

SAINT SOMEBODY

"For you were called to freedom; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence" (Galatians 5:13a).

In Ann Taylor's novel *Saint Maybe*, the central character, Ian Bedloe, becomes involved in a small congregation, the Church of the Second Chance. Under the guidance of his pastor there, Ian takes on the task of raising his deceased brother's children. It is a form of repentance, for Ian had suggested to his brother that his wife had been unfaithful to him. Following that conversation, Ian's brother drove his car into a brick wall, committing suicide. Now, his parents, Doug and Bee, are perplexed by the change in Ian's life, and especially by 19 year-old Ian's intention to raise three small children with help from people from his church.

The following exchange occurs between Ian and his parents:

"Ian, have you fallen into the hands of some kind of sect?" his father asked.

"No. I haven't," Ian said. "I have merely discovered a religion that makes sense to me, the way Dober Street Presbyterian makes sense to you and Mom."

"Dober Street didn't ask us to abandon our educations," his mother told him. "Of course, we have nothing against religion; we raised all of you children to be Christians. But *our* church never asked us about our entire way of life."

"Well, maybe it should have," Ian said.

His parents looked at each other.

His mother said, "I don't believe this. I don't believe it. No matter how long I've been a mother, it seems my children can still come up with something new and unexpected to do to me." (Anne Taylor, *Saint Maybe* [New York: Ballantine Books, 1991], p 127.)

It seems that Ian had found his way into a congregation that was willing to speak the hard sayings of Jesus and to call people to leave their way of life behind.

This is disturbing, unsettling. Maybe, too, it is the gospel. Galatians 5:1,13-25

Bless your heart,

Bob

Dr. Robert T. Cassell, Sr.
Interim Pastor

Welcome to Worship

Communion Sunday, April 6

9:40 a.m. Communion Servers Practice

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

"A New Chapter of Our Life With God"

Psalm 116:1-4,12-19; Luke 24:13-35

10:50 (after the sermon) Youth Group (Rm 7)

11:30 a.m. CE (Fireside Room)

6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)

Sunday, April 13

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

"The Threshold to New Life is Jesus"

Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

10:50 Youth Group (Room 7)

11:30 a.m. Membership Committee (Ch Office)

6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)

Sunday, April 20

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

"How to Get a Good Look at God"

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; John 14:1-14

10:50 Youth Group (Room 7)

2:00 p RSV Concert

6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)

Sunday, April 27

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

"Training in Obedience and Dependency"

Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21

10:50 Youth Group (Room 7)

6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship (Room 7)

Join Our Family

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of our Community Presbyterian Church Family? Would you like to learn more about our life and ministry for Jesus Christ? Please come to the *NEW MEMBER INQUIRY MEETING* on Sunday, April 27. We will meet in the Fireside Room at 11:30 AM. Following refreshments and introductions, we will talk about the benefits of membership and schedule our next meeting at a mutually convenient date and time. Please call the church office (562-902-9035) and tell Janet, "I'll be there!"



PW Circles Meet in April

All women of the church are welcome to attend any meeting of PW Circles. To fit into your schedule, there are morning and evening once-a-month meetings.

Mary Martha

Thursday, April 3 at 9:30 pm (JH)

Joy Circle

Monday, April 7 at 7 pm at the home of
Rene McLaughlin

Morning Glory

Tuesday, April 15 at 9:30 am (JH)

Faithweavers

Tuesday, April 22 at 7 pm (FR)

PWCT (Officers)

Monday, April 28 at 1 pm (FR)

Exploring Ministry Options at CPCLM

An ad hoc discussion group has formed to explore the development of church ministries that will focus on seniors in our congregation. Issues such as companionship, grief management, loneliness, life skills, communication and educational stimulation plus a host of other issues are under consideration.

The group has prioritized communication skills and fellowship needs as first projects. A "call me" group of volunteers who can respond readily to the needs of seniors is another area we are exploring. We are brainstorming possibilities. You may have valuable suggestions to make, or you may want to consider joining the group. Judy Roberts is the point person for the group and Christian Education is designated as the Session committee to whom we report.

Reorganization of Mission, Stewardship, Finance and Administration Set in Motion

During the February 27 meeting of Session, a proposal to amend the Standing Rules of Session was approved. This resulted in a realignment of the committees of session. Committees were divided and incorporated with other committees to form two new committees:

Mission and Evangelism
Stewardship and Finance.

The rationale for this decision was as follows: Mission & Evangelism are more closely related and are at the heart of the ministry of CPCLM. Mission & Evangelism will be responsible for outreach to our community, attracting people to our Lord and to the ministry of CPCLM and educating and engaging the congregation in the task of worldwide mission. At the same time because of their functions, Stewardship and Finance are natural partners. S&F will concentrate its efforts on both fundraising and responsible expenditure of the funds entrusted to CPCLM. Existing committee members will continue to function as their gifts and interests dictate within the new committees. Expansion of the two new committees will proceed as well. As the new committees convene, there will be increased communication on the functions of their work, both in our services and through other information channels. Membership in the new committees will be announced shortly.



Spring Gathering

Presbyterian Women of
Los Ranchos Presbytery invite
you to the annual
Spring Gathering

May 3, 2008

9:30 am -1:00 pm

“Grapevine Outreach”

Speaker: Donna Mroz
at Yorba Linda PC
19301 E. Yorba Linda Blvd

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you for giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. On Palm Sunday, you contributed over \$1500 to this worthwhile mission.

MUSIC NOTES...

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This transforming truth is the inspiration for each anthem, hymn and praise song we present as we worship our Victorious Savior! He is the reason we use our voices and our instruments -- to honor Him, and Him alone. We pray that the words and melodies you hear at Community Presbyterian Church will comfort and strengthen you in your journey with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It is an honor to stand in front of the Chancel Choir each and every Sunday, and guide the individual voices that join together to lift up our King. I am especially proud of their fine presentation of "Out of The Shadows," the cantata we offered on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday mornings. You may not realize the number of trials we have endured this past year or so, including illnesses, deaths and spiritual obstacles. Yet, these marvelous people continue to attend rehearsals and worship services in order to praise their Redeemer, and to minister to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Would you take a moment each day the next few weeks and ask God for healing, strength and guidance for the music ministry? We appreciate and love you, and are grateful for your love and support. May Jehovah God continue to bless us and make us a blessing to you.

In Christ Alone,

Debbie Gault

Director off Music Ministries

Coming Up Soon

Have you bought your tickets for the April 20th concert yet? If not, don't take a chance on missing this opportunity to hear the award-winning Revised Standard Version (RSV) Quartet, featuring Keyboardist Extraordinaire C. J. Almgren. The group is billed as California's Premier Gospel quartet. Take it from John Phipps, who has heard them, "They're exciting, upbeat, and original as they sing the gospel message with great harmony."

One of the most popular groups of its kind on the west coast, RSV began singing God's praises through gospel music in 1985 as part of the music ministry of the Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene in Bakersfield. For the next twelve years, RSV was a vital part of the church's musical ministry. Then, in 1997, God opened doors that enabled them to expand their efforts to combine worship and ministry into the concert setting for a larger audience. They currently travel statewide three weekends a month, bringing their musical presentation of the gospel to churches and retreats. Whether or not you are a fan of gospel singers, hearing RSV promises to be a memorable experience you won't want to miss.

The concert will begin at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 20, here at the church. All tickets (donation \$15.00) are available by *advance sale only*. They may be purchased following the church service, weekdays in the church office. They may also be ordered by calling Gary Young Promotions (1-661/838-9109)

The concert has been planned as a combination of church outreach, fundraiser, and additional worship opportunity. Because this event is a first for us, we have hired Gary Young Promotions to help insure its success.

Due to our limited seating capacity, should we sell more than 350 tickets, RSV has agreed to do another concert. Our goal is to sell 700 tickets, and that's where we need your help. By all means, buy a ticket for yourself, but don't stop there. Help spread the word throughout the community. Talk it up and invite friends, family, and invite non-members as a way to introduce them to our church. Volunteer to help pass out fliers. Together, with God's help, we can reach our goal and enjoy doing it.

Can we count on you?????



Has Your Email Address Changed Lately?

Many of our emails have bounced back, including prayer concerns sent through the email prayer chain. Please be sure to keep the church office and Donna Theeck informed of changes in your email address.

CPCLM Prayer Chains

If you would like to be a participant in our email prayer chain, please be sure to give your correct address to Donna Theeck at dtheeck@att.net.

If you have an immediate need for prayer, call Joanie Hilleary who will begin the telephone prayer chains.

When you would like your name added to the Sunday bulletin prayer list, call the church office. If you call by Wednesday, it will be printed in the very next bulletin.

Worship Services Now Available on CD

Most members know that we have been recording the Sunday Worship Service and making a copy of the tape available for you to borrow. Several people have commented that they no longer have cassette players, so they cannot take advantage of the tape ministry. Thanks to a generous gift from the Minsker family, we can now record the services on CD.

Because we do not yet know how popular the CDs will be, we have not yet established a checkout procedure, but we would like your feedback. We would like to know if there is a remaining interest in cassette tapes and if you or anyone you know is interested in the CD ministry. Please let Betty Will, Rick Norton or the sound technician know of your interest.

Also, please remember that because of the licensing of the music performed at Worship we can only loan you the service. We cannot make a copy for you to keep. Thank you for helping us share the Good News.

Worship Committee



Please bring your "treasures" to Room 6 (same as last year) as soon as possible, for sorting and marking. Stop by the church office for the key to Room 6.

Remember your junk may turn out to be someone else's treasure, so clean out your closet, the garage and your trunk and bring those treasures to church.

Please be sure all clothing is clean and folded.

If you would like to help sort and mark, or set up Jenks Hall for the sale day, please speak with Glenna Billiet, Barbara Jenks or Mary Pomroy, or look for the sign-up sheet after church on Sunday.

The sale will be held on

Saturday, May 3

8:00 am—2:00 pm

in Jenks Hall

California's Premier Gospel Group

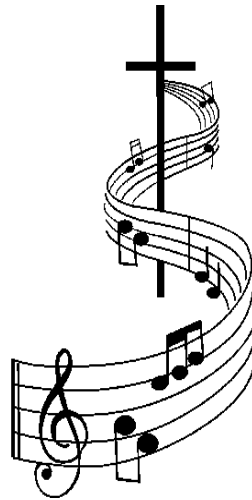
RSV Quartet

(Revised Standard Version)

Sunday, April 20, 2008

2:00 p.m.

in our Sanctuary



The RSV Quartet is excellent and exciting.

Their concerts often have standing room only, and since we have limited seating in the sanctuary, we are providing all tickets in advance. Pick up a ticket after church on Sunday or call 661-836-9109.

There is more information on our website: www.cpclm.org