



Texts and Topics for Worship

- October 5 - World Communion Sunday
"Ten" Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-20
- October 12 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Remember" Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Exodus 32:1-14
- October 19 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"See" Psalm 99;
Exodus 33:12-23
- October 26 - Reformation Sunday
"Pisgah" Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Music Maestro

For those of you who have worshipped recently at Las Placitas, you already know of the amazing music David B is making with our choir. David joined our staff in late August and is already making his presence felt. I'd like you to know a bit more about our new choral director.

David holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from The Ohio State University and the Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting Performance from Illinois State University. He has taught both high school and elementary vocal and general music courses. While teaching full-time, David has served as Music Director for a number of churches.

David has performed with the Nevilla Ottley Singers and the Choral Arts Society of Washington, D.C. David also served as the Music Director of the Singing Y'ers, a professional Boy Choir that has been in existence for thirty years. David was elected to serve on the board of directors for The National Association for the Study and Performance of African American Music (NASPAAM). He is also a member of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA).

After completing a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton, David came to Albuquerque where he currently serves as the principal of Apache Elementary School.

David's greatest accomplishment is being a husband and father. He has been married for nineteen years to the lyric soprano, Dione. They have two beautiful high school daughters. Andréa, a junior, sings and plays the piano and cello. Alexandria, a sophomore, enjoys singing and playing clarinet in the concert and marching bands.

Please join me in welcoming David B to Las Placitas. If you've been thinking about joining (or rejoining) the choir, now is a great time to do it.

Peace, Drew

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Christian Ed kicked off the new 2014 school year with a celebration! We first looked back at our fun summer with a video presentation of Ghost Ranch, VBS, and the Youth Lock-in. Thank you Jeff, Leland and Ed. Then our children enjoyed serving a Pancake & Fruit Breakfast to the congregation. What a great way to start the year giving to the congregation that supports us so much throughout the year. We want to thank our leader and principle dishwasher, Anna H, along with the pancake flippers, Dana H & Jeff D. We can't leave out Mia A, Elizabeth D, Ruth W, Carolyn M, and Ed & Sally G who helped keep everything running smoothly. Most importantly, we want to thank the cutest and most polite servers ever, our sweet children and youth.

We have seven adults each Sunday working with our classes. Judie H on piano starts off each Sunday school session with a song. We then break up into our classes with Jeff D and Judie H, assisted by Steve C leading the youth, Elizabeth D, assisted by Mary Helen J leading K-2nd, and Sally G with Dana H and Mia A leading 3rd-5th graders. What a team!!

We all enjoyed Ruth W, with the Earth Care Fellowship, who led us in celebrating Rosh Hashanah with a lesson and sliced apples dipped in honey. This Jewish tradition expresses the "hope for a sweet new year". What a *sweet* new year this has already started to be! We are looking forward to many more happy times in this 2014-2015 Sunday School year.

Children's Christian Ed Co-chairs
~ Sally G & Elizabeth D

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Where's the Stewardship campaign? Where are the pledge cards? Where's the beef? Don't despair. Stewardship is doing a new thing. We are planning an engaging format for sharing our gifts. Stay tuned. More is on the way.

Your beloved, humorous, and most sincere
Stewardship Chair,
Janice L

Isotopes Forever!

ADULT FORUM

The Bible for Dummies

On September 7, the Adult forum began a series of classes from the book *The Bible for Dummies*, by Dr. Jeffrey Geoghegan and Dr. Michael Homan. The classes provide an introduction to Bible basics. The authors refer to it as a "tour" of the book. It is written in an accessible, engaging, and humorous way; but also with deep respect for both Jewish and Christian traditions and use of the Bible.

The intention is to study the chapters going through the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) now, and then to return in the winter or spring to the historical books and prophets. Next fall we will continue with a similar series on the New Testament.

While there will be a few "loaner copies of the book available, those intending to participate in the class are encouraged to buy either the print or electronic version for themselves. It is available on Amazon for about \$13.50 plus shipping.

This month, we continue to explore:

Oct. 5 - "Chapter 5: The Babylonian Hillbillies:
The Adventures of Abraham and His Family
(Genesis 12-25:18)"

Oct. 12 - "Chapter 6: The Birth of a Nation: Isaac, Jacob, and Their Many Children (Genesis 25:19-50)"

Oct. 19 - "Chapter 7: Holy Moses! Exploring Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy"

The Adult Forum meets at 9:20 a.m. on Sunday morning in the Upper Room.

~ Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

HEALTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

The Health Ministry Partnership (HMP) Committee will roll out its' next project this month. It is a wonderful endeavor that will enable members to document important information and store it in an accessible place for loved ones to access in the event of one's death or in the event one is unable to make his/her own life decisions. If you have ever had to process someone's estate after a death without knowing the individual's wishes or important medical, financial or personal desires, you know how valuable this information can be.

This document is titled *Life File*. It will be posted in 9 separate files on our LPPC Church Website beginning in October. Please click on **Ministries of LPPC** and then on **LPPC Health Resources** to access the *Life File*. The intent is to have these on the LPPC website to complete at your own pace. For example, if you set a goal to complete one document each month, it will take 9 months. This is personal information that you will most likely print in hardcopy and store somewhere in your home. A trusted friend or family member would also have a copy or know where the document is stored to access if needed.

On October 5th, we will be giving a "Minute for HMP" to announce the rollout of this project. We will also have a table set up in the Fellowship Hall with copies of the Files to look at and members of the committee will be available to answer questions. We would encourage folks who think they might

like to use this program to sign up. While there will be no fee, donations will gladly be accepted.

We would like to thank Delfina Hernandez, our Administrator, for putting this document into pdf format. We also thank Russell M, our website guru, who placed these files on the website for all to access. The HMP committee co-chairs are Pat T and Anne E. They can be contacted if there are any questions as we proceed.

~ The Health Ministry Partnership Committee

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Columbarium Expansion

If you take a stroll through the Memorial Garden heading in the direction of the sound of running water, you will (hopefully) arrive at our beautiful water feature. This peaceful site also includes the columbarium. Built in 2001, this consecrated edifice has, long since, attained capacity.

Plans for columbarium expansion have been a topic of conversation in the Session get-togethers for a great while. Specifics of our September conversation, extracted from the meeting minutes are as follows:

Rev. Henry stated that he was finally able to meet contractor James G. The columbarium expansion plans were discussed and Mr. G developed a quote to perform the work. That estimate for construction of the plaster columbarium vault is \$4,000 for a 12 niche capacity vault and \$8000 for a 24 niche structure.

*Rev. Henry further noted that funds garnered from the sale of columbarium chambers will significantly offset the expansion costs. The price to purchase a niche is \$800 with two or more niches priced at \$600 each. (The columbarium as it currently exists has twelve niches, all of which are either utilized or reserved). The new masonry structure will be built to accommodate twenty-four niches, with a twelve metal niche encasement initially being purchased. The metal encasement will cost LPPC \$4000. A **motion was made and approved by Session to begin construction of the***

masonry columbarium and promote availability/sale of the niches. The selling of niches will provide additional funds to assuage the columbarium costs and purchase the initial 12 metal encasements. Over time, as sale of the niches increase, those funds in turn, become available to purchase additional encasements. Note: due to the benevolence of Memorial Garden financial supporters, the columbarium fund account balance is \$5832.

My guess, as to project completion is spring, 2015, but reservations can be booked now in the administration office. See our placement coordinator, Ms. Delfina Hernandez, at your convenience.

Yours truly, Bill L, Clerk of Session.

**EARTHCARE
FELLOWSHIP**

CALL FOR POETS!

Winter Solstice Celebration at LPPC

The 17th annual candlelight poetry reading, sponsored by the LPPC Earthcare Fellowship, will be on December 20, 2014. This year's event is dedicated to the late Charles Little. Put on your creative hat and write a poem in the theme of "Old Man Winter".

Submissions are due November 15. Questions and submissions should be sent to lppcearthcare@lasplacitascurch.org

**CASA ROSA
FOOD PANTRY**

Remember that AmazonSmile will donate to Casa Rosa if you sign up on <http://smile.amazon.com> and select *Las Placitas Presbyterian Church* as the charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to LPPC in support of Casa Rosa Food Pantry. All Amazon donations will be electronically deposited directly into the

independent checking account for Casa Rosa Food Pantry. Once signed up on AmazonSmile, just remember to always start your shopping at AmazonSmile (instead of Amazon). Casa Rosa thanks you for helping to spread the word about AmazonSmile and for helping to support the Food Pantry - an outreach mission of LPPC.



FELLOWSHIP

Refreshment Sign Up Sheet: The refreshment signup sheet is on the kitchen counter next to the coffee maker (and it appears below). I will no longer be recruiting people to sign up – I will instead count on everyone who stays for the Fellowship hour to sign up 1 or 2 times annually to provide the refreshments. The social hour is much enhanced by the yummy goodies you have all been bringing. I know I can count on you all to do your part without my bugging you with my clip board!

Thank you, Wendy I.



Sunday, October 5	Frances E
Sunday, October 12	Cliff & Rhea G
Sunday, October 19	Nan S
Sunday, October 26	
Sunday, November 2	
Sunday, November 9	
Sunday, November 16	Bob & Susan H
Sunday, November 23	



MEMBER PROFILE

IDA B

Ida was born in Pulaski, VA but was raised in the mountain community of Indian Valley. She is the 5th of 5 children. Ida attended the Primitive Baptist Church, which is very interesting. There is no choir or musical accompaniment. If someone wants to sing a hymn, they request it and the congregation sings. In Ida's area, service was held in your home church once per month; you traveled to nearby churches on the other Sundays. Ida was a member of the 4th Sunday church. When a preacher isn't preaching at his home church, that preacher may travel and preach at other churches. You normally could have multiple visiting preachers on one Sunday and each would be provided an opportunity to preach or lead prayers.

Ida lived in Indian Valley, VA until she went to Radford College majoring in Biology. She joined the Air Force at 22 and was trained as an X-ray technician at Shepherd AF Base, Wichita Falls, TX. After training, she transferred to Sembach Air Base in Germany. Upon completing her AF enlistment, Ida worked as an Army civil servant in drug and alcohol treatment at Kleber Kaserne, Germany. She spent 7 years in Germany. Ida returned to the AF as a civil servant and was Director of the Family Support Center at Maxwell AFB near Montgomery, AL. She held the same job at Langley AFB, VA. There she met Randall during their frequent jogs after work.

Ida's favorite job was working as the Deputy for Force Support Squadron Commanders at McConnell AFB near Wichita, Kansas. She interacted with military members and their families to provide leadership in readiness support, family programs, employment, education, casualty services and much more. Along the way, Ida earned a Master's and Specialist in Education degrees with majors in Counseling and Guidance from Ball State Univ. at their European division. In addition, she earned a Master's degree in Military Operational Art and Science from Air University, Maxwell

AFB, AL. Ida retired from the Air Force after 33 years of combined military and federal civil service.

A Kansas neighbor was insistent that Randall and Ida should visit NM. They started visiting the state and loved it. While traveling on the east side of the Sandia Mountain and running late for Randall's birthday dinner at The Range, they took a short cut over the mountain and rode into the Village of Placitas. Ida said "she could spend the rest of her life here." Due to divine intervention, they purchased their home in 2009; then returned from Kansas monthly for 2 years before moving here permanently in 2011.

Ida's hobbies now include exercising, motorcycle touring, traveling, and attending NASCAR races. Last year she and Randall took a wonderful motorcycle trip to Glacier NP, then to Idaho, Utah and Colorado. This summer they visited Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

A favorite memory is her baptism in a VA mountain creek. She doesn't remember the cold water of the mountain creek, but related a cleansing that she remembers and cherishes to this day.

Ida would most like to meet Jesus to thank Him for his love, grace and mercy.

One thing Ida wished she could do was to sing in a traveling gospel group (she says she can't sing!).

The 5 things she wouldn't want to do without are: her reading glasses, water, church, outdoors and her Bible.

Her favorite parts about attending LPPC are: Rev. Henry's sermons and his non-judgmental way of teaching, praise singing, fellowship, our members and the reminder that we are all God's people.

~ Wendy I. & Betty C.

