



June 30, 2024

Sermon Notes:

In Honor of Patti Littlefield – Little Pattifield – Blessing

In my mind and heart, “Blessing” is the most appropriate word for my sister in Christ who went to be with Jesus just a few weeks ago. It is a word you have to earn, a pair of big shoes, a heavy and beautiful mantle, a title worth living for.

The word Blessing fits Patti as a Mom, a wife, a sister, a grandma, a friend, a neighbor, an employee, a follower of Jesus, a missionary, a church secretary, and a sister in Christ. It is both fun and pure encouragement to watch someone who is that good at blessing. Makes me think of Jesus when **on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water'"** John 7:37-38 (NASB). The water, John explains, is the Holy Spirit Jesus promised. If you knew Patti, you had no doubt that she had taken a big swig of Jesus, and you got to watch Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Blessing pour out of her.

Patti’s Mom and Dad started the Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church, some years later Patti and her husband Gary moved to Don Pedro, in part to take care of Bille, her widowed Mom. They became part of our church, and that is how I got to have a front-row seat to Patti doing her blessing thing. Then she became our church secretary, but more accurately, she was the assistant pastor and bouncer outside the pastor’s/my office door. She transformed the church office into a ministry, prayer, counseling, and teaching hub. An example and legacy that still continues. And, she had my back, you messed with me you messed with her. You have no idea what a blessing it is for a pastor who has someone like that at your side.

Her family, Church, and Don Pedro were too small for her blessing capacity, so she got a Holy Spirit itch for missions, which took her to Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil, and Nigeria. Out of this grew a missions partnership with Pastor Arnold Manasse, Pastor Goodluck Msumari, and the Arusha Baptist Association that continues today. If you and I could fly to Tanzania together and interview people where Patti ministered, I am certain that “Blessing” would be the word you would hear most often.

You don’t become a blesser like Patti by holding back, by posting “off limits” signs, or by saying no when the assignments are difficult. Her heart, her life, her home, her kitchen, her wallet, her calendar, she opened them up, figured it out, didn’t withhold. Her declining Mom moved in and died in her home, and who knows how many others found refuge there. Her kitchen became a fundraiser institution. Her living room and porch a place for Bible Study and prayer, and her car a free taxi.

She didn’t quit with blessing when her health wasn’t the best, when she was hurting, when things were hard to the point of screaming, when she was taken for granted or was taken advantage of, when what God was doing didn’t make sense, or when she was hobbled, like on the last mission's trip we served together. She was aching, hobbling with a cane but off we went. The good news was that by pushing her wheelchair at the airport we got to be at the front of the lines – an unanticipated blessing, blessing when you’re not even trying.

Our selfless, serving, blessing Patti has laid her blessing mantle down, it is time that we who were blessed by its covering take it up, blessings are better when they are multiplied, Amen! She would rejoice over it, and Jesus, Her Savior and Lord has already approved it.

With great thanks, Pattie’s richly blessed Pastor, Brother in Christ, Friend, and Fellow Servant of Jesus.

To God be all glory, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Patti Littlefield has passed so we are now praying for her family,
Bob Sykes, Steve & Joyce Prinz, Carolyn Jeffers,
Felix Barrera, Amy Watts,
The Hall Family,
VBS 2024 Helpers

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

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 & Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar**
ldpbcpayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

Important

Vacation Bible School Staff Kick-Off meeting

Who should come: All who are helping with VBS or are considering helping with

VBS

When: Monday, July 1st @ 6:30 pm

Where: church sanctuary

What to expect:

Purchase your VBS t-shirt (\$15), teachers will get their packets, everyone will get to practice the song and movements, VBS snack sample, learn our motto and theme verse, and learn how you can help make our 2024 Vacation Bible School a purposeful ministry to our community



July Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study - Wed. @ 10:00 AM
On Hiatus till Sept. 4th
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided

By - "*Dennis' Class*"

Thank you

Next week "Beverly's Class & Youth" are up!!

VBS

**Registration forms are on the table,
in the foyer for
Participants (P) and Volunteers (V) .**

Please take one and return to Jannett or put on her desk in
the office.

Remember:

VBS Kick Off for *Staff*

Tomorrow - July 1st

at 6:30 P.M.

Giving

June 23, 2024

Offering:
\$1,342.00

Facilities:
\$5.00

Centrifuge:
\$.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Food:
\$.00

Missions:
\$.00

Attendance:
82

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

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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July 1st - July 7th

DAY 1 - Matt. 27-28
(Ecc. 1)

DAY 2 - 1 Sam. 1-2
(Ecc. 2)

DAY 3 - 1 Sam. 3-4
(Ecc. 3)

DAY 4 - 1 Sam. 5-6
(Ecc. 4)

DAY 5 - 1 Sam. 7-8
(Ecc. 5)

DAY 6 - (Ecc. 6)
DAY 7 - (Ecc. 7)

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.