



# The CHIMES Newsletter

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Hey church! Our time in THE STORY comes to an end this month and speaking of story, part of our Confirmation curriculum was titled "Know Your Story". With the idea of story in mind, I thought I'd share the following event related by Haddon Robinson, a former seminary professor and president. As you read it, I think you will see how it fits for us, and that you'll be inspired and challenged to know and tell our story. Enjoy!

A professor of literature in Southern California, a Kiowa Indian, spoke about what it meant to him to know his story. When he was a small boy, his father awakened him early one morning and said, "Boy, get up. Come with me". His father took him by the hand and led him sleepily to the house of an old squaw. As he left, his father said, "Son, stay here for the day. I'll come get you this afternoon". All day long the aged woman of the Kiowa tribe told stories to the boy, sang songs, described rituals, and in the telling and singing, recounted the saga of the Kiowa. She described how the tribe began out of a hollow log in the Yellowstone River, how the people migrated southward, and how they fought their wars with other tribes. She spoke about the great blizzards, the buffalo hunts, the capture and the taming of wild horses and the skill of the braves as riders. She told about the coming of the white man, depression, the war with the soldiers, the moving southward again, Kansas, privation, starvation, the diminished tribe. Finally, Oklahoma, Fort Still, the reservation and confinement. She told it all. About dark, the father returned and said, "Come on, Son, it's time to go". The professor of literature commented, "When I left her house, I was a Kiowa". To be a Christian means enrollment in the great story – a story as ancient as the stars, but as up-to-date as tomorrow morning's newspaper. It's a story with a cast of characters stretching from Adam to Noah to Abraham to Moses to David to Daniel to Luke to Paul to Peter, James and John. It's a story whose cast will ultimately involve men and women from every tribe and nation on earth. It's a story that will not

conclude until eternity ends. To be a Christian, therefore, is to have our story merge with God's story. Each of us has a personal story that is part of the Great Plot. Anyone who has no story to tell knows nothing for what it means to belong to God, to Jesus Christ and to His people.

### **Here's a lineup of our worship services in May:**

**May 4** – One service at 10:00. UMW led service on the subject of Immigration and biblical response.

**May 11** – Mother's Day. The Story: Paul's Mission

**May 18** – Recognition of our High School grads! The Story: Paul's Final Days

**May 25** – Memorial Day Weekend. Last Chapter of The Story: The Book of Revelation

As you can see, there will be lots to celebrate this month during worship! Plus, we will be finishing our journey through THE STORY. I hope this journey has been inspiring, challenging, and encouraging for you. Most of all, I hope that you have found yourself aligning your story more and more with God's story. Together with God, and with each other, we have a great story to tell and live. Blessings as you continue to do so.

Pastor Dave Randall

## **From Pastor Juan**

Palm Sunday also known as Sunday passion is the sixth Sunday during Lent season that leads to the beginning of Holy Week. By using the Palms we are proclaiming the triumph of Jesus Christ over the world and of death. The popularity that Jesus enjoyed on that day didn't last long; his triumph entrance to Jerusalem announces his total sovereignty and finalizes his power over everything. Jesus entrance to Jerusalem speaks to us about his distinct character during his reign, because as he was entering on his donkey he proclaimed humility in his spirit and of opening for the poor and the alienated. We emphasize so many messages during this Sunday, but the main one should be God's triumph over his reign. In the old Christian Church they used palms to decorate paintings and picture frames. By doing this they would proclaim the triumph their faith has brought over humankind suffering and persecution Christians had to experience.

It is believed that Palm Sunday began during the fourth century in Jerusalem. On that day Christians would go on a pilgrimage to the mountains of Olives and from there they would return to the city with palm branches and singing: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

When celebrating Palm Sunday and Sunday passion the main point isn't just about Jesus triumphant entrance, but all the events during that week. We should completely experience the story because the Holy scriptures are dramatic and they form unity. By starting from the joy of the entrance to Jerusalem to the joy of Resurrection Sunday; without making any reference about Jesus Christ we aren't fully representing the gospel. There can't be triumph without suffering.

During our worship service the congregation gets divided into 2-3 groups; each group enters the sanctuary from different doors with the palms in hand proclaiming; "Hosanna To the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest".

I can still remember when I was a kid how we would use the palms during Palm Sunday. At the end of the worship service every family would leave the church with palms in hand and with those palms they made a cross and then hang it on windows and doors. The older people said it supposedly protected us from bad vibes entering our home

Blessings from above,  
Pastor Juan L. Garcia

## YOUTH UPDATE

Both youth groups will be meeting once a month during the following dates.

### Youth Movie Nights:

Friday, June 20th – Courtyard

Friday, July 25th – Courtyard

Friday, August 15th – Courtyard

Please join the UMW ladies and make a pledge to care for God's creation as we work toward following environmentally safe practices to care for our planet.

REMEMBER!!!

Use safe cleaning products either purchased or homemade



If you'd like to have something in  
The CHIMES,  
Deadline for April Newsletter is  
April 17<sup>th</sup>

**EVERY SATURDAY**

12:00 noon Kids Club

**EVERY SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:10 a.m. Sunday school (Adults)

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship (KSCB Radio)

11:00 a.m. Kids & Youth Sunday School

12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

**Youth Group Meeting**

4:00pm Middle School

6:00pm Dinner for both groups

6:30pm High School

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Friendship Dinner

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Ed. Comm. Meeting

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Trustees

**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation Retreat

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Staff Parish

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

LHS Graduation

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Recognition Day

**Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Finance

Foundation after



**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Wednesdays at 6:30



**Prayer Requests: To put a  
prayer request on the  
church's prayer chain, please  
call Daryl Hale at 624-6504  
or  
Juneil McQueen at 624-6039**



**Join us live on  
1270 KSCB 10:00a.m**  
Taking our worship services  
ANYWHERE you want to  
be.



Thanks for your support of  
This fantastic ministry!

**UMW Circle Meetings**

Circle #3

**May 7, 2014**

**Time & Place TBA**

Hostess: Athea Hamlin

Circle #6

**May 5, 2014**

**9:30am**

Hostess: Jennifer Yoder

Circle # 8

**May 7, 2014**

**7:00pm**

Hostess: Katie Berg