



August 11, 2024

Pastor Notes:

40 years ago, on the second Sunday of August 1984, the members of the Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church voted to extend a call to Susie and I (we come as a package), to be their interim pastor. Afterward, we had a potluck outside together with flies, and yes it was hot.

40 is a biblical number. The flooding in Noah's day took forty days, Moses spent forty days on Mt Sinai, the Israelites wandered for forty years in the wilderness, the Tabernacle had forty sockets of silver, the spies Moses sent out came back after forty days, physical punishment was limited to no more than forty stripes, Saul, David, Solomon, and Joash reigned for forty years, Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness fasting and being tempted, and after his resurrection he was with his disciples and taught them for forty days. Of course, 3 is a biblical number as well, so I need to be careful about attaching too much significance to Susie's and my little number 40.

Years in and of themselves don't mean much, whose you are, who you are, and what you do in the days that make up each journey around the sun is much more important. I wish I could brag a little more on that count, had filled that number 40 up with more of what really counts, had been better at redeeming all that time (Ephesians 5:16).

40 years is half a lifetime, much change, lots of stories, so many people. It also means that Susie and I haven't quit, which really is a testimony to God's faithfulness much more than ours. He would just hold on to us when we were in over our heads and overwhelmed, felt alone, ran out of rope, and were about to let go. Our salvation testifies of his saving grace, all these years testify of his daily and sustaining grace, as well as his abiding presence and great sense of humor.

In our church Bible reading plan, we started reading the Gospel of John this week, for the first four chapters I wrote down all that John tells us Jesus is, what he has always been, and always will be. He is God, without beginning, the Word, Creator of all, life, inextinguishable and incomparable light, the way and means to God and his

kingdom, God in the flesh, the greatest display of God's glory, full of grace and truth, the very revelation of God, the God-provided lamb/sin-sacrifice, God's chosen one, the Christ/Messiah, the only Son of God, the one who has the power to lay down and take up his life, the right one to believe in and follow, the Son of Man who has come from heaven, the one who has and can give eternal life, the only Savior of the world who alone can save from God's wrath, and the greatest and ultimate gift of God. That is the Jesus who captivated Susie's and my heart a long time ago, that is the Jesus we have been serving, and that is the Jesus we as the Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church want everyone to know and follow all the years of their lives and right into eternity.

The main story of John 4 is Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman by Jacob's well. The disciples had gone to town to get some lunch while Jesus stayed behind and had a conversation with this lady who had come to get water. What she needed more than water was Jesus, to believe in and follow Jesus because ultimately only he can quench the thirst of our souls.

When the disciples returned with Jesus' lunch they were perplexed that he was speaking with a single woman, a Samaritan at that (Jews were highly prejudiced against Samaritans). In reading this chapter again I started thinking about what hasn't changed. First and thankfully, Jesus/God hasn't (see paragraph above). Secondly, the disciples' and our struggle with seeing the world and thinking like Jesus hasn't. They got hung up by the trivial (food), cultural constraints, prejudices, and by the destination being more important than the journey and the people on their way. They were completely oblivious and blind to the Samaritans' need for Christ. Thirdly, there is still a need for you and me to be hungry for knowing and doing God's will above all else, only then will we see people and our world with the eyes and heart of Jesus, now and forty years from now. **Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest... I sent you to reap ..."** John 4:34-35, 38 (ESV).

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Taylor Cox, Bob Sykes, Steve Prinz,
Amy Watts & baby Wyatt, those dealing with addiction,
those who have lost family members, those who have lost their
homes due to fire, Fire & Rescue people

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

August 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.
 - **GriefShare** - Wednesday @ 6:30 PM
 - **Women on Higher Ground Retreat 9/27 - 9/29**

For more information contact De-Leta or see poster in the Foyer

Registration must be turned in by August 19th

NO Evening Service tonight



Pastor Hans'
"40th Anniversary"
Celebration & Potluck
Today

Giving

August 11, 2024

Offering:
\$4,421.00

Facilities:
\$115.00

Books & Material:
\$15.00

Food:
\$75.00

VBS:
\$1,492.00

Attendance:
93

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 - On Hiatus
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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August 12 - August 18th

DAY 1 - John 5-6
(Job 14)

DAY 2 - John 7-8
(Job 15)

DAY 3 - John 9-10
(Job 16)

DAY 4 - John 11-12
(Job 17-18)

DAY 5 - John 13-14
(Job 19)

DAY 6 - (Job 20)
DAY 7 - (Job 21)

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.