



# The Bethlehem Hebrew for 'House of Bread'

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## Shall We Live A Pentecostal Life Within Christ?



In honoring both God and her late Mother recently, Wynonna Judd pointed up to the sky and declared that she wanted her Mother, Naomi Judd, to hear what Wynonna will say and sing next. She revealed a desire of the spirit of spontaneity when she says to the audience, "I want to be spontaneous, because the God I believe in is Pentecostal". She continued by repeating the refrain of her 1991 hit "Love can build a bridge" twice and requested the audience to join in with singing the refrain.

A friend asked me what does it mean that our God is Pentecostal? To answer the question of what Wynonna was referring to about God, we need to take a look at the Day of Pentecost for Christians. This is when we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> day of the Season of Easter. It is the final day of the Season that focuses on the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Jewish holiday of the Feast of Weeks and Shavuot. This is a special time of both an earthly and spiritual harvest.

The Jewish Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, is a festival that is held as a means of thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest season. It also signifies the coming of the Holy

Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church. Our lessons on the Day of Pentecost clearly connects how the Passover, the Torah, the harvest, the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit all interconnect to authorize the Church to utilize the gifts that are given from God to bring forth the Good News.

In the Book of Acts, we see how the close connection between Passover and Shavuot is preserved through the ministry of the Messiah. The very last recorded words that Jesus spoke in the final chapter of Luke's Gospel were, "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

It is therefore fitting that Luke should take up the story again at roughly this point in the Book of Acts. Luke records Jesus' words restating the Lord's promise and the Great Commission for which His people will be empowered: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The harvest is indeed continuing today as followers of Christ, those who are open to the power of the Holy Spirit within each of us, to be empowered to be spontaneous in each of our callings, to allow the Spirit to move in ways that bring people to the awareness of the gifts of the Spirit and to be fully utilized for God's glory and honor. The Day of Pentecost for us brings fulfillment, purpose, guidance, authority and charisma to all of God's creation. "All things work out for good, for those who love God and are called to God's purpose."

This is the 'Pentecostal experience' that God is offering us all: to allow God's Pentecostal life-giving Spirit to penetrate through our lives in a spontaneous way that will build bridges through the love of Christ and for us to build the reign of God together as one body, one Spirit. Wynonna is right about a Pentecostal God that is among us now through the Holy Spirit, for us to be open as conduits of the Spirit; to bring forth a new life of eternal joy and celebration through such enablement of our gracious and loving God. It is a belief that is transformative beyond belief. May the Season after the Day of Pentecost come alive in all of our hearts. AMEN

## OUTREACH UPDATE

Update from Doug Lee, Laundry Love Coordinator,

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In May, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love served 45 people, doing 407 loads, spending \$552.25. We gave out hand sanitizer from the American Legion Auxiliary of Placentia and mint candy from Beverly Cardwell. We used Earth Breeze detergent that we receive free from earthbreeze.com.

Tom Johnson, Marion Lee, and Doug Lee assisted Maria, the Busy Bee Laundry attendant. Thanks very much to all supporters.

### JUNE FOCUS

This month we will focus on **Fathers/Men** and request disposable razors, small containers of shaving cream and washcloths. We will deliver them for distribution to Pathways of Hope, now known as the HUB in Fullerton. The HUB operates a resource center, which offers emergency food and hygiene items to homeless and low-income families and individuals in Orange County.

### **A NOTE OF THANKS REGARDING OUR MAY FOCUS:**

Dear Church of the Blessed Sacrament,

On behalf of everyone at Mary's Path, including our Board of Directors, staff, and all the teen moms and babies we serve, thank you for your recent gift of gift cards (value: \$240). Your generosity in support of our mission and work is greatly appreciated.

We are full of hope for the year ahead. While we are still facing challenges brought on by the pandemic, the support and generosity of donors like you help us to continue to provide a safe home and supportive care and services for the girls and babies who call Mary's Path home. In fact, Mary's Path is now one of only three facilities in the State of California with the expertise and resources to serve pregnant and parenting teens from the foster system.

Thank you again for your support and your belief in our programs.

Sincerely,

Jill Dominguez, Executive Director

If you have any questions or need more information please call or email Marion Hetherington, our Outreach Coordinator, at 714-595-4219 or [cssquared@roadrunner.com](mailto:cssquared@roadrunner.com)



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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all of you who came, donated, sponsored, and sent prayers for our auction!!! We had such a wonderful evening with delicious food, great music & amazing fellowship. I can't say thank you enough to my wonderful auction committee which includes Marion Hetherington, Teri Niebuhr Marcie Koch and Anita Cruz. You ladies are truly amazing. I can't leave out our wonderful bartenders Gary Niebuhr & Chris Cruz, our door check

person Patty Bell, ticket seller Dave Juergens, bar ticket seller Tony Spinogatti, Fr. Barrett and of course Diane Compton & Midge Birky for all their help with quilts and donations. Without them all this auction would not have been the success that it was! I am happy to report it looks like we have brought in over \$17,000 this year in profit. Again, thank you for all your love and support of the Children's Learning Center.

Blessings,  
Tracie

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### **Update on Construction Plans for Santa Angelina's Senior Housing**

If you are not aware, the City of Placentia has approved a Senior Housing Project on vacant land adjacent to the Church because of a collaborative agreement signed by the Diocese and approved by the Vestry several years ago.

Now that the entitlements have been sanctioned by the City, CORE, the development agent who engaged in the process of obtaining approvals with the City, is now close to commencing the project when final documents have been approved and signed by the Bishop.

Drawings suitable for obtaining construction permits are being drafted to submit to the City.

The Vestry is concerned with maintaining the Church's spiritual and social activities during the construction process. To that end, CORE will supply suitable temporary accommodations for our preschool and our parish hall while they erect the new senior units, a brand-new parish hall, and a new roof to our Sanctuary.

The construction start date is anticipated to be in early August of this year once the contractual arrangements are finalized between the Diocese and CORE.

Another lynch pin that needed to be confirmed was financing for the project and apparently the developer has received appropriate approvals and documentation from all public and private sources.

The Church and Diocese have acquired legal representation to ensure the project is in keeping with our Church's interests.

Given the responsibilities involved the Vestry and more particularly, the Junior Warden, Sandy Bergert, and school director, Tracie Donaldson, have attempted to anticipate as many contingencies as possible about everyone's overall interest in maintaining a normal routine parish life.

If we missed an element we want to apologize in advance as we move forward and would like to thank those who preceded the current Vestry for their efforts to afford such a project and opportunity to allow us to sustain our parish and Diocese financially well into the future.

Again, construction will start shortly, approximately 60 days from now.

Once the project is complete, we will have several new improvements to enjoy. We anticipate the project will be completed in its entirety in the fall of 2023 (November-December).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Senior Warden,

Allyn Lean

Here are some conceptual drawings (not final), but a good idea of the final presentation.



North side with housing on the left and the new Parish Hall in the center and Church on the right



Arbor entry



New Parish Hall in the center with North Housing Complex left and north side of Church on right. Stained glass windows not illustrated, again, conceptual and not final.

Maybe a stained glass window can be commissioned in the future?



South Residential Complex to be located back of parking lot bordering Morse Ave.

**June 26, 2022 Requiem & Celebration** of our **new Ministry**. We will be having a special liturgy between services from 9:15 AM-10:15AM to say goodbye and share fond memories around the buildings to be demolished, and then welcoming what God is doing now with the new ministry of Santa Angelina.

A formal ground breaking ceremony is being planned for July so stay tuned.

# Lest We Forget



Almighty God, make us mindful of how you have blessed our nation with your grace and the precious gift of freedom that you have bestowed through the greatest sacrifice of our armed forces. On these upcoming patriotic holidays of Flag Day (June 14) and Independence Day (July 4), let us also remember all our Veterans who have committed such dedicated service for the freedom of our country and throughout the world; share with all your abiding presence and fill our hearts with thankfulness for the defending of Truth and justice. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



## UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

**Ukraine Vigil:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:00PM to pray for the end of the Ukraine an Russia War.

**Patronal Feast for Blessed Sacrament,** on this Father's Day (June 19), here is one service at 9:00 AM. The Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated.

**Special requiem and new ministry liturgy:** Sunday, June 26, between our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, we will gather and walk around campus saying goodbye and sharing fond memories, and then welcoming what God is doing now with the new ministry of Santa Angelina.

## SCHEDULE FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Beginning on June 19** - No adult or Children Christian Education. Will resume on the first Sunday in September (Sep 4).

**July and August:** ONE Mass every Sunday starting at **9:30 AM**

**Summer Tithe:** Reminder that our Treasurer requested that during the Summer, we all prayerfully consider making one additional 10% over Tithe/pledge payment, please.

**Stay tuned to ETidings fo possible changes.**

Summer Solstice  
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2:21:00 PDT/0920:00 UT

# Pentecost 2022

Fr. Barrett gave a very moving Pentecostal Sermon



Bethlehem Choir, directed by Ashley Mangino, performs the Anthem: Veni Spiritus Sanctus; center music with Roxanne Young on Harp and Brigitte Bellavoine behind for ideal mix



Left chorister, Carol Morris, above, provided left stereo



Right chorister, Patty Bell, above, gave right stereo

Brigitte Bellavoine framed by harp performs during the anthem.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday	8:00 am	Rite I Said
	10:15 am	Rite I Sung
Wednesday	10:00 am	Eucharist with anointing

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(Preschool)  
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