Pastor Note:

I don't own a single pair of white pants, and when I wear a white shirt, I feel like a stain magnet. I just don't do well wearing anything white, drops, drools, squirts, smudges, and accidents hound me like a pack of wolves. Grease, ketchup, mustard, salsa, coffee, tea, chocolate, and berries of all kinds love to congregate on any light-colored clothing of mine like tsetse flies on blue tarps.

What's even harder to keep clean is my life. Try as I may (And I think a preacher should try, don't you think?) careless words, lousy responses, rotten attitudes, pride, self-righteousness, stupid, selfishness, stubbornness, and ..., continually smudge my life like the windshield of a car driving through a swamp.

This is what makes Jesus' life so amazing, so singular, not a single stain, no smudges, nothing to launder, sinless. **"We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as** *we are, yet* **without sin**" Hebrews 4:15 (NASB). Not a single thought, word, or act outside of God's will and law. No misplaced word or broken promise. No abuse or misuse of power. No impure motivation. No careless or wrong reaction. Not an ounce of judgmentalism or pride. No rash or unwise decision. No ..., nothing.

It wasn't because Jesus didn't live in the trenches of life, was somehow isolated and insulated from the mean, the filth, the ugly, and the unfair of life. No, He was born into poverty, was a refugee, his half-brothers took shots at him, the people of His hometown tried to throw Him of a cliff, He was laughed and spit at, they called Him everything in the book, including a child of the devil. He was constantly watched, falsely accused of all kinds of things, and finally, although innocent of all charges, He was tortured and crucified like a common criminal. And yet, throughout all of it, every single day and every moment, He was without sin. He didn't trip once, not one slip, not a single "Whoops!" nothing to repent of or apologize for, not a single stain. Nothing but complete holiness and impeccable righteousness.

Completely pure, clean, spotless, flawless, you and I are utterly unfamiliar with such a life. We know dirt, machinations, pretense, and how to exploit flaws. We can't count the number of times we have succumbed to temptation, or total the sum of our sins. We can't imagine the surrender, humility, obedience, and discipline it took to live a sinless life. It is the hardest thing anyone ever did. Jesus' sinless, completely righteous, life is great news for us sinners. It qualified Him to be our eternal High Priest (as opposed to the high priests who were sinners like us, Hebrews 7:26-28), to be atonement for our sin - "God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ" 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT2, also see John 1:29, Hebrews 9:26, 10:12), and our Savior – "Because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf" Hebrews 7:24 -25 (NLT2).

Jesus' sinless life is also an invitation, an open door into God's presence. We dare not enter on our own, our sin prevents and condemns us. However, Jesus, the Sinless One, can and will take anyone who trusts in Him there, "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" Hebrews 4:15-16 (NASB).

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans

Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger, Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Gabi Cox, Rickie Jeffers Family and Friends, Our Church's Ministries,

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland, Noah Martin, Rebekah Wilhelmy, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Dylan Werner, Brian Sula, Michael Thomasson, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula

For those wanting to send cards & flowers to *Genevieve* see her new address below:

Brandel Manor C/O Genevieve Alldrin 1801 North Olive Ave. Turlock, Ca 95382 Ph # 209-410-7200

| Prayers: | | |
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Sermon Notes:

Being a Church that Cares Well

Training coming soon...

Why?

"The American church is facing an abuse crisis. Is your church doing all it can to be safe for survivors and safe from abuse? Churches should be a refuge for those who have experienced abuse. But, too often, survivors haven't found the protection they deserve and the care they need from the church. Are you ready to join us in changing that?"

Yes. We are committed to being a safe place for everyone from babies to elderly and we will continue to keep ourselves educated and trained in order to be able to love, love, love. In order for that we will have once-a-month trainings for 4 months for our church staff, Deacons, Board, Children and Youth Leaders, Women's Leaders, Men's Leader, and Food Basket Leaders, and any other adult that may be interested in attending. Each meeting will be at the church from **6:00-8:30 pm**.

Meeting 1: 2/13/23 Meeting 2: 3/13/23 **Meeting 3: 4/17/23** Meeting 4: 5/08/23

The videos are survivor stories, educational training, and explaining why the church's response to abuse is a Gospel issue (meeting #1).

In addition to providing these monthly meetings, our leaders and administration will commit to protecting our children and church by training as Mandated Reporters and have a live scan background check.

If you would like to join our monthly meetings, please let Susie Frei know so there is a seat for you (<u>skfrei@gmail.com</u> or 209-247-9234) or let Jannett know.

March Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM 11:00 A.M.
- Communion Sunday March 26th
 - Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service

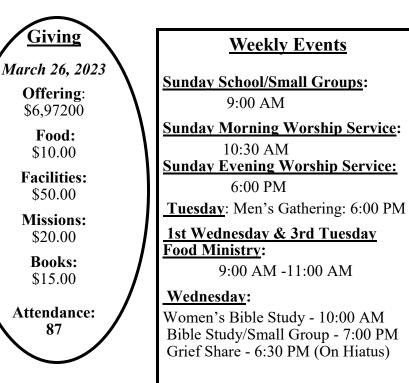
Fellowship Time Snacks were provided By - *Merle's Class*

Thank you

Next week Hans' Class is up!!

If you are interested in Church Membership, please see the sign –up sheet in the foyer.

The church is looking for someone experienced in Accounting. If that's **you** please get your name to Jannett in the office or see Pastor Hans.



Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM



March 27th thru April 2nd

DAY 1 - Luke 13 (Proverbs 27) DAY 2 - Luke 14 (Proverbs 28) DAY 3 - Luke 15 (Proverbs 29) DAY 4 - Luke 16 (Proverbs 30) DAY 5 - Luke 17 (Proverbs 31) DAY 6 - (Psalms 29) DAY 7 - (Psalms 30) Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church 4175 Abeto Street La Grange California 95329 209-852-2029 Idpbaptistchurch@gmail.com www.ldpbaptistchurch.com



¹ Timothy 6:18

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.