



# SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Adult Sunday School has the summer off and will begin again on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Note: Worship Service will begin at 11:10 am in June and 11:00 am in July.**



## CELEBRATIONS!

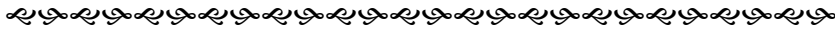


**Olive Hamish** turns 90 on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cards of congratulations may be sent to her home at: 129 Logan Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

**Congratulations to the following graduates:**



Scott Hill	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Linscott School
Heidi Watkins	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Bradley Elementary



## MEMORIAL WINDOWS

We have 106 windows in the Gymnasium/Social Hall and Kitchen that require replacement. Our goal is to replace all windows with plexiglass for safety and durability. To do so costs \$50 per window pane. We have established a Memorial Window Fund for this purpose. If you would like to honor someone who has made a significant contribution to your life or the life of the church, or if you would like to purchase a window pane in memory of someone special who has died, please forward your check to the church Attn: Financial Secretary, or place it in the Sunday offering. Be sure to write on your check the name of the person in whose honor or memory your are donating. An acknowledgment list will be prepared listing donors's names and the names of the memorialized and honored people.



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# BELL TOWER

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Watsonville, as part of the Church Universal, are committed to Spreading God's abounding Love, Proclaiming Jesus Christ's Message through the Truth of the Gospel by Word and Deed, and Spiritually Growing and Sharing the Gift of the Holy Spirit through Involvement and Interaction with the Diverse Community in which we live. In Faith, Unity; In Opinions, Liberty; In all Things, Love.



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## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

BY DR. REUBEN NEGRON

During the past few months we have been holding Sunday school lessons based on the practical or the functional ministries of the church. In all that we shared and learned we have come to the conclusion that no matter what gifts or ministry we share with our community the presence of the Lord's Spirit is essential. Whether we serve as deacon or elder, administrator or usher, worship leader or musician, pastor or chair, the ultimate goal is to bring forth God's work and make it palpable and real to those who are willing to enjoy the genuine camaraderie which is only possibly under the inspiration and direction of Christ.

While it is true that serving the church should be done in good order and harmony, it is far more important that the spirit that drives us to perform in the community be one of compassion and of good will. The gifts of the Spirit are not the end of the church's ministry but the means by which the community of faith functions. Our attitude toward the cause of Christ and our desire to further his vision in our community is far more essential than to be proficient in any of the skills we may claim to possess. How many people can preach eloquently or teach impressively or even serve diligently yet lack the most important ingredient in the Christian experience – love. It is love, the love of God that makes the expression of the Church unique in its

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# SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

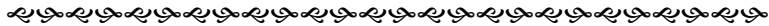
July 9 – July 15	Chi-Rho	(entering grades 6, 7, & 8)
July 16 – July 22	CYF I	(entering grades 9 & 10)
July 23 – July 29	CYF II	(entering grades 11 & 12)
July 30 – August 5	Junior Camp	(entering grades 4 & 5)




Cost of camp at **Community of the Great Commission** this year is \$420 per youth; this includes a \$30 endowment gift (originally (\$450 per youth). Completed registration forms and a \$50 deposit are due at the time of registration. Registration forms are available online at [www.ccncn.org](http://www.ccncn.org).

Funds are available to help each camper pay for registration. How much money is available per camper, however, depends upon how many youth attend. **Full registration paid by the church is not guaranteed.** As soon as we know how many campers are going, our Financial Secretary will be able to determine the exact amount the church will be able to contribute per camper.

**The \$50 deposit to the Region is nonrefundable and nontransferable.**



## JUNE SCHEDULE

4	Pentecost	
	Celebrate Members' June birthdays	
11	Celebrate Graduation	
14	Flag Day	
18	Father's Day	
21-25	"Mix in '06" Women's Quadrennial	
	Indianapolis, Indiana	
25	National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship	

mission. There is no other institution like it.

The practice of the different spiritual gifts in the church, and the role that love plays in the performance of these in the life of the community posed an enormous concern for the apostle Paul. The apostle's argument was very simple; love is the foundation for both the spiritual gifts and the church's ministry. It was Paul's understanding that the spiritual gifts shared in the community had to be driven by love if the community of faith truly wanted to reveal the intentions of Christ and the mission of the Church. Without it, the Church loses its reason of being.

Under no circumstances were the spiritual gifts or the ministry intended to honor the Church or its clergy. Paul reminds us that the measure in which we exercise our ministries will determine the image that we portray of God. If our gifts or ministries lack sensitivity and understanding then that would be the image that we project of God unto the world. However, the Spirit of the Lord empowers the Church to love and in loving, our gifts and ministries reflect the true character of God. The Church is called to reflect the image of God in its mission. Our gifts and ministries can make that possible.

Someone once said, "Gifts are both expressions of what we do and who we are, our identities and our vocation." As a community driven to believe in the gospel of peace and hope we cannot move forward in our ministry without experiencing the act of transformation, the experience that changes our attitudes and mindset. We need to be open to this experience; it is then that we will discover the enormous power behind the Pentecost event in our individual lives and in the life of the Church. With that power we can change our lives, our family, our community, our society, the world.

In shared ministry,

*Reuben*

