



Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken

The Eagle



June 2025

Pastor's Page

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



This month, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. Imagine hanging out together with your Christian friends and, all of a sudden, the Holy Spirit shows up in a massive way. Sound and wind and tongues of fire! It would be a day you'd never forget. Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit would come and lead us into the truth. He comes to empower us with his gifts and guides us moment by moment. God is so good. I hope you take some time each day to ask the Lord to fill you with his Spirit. I know you'll feel more peace and trust as you do.

This month, we'll get together for the Youth Fundraising Auction on Sunday, June 8th. Come and support our students as they take their summer trip. Who knows what kind of wonderful items you might win! We'll also have nice lunch together at the end of the month as I transition to my Sabbatical time away. And don't forget Rick Terborch's presentation at the Women's Ministry event (all are welcome) and our latest Fun, Fitness and Fellowship walk. Finally, you can make Agape Baskets for those who could use a pick me up. It's a great time to be the church together!

We've had some goodbyes on our staff lately. Barbara Howard was serving as our Assistant Office Manager. She decided to step down in May. I'm so grateful for all her hard work and vibrant faith. I'm glad she'll still be around Saint John's. Be sure to thank her when you see her. Our Nursery Attendant, KC Siddle, is also stepping down for another job. We will miss her deep love for the kids. Thankfully, Brooklyn Davis, our Assistant Nursery Attendant is being promoted! Brooklyn has been serving in the Nursery and the kids love her. Be sure to welcome her to this important role. Also, be sure to check out Janice's article on page 10 for more staff news!

God is faithful and he will keep guiding us along the path.

God's Peace,
Greg

Life Together

A promotional image for Knott's Berry Farm. The background shows a roller coaster (Ghost Rider) and a drop tower (The Incredible Hulk Coaster) under a blue sky. In the foreground, a boat full of people is on a water ride. Overlaid on the image is the text "Sunday June 8th 5pm" in blue, "Knott's BERRY FARM" in large blue letters, a white cross with a leaf pattern inside a circle, and a waffle topped with strawberries and whipped cream on a plate with a "Knott's Berry Farm" logo.

**Sunday
June 8th 5pm**

**Knott's
BERRY FARM**

Youth Fundraising Dinner

See page 5 for all the details!



Women's Ministry Meeting June 11th 1 pm

Come hear Rick TerBorch,
former AGPD Police Chief

All are welcome!

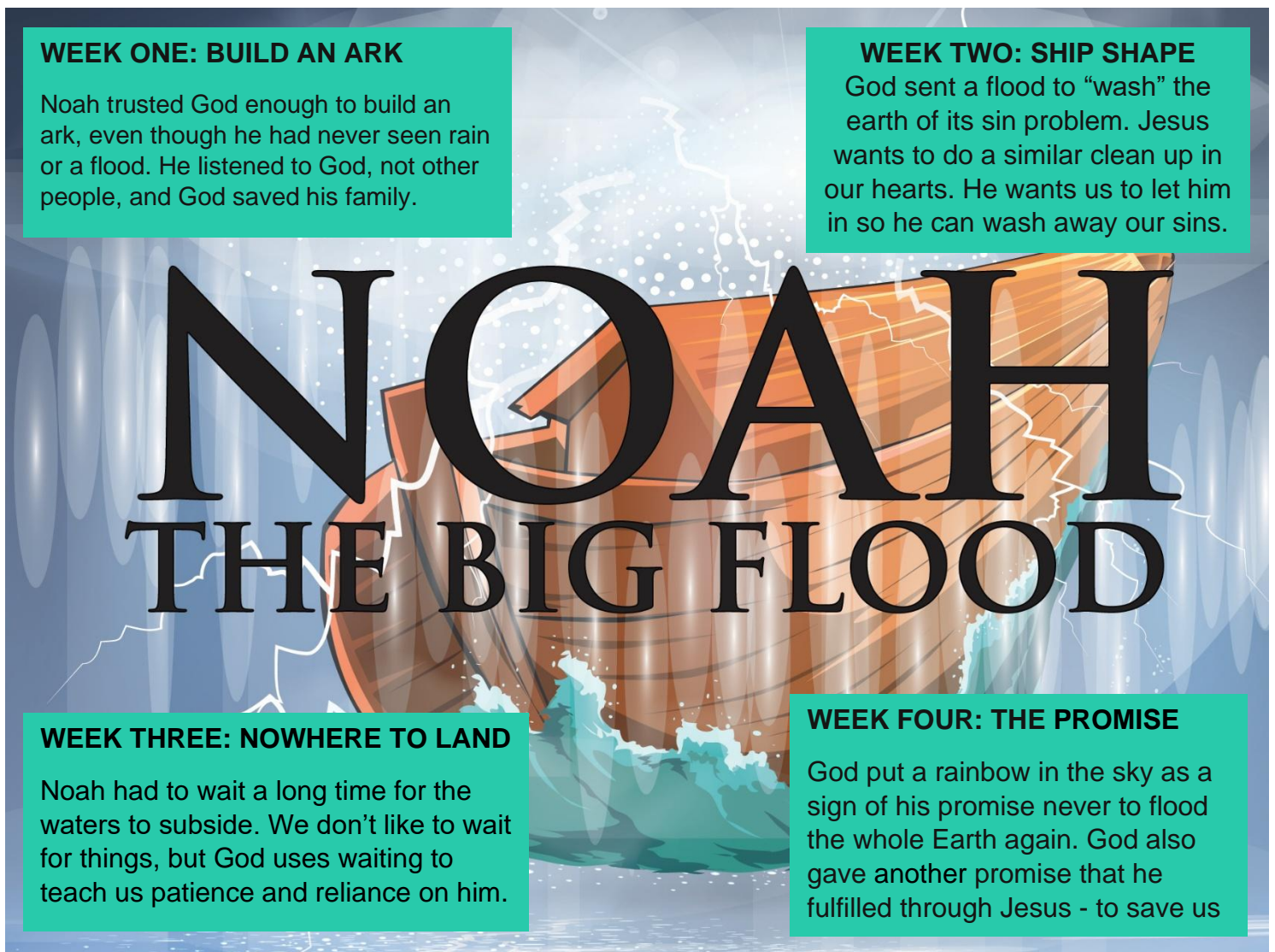
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Youth & Children's Ministry

Weekly KidsChurch - Kids begin with their family in the 9:30 worship service for the first 10-15 minutes before heading off to a special time in KidsChurch!

Weekly Youth Group happens Sunday afternoons following the 11 am worship service.

June KidsChurch Series Overview



WEEK ONE: BUILD AN ARK

Noah trusted God enough to build an ark, even though he had never seen rain or a flood. He listened to God, not other people, and God saved his family.

WEEK TWO: SHIP SHAPE

God sent a flood to “wash” the earth of its sin problem. Jesus wants to do a similar clean up in our hearts. He wants us to let him in so he can wash away our sins.

WEEK THREE: NOWHERE TO LAND

Noah had to wait a long time for the waters to subside. We don't like to wait for things, but God uses waiting to teach us patience and reliance on him.

WEEK FOUR: THE PROMISE

God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise never to flood the whole Earth again. God also gave another promise that he fulfilled through Jesus - to save us

Youth & Children's Ministry

Annual Youth Fundraiser: Sunday, June 8 at 5 pm

Come out for a fun evening and help raise funds to send our students on a meaningful summer trip to focus on the IN: Experience Family part of our mission statement. You don't want to miss this amazing time of fellowship, fun decorations, silent auction, great raffle prizes, delicious food, dessert dash, photo booth, games and more!

IN: Experience Family - Summer Youth Trip July 27-30, 2025

\$100 Deposit due by June 1 to guarantee your spot. Students who help with fundraising and the annual auction will have the majority of the trip covered. High School students join us for an unforgettable blend of thrill, laughter, and meaningful fellowship. From roller coasters and funnel cakes to heartfelt conversations about faith and life, between rides and waterslides, we'll find time to sit together, reflect on God's goodness, and encourage one another through scripture and prayer. Talk to Matthew to sign up or with any questions 805-554-1354.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday June 7th, 8:00 to 9:00 am

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1: 5

Saint John's is blessed with more experience than most. While wisdom doesn't always come thru age or experience, he is faithful and generous to those walking with Him. Iron doesn't sharpen itself, and we need one another. Invest the time to encourage one another in fellowship and to share with each other what the Lord has done, with humility and grace.

Please let us know if you plan to come or if you need a ride.

Text or call Bruce 805-550-3434 or Greg (310) 613-0283

Sabbatical Update

Question: Who's preaching while Pastor Greg is away on Sabbatical?

Answer: We've got a great group of preachers ready to bring inspiring messages for the three months Greg will be away. The Summer series will explore some of the Parables of Jesus. You can see from the list below that we have a wide variety that will keep things fresh. Seven of the Sundays will have Ordained Clergy leading and presiding at Communion. The rest come from our staff, volunteers and mission partners.

July 13th

Pastor Marv Combs

July 20th

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July 27th Ukulele Sunday

Janice Goodwin
& Adrienne Rule

August 10th

Cindi Wallace

August 17th

Pastor Randy Ouimette

August 24th

Pastor Pat Muran

August 31st

Angie Salazar
Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista

September 14th

Katy Griffin
Zozu Project

September 21st

Pastor Carl Nielsen

September 28th

Mim Nellermoe
China Service Ventures

From Janice:

I'm looking for helpers this summer during Pastor Greg's sabbatical. We've got a handful of tasks that, when divided up among many people, will make for very light work. Please keep your eyes open for the signup sheets in the commons to see how you can help!

Women's Ministry

A big thank you to all the ladies who helped with the kitchen clean-up on Wednesday May 21. It is great when people are willing to step in and help when needed.

Women's Ministry's next meeting is Wednesday June 11 at 1:00 P.M. in Ouimette Hall. Both men and women are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow the program.

Rick TerBorch, former Arroyo Grande Chief of Police will be the featured speaker. The topic of his speech is "How September 11, 2001 Affected the Future of Law Enforcement in the United States."

Thank you in advance for supporting our guest speaker by attending the meeting. Louise Frye, Ruth Kapka, Joyce McGhie, Dianna Muraski & Pat Muran - The Board of Directors:

June Memory Verse



June 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|---|--|---|--|
| 1 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group | 2 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice | 3 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 4 3:00pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Worship Team |
| 8 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Youth Fundraiser | 9 1:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice 6:00pm Men's M-6 Dinner Meeting | 10 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 11 9:00am Knit a Scarf and/or Baby Blankets & Hats 1:00pm Women's Ministry – Guest Speaker Rick TerBorch 6:30pm Worship Team |
| 15 Father's Day 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group | 16 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Literacy Group 6:00pm Council Mtg 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice | 17 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 18 6:30pm Worship Team |
| 22 9:30am Worship 10:15am Making Agape Baskets (in between services) 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group | 23 11:00am NO Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice | 24 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 25 11:00am Staff Mtg 3:00pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Worship Team |
| 29 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group | 30 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice | 1 Pastor Sabbatical 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 2 Pastor Sabbatical 6:30pm Worship Team |

June 2025

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 5 | 6 OFFICE CLOSED | 7 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers |
| 12 | 13 OFFICE CLOSED | 14 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop |
| 19 | 20 First Day of Summer OFFICE CLOSED | 21 |
| 26 | 27 OFFICE CLOSED | 28 |
| 3 Pastor Sabbatical | 4 Pastor Sabbatical Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED | 5 Pastor Sabbatical 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers |

JUNE 2025

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

We're reading through the New Testament together. When you read just five chapters per week, you'll read through the entire New Testament in 2025!

♦ *What is God saying to me?*

♦ *What am I going to do about it?*

♦ *Who can I share this with?*

Mo Jun 2 ☐ Matt 21
 Tu Jun 3 ☐ Matt 22
 We Jun 4 ☐ Matt 23
 Th Jun 5 ☐ Matt 24
 Fr Jun 6 ☐ Matt 25

Mo Jun 9 ☐ Matt 26
 Tu Jun 10 ☐ Matt 27
 We Jun 11 ☐ Matt 28
 Th Jun 12 ☐ 2 Cor 1
 Fr Jun 13 ☐ 2 Cor 2

Mo Jun 16 ☐ 2 Cor 3
 Tu Jun 17 ☐ 2 Cor 4
 We Jun 18 ☐ 2 Cor 5
 Th Jun 19 ☐ 2 Cor 6
 Fr Jun 20 ☐ 2 Cor 7

Mo Jun 23 ☐ 2 Cor 8
 Tu Jun 24 ☐ 2 Cor 9
 We Jun 25 ☐ 2 Cor 10
 Th Jun 26 ☐ 2 Cor 11
 Fr Jun 27 ☐ 2 Cor 12

Mo June 30 ☐ 2 Cor 13
 Tu July 1 ☐ Luke 1
 We July 2 ☐ Luke 2
 Th July 3 ☐ Luke 3
 Fr July 4 ☐ Luke 4



Message from Council President

First, thanks to all of you who have been praying without ceasing for the Christian Children's Center project which you, the congregation, approved in February. Since that time your council has worked hard to put the wheels into motion, and we have been striving to stay on time and under budget. We have seen God's hand through every step!

During March and April I'm sure you noticed the fenced areas around our existing playground and on the east end of the education wing on the grass. These were the first real steps toward fulfilling the requirements for licensing with the State of California.

Another piece to the licensing puzzle is having ALL the required equipment in place. This equipment is expensive and was factored into the project budget at new market prices. Cindi Wallace, Barb Johnson, and Dawn Drysdale have had their ears to the ground in the local preschool world, and they got a line on a preschool that was liquidating all of its equipment inventory due to the owner's retirement. The girls went on a field trip to have a look and found it all to be in great condition. These amazing ladies brokered a deal to get ALL of this equipment (cots, storage cubbies, toys, etc. - list too long for this article), which brand new would have cost us in the *tens of thousands of dollars*, for \$5000! The owner sold us the entire lot and is allowing us to pay her storage rental fee in SLO until we are ready to move it here. What a blessing!

But, the most critical piece to the childcare facility licensing puzzle is having a Director in place. We cannot even submit an application to the State without having a Director on staff.

We originally drafted a job description over a year ago before the possibility of a Children's Center was only a thought, not a reality. The council prayed, talked, re-thought, and prayed some more, and we updated the job description for the position. Now that it was "reality" we really drilled down into what was critical for the success and the mission - to provide children and their families a safe and nurturing place to meet Jesus. The most important *personal* quality that we listed on the job description was "A committed, vibrant faith in Christ with a passion to love and serve children and families." We realized we already had someone on our staff who met this personal

(Message continued)

requirement and also possessed qualifications above and beyond the job description. After much more discussion and prayer, we decided to interview this candidate first and, based on the results of that interview, decide if we “had our person” or if we needed to look any further.

On May 12, Bob Weiger, Barbara Johnson, and I interviewed Cindi Wallace for about an hour and a half. Based on her stellar résumé we knew that Cindi was qualified, and we anticipated that she would meet our expectations but, at the conclusion of that interview, we all agreed without hesitation that to look any further would be a fool’s errand. Cindi exceeded all of our expectations and demonstrated not only her proficiency and desire to lead this Program, but her deep faith in Christ, her genuine love for children, and her fervent desire to provide the families of the children who will come onto our campus with a sense of community, belonging, and support in their parenting journey. On May 19 we presented our findings to the entire council, minus Pastor Greg who recused himself from the process. The council voted unanimously to extend an offer letter to Cindi Wallace. We drafted that letter last week and delivered it to Cindi, and she has accepted our offer! We are pleased to announce that as of Saturday, May 24, 2025, Cindi Wallace is the Director of the Saint John’s Christian Children’s Center!

Now the hard work begins. We will keep you posted on progress and what you can do to help, but please don’t stop praying for this project, for Cindi, for the council, for the children and their families who will come here to meet Jesus, and each person we encounter along the way.

Thanks to all of you for your prayerful support and trust, and for stepping out of the boat with us. God is good, all the time.

Dress A Girl

Dress a Girl will meet Saturday June 11th from 9 am to 2 pm. You can come by and join us anytime during those hours. We just purchased some new sergers to work with. We also will soon have some new sewing machines, but if you want to sew with us, we suggest you bring your own machine if you have one. Or, just come by and find out what's new at Dress a Girl. We don't require that you know how to sew – there are many jobs to do without having to sew. Or, if you want to learn, we can teach you! I am looking forward to seeing all the new faces God is sending us to help make dresses for all His beautiful little girls around the world who need clothes, prayer, a new confidence that God has a plan for each of them and protection from the human traffickers. Who knew that a simple dress inspired by our loving God, could be so powerful! If you would like to be a part of this inspiring ministry, please contact Pam at 805-710-7941 or email dressagirlagca@gmail.com.

Knitting & Crocheting

Knitting & Crocheting, Wednesday, June 11th 9 am to noon

Knitters (and crocheters), we'll be meeting on Wed. May 14th in the Church office (Valley Rd parking lot). Bring your sticks & hooks & bring your yarn – or pick some up when you come to knit & crochet. Let's plan on working on baby blankets & hats for Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Of course, we will continue to work on scarves and hats for the homeless as well, but for a while we will concentrate on the baby stuff. We hope you will join us in this new venture! Call Pam for more info 805-710-7941. See you at 9 am on the 11th!

Property Team

Please come work with the Property Team for our monthly property cleanup on June 7th from 9-12. As always, there is plenty of work to be done! and we are so appreciative of those who have stepped up to help out. Jump in where you can, when you can! Any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| June Crookes | 6/24 |
| David Goodwin | 6/26 |
| Jeanne Heideporiem | 6/14 |
| Mike Johnson | 6/9 |
| Angie King | 6/11 |
| Crystal LoCarnini | 6/6 |
| Cliff Ritz | 6/11 |
| Yvonne Stephens | 6/19 |
| Rick TerBorch | 6/29 |
| Cindi Wallace | 6/5 |



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|----------------------|------|
| Ed & Diana Muraski | 6/21 |
| Greg & Cindi Wallace | 6/24 |

June Food of the Month Macaroni & Cheese

Your donation will benefit
Five Cities Christian Women
Food Bank



Please pray for:

Julie, Heidi, Travis, Sarah, Shar,
George, Bruce, Rena, Kay, Phyllis,
Arnie, Kelly, Penny, Sandy, Lois,
Crystal, Betty, Emanda, Sean.

Prayers of Praise for healing of
Morgan!

**July Newsletter Deadline
for submission of an
article is June 15th!!**

Newsletter Folding

Looking for a way to donate just a
little of your time? Maybe
once a month for 30-45 minutes?
Call 805-489-1259 or talk to Pam
on Sunday.

Council Highlights

Highlights from the May 19th, 2025 Council meeting

Cell tower contract – final negotiations are complete. Awaiting Verizon Signature.

Security camera upgrades – Installed and staff training on the use of this advanced closed circuit camera system is scheduled in the near future.

Basketball half court in the Los Berros parking lot is complete. Ready for use!

Christian Children's Center – Executive Director position. The Council has decided to conduct an internal interview prior to open recruitment for this position. This internal interview will be conducted in the next few weeks.

*Note – updated by Council President Article



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