

PARK HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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A Word Or Two (or three) From Wally

I am always excited when I see the way the Lord works, and just in time. When we make the right decisions to put His will first, He always takes care of His people. Over this last year, I have seen it again and I want to share it with you this month.

Park Hills, over the years, has operated like the tide. People come in-groups for a period of time and then leave in-groups. This is mainly due to the military and/or job transfers. This past year has seen people transfer, die, become homebound or move into a nursing home. The congregation has dropped by about one-third, as has our offerings.

At the December 2005 board meeting, Ken Quon, our treasurer, asked us to make a decision to guide. He said if we paid all the missions commitments we had made, our church balance at the end of the year would be about \$0. The board unanimously voted to keep the obligations we had made in order to keep our promises. The comment made was, God has always taken care of us and we must be faithful to what He has told us to do. We ended the year near \$0.

People sent some year end gifts and the \$6 a night we receive from each person sleeping at the church from Casas por Cristo groups has gotten us through. In June, the money was gone again, Ken presented the situation to the church and one person made a \$6000 gift to get us through. The Lord will honor you for that! Our monthly expenses run between \$17,000 – 19000 a month but our monthly income is about \$12000 from offerings.

I said God always provides. Last Nov, Julie Decker went to be with the Lord. Julie left a percentage of her estate to Park Hills. It will take a while for them to settle all of her affairs but eventually the church should receive some money. Part of the process of finalizing the estate involves the selling of her house at 3312 Emerald St. (about a mile from the church building). If you know of anyone looking to purchase a house tell them about it. It is a very nice house.

Although the church should be receiving some money from Julie's estate, we don't know when this will happen and we can't count on it. Let's all remember that each of us has a responsibility to help carry the financial burden the Lord has placed before us. Don't depend on someone else to carry your portion of the load. If you do, you'll not only miss out on the opportunity to be a part of something with eternal consequences, but on the blessings God provides to those who are faithful stewards and servants.

God has called us to reach people. Each of us knows people who are empty, hurting, looking for help. Jesus can meet these needs. God will continue to take care of keeping the doors of the church open if we will live for Him and be faithful witnesses for Him. Will you join me in picking up the pace and keeping our eyes open to be available to Him each day, regardless of the cost? Keep praying and working. See you Sunday,

Wally

- The Women's Bible Study, which normally meets on Monday evenings at 7:00pm has been taking a short break but is now meeting again. All women are encouraged to attend.
- The Young Adults Bible Study, which normally meets on Monday evenings at 6:30pm is taking a break until August. We will let you know when it is scheduled to start up again.
- The Tuesday Morning Bible Study, which meets at 10:00am is taking a break for the summer. We will also let you know when this study is scheduled to begin again.
- Youth Group, which normally meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm will take a break until after summer vacation.
- Celebrate Recovery, a ministry designed to help people who are struggling with issues in their life continues to meet here at Park Hills each Wednesday at 6:58pm. This ministry is for everyone who struggles with issues in life, not just those who struggle with alcohol, drugs, etc. It will help to disciple you to be conformed more to the image of our Lord. Prayerfully consider attending.
- Make plans now to attend our upcoming **Labor Day Retreat**, which will be held September 1-4th at the Black River Center for learning in Carlsbad, New Mexico. We will be focusing on the prophet "Ezekiel, The Man and His Message." Make plans to join us, you'll be glad you did.
- Greg Davis is involved with a citywide Chess Tournament taking place every other Monday evening during the summer. Anyone interested may contact him for further information.
- Seven of our members are scheduled to attend the Celebrate Recovery Summit in Los Angeles in August. Those attending include Wally & Faye Chapman, Clark & Cindy Peters, Berta Rogers, Sue Eyster, and Yvonne Lipe. Lets pray for them.
- Faye Chapman has retired after over thirty years in teaching, and her daughters would like to invite the Church family to a *Retirement Brunch*, July 8 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Wally or Leanne. **NO GIFTS PLEASE!!!**
- Greg, JoAnn, Aulton, and Ariel Davis have been changing the message on the church sign. Please thank them for their generous and willing hearts.
- Anyone with an idea for a message for the sign can present it to the church office for approval. We are looking for messages that promote the Lord Jesus or the churches outreach efforts. I or anniversary notices please.

Prayers & Praise



Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for



Did You Know?

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I Thessalonians 5:16-18

- ☺ Congratulations to Michelle Kono who graduated from Christian Women’s Job Corp. Way to go Michelle!
- ☺ A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who contributed to make our VBS such a success. God gets the glory.
- ☺ Dorothy Wearden should be going home around the 1st of July. Let’s pray for God’s continued intervention.
- ☺ Please pray for our church family and friends that are recovering from illnesses or are home bound. In addition, there are many that need our prayers for spiritual peace and guidance.

Church Directory Update

Because the membership of Park Hills Church is very fluid (we have always had a large number of military and student members) it is a constant chore to keep our membership directory updated. This has been especially true since we lost Marcia who did such a good job with this. During the next few weeks we are attempting to establish a membership database which will aid us not only with the directory but also with other things. We will be attempting to contact everyone to get updated information, but you can assist us greatly if you will fill out one of the “Directory Information” forms we have prepared for this purpose. You can find them on the table in the foyer. Once completed you can either leave them in the tray on the table or give them to Jay Gilliland. We appreciate your help.

this belief but unfortunately to many Christians have been led to believe that it is. I found what has been said about the bible and it’s influence on mankind by our founding Fathers very interesting.

George Washington *“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without the Bible.”*

John Adams *“The Bible is the best book in the world. It contains more . . . than all the libraries I have seen.”*

Thomas Jefferson *“The Bible makes the best people in the world.”*

Andrew Jackson *“That Book, sir, is the rock on which our Republic rests.”*

Benjamin Franklin *“Young men, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures.”*

Patrick Henry *“This is a Book worth more than all the others that were ever printed.”*

Daniel Webster *“I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the will and the Word of God.”*

A deeper look into influence of religion and the church in the writings of these men and others makes it even clearer that the **Separation of Church and State** is a lie that we Christians must stand against.

Next month we will look at some of those writings and see what they suggest we do with the notion of taking God out of our schools and government

Seeking the Harvest with You
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Allen’s Thoughts . . .

It seems that hardly a day goes by without someone on the news yelling about the supposed separation between church and state. In truth there is no historical basis for