

Congregational Church of the Valley
your community Congregational Church

Newsletter

October 2010



*"And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony."*

Colossians 3:14

Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and one with another and do acknowledge our faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and take for our rule of life His own words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

THE HOW, WHY AND WHEN OF IT ... CONGREGATIONALISM!

Congregationalism is one expression of the Christian Faith. We began, really, with the roots found in Matthew 16:17-19. Read it! And, the roots found in Luke 22:12-20. Read it! And, the roots found in Acts 11:20. Read it! Out of this background came the whole array of Christian churches ... beginning with the Roman Catholic in 1054. Different opinions and expressions followed and in 1608 the Congregational Church took shape in England. Those who came to America in 1620, and were called Pilgrims, established the “Congregational”

Church here. Because of disagreement over doctrine, dogma, creeds, polity and manner of expression there are literally hundreds of different church titles today. The title, name or denomination is NOT what is important... what matters is that we live what we say we believe.

The reason for the title “Congregational” is that those who were responsible for its initiation wanted a “fellowship” which had organization but no hierarchy. Each congregation would work out its own constitution and by-laws, define itself by its Covenant and work in fellowship with other congregations. Their aim was to develop a fellowship that was governed by their own appointed rules, practiced by “Covenant” rather than dogma, and, with Jesus Christ as their Head. The organization grew slowly, then, also in England and her Commonwealth countries. Their efforts were productive as the new “Congregational” fellowship moved from the east coast to the west.

More organization, of some kind, became necessary. Existing in isolation was not satisfying nor was it productive. In the years that followed there developed closer bonds between congregations/churches ... associations, conferences, General Council, missionary boards, annuity funds and permanent secretaries came into being. But with all of those changes, they never lost sight of the reason for their being, their true meaning and purpose.

There is an important concept in the basis of the Congregational Church! The only reason for them existing as a group, their only reason for separating from the Church of England and suffering persecution was so that they might know the abiding Presence of the living Christ. The Anglican Church, they felt, believed that that presence depended upon bishops, priests and apostolic succession. Even the Presbyterians believed that a church was not a church without a minister. So, now, if Christ promised to be present to ordinary simple believers, then that was the kind of church they were determined to be. After all, Jesus Himself said, “Where two or three are gathered in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.”

More next month -

-Pastor Lyle

PLYMOUTH GUILD

The Plymouth Guild had another successful Bake Sale last month. Thank you all for your continued support! Our next Bake Sale will be on October 10th. So bring your sweet-tooth and pick up a treat or two after our Sunday service. The Guild Ladies are excited about November's Parking Lot Sale to be held on Saturday, November 6th. We anticipate having a large storage shed on Church grounds soon. Please bring your gently used, unwanted items to us to sell. We need volunteers to price, organize, etc. and would greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer! We will work in shifts the day of the sale. Come on out, it will be fun! It's a great opportunity to build community.

The Guild's Mission of the Month for October is once again our own Sunday School. The teachers continue to search out ways to maximize their space (a room divider or door is needed) and to enhance their curriculum.

Our next meeting will be held at the Church on Saturday, October 9th. All ladies of the Church are welcome! Come join us at 9 a.m. this Saturday.

Cindy Palmer, President

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SO MANY THINGS ARE WONDERFUL! EXCITING! FULFILLING!

But there is an IMMEDIATE and SERIOUS need. **We need THREE MEN VOLUNTEERS to serve on the Board of Deacons.** The Deacons and Deaconesses are responsible for the planning and care of the spiritual life of the church. This covers everything from worship services to other details on Sunday mornings ... Potlucks ... Meet 'n Eat ... Fellowship Groups ... etc. It IS enjoyable and good fellowship. We meet once per month on the third Thursday evening. Interested? Willing? Call Margaret Porter at (480) 664-1815 or Pastor Lyle at 899-4704. **GOD WILL BLESS!**

CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

Moderator: Margaret Porter (480)664-1815
Church Clerk: Betty Caruthers (480)898-9586
Treasurer: Denise Thomas (480)899-5769
Financial Secretary: Kathleen Trenam (480)814-9066

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Organist and Director of Music: Ruth Knight (480)816-3650

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Chr., Paul Petroff (480)634-7124
Jeff Mindock (480)507-3366
Tap Phuong (480)633-7804
Cal Thomas (480)899-5769
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Chr., Beth Mindock (480)507-3366
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Chr., Kelly Phuong (480)633-7804
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Plymouth Guild:

President, Cindy Palmer (480)703-1037
Vice President, Bonnie Revis (480)814-7040
Secretary, Kathleen Trenam (480)814-9066
Treasurer, Joyce Newman (480)895-7949

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The next **Plymouth Guild** meeting will be on Saturday, October 9th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome.

Bake Sale next Sunday, October 10th.

The fall Monday Night **Bible Study** begins on October 11th at 7:00 p.m. (More information appears in this Newsletter on page 7)

A **Potluck** dinner is planned following the Sunday morning service on October 17th. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

KATHLEEN'S KORNER

We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to all members and friends celebrating their birthdays this October:

<i>Danielle Orcutt</i>	<i>Oct. 2</i>	<i>Kathleen Trenam</i>	<i>Oct. 20</i>
<i>Margaret Porter</i>	<i>Oct. 18</i>	<i>Amber Orcutt</i>	<i>Oct. 30</i>
<i>Betty Caruthers</i>	<i>Oct. 19</i>	<i>Austin Tran</i>	<i>Oct. 30</i>
		<i>Declan Phuong</i>	<i>Oct. 31</i>

Our church family was saddened by the passing of another friend of our church, Lucille Burruss. Lucille passed into glory on September 19th. Please remember her daughters and their family in your prayers.

Our church was happy to welcome Astasia & Ajay Patel and their two children into our fellowship last month. As most of you probably already know, they are both music teachers. Ajay teaches the cello and Astasia the violin. They both have blessed us already by sharing their musical talents with us. Their daughter, Olivia, is four years old and their son, Alexander, is two years old. Both have been a great addition to our Sunday School. Ajay and Astasia are already active in our Sunday School department. Ajay is teaching the teenagers' class and Astasia has been helping out with the younger children. Ajay is a native Arizonan and Astasia is from Wisconsin originally. They met at ASU and played in the same quartet. If you haven't introduced yourself to this wonderful family, be sure and do so. Let them know we are thrilled to have them as new members of our church!

If you have an item you wish me to put in the November newsletter, please have it in my inbox in the church office by Sunday, Oct. 31st. Or you can send it via email to the church office, office@ccotv.org and I'll make sure your information is entered.

SERMON TOPIC AND HYMNS

Oct. 3, 2010

Message: "Forgiveness Is No Small Matter"
Scripture: Psalm 32 and Matthew 18:21-35
Hymns: "The Love of God"
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Oct. 10, 2010

Message: "Are You With Jesus?" - John Porter, preaching
Scripture: John 17:9-26
Hymns : "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
"His Name Is Wonderful"
"Jesus Is All the World to Me"
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Oct. 17, 2010

Message: "Who Is My Neighbor?"
Scripture: Psalm 1 and Luke 10:25-37
Hymns: "Blessed Be the Name"
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
"Others"
"Pass It On"

Oct. 24, 2010

Message: "The Sower, The Seed and The Soil"
Scripture: Psalm 8 and Matthew 13:1-9: 18-23
Hymns: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Revive Us Again"
"Send the Light"
"Who Is On the Lord's Side?"

Oct. 31, 2010

Message: "Religion Is Like a Wedding"
Scripture: Luke 5:27-39
Hymns: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation:
"O, How I Love Jesus"
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

FINANCIAL REPORT-MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010

INCOME \$3,907.20

EXPENDITURES \$5,289.40

YEAR TO DATE AS OF September 30, 2010
(Fiscal year is May 1 to April 30)

INCOME \$17,798.38

EXPENDITURES \$27,375.59

GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF 4/30/10 \$96,797.68

DESIGNATED FUNDS ON HAND RECEIVED SINCE 5/1/09 (Designated funds are paid out at appropriate or designated times)

MISSIONS \$89.00

BUILDING FUND \$21,637.30

DIRECTORY \$ -0-

CHRISTIAN ED. \$1,421.04

TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS ON HAND RECEIVED THIS FISCAL YEAR \$23,145.34

GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 9/30/10 \$29,506.33

TOTAL CASH ON HAND \$110,297.87

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FALL BIBLE STUDY

The Fall Bible Study will start on Monday, October 11th. The study is on "Experiencing God". A textbook is needed for the class and can be purchased at the Berean Bookstore on Stapley between Baseline Rd. & U.S. 60. The book is called "Experiencing God" and the authors are Henry & Richard Blackaby and Claude King. If you tell the cashier it's for our bible study, you will receive a 15% discount. John Porter will be leading the study.

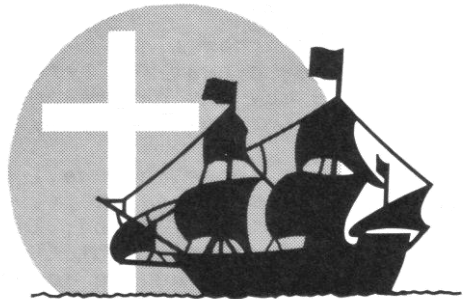
NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Our Sunday School Department has had several important meetings recently and exciting new things are happening! Ajay Patel is teaching the youth Sunday School class. And a new position has been created, that of Sunday School Coordinator. Betty Jean Ried has agreed to fill this important position. She has a wonderful background in Sunday School work from previous churches. We are so glad she has agreed to serve our church in this important department. Our Sunday School Department is still in need of volunteers to assist in working with the children. If you could help out, please let Kelly Phuong know.

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BUILDING FUND RAISING

Please remember the “pocket change” bottle in the foyer and drop your loose change into it. Every little bit helps towards our building fund.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Communion 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	4	5	6 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	7	8	9 a.m. Plymouth Guild 11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	9
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School BAKE SALE 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	11	12 7 p.m. Bible Study	13 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	14	15	11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	16
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School POTLUCK 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	18 7 p.m. Bible Study	19	20 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	21 7 p.m. Deacons & Trustee Boards Meet	22	11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	23
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	25 7 p.m. Bible Study	26	27 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	28	29	11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	30
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	31						

