

Spring arrives in Don Pedro long before its calendar date, and with it come the Springtime chores like spraying weeds, mowing grass, raking leaves, and burning piles. Before you get to the tasks requiring mechanical and motorized equipment, you will, if you are smart and want your equipment to work properly and last, spend some time on maintenance. Like changing oil, greasing things up, checking filters, sharpening blades, tightening bolts, and charging batteries. Doing so will save you a lot of headaches, frustration, expense, time, and sweat.

Most things in life require maintenance, our bodies, homes, marriages, families, relationships, businesses, skills, brains, attitudes, good habits, friendships, and life with God, all require maintenance. Maintenance has a schedule, some things need daily attention while others, like the transmission filter I changed yesterday, need to be looked after at longer intervals. One thing's for sure, you can tell the absence of maintenance, if you ever shopped for a used car you know what I mean. And, some things are more important to maintain than others, maintaining the frame, engines, controls, and landing gear of an airplane should have a higher priority than the touch screens on the back of the seats.

When we are serious about following Jesus, we have to learn a lot of new things, develop godly and wise habits, and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18), but once we've learned something the challenge becomes maintaining it, and continuing in it. For instance, there are the basic, fundamental habits of the Christian life, you can probably list them, Bible study, prayer, being an active part of a church, regularly worshipping together, caring for and helping each other (Acts 2:42-47). But let's be honest, we can do all of the above and be total butts. I'll explain, you can come to church and treat people badly, have a horrible attitude, or a very hurtful mouth. You can pray a fancy prayer and talk spiritual but stubbornly cling to sins

and bad behaviors. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. They all need continual maintenance after we learn and acquire them. The same is true about holiness, **"As he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'"** 1 Peter 1:15-16 (ESV). The Apostle Paul wrote the Philippian church, **"Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose"** Philippians 2:2 (NASB). Unity and love certainly need maintenance, as do a Christlike attitude, honesty, integrity, humility, generosity, contentment, selflessness, doing good, and a serving spirit.

What I have found is that maintaining the core habits helps me with maintaining the others, it's like when I change the oil on my cars regularly, I am reminded to take a look at the tires, brakes, etc. Secondly, it really helps to continually rub shoulders with others who care about holiness, goodness, living by faith, and growing in Christ, it's like being around a bunch of classic car enthusiasts, they talk shop, look under each other's hoods, share knowhow, and always have a cloth in their back pocket to do some polishing.

While you were reading this pastor's note what maintenance item in your life kept coming to your mind? Pay attention to it!

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Lynnette Barrera, Jacob (joining Coast Guard), Capt. Dean (Janice Joyce's grandson), Willis & Carol Parrish (healing)
All those fighting fires in California, our Country's leadership,
and those dealing with addiction(s).

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,
Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin,
John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker,
Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs, Jacob Bowden

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldpbcprayer@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler, Jerry Lyman,
Sarah Storey, April Wilcox



VBS: Magnified!

Coming to Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

July 21 - 25

Volunteers needed!

Please sign up in the foyer

For more information: Susie (209) 247-9234

February Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday's @ 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 PM
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday's @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare: Wednesday's, March 5th - April 23rd @ 6:30 PM
- Chicken Foot - Thursday's @ 1:00 PM

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
"Merle's Class"

Thank you

Next week "Hans" class is up!!

"2025 Tanzania Mission Trip"

November 2nd - 18th

(See Pastor Hans for further details)

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that cost you nothing could mean everything to someone who is suffering in the silence of self-exile.



Giving

February 16, 2025

Offering:
\$1,225.00

Facilities:
\$.00

Food:
\$.00

Missions:
\$10.00

Vbs shirts:
\$30.00

Attendance:
89

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:
9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:
10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:
6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday
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Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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Give

Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:38 (NIV)



Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2025
February 24th - March 2nd

DAY 1 - Esth. 5-6
(Psalms 24)

DAY 2 - Esth. 7-8
(Psalms 25)

DAY 3 - Esth. 9-10
(Psalms 26)

DAY 4 - Hosea 1-2
(Psalms 27)

DAY 5 - Hosea 3-4
(Psalms 28)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 1)
DAY 7 - (Prov. 2)

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.