



February 16-17, 2019

Pastor Notes:

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
Luke 6:36 (NIV)

I have been intertwined in a long-term love affair. We have been carrying on for almost forty years and have no intention of breaking it off anytime soon. Early on, like most hopelessly in love lovers, and regardless of what anyone thought, we decided that we wanted this to last, and amazingly it has.

It would be great if all it takes is being smitten and wanting things to last. But our love hasn't sailed this far and for this long on mere passion. Passion doesn't know how to handle the storms, fix the leaks, bail the water, and recalibrate the route when blown off course, for that, among other things we have needed compassion, grit, teamwork, and mercy.

She did tell me what would sink the boat, burst the bubble, flush the dream. No second chance for cheating, no tolerance for violence and abuse, and no license to let myself go and turn into a slob, "You'll get the hook!" she said. I have always loved her strength and self-respect.

Forty years is a lot of life, a lot of challenges, struggles, disappointments, frustrations, mess-ups, and **unexpected**. All that initial madly-in-loveness did not eradicate my bad habits, iron out my flaws, and cure my weaknesses. All that startup passion did not produce instant maturity, reliability, and the ability to handle things right. Hesch! I couldn't even say "I'm sorry" (I'm still not very good at it – ask her). Without mercy, all this relationship tinder would have ignited a long time ago and burned everything into a smoldering heap of ashes. It was the practice of mercy, the being merciful that checked hurts, granted forgiveness, allowed for trying again. It was mercy that checked the anger, prevented the bitterness from spreading, and reigned in self-righteousness. These forty years of love she has blessed me with mercy, with being merciful without being an enabler, without compromising herself.

The crucified Christ, the greatest expression of God's love, reminds us that great, real, and enduring love stories are never written without mercy. So, it is no wonder he counsels and commands us to be merciful in all of life, and especially as lovers.

Happy Valentines. Pastor Hans





Lord Hear Our Prayers

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: Sandra Perry 484-2022 or Claudette Siebert 852-0105. Or, send an e-mail to: BATTprayer@yahoo.com

PRAYER REQUEST

Reliable vehicle for the family, Peter's Health, Susan Watts back fracture, Helen Kimball

Missionaries: Payton & Grace Downing and building of their home, their church leaders and people to help with bible translation.

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland,
Justin Mebus, John Michael Chavez, Joseph Kopp,
Dylan Werner, Michael Thomasson, Thomas Hoffman,
Chris Kelly, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown,
Jonathan Grinols, Austin Kroeker, Rebekah Wilhelmy
Brian Sula

SALVATION

Nick, Susan Watts brother Greg, Phillip, Luke, Skip,
Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy,
Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Cindy, Dustin, Josiah, Amanda

Bereavement

The Kluding family

February

Announcements

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 18th - Mission Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
- Feb. 24th - Communion Sunday

“**Survival Kit**”: Keys to Effective Spiritual Growth
Class will begin on March 3rd.
during Sunday School/Small Group time, 9:00 A.M.
Open to all interested.
For more information See Pastor Hans

*There will be a Baptism for
Gage Medlin on
February 24th*

Ministry Opportunities

There are many opportunities to serve here at Lake Don Pedro Baptist. Check the back of the Bulletin for the Ministry Leaders and let them know you are interested. A few are looking for help. A Kitchen Leader, Website Administrator and Multi Media Co-Leader. If you are interested in serving in these areas please put a note in the offering plate using the cards provided or simply give your name to Jannett in the Office.

Giving

February 10, 2019

Offering:
\$4,172.00

Food:
\$375.00

Facilities:
\$200.00

Centrifuge:
\$150.00

Attendance:
80

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups: 9:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 A.M.

1st Tuesday Food Ministry:
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

3rd Tuesday Food Ministry:
10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

Wednesday: Women's Morning Bible Study
(On Hiatus till further notice)

Wednesday: Bible Study/Small Group
For all ages @7:00 P.M.

Thursday: Dominos/Chicken Foot
10:00 A.M.

Saturday: Bible Study/Small group
5:45 P.M.

Saturday: Worship Service - 7:00 P.M.

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Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.

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February 18th - February 24th

DAY 1 - Micah 5-6 (Psalms 18)	DAY 4 - Amos 1-2 (Psalms 21)
DAY 2 - Micah 7 - Hab. 1 (Psalms 19)	DAY 5 - Amos 3-4 (Psalms 22)
DAY 3 - Hab. 2-3 (Psalms 20)	DAY 6 - (Psalms 23)
	DAY 7 - (Psalms 24)

