat September 27th-28th

Men! Save the dates Sep 27th and 28th to join your brothers in Christ for a weekend of fellowship and learning. The format of the event is still being discussed. (continued)

Join us at "Staying Connected" and watch your bulletin to get the details as they are developed.

Children's Ministries

Let's Speak Life



Children's Ministry, kindergarten through 5th grade. We are in the Gospels, learning about Jesus our Savior and Friend. Sunday School starts at 9:00am. Children's Church starts 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

Women's Ministries

WISE Summer Book Club: The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield has been chosen for the Book Club this summer. Where a hardheaded woman, a loving pastor and God's grace meet to change the world of a lesbian activist to a submitted, committed follower of Christ. We are meeting at 6:30 at the church on the following dates.



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PRAISES!

My life is blessed

Anonymous

May my cry come before you Lord; give me understanding according to your word.

Psalm 119:169

We have adopted a second child from Compassion Intl. Praise God that He has blessed us and given us a heart for this important ministry.

Mike & Sharon

THANK YOU LORD !

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with and make me wiser than my enemies.

Psalm 119: 97-98

What's Coming (continued...)

Women's Ministries (continued)

WISE Season Kick-off: There will be a Salad Supper on September 5th to kick-off the fall season of WISE. Watch the bulletin for more details. Please read the assigned chapter before the meeting and be prepared for a great discussion.

Fall season of WISE Bible Study: The fall season of WISE will be starting September 12th ... Hooray!

Women's Ice Cream Social:

Ladies Ice Cream Social is coming up on Aug 17. What can be better on a summer Saturday than ice cream, games and getting to know one another better? Bring your favorite topping (no syrups, please), candies, cookie or candy bar crumbles or, for the adventurous, gummy worms. Use your taste bud imaginations. Mark your calendars. Will see you there.

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, and acting as parking lot attendants and ushers.

The Church 530-273-1722

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

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

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

Tony Stanley 530-273-1722

Jeff Biscotti 916-579-7950

Small Groups team – Bible studies and other small group gatherings.

The Church 530-273-1722

Children's Ministry

Brenda Lloyd 530-955-5732

Men's Ministry

Dan Papararo 530-277-0215

Mike Wayne 530-265-2060

Women's Ministry

Lisa Papararo 530-272-1665

Linda Girton 530-272-4610



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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

Music for Events

John Girton
John Girton Music
530-272-4610
530-913-5646

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