



We began reading "The Story" together back in September. This month, God willing, we will finish. After taking a break for Advent, the schedule worked out nicely, as the chapter on Jesus' resurrection coincided with Easter Sunday! We had to skip the Old Testament story of Esther, but will pick that up for Mother's Day.

I have enjoyed reading through "The Story" immensely. I have seen some new things, and have been reminded of some things. My own discipline has been to read the chapter in the book, and then listen to those Bible chapters on my MP3 player as I walk. I am so used to reading the Bible, that it has been wonderful to *hear* the Bible.

As scholars have studied how Christians grow spiritually, one of the essential components is regular Bible reading. A once a week sermon is woefully inadequate to nourish God's people. And, of course, just reading a chapter in the Bible every day does not in itself cause spiritual growth. There is power in the Bible, but there is nothing magical about the act of reading. One must interact with what one reads, and do what one hears.

In fact, in Mark 4, Jesus indicated that the secret to spiritual growth was hearing and doing. James tells us not just to be hearers of the Word (a good thing), but also doers of the Word (the better thing).

So keep reading. If you have skipped a chapter, just pick up with this week's reading. And pray as you read, "God, what are you saying to me in this chapter. How should I respond?"

There are a lot of things happening around Harvest in May. Marlin Sena will return from his trip to Rwanda for Operation Christmas Child with pictures to show and stories to tell. Our annual yard sale will happen on May 17, a good chance to meet our neighbors and also to get rid of some of our junk, I mean, treasures. Our bi-monthly Harvest Conversations will be on May 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Dessert will be served, followed by a discussion of what is going on with Harvest. We'd love your input.

We will finish "The Story" on May 25, the day before Memorial Day. We will have a Memorial Day slide show to honor our veterans. If you have a picture of a loved one who served in the military, and we don't already have it, or you are not sure, please drop it by the church office for Brenda to scan, so we can add it to the slide show. That week the theme of the reading is "Heaven", and should be a good one.

I am gone until May 2, attending the West Coast Presbyterian Pastors Conference at Mount Hermon. This event has been going on annually since 1971, and is a great time of teaching, conversation, fellowship, and refreshment. I am looking forward to telling you about it when I return.

SDG
Pastor Jim



- May 3- Stockton Presbytery Meeting (Church of the 49ers in Columbia)
- May 4- Communion Sunday (Rev. Steve Hanna Preaching)
- May 10- CROP Walk @ Geneva Presbyterian Church, Modesto (10:00 a.m.)
- May 11- Mother's Day
- May 17- Annual Harvest Yard Sale (9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon)
- May 18- Harvest Conversations (6:00 p.m. in Chapel)
- May 25- Last Chapter of "The Story"

MAY 2014



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 9:30 a.m.— Alpha Circle 6:00 p.m.— Praise Practice 7:00 p.m.— Choir Practice | 2 10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's | 3 |
| 4  Collection for Inter-Faith 9:15—Bible Study 10:30—Worship / Communion | 5 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.— Outreach Committee Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 6:00 p.m.— Praise Practice 7:00 p.m.— Choir Practice | 9 10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's 1:00 p.m.— Deacons Meeting | 10  10 a.m.- CROP Walk, Modesto |
| 11  9:15—Bible Study 10:30—Worship | 12 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.— Worship Com- mittee Mtg @ Laranjo's | 13 | 14 | 15 6:00 p.m.— Praise Practice 7:00 p.m.— Choir Practice | 16 10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's 6:00 p.m.— Mariner's Meeting & Potluck | 17  9:00 a.m.- 12 noon: Yard Sale |
| 18 HARVESTER DEADLINE 9:15—Bible Study 10:30—Worship 6:00— Harvest Conversations | 19 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting | 20 | 21  6:00 p.m.— Session @ Cawleys' | 22 6:00 p.m.— Praise Practice 7:00 p.m.— Choir Practice | 23 10:00 a.m.— Women's Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's | 24 |
| 25 9:15—Bible Study 10:30—Worship | 26 Office closed  6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

ARGUMENTATION CLASS— LEARN HOW TO GET YOUR POINT ACROSS

I know we have all had arguments with people in our lives. Have you ever felt overwhelmed, upset, or just annoyed because of people arguing? Have you ever wanted to express your point of view but unsure how to get your point across? Well this Fundamentals of Argumentation course has everything you will need to understand argumentation from the basics up to some more advanced understanding of argumentation.

Who will be teaching:

Jacob Holleman with an A.A. in Communication Studies from Modesto Junior College.

What will the class focus on:

Fundamentals of logic based argumentation: structure of an argument, main schools of thought for argumentation, logical fallacies. This class will have an emphasis on the importance of argumentation for the Christian Faith in today's world. The course text will be "Argumentation Handbook: Basic concepts of argumentation and debate" by Allan McKissick.

Where will the class be held:

The class will be held at 1813 Moffet Road, Ceres California 95307.

When will the class be held:

Every Friday from May 16th to July 18th from 6pm-8pm (to include time for a break.)

Who can attend:

Students from ages 12 and up are welcome to join and participate in the class.

Costs:

The cost of the course will total \$80.00 per-person for the 9-week course plus an approximate \$20.00 for the course text (only one per-group needed.)

Contact information:

To sign up for the class and for more information on payment or other questions please contact:

Jacob Holleman

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Come learn the art of argumentation to be a voice for yourself and those around you!

"If you do not speak for yourself then someone will speak for you and you may not always like what that person has to say." - Daniel Lopez

MISSIONS—Lynn Laranjo

Thank you all for your support to Living Water International. We raised \$503.96 to help provide clean drinking water and spread the word of Christ around the world.

Please keep Marlin Sena in prayer as he is on his mission trip to help deliver shoeboxes for Samaritans' Purse in Africa.



May 17th 7am-1pm is the annual church yard sale. If you are interested in a space, or are physically unable to manage a space but have items you want to donate to sell please talk to Lynn. The cost is \$10 for your space, which includes two 6' tables, and 10% of your profit goes toward the churches general fund. If you have friends or family that would like to participate they are more than welcome too. You still have a couple weeks to get your spring cleaning done.



We are in the planning stage of VBS to be held July 14-18 from 8 a.m. to Noon. Please sign up to help either be a leader to help plan or sign up to help the week of VBS. Many positions need to be filled! Positions are Food, Crafts, Stories, Activities and floaters in an as needed basis. To sign up for any of the needed areas there is a sign up list in the Narthex or see Cyndy Cawley.



6—Susan Bennett 23—Denny Goss
 7—John Baughman 26—Kyleigh Collins
 15—Devon James



If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed, please call the office and let us know.

ANNIVERSARIES—

2—Carlington (Kugie) & Margaret Kuglin

Regular Prayer List

Assisted Living:

Mildred Vine—
 Paramount Court
 Donna McRae—
 Paramount Court (memory care)
 Mabel Cronan—
 The Stratford Place
 June Limprecht—
 Paramount Court (memory care)

Health Issues:

Lucy Gilliam
 Virginia Irons
 Roger Morrow
 Dorothy Nelson
 Bill Sperry



**Stockton Presbytery Prayer List
 for May**

May 4—Covenant Community: Vacaville
 Pastor: Rev. Derek Richman
 David & Wendy Warner HR

May 11—First Presbyterian: Columbia
 Pastor: Janet Russell
 Clover Bailey

May 18—Community Presbyterian: Gustine
 Pastor: Mark Hollingsworth
 Tino Ballesteros

May 25—Grace Presbyterian: Lodi
 Pastor: David Hill
 Sam Casiano

**Ceres School’s Prayer List
 for May**

May 4—Lucas Academy
 Principal: Israel Gonzalez

May 11—Mae Hensley Junior High
 Principal: Carol Lubinsky
 Asst. Principal: Paul Rutishauser

May 18—Sam Vaughn Elementary
 Principal: Sharon Carter

May 25 —Sinclear Elementary
 Principal: Connie Stark



Dear Harvest Family,

As you read this I will be experiencing not only your love and prayers but that of children near Kigali, Rwanda receiving Shoeboxes through the efforts of Samaritan's Purse and a team of volunteers from throughout the States. We will also have witnessed the graduation of many children who participated in The Greatest Journey program and accepted Christ as their Savior. AWESOME!

Words cannot express my thanks to all of you for your support in making this "dream come true" spiritual adventure for me. I am anxious to share the dream with all of you upon my return. The three districts that we will be handing out Shoeboxes are in Rwamagana, Kicukiro and Gasabo if you want to locate us on a map of Rwanda.

Again, my many, many thanks to everyone for your prayers, love and financial support for this opportunity of a lifetime to serve our Lord. See you soon.

Hugs and boxes,
Marlin Sena

24th Annual Men & Boy's Retreat is Coming....

Mark your calendars

For August 1st through the 3th

At Kennedy Meadows



***Annual Tri-Tip BBQ Fundraiser for
Men & Boy's Retreat is June 22nd
Come help send a
Man or Boy to camp!***

Mission Statement ~ With God in control, the mission of the Harvest Presbyterian Church is to proclaim and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and nurture the faith of our church family.

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POSTAGE

**Harvester Deadline for June 2014 is
May 18, 2014**

Mariner's Past and Future

We had a wonderful April Meeting.

Instead of having a speaker

We told stories about our favorite holiday memories.

Mariners will meet again Friday, May 16th
at 6:00pm. Bring your place setting and a dish
for the potluck and a \$1.00 per person.

Come and join us for food and fellowship.

Everyone is invited!

