



Cerritos Baptist
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Biblical Truths at *The Well*

"When we enter into relationship with God, He gives us a new identity independent of anything we do for Him." (from p. 3)

How do you think of yourself? How do you think God sees you?

How does your identity in Christ change your answer to those questions?

Read more on page 3 to find out how our collegians and young adults explored identity at *The Well*.



UPCOMING SUNDAYS



Sunday Sermons:

Living in the Spirit

June 5 Brandon Katagi

June 12 Erik Kakimoto

June 19 Jon Tawa

June 26 Eric & Sue Takamoto



Teacher Appreciation, June 12

An opportunity to express thanks for our Children's Ministry staff



Father's Day, June 19, 10 am

One service at 10 am, followed by the In-N-Out truck for lunch



Missions Sharing, June 26

Come and hear from our Japan missionaries, the Takamotos

For updated information and to listen to sermons, please check the website,

A Word from Pastor Erik

Summer is here! Hopefully that means an opportunity for some of you to get a little R&R.

Perhaps it's an extended vacation, a quick get-away, or simply less time at the office. Maybe it's for a few weeks, one weekend, or just a day here and there.

Regardless, enjoy it! Have fun! Give thanks! Be refreshed!

Enjoy God's creation. Experience His presence. Embrace His goodness. Entrust your worries to Him. Celebrate His generosity with open arms and a grateful heart.

Remember that you are His child in whom He is well pleased. Know that He loves you and His Spirit is in you. May God bless you tremendously! Have a great summer!"

The Well: Young Adult Evening Service

By JT Hayashi

You may have noticed some aesthetic changes to the sanctuary lately—in particular, the stage has been decorated with new bookshelves filled with homey décor.



These bookcases were part of *The Well*, Cerritos Baptist's evening service that ran for five weeks in February and March.

With spacious, circular seating, dim mood lighting, and over-stuffed pillows, the Well was designed to provide a space to worship that is both casual and deeply personal.

Supported by a team from college and young adults, Nick Tawa spearheaded the effort to create a service that could reach both believers and the unchurched. One of the goals of the service was to welcome those who haven't been to church—and welcome back those who might have been away for a while.

The Well's name indicates much about what we hope it could become. First, it references the woman at the well—an intimate place to encounter Christ deeply and to quench spiritual thirst. Next, it is watering hole—a place to gather for community and shared purpose. Finally, the Well has local relevance and connection (did you know that Cerritos draws over 98% of its water from its own wells?)

For its trial run, Nick and J.T. Hayashi (*pictured above*) examined the topic of identity through the life of Abraham.

They preached that when we enter into relationship with God, He gives us a new identity independent of anything we do for Him. With this new identity, we are invited to leave behind our former lives and participate in His mission to reach all people.

As part of the identity theme, congregants were invited to look into mirrors that were painted with biblical truths about who God says we are. One read, "I have redeemed you." Another, "You are free." Or simply "Beloved."

Each week, Steph Luna and a team of helpers redesigned the sanctuary to match the sermon topic. Some nights the bookshelves were filled with candles and flowers. Other times, the cases were decorated with beautiful watercolor drawings.

Although the five-week trial period has ended, CBC's leadership is still discerning God's will for the future of the Well. Please pray with us as we discern what the Lord has in store for this service!



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CareBearers Amber Kakimoto and Marie Shibata, who co-lead the ministry with Bobbie Sato, Shirley Oda, and Clara Shota.

Thank You, CareBearers!

CareBearers is the caring ministry of CBC, sending cards, delivering flowers, and praying for those in need.

They also coordinate meals for those who have been hospitalized due to birth of a baby, illness or surgery.

Thanks to all of you who help - who serve and care for others by providing store-bought or homemade meals.

Additional helpers are welcome!

Straightforward Youth Park Day

April 19 at Friendship Park



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our next one will be on June 25. We are not collecting donations. All food is provided by the LA Regional Food Bank.

Please spread the word to anyone you know who might be in need. All those who meet the income requirements and who live within LA County are eligible. Please contact Nick Tawa for more information, nick@cerritosbaptist.org.

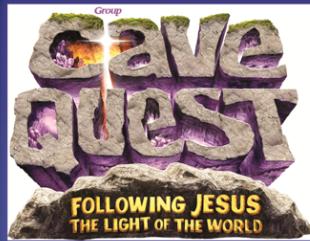
Food Pantry at CBC

CBC is partnering with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to serve as a food pantry. We will distribute food on the 4th Saturday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 AM.

Our first distribution is on Saturday May 28;

our next one will be on June 25. We are not collecting donations. All food is provided by the LA Regional Food Bank.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS



Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, M-F
9 am - 12:15 pm

For kids entering 1st thru 6th grade in the fall of 2016

Cost: \$35 (includes t-shirt)
Register early! By June 30!
Class size is limited.



Cerritos Fishing Derby Saturday, June 4th

Join our CBC families as we participate in this local community event. Pancake breakfast begins at 7 am, followed by the fishing derby from 8-11 am.

Cerritos Regional Park
19700 Bloomfield Ave.

Updates from the Church Family

Our condolences and prayers are with:

- Terry and Marianne Domae, on the loss of Terry's father, George Domae, on March 5.
- John and Gayle Akamatsu, as they remember John's mom, Michi Akamatsu, who passed away on March 12th.
- Geoff and Gail Monti on the passing of Geoff's dad, Mario Monti, on April 3rd in Florida.
- Stephanie and Brian Luna on the loss of Steph's father, George Chiang, on April 15th.

From Missions Committee:

One of our goals is to better connect our church with our missionaries, long and short term. Please be on the lookout for the "Missions Update" bulletin board in the foyer, coming in June.

There will be a rotation of missionaries and people groups will be featured every other month – please join us in prayer for these individuals whom God has placed into our care.

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. (2 Thes. 3:1)



Leadership Summit
August 11-12, Th-Fri

Attend the videocast
at Biola University

"An opportunity to sharpen your skills and develop the people you lead. The Summit is a proven tool that produces compelling outcomes for leaders who attend."

Discounted price for CBCers.
Guests are also welcome.



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Children & Youth classes on Sunday. Call for details.
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