

The Shepherd's STAFF

PASTOR'S CORNER

God's peace be with you! In His mercy, He has brought us to this new year. 2018 will be a year of growth for us, as we continue to lean into the new opportunities the Lord is opening for us to serve our community. As I look back, I am thankful for God's provision and faithfulness. The past five years have been an eye-opening time for us as a church. Our world is rapidly changing. The Bay Area is growing in every way. Hayward is redefining it's unique culture as the "Heart of the Bay." American Christianity is declining while spiritual skepticism is on the rise.

As a congregation, we have not been isolated from these changes. For the past five years our declining membership brought much concern. However, we persevered through the changes. In 2017, our replant process was put into full effect. The commitment of young people coupled with wisdom from longstanding members produced an environment of healthy change. For the first time in five years, we can project growth for 2018!

It's in light of this that Philippians 1:3-5 comes to mind, "I thank my God every time I

remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..." Your partnership in the Gospel brings me great joy! Our current sermon series, "The Rebel's Guide to Joy," has been an in-depth look at joy through the lens of Paul's letter to the Philippians. True joy for the Christian is not circumstantial, it is fixed to our hope in Jesus. In the midst of confusion, suffering, and loss, we will experience His joy because Christ in the midst of it.

As we make strides into 2018, I ask that you would take a look at the ministry plan attached to our voter's package. Please pray about it and share thoughts that you may have. We will continue to work hard to reap the fruit of the replant process. As we focus on our replant, we will also keep looking forward, being prayerfully attentive to what might be the next season for GSLC.

Pastor Dawit Bokre



You are
SALT & LIGHT
created to
IMPACT this world
in Jesus' name.

IMPACT CONFERENCE 2018



A YEARLY MULTI-ETHNIC NATIONAL GATHERING OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

On January 12-15, Good Shepherd hosted the yearly IMPACT conference. IMPACT is a yearly multi-ethnic gathering of youth and young adults from all over the country to pray, worship, learn from great teachers, and encourage one another. This year, the theme was "Salt & Light." We had over 60 young people in

attendance. Participants came from the Bay Area, SoCal, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Minnesota, and Florida. We were also blessed to be joined by a group from our sister congregation, Christ Memorial, in St. Louis, MO. The weekend was filled with times of worship and teaching, small group activities,

and excursions. We are thankful to have had the joy of hosting such a unique gathering for our young people. Please keep them in your prayers, as they go back to their schools, workplaces, and families to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world through Jesus at work in them.

Thank you for your prayer
and partnership in
developing our young people
and raising new leaders!



February 2018 at GSLC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 English Worship: 10AM Tigrinya Worship: 11:15AM	5	6 Lifelight Bible Study 10AM Bethel Room	7	8	9	10
11 Joint Worship: 11AM Voters' Meeting to follow	12	13 Lifelight Bible Study 10AM Bethel Room	14 Memorial Service for Derek Leibrock: 11AM Ash Wednesday Service: 6:30PM	15	16	17
18 English Worship: 10AM Tigrinya Worship: 11:15AM	19 Presidents' Day	20 Lifelight Bible Study 10AM Bethel Room	21 Lenten Service: 10:30AM (Bethel) LWML Meeting: 5:30PM (Room 3)	22	23	24
25 English Worship: 10AM Tigrinya Worship: 11:15AM	26	27 Lifelight Bible Study 10AM Bethel Room	28 Lenten Service: 10:30AM (Bethel)			

Birthdays

Lukas Neider (12th)
Yvonne Wormer (14th)
Zaire Flores (18th)
Liban Babil (20th)
Eunice Emordi (21st)

Timothy Wutke (22nd)
Nkem Emordi (23rd)
Cathy Roache (24th)
Brenda King (25th)

Anniversaries

Frank & Darla Fisher (10th)
Rajesh & Justina Walter (23rd)

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JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

10AM English Worship
11:15AM Tigrinya Worship

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