



# the Shepherd's Voice

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"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you ...." Colossians 1.3

The Apostle Paul, as he writes to the followers of Jesus living in the city of Colossae, expresses his sincere gratitude for them, for their faith, for their faithfulness, and for the ways they are continuing to trust in and follow Jesus.

I can't help echoing that gratitude. I am thankful for everyone who is part of the Good Shepherd family of faith and grateful that God will continue to lead others to become part of this church. For ten years it has been my privilege to serve as pastor and it has been good. Thank you for your faith, your faithfulness, your willingness to allow God to transform your lives, and for the ways your love for Jesus is expressed in generosity and service.

We are nearing the end of the Campus Improvement Project - Phase One. There will be a full report soon that will detail the project, some additional costs incurred, and how we can proceed with subsequent phases of improving the facilities entrusted to our stewardship. What is important for you to know is that as part of the Phase One we made a commitment to a tithe of \$24,000. These funds have already been distributed to our Local Mission Partners - including Precious Lamb, We Care, Food Finders, The Way Out, Rising Tide, SHIP, COA, Long Beach Rescue Mission, Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, and Birth Choice Clinics - for the support of their ministries. I thank God for being part of a generous congregation!

I am also thankful for the longevity of the ministry of Good Shepherd. Do you realize that in January 2012 we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Chartering of Good Shepherd (January 21, 1962)? 50 years of communicating the message of God's love, of spiritual formation, of teaching God's Word, of serving others in Jesus' name. That is cause for celebration.

Another up-coming celebration is Advent and the focus upon the birth of Jesus. Our Choir is preparing a very special Christmas Concert on December 10th. On Christmas Eve we will gather for Family worship at 4:00 pm, and for Traditional Readings and Carols (with Candlelight) at 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm. These are different times than in previous years, so please take note.

Christmas is on Sunday, December 25th. We will be holding a single gathering for worship at 10:00 that morning to sing familiar Carols and to rejoice in the good gift of the Christ child.

I am thankful ... for you, for this church, and for your prayers. Please continue to pray for Good Shepherd and our leaders as we seek to live out our call to make disciples, emphasize reaching families with young children, and minister to our multi-generational congregation.

In the adventure of faith,

Pastor Jim

Reverend Doctor James R. Wilson  
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## Prayer Delay?



Instead of writing an article for this issue of the Shepherd's Voice, I'd like to publicize an upcoming "Grow in Faith" opportunity at our church.

Dr. Ken Greenlee from Teach Us to Pray International will be our special guest on Saturday morning, November 12th. Here is a summary of some of what he will be addressing:

Jesus promised that when we pray God hears and answers our prayers. So why do we not always see our prayers answered according to our expectations? Does God answer prayer? What does it mean when we don't see the answers? What kind of God is this if we can't rely on God's promises?

### *Delayed Answers to Prayer*



*Saturday, November 12th at 9am*

This FREE seminar will be held in the Fireside Room from 9:00 am until noon. If you would like to sign up, please email or call me. We'll put you on the list. (We'd like to know if you're coming so we have enough snacks!)

Note: There will NOT be childcare available for this seminar.

Christ's peace to you and yours,

Pastor Paul

### *Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th*

4:00 pm Family Service  
7:00 pm Candlelight Service  
8:30 pm Candlelight Service

### *Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th*

One service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.  
No Bridge service in Zirbel Hall.

### *New Year's Day Sunday, January 1st*

Worship at regular times.

## Deacon's Corner

### *Help Wanted: Visitation Deacon!*

When a person is home-bound or hospitalized, a visit from a caring member of our church family can make a world of difference.

Patti Macdonald and Kristi Tinker have been handling Visitation Ministries for 2011, but both are moving on in 2012. We are actively looking for a special person with a caring heart to oversee this ministry starting in January. If you are interested in serving in this deacon position, please contact Pastor Paul for more information

And if you are aware of someone in our church family who could use a visit, please contact our church office.

*Our Visitation Ministry is  
another way that GSPC serves in love!*

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.



## Our Prayer Partners are Praying for You!

Just a reminder . . . Many of you will be receiving a letter from our Pastors asking how our Prayer Partners can pray for you. We invite you to make known any requests, joys and concerns for you and your family. We encourage you to write the request on the back of the letter and drop it in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex or simply send it by email to PrayerPartners@gspc.org.

**These requests will be kept confidential.**

Your Prayer Partner will pray for you and your family for the entire month. Questions? Please contact:

Pastor Paul at paul@gspc.org; or  
JoAnn Wall at joannwall@verizon.net.

**Want to join the Prayer Partner Team?  
Email Pastor Paul, JoAnn or  
PrayerPartners@gspc.org,  
and we will include you as a Pray-er.**

## Love One Another As I Have Loved You

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Loving and caring for one another is not just the job of the pastors - it's something Jesus calls all Christians to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring can put those gifts to use, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

Are you or someone you know in need of extra love and care at this time? Perhaps a Stephen Minister can help. If you would like more information, please contact Marie Crenshaw or Pastor Paul.

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paul@gspc.org (562) 493-2553 ext. 116

## Library News

Barbara Mackewicz, Library Ministry

### New DVD's in the Library for Family Viewing

#### SOUL SURFER

Soul Surfer is the incredible true story of teen surfer, Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others.

#### FAITH LIKE POTATOES

A farmer moves his family to South Africa and suffers a series of seemingly insurmountable losses. Through unlikely friendships and much needed divine intervention, he discovers his life's true purpose, and it sustains his unwavering belief in the power of faith.

Based on an inspiring true story, this is a moving life journey of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith unseen until the harvest.

## Good Food and Great Friends “The Open Table”



Good Shepherd's  
Weekly Community Dinner

The “Open Table” weekly dinner continues to be a great success with many church members and guests enjoying good food and great friends every Tuesday evening in Zirbel Hall.

Drop in anytime for food and fellowship. Invite a friend or someone you just met! Remember that the “Table” is open between 5:30 and 7:00 pm.

**Everyone is welcome!**



What a wonderful blessing it is to be a part of the GSPC family! Your outpouring of cards, flowers, hospital visits, phone calls and especially the prayers have been much appreciated.

Thanks also to the many who have helped out with Mommy and Me during my absence. Each one of you is a special gift from our Lord.

Love and blessings,  
Paula Skaugstad

## GSPC Prayer Chain

Our GSPC Prayer Chain is a necessary and vital ministry for our church family. It has truly been an honor and privilege to have served as the coordinator this past year.

A new deacon will be ordained to fill this position. Thanks to all of my loving and faithful “pray-ers”. I appreciate each one of you. Our new deacon will be updating the prayer teams. If you have a desire to be part of this wonderful ministry, now is a great time to get involved. If you have changed your email address or phone number, please let us know. The teams have not been updated for several years, and new members are always welcome and needed. May God continue to bless each of you as you pray for others in their time of need.

Mary Lou Clark

## Monthly Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 19th  
and December 17th

8:30-10:00 am in the Fireside Room

Join us for food and fellowship!!

We will be discussing the book,  
*Wild at Heart: The Secret of a Man's Soul*,  
by John Eldredge.

## Year-end Contributions

Any year-end donations must be received on Sunday, December 25th or postmarked no later than December 31st in order to qualify as a charitable contribution during 2011. If you plan to make a pledge for 2012 that you want to prepay for a tax deduction in 2011, **please clearly label those as “2012 Prepay”**.

2012 offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, December 4th. There will be separate sections for weekly contribution envelopes and monthly envelopes. Each box will be labeled with your name. If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to have them, please contact the church office (Kristi at ext. 114 or email [kristi@gspc.org](mailto:kristi@gspc.org)) and indicate whether you would like weekly or monthly envelopes. Also, it is a BIG help to the counters and bookkeeper if you would fill out your envelopes completely. Please indicate how much of your donation goes to the ministry (operating) budget and how much goes to the building fund or capital improvement project. If it is a special offering for some other item, please specify the event. **Please do not use envelopes from prior years.**



## Children's Ministry

Karen Eckland, (562) 493-2553, ext. 104



Sunday School

Sunday School (Pre-school through 5th grade) and nursery care are available at our 8:45 am & 10:30 am worship gatherings. At 8:45 children meet teachers in the gym after the children's sermon. For the traditional worship at 10:30, children meet teachers in the gym before it begins. For the Bridge gathering, children meet teachers in the gym after opening time.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @GSPC

If you are 4 years old to 5th grade, come join us at FLIPT. We play crazy games, sing songs to God and learn how to follow Him. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm.

For more information, contact Karen @ (562) 493-2553, ext. 104.

### Mommy & Me

Fun times for the little ones and fellowship for the grownups!!

Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 am

Questions? Contact  
Carol Jaeger at  
cjpelican@hotmail.com or  
Paula Skaugstad  
at palmerabb1@ca.rr.com.



### New DVDs for Kids

#### VEGGIE TALES PRINCESS AND THE POPSTAR

(A Story of Trading Places,  
a Lesson in Being Yourself)

Princess Poppyseed's life on her family's farm is far from the glamorous but lonely world of her favorite pop singer, Vanna Banana. On a chance meeting at the playground, Princess and Vanna cross paths and discover they look almost exactly alike, which leads to a crazy secret plan where they decide to switch lives. As each girl realizes that the life they longed for doesn't fulfill all their dreams, they learn that the life God gave them is the one for which they were uniquely and lovingly designed.



#### VEGGIE TALES THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

In this Veggie-version of a holiday classic, Junior Asparagus stars as "The Little Drummer Boy," a lonely child who finds the true meaning of Christmas when he stumbles upon the birth of the baby Jesus. A story of generosity, hope and love. This timeless tale will warm the hearts of children everywhere!

## Family Ministry

*Jim Megorden, megordens@verizon.net*

GSPC families have been busy ... busy having fun that is! About seventy people camped under the stars at Yucaipa Regional Park in early October. Campers were blessed with good food, beautiful weather, relaxation and lots of fellowship. Kids were able to be kids and just run around and have fun. Some spent the weekend playing board games or ball games, while others enjoyed apple-picking right up the road at Oak Glen. Curtis Bronzan led worship and communion around the campfire as families enjoyed s'mores. Overall it was a wonderful weekend with old and new friends. Take a look at some pictures of our campout on the last page of this issue.

### Gift It Forward



Have you wondered what the big mailbox with colorful handprints is doing in the middle of the courtyard? Well ... it is the Gift It Forward Mailbox ... a new service project launched by the Family Ministry team that is

benefiting our church and community members in need in an anonymous way. By donating gift cards (or enclosing money for the church to purchase a gift card on your behalf), you will allow the church staff to serve in the following way:

- Give a homeless person a meal
- Help a family in need make ends meet (for example, buy groceries or gas)
- Provide an elderly person dinner/companionship at a local restaurant
- Take a member for coffee and fellowship
- Provide pastors with a means to give pastoral care

The ways we can serve are endless! If you want to donate, consider going through your wallet and pulling out gift cards you may have forgotten about and drop them in the Gift It Forward Mailbox. Or when you are at the grocery store, consider buying a gift card to donate. Gift cards for places such as local grocery stores, gas stations, Target, and restaurants will be appreciated. Your donation will be tax deductible and receipts will be given on request.

**Just think of all the possibilities ... and how you can help someone in need today!**

## Healthcare Ministry

*Beth Piburn (562) 598-5136*

We've been busy this fall. We provided over 330 flu shots to the congregation and to the community, plus many to the mentally challenged in downtown Long Beach. Unfortunately we had a disappointing blood drive - only eight donors. Our next drive is in March. We continue to be available to check your blood pressure on the second Sunday each month. We sponsored the recent grief group led by Connie Wilson, as well as the ongoing cancer support group led by Carol Wasson. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

## Local Missions Ministry

*Rob Saunders, gspc.localmissions@gmail.com*

### Looking Forward

Wow! Where did the year go? It seems like just ... well, you know the saying. I want to briefly share what happened throughout the year and how you helped those in need. In 2011 you helped feed the hungry, care for homeless moms and their children, donated canned food for a food bank, protected the unborn, educated college students about God's love, brought others to Christ through a student campout, kept people from losing their homes, sheltered and fed those starting a better life, tutored children after school, gave women a new start and hope and reached out to help low income families. What a blessing!

God moved through many to reach many more for the kingdom. But what else can we do? What's your passion? How are you serving God in the community? We're called to give our tithes and offerings AND be the hands and feet of Christ to others. In 2012 Local Missions will be looking for opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ through service in the community. How do you think the body of Christ can serve in love those in need? One event Local Missions is planning for 2012 is a Serve in Love Volunteer Recognition Event. This event will be the springboard for our congregation to be involved in the community through 2012.

I thank God for the positive impact GSPC is having to change lives and give hope. You are key to this effort and I pray God places it on your heart to be involved to reach others for Him.



## Music & Worship

The Chancel Choir of Good Shepherd has begun working on this year's Christmas Concert. The concert is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m. This year's concert will feature Christmas favorites and some new surprises. Mark your calendar and watch for flyers that you can share with your friends in the community. If you want more information or would like to participate in the choir, please contact Dee Abell at extension 113 or email to [dee@gspc.org](mailto:dee@gspc.org).

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



Sunday, November 20th  
5:00 pm

Join us for our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Invite your neighbors for a wonderful, home-cooked turkey dinner. After dinner we will enjoy entertainment provided by Julie Junkermann and Kathie Schroeder. Please RSVP at the Senior Adult table on the patio or call the church office.

If your family would like to participate by serving as a "table host" at this dinner for Senior Adults at GSPC and the community, please sign-up at the Thanksgiving Dinner table on the patio by Zirbel Hall. Don't miss this fun opportunity to serve our community of Senior Adults. Our youth will also be participating by hosting tables and helping with the cleanup.

#### **A great intergenerational ministry!**

Of course food donations are needed and you can help! We hope to serve 300 meals this year. Please sign-up at the table by Zirbel Hall. All food needs to be brought to the church kitchen no later than 4 pm on Sunday, November 20th. Please bring your food in a disposable or well-labeled serving dish. If you can stay and help to cleanup, we would be thrilled. You will be home by 7:00 pm.

**Thank you for helping to  
make this event possible!**

## Senior Adult Ministry

Marie Crenshaw, ext. 105 or [Marie@gspc.org](mailto:Marie@gspc.org)

### Senior Adult Luncheons

No luncheons scheduled for November and December.

### Senior Day Trips

Thursday, December 1st - Organ concert and visit to the Original Farmers Market at Third and Fairfax in Los Angeles.



We will leave GSPC by bus at 10:30 am. Our first stop will be at the 1st Congregational Church in Los Angeles where we will hear a concert by organist-in-residence, Stewart W. Foster. We will then travel to the famous Farmers Market where you will have several hours to roam around and have lunch at your leisure. You may also adventure behind the market to the Grove shopping area for more "shopping fun". We will return to the bus for our journey back to GSPC at 3:30 pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Sign-up at the  
Senior Adult table on the patio.

### Christmas Hymn Sing-A-Long

December 13th      2:00 pm      Zirbel Hall      No cost.

Join the Senior Adult Leadership Team for cookies and hot cider. We will be singing lots of Christmas carols and hymns. If you have a request that you haven't heard for a while, please let Marie know so we can add it to our list for that day.

### Premier Luncheon

November 17th      12:30 pm      Zirbel Hall      No cost

A box lunch will be provided. The speaker will be a doctor or technician from Los Alamitos Medical Center. Sign-up by calling 1 (800) 548-5559 to reserve your spot. No luncheon in December.

### Bridge Club

We meet in the Fireside Room from 1:00-3:00 pm on Thursdays to play American Standard Bridge.

### Help Yourself to Health ... Keeping Faithfully Fit

Monday/Wednesday classes at 10:00 am in the gym. Friday classes are at 11:00 am. Fun and free. Open enrollment at class.

### Are You Celebrating a 50+ Wedding Anniversary or 80+ Birthday?

Then let us honor you with flowers given in worship! If you would allow us to share in your celebration, please contact Donna Livingston at (562) 596-4085.

## Keeping the Focus

Submitted by Barbara Bannister,  
Small Group Ministry Team

Last week I discovered that I was out of cat food. I could sense that my cat knew this because after ten years with this cat, I just knew “he” knew. The dry stuff never is good enough, so I journeyed off to Target in the rain. Upon entering the store, I was greeted with everything in orange ... orange pumpkins and candy corn. As I walked past the card section, Hallmark already had their Thanksgiving greeting cards on display. Further down in House Wares, there were turkey bowls and turkey basters beckoning from the shelves. Looking straight ahead, I saw a Christmas tree. This was October, but the holiday reminders were everywhere. It was somewhat overwhelming. I almost lost my focus for this journey.

As I was watching my cat eat, I thought of all the focus we spend on planning for the holidays. The retail stores make an effort to capture our focus into buying early and often during this season. Sometimes with all the visual things going on around us, it's hard to keep our focus on what's most important and that is on God.

All Christians face the challenge of maintaining spiritual focus. The physical world can be distracting. Its sights and sounds often take us on a path different from what would benefit our goals as Christians. In Matthew 22:39, Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” What an opportunity all of us have to do just that over the holidays. To focus more on our neighbor and supporting God's work in our church and in our communities.

What a wonderful gift it would be this holiday season to encourage someone to come to one of GSPC's many holiday events. Maybe someone just needs that little bit of encouragement to come and share in the joy of Christian fellowship. Wouldn't that be something wonderful to focus on?

There are wonderful small groups in our church that would love to have new members join them. Do you know of anyone that you could encourage to join? Have you been thinking about joining a small group? That would be such a wonderful way to end 2011. For information contact, Pastor Paul at (562) 493-2553 ext.116 or JoAnn Wall at (562) 431-8828. Also we will have an Information Table on the church patio between services on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to talk to you!

Keeping the focus is key ... Love the Lord, Serve the Lord and Serve Others. Just focusing on that makes all those plastic Christmas trees, bright orange pumpkins and dancing paper turkeys seem unimportant.

## Celebrating 50 Years

Submitted by Rob Saunders  
Elder, Local Missions

It was November 19, 1961 and GSPC's first church service was held in Los Alamitos. But how did it all start?

In his senior year in high school, Pastor Zirbel felt the call from God to prepare for the ministry. After graduating from UCLA, he and his wife moved to Princeton, New Jersey where he attended Princeton Theological Seminary and his first daughter, Karen, was born.

After returning to Los Angeles from Princeton, Pastor Zirbel served at two different churches in Hawthorne and South Pasadena. During his pastorate, his second daughter, Kristen, was born. In August 1961 he was given the challenge of starting a new church in Los Alamitos from “scratch”.

After locating and purchasing a 3.35 acre site for \$100,500.00, where GSPC presently resides, he realized “something else was of more urgent concern” - people. At a time when smart phones had not been invented, he began making phone calls from a pay phone. As Pastor Zirbel writes, “I would come into Los Alamitos each morning with a pocket full of dimes, go into a phone booth at a local gas station, and start making calls.” His goal? To make as many appointments as possible to meet with people in their homes. Neighborhood meetings were held to become better acquainted, to pray and to make plans for the future.

As a result of God's call in high school, the first service was held on November 19, 1961 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. In January 1962 the first “Organization Service” was held with 134 charter members, and the election of Elders and Deacons was completed. The rest, as they say, is history.

How have you been called by God to serve in love? What's your passion? While not all of us have been called to start a church from “scratch,” God has called us to serve others in love. Is your passion to serve the hungry and homeless, to protect the unborn or perhaps to serve in the church?

Connect, grow and serve in love so the harvest of today will yield many for God's kingdom and build a strong future for another 50 year celebration.

### BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION!

Volunteers are needed to help with our 50 year celebration. For information please contact me at (562) 421-2799.

## Women's Ministry

Co-Leaders: Carol Jaeger, [cjpelican@hotmail.com](mailto:cjpelican@hotmail.com)  
and Louise Liewald, [louise@liewald.us](mailto:louise@liewald.us)

### Saturday, December 3rd - Save the Date!

"Star of Wonder" is the theme of this year's Women's Christmas Luncheon. Ticket sales start today on the patio. Questions? Contact Carole Jaeger at (714) 906-4407.

### Annual Head Start Party

Our party is on Wednesday, December 7th, and we would love to have you help in the celebration. You can also help on December 6th by coming to wrap gifts for the kids. We expect to have over 100 children attend this year and invite you to take part. Any monetary donations to purchase gifts for the children would be welcome. Questions? Contact Sue Gilmore at (714) 891-8741.

### Christian Literary Women

Meetings are held the second Saturday each month from 9:30-11:00 am. On November 12th we will meet in the Round Room #4. Guests and newcomers are welcome anytime. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Purucker at (562) 597-5953 or Marge Fleming at (562) 596-7673.

November 12th We'll be sharing books we've read.  
December 10th Ginny Osmera's home. Please RSVP to (562) 431-0984.

### Fellowship Circles

Mary-Martha Circle - Meets in the home of one of our members on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm.

Ruth Circle - Meets in Round Room (Room #4) at GSPC on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am.

Sarah Circle - Meets on the second Thursday each month in the GSPC Library at 7:00 pm.

Check the e-Bulletin to confirm meeting dates.

### Quilters

Blankets of Love create blankets for children in need. Meetings are on the first, third and fifth Mondays from 7-9 pm in the Round Room (Room #4). Upcoming meetings are November 7th and 21st. No meetings in December.

Wednesday Quilters meet on the second Wednesday each month at 10:00 am in the Round Room. Our next meeting is November 9th. No meeting in December.

Questions? Call Pauline Willems at (562) 498-8982 or email [pwillems@fastmail.fm](mailto:pwillems@fastmail.fm).

## Worldwide Missions Ministry

Kirk Brown (562) 598-7157 or [stmci@ix.netcom.com](mailto:stmci@ix.netcom.com)

### Prayer for the Persecuted Church

#### **"One with Them - Wear Your Bracelet"**



International Day of Prayer  
Sunday, November 13, 2011

Over 100 million Christians in nearly half of the countries in the world are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. Their number one request is for prayer on their behalf.

The symbol for International Day of Prayer is a plastic wrist band resembling barbed wire. Barbed wire can exclude or include; gather or isolate. Persecuted Christians bear the negative effects of barbed wire. Show your support by wearing a bracelet and certainly by praying on their behalf.

Ask our Heavenly Father to:

- Reassure them that their perseverance is fruitful (Rom. 8:18; 2Cor. 4:18)
- Help them to pursue righteousness regardless of circumstances (Mat. 26:41; 1Cor. 10:13)
- Sustain the families of those who have loved ones and friends imprisoned, tortured or killed (Deut. 10:18-19; Ps. 68:5-6, 17:8)
- Give comfort, joy in who Jesus is and His presence (1 Pet. 5:7; Phil. 4:6; Lk. 6:12)
- Provide Bibles in their own language, also teachers correctly trained (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Mk. 10:16)
- Bring unity among persecuted believers so they can stand together by the Holy Spirit as positive witnesses for Jesus.

You are invited to share in Prayer for the Persecuted Church meetings held from 7:00-7:45 pm in the Bride's Room on the first Monday in the month. Check the e-Bulletin to confirm meeting dates. Be sure to pick up a brochure at the Kiosk that will provide you with updates on Persecuted Christians' situations and prayer needs. Questions? Please call Ken Purucker at (562) 594-6026.

### Change for A Change

Remember to fill the buckets with your monthly pocket change the last Sunday of each month.



# Growing in Faith @ GSPC

The love of God is a transforming love; it's a love that enables us to grow, mature, and develop as disciples of Jesus—by the power of God's Spirit. Below are some of the opportunities for Growing in Faith at Good Shepherd.

## Small Groups

**Small Groups** are a place where followers of Christ deepen their relationship with God and with one another. The following groups are open for new members.

### Mixed Groups

#### The Letter to the Hebrews / Sundays 7:30 am

This group meets weekly in the Fireside Room to discuss the weekly sermon passage.

There are many other groups that are open for new members, including groups on Wednesday night. Contact Pastor Paul for more information.

### Women

Many Women's Covenant Groups and Circles are **open for new members** on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Contact Pastor Paul for more information.

### Men

#### Men's Breakfast / 3rd Saturdays 8:30 am

Men meet in small groups around tables to discuss the book *Wild at Heart* while eating breakfast! 3rd Saturday of each month. Free books available.

#### Thursdays 6:30 am

This group meets once a week at Coco's in Garden Grove.

## Adult Spiritual Formation

Offers ongoing encounters with the living Word of Scripture. Our learning *about* God leads us to *knowing* God in a more real and vital way.

### Bible Studies

#### The Chronological Bible / Sundays 9:00-10:00 am

Diane Wood, Teacher, Fireside Room. Study the events of the O.T. through the lenses of history, literature, and culture.

#### The Gospel of John/ Sundays 6:05 pm

Kirk & Sue Brown, Facilitators, Fireside Room. New members welcome!

#### The Bible Plain & Simple / Tuesdays 10:00 am

Dr. Bill Creasy, Teacher, GSPC Sanctuary. Dr. Creasy leads this verse-by-verse study, working through the entirety of Scripture. \$65/quarter.

#### Precept Bible Class / Wednesdays 6:45 pm

Talbot Jaeger, Teacher, Choir Room. Studying Nehemiah. Contact Jack or Debbie Knutzen (562) 596-3603 for info.

#### Community Bible Study (CBS) / Fridays 9:00-11:00 am

A Bible study for women of any age, any depth of knowledge, any denomination and for those seeking to understand the Bible. Questions? Contact Sherrill Razor at (714) 828-8216.

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## Support Groups

Cancer Support Group, Carol Wasson, RN, Facilitator, meets every month on the 3rd Sunday at 9:45 am in the Round Room (Room #4). **Next meeting is November 20th.** If you have a need prior to the next meeting, Carol is available.

#### Alcoholic Anonymous

- Thursday Group: 7:00-8:30 pm, Youth Room
- Friday Group: 8:00-9:30 pm, Choir Room
- Saturday Group: 9:15-11:15 am, Room #5

#### Al-Anon

- Saturday Group: 9:15-11:15 am, Room #3
- Thursday Group: Noon to 1:30 pm, Youth Room
- Saturday Group: 4:00-5:00 pm, Room #3
- Saturday Group: 5:15-7:00 pm, Youth Room

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## Support Groups

#### Breaking the Chains of Addiction

- Christian 12-step recovery group meets every Monday night in the Choir Room from 7:00-9:00 pm.

## More Spiritual Formation

These are intentional times to seek to allow God to form us more fully into the people we were created to be.

#### Centering Prayer Group

Meets the last Saturday of every month in the library at St. Hedwig, next door to GSPC, from 9:30-10:30 am. **Next meetings are November 26th and December 31st.** Call Patti Macdonald (714) 761-7180 for more information.

#### Delayed Answers to Prayer Seminar

Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 am-noon. Ask Pastor Paul for information.

Pastor Paul White, (562) 493-2553, ext. 116 or paul@gspc.org  
JoAnn Wall, Elder for Small Groups, (562) 431-8828 or  
Diane Wood, Elder for Adult Spiritual Formation, (562) 430-4610



## FAMILY CAMPOUT AT YUCAIPA REGIONAL PARK



### Blankets of Love News Submitted by Pauline Willems

So far 2011 has been an exciting and productive year. Our ladies have made almost 100 quilts and afghans, and also a goodly number of stuffed animals. We also received lots of gorgeous fabric from so many generous donors. In fact we are hard put to keep our production ahead of the supply of fabrics ... but that's good!!

On Sunday, October 16th, we had a demonstration area at the Local Mission Fair. Many people stopped by to see the process of making quilts, including several new people who might become regular quilters.

Our groups will be taking a short time off during the month of December. Our meetings will resume in January 2012 after having a Saturday work day and luncheon on January 14th in Zirbel Hall. If you are interested in being a part of our group or are just interested in seeing what we do, please plan to join us that day. We will be there from 10 am to about 2 pm. There will be some instruction and help to get you started. Hope to see you there. For more information please contact me at (562) 498-8982 or pwillems@fastmail.fm.

### Heifer Sunday

Mark your calendars  
for Sunday,  
November 13th!



Heifer Project is a non-profit agency whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

You will have an opportunity to purchase animals that will be sent to families in third-world countries. The idea is to give them a source of food . . . not just short-term relief. This effort also gives them an opportunity to help their neighbors.

**Sundays...**

Worship Schedule

- 8:45 am Contemporary worship with communion monthly
- 10:30 am Choir-led worship with communion monthly
- 10:30 am [the Bridge] Emerging worship with praise band in Zirbel Hall with communion weekly

Children's Ministry

Sunday School (Preschool thru 5th grade) and nursery care are available at the 8:45 am and 10:30 am services

Children meet teachers in the gym after the Children's Sermon at the 8:45 am service

Children meet teachers in the gym before the Traditional service begins at 10:30 am

Children meet teachers in the gym after opening time of worship at the Bridge service at 10:30 am



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**Grow in Faith**

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