



April 14-15, 2018

Pastor Note:

“Look at the birds ... Consider the lilies of the field...”

Matthew 6:26 &28

They were strutting their stuff; seriously, all seven of them, decked out to the nines, whooping and hollering at anything that remotely resembled a female. When the sunlight hit them just right they lit up in an explosion of iridescent colors, yet they were oblivious to just how spectacular they looked. Their tiny brains cooked on an overdose of springtime testosterone these seven boys put on the full show to garner an invite from our lone goose and three old chickens, which were glad for the fence separating them from this gang of juvenile toms. They strutted, they gobbled, they inflated their flaming red necks, they fanned out their magnificent tail feathers like big bouquets, they dropped their wings to the ground and danced in circles and figure eights trying to outdo their buddy next to him. It was quite the show, but it obviously did not impress the hens and goose, which only aided their efforts until in utter consternation and frustration over how anyone could resist such an exquisite display of masculinity and wooing, they decided to pack it in and move on. That’s when we saw her emerging from behind the woodpile, one solitary, plain clothed, smallish, wild turkey hen. I am not sure if she looked scared or if she was smiling over the fact that these boys were like putty in her hands, that she had the power to keep them dancing for the rest of spring. I do know that wherever she went they followed, trying to impress that girl, to make her chose just him. Susie and I were quite entertained by this impromptu morning turkey ruckus.

Of course, I could also tell you about the stellar jay and its hidden shades of blue covering its back, which only become visible when the light hits just right. Or I could tell you about our walk at Salt Point and its sandstone scar that has been the battlefield between and try to discover as many different flowers dressed in timeless



high-end fashion, I am sure it would take us more than the afternoon.

I understand why some say they don’t need church to be close to God, God does tell about himself through his creation, and he speaks and teaches us through it as well. He also speaks through his church in ways that nature can’t, it is not one or the other, but we are poorer if we don’t pay attention to both. But that’s not my point for this pastor’s note. I wanted to remind you that God speaks to us, teaches us, and reminds us of important things (and often in connection with praying and reading Scripture, the Bible). Springtime seems to just want to grab our hands and pull us outside to look, to listen, to be captivated, to have the sunlight hit just right to reveal flashes of God that leave us breathless and in awe.

I remember sitting out on the tiny balcony of my brother’s apartment in the middle of Stuttgart. Like a good Swabian he and his wife had things growing on the balcony, but looking up swallows were giving an awesome areal show. For us living in Don Pedro, that seems rather ordinary, but God can speak through those swallows, a lizard on a rock, a gourd in the desert, a sparrow in the street, an eagle in the sky, a lily by the roadside, and turkeys at breakfast.

And what about those turkeys? They made me think about what a turkey I can be, that my base instincts are corrupted by sin and can have me act like a fool or hurtful and then excuse it as normal. I thought about #MeToo looking at that little hen who was being pestered and pressured by those seven males and that surely we can do better. I thought about how much thought God put into the plumage of a turkey, they really are a sight in full regalia. I was reminded that God wants me to dress in Christlikeness, reflect the beauty of Christ, from early morning till night, and for this entire season we call life.

To God be all glory. Love you, 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

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, Josiah,
Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner,
Dan, Cindy, Dustin,
Amanda

PRAYER REQUEST

Health & Healing:
Tom Jordan, Juliane Berger, Tyler Watts

PRAY FOR:

families but our enemies. Teach us how to ask for more according to your will. Teach us how to pray in power and faith.

Lord, we want to be pleasing to you. So please, show us where and with what we are not accountable, where we are putting our own interests before yours, where we are uncommitted to that which you want us to commit to, where we are unconcerned where your heart breaks, where we are proud instead of humble, where we are selective in the application of your word, and where we resist and grieve the Holy Spirit.

Lord, you challenged us to be childlike in our faith, to be harmless and wise at the same time, to care about sinners, peace, justice, mercy, the lost, the displaced, the outcasts, those not like us, even the very least of humanity. Give us the heart, the will, long-term obedience to engage ourselves, to get dirty, to be worn out, poured out, and used for your glory and kingdom.

Lord, you told us to deny ourselves, to pick up our cross and follow you, to love you more than father and mother, children, friends, and country, to be radical in dealing with our sin and be patient with the sins of others, to go into and live in this world, in Don Pedro, Greely Hill, Coulterville, and La Grange like you did Jesus, and there to make disciples. We again commit ourselves to all of these, asking you for the strength, the power, and perseverance they require.

Lord Jesus, we love you, we love belonging to you, being led by you, and being your church, together here in this place. You alone are worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing, honor, power, and glory.

Amen

2018 Church Members' Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

Son of God, Creator, Sustainer, Savior, High Priest forever, Lamb of God slain for the sins of the world, Redeemer, friend of sinners, head of the church, your very body and bride.

We, as a local representation of your body, your flock, your fellowship, your family, your church lift up your name, worship you, and give thanks for you to God the Father, for who you are, what you are, and what you have done.

We thank you for loving us when we were unlovable, enemies of God, dead in our trespasses and sins, without hope, without merit, lost and condemned.

We stand amazed that you would seek for us, come to us, offer us your very life; extend to us mercy and grace, forgiveness and reconciliation, salvation and eternal life.

We marvel that you would pour out the Holy Spirit on us, entrust the Gospel to us, and consider and call us to be your body, your representation, your presence in this world in our time.

Lord, today, as the Lake Don Pedro Baptist church we pray for your harvest here where you have placed us. We are struggling to bring it in. Show us what we are missing, where we are lacking. Multiply the harvest workers. Forgive us where we have been slack, lazy, preoccupied, and unwilling.

Lord, this year teach us about prayer. Prayer that is larger than our daily needs, deeper than our concerns for health, safety, comfort and good times. Teach us about prayer that enters the battle against temptation, the unmovable, the demonic, evil and the evil one. Teach us to love and pray for more than our friends and

April Announcements



SPRING CLEANING - TREE TRIMMING



Please sign up and show up for some Spring cleaning and tree trimming that needs to be done around the church. It will be on Saturday, April 21st. We will start at 8:00 A.M. There will be a variety of jobs and you can work as long as you'd like.

We will provide all needed supplies; however, if you have a chain saw, we could use a few.



For more information contact Paul Baker, 852-0157.

Thank you to...

- Larry Vessel & Sons for the parking lot work
- All those on the "Facilities Crew"
- Eric and Sean for stepping up to help our Worship Team

All Your efforts are so appreciated!!



CHURCH WEB SITE: You can check out the latest video from Payton and Grace at ldpbaptistchurch.com.

Go to the Missions page and select:
PAYTON & GRACE LATEST VIDEO.

There is also information on the kids and Youth camps on the Children's and Youth pages.

Giving & Attendance

April 8, 2018

Offering:
\$4,398.00

Food:
\$50.00

Facilities:
\$50.00

Attendance:
106

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 – Woman’s Bible Study
10:00 A.M

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.

Ready?

TO GIVE
AN
ACCOUNT



April 16th - April 22nd

DAY 1 - Deut. 3-4 (Psalms 45)	DAY 4 - Deut. 9-10 (Psalms 48)
DAY 2 - Deut. 5-6 (Psalms 46)	DAY 5 - Deut. 11-12 (Psalms 49)
DAY 3 - Deut. 7-8 (Psalms 47)	DAY 6 - Psalms 50 DAY 7 - Psalms 51

“Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.”

Romans 14:12