# What Is Biblical Peace?

Introduction. It was prophesied that Jesus would be "the Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9: 6). True peace emanates from God to the point that God is said to be "the God of peace" (Rom. 15: 33). The peace of God is such that it "passeth all understanding" (Phili. 4: 7). God's peace is able to "keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Ibid.).

Peace is peculiarly identified with Jesus. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14: 27). The instrument of peace was, "Preaching peace by Jesus Christ" (Acts 10: 36). Even plainer is Paul's statement to the Romans, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5: 1).

Peace is internal and involves man's participation. The early Christians were able to enjoy peace amid turmoil because peace is internal and does not depend on the external circumstances (Paul extended peace while in prison, Eph. 1: 2, 4: 1). Peace is obtained through the gospel; hence, we read, "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6: 15). Peace is in knowing that sin is forgiven and that all is well with our soul (Acts 2: 38, 1 John 1: 7). Hence, division can prevail, but inwardly there can be peace (cp. Matt. 10: 34-39). However, peace does not come without effort. The scriptures admonish the Christian thus, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace" (Rom. 14: 19).

It is tragic that even though peace is available through Christ, "And the way of peace have they not known" (Rom. 3: 17). There is also a false peace that deceives some (1 Thes. 5: 3). Biblical peace involves and is a product of being spiritually minded. "For to be carnally minded is death," Paul wrote, "but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8: 6)

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Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Johnny Hobson Welcome & Announcements Opening Prayer

Song # 851 - I'll Fly Away

Song # 376 - He Paid a Debt

Lord's Supper Contribution

> Kids 4 Kids Bible Hour

**Prayer Requests** 

Song # 523 -I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me

Scripture Reading -Matthew 5:1-12

### Sermon by: Darryl Darden

"Blessed are the Peacemakers"

Song of Invitation # 517 -Heaven Came Down

Song # 800 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Closing Prayer** 







Office Closed Nov. 22nd-24th

All Bible Studies Classes are canceled.

**November 23rd Happy Thanksgiving** 





20th - Timothy & Bernadett Gramling 25th - Carlos & Zully Garcia

## Pray For Our Military

Brandon Applegate;
Matison Brown; Andre
Canady; Zack Cantu; Danny
Eickmeyer; Robert Farrell;
Anthony Guess; Raymond
Holguin; Jaehyeong Park;
and Robert Rygoza.



The last date to collect items will be Nov. 26th, packages/gift cards will be mailed out on Dec. 4th.

# Corporation Meeting

In an effort to satisfy the requirements of the State of California, the VVCOC, a non-profit organization, must select trustees for the church on an annual basis. The meeting to select the new trustees will be held on <a href="Dec. 4">Dec. 4</a>, <a href="2023">2023</a>, immediately following the morning worship service.

# Bring snacks or drinks to share. White Elephant Gift Exchange (Max \$5) White Fri., Dec. 8th 4 - 8 p.m. Youth Modular





# Prayer Requests

Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

#### Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Ida Crawford; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

**Continual Prayers** 

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Bette Henderson; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway; Francisco Sr. & Jr.; Gennie Lorenz; Marilyn Heil; Marvin Mason Jr.; Melanie Gammage; and Tyson Crawford.

For those further away

Christina Wityczak; Dorothy Condos; Hosia Ford; Marie Guess; Raymond Holguin; and Vicki Brown.

#### General

Barbara & Cydney Holliday; Betty Thomas; Carol Gass; Charles Medina's friend; Dan & Jan Hook; Eva Wityczak; Jane Bazan; Katherine & Shawn Franks; Jerry Owens, Mark Gruwell's friend; Mary Owens; Solomon Patton; Tianna Smith; and Tyson Crawford

#### Health

Gil Allen; Kyle Dusenberry; Liz Basnight; Lynn Rose; Lynn S.; Ray Hines; Titus Brotherton; Trisha Cantu; Tom Rerea; and all who are ill.

**Thanksgiving** 

Eva Wityczak & Tianna Smith

**Traveling** 

Cy hante' Brewster & Leisa Pond.

#### For Their Losses

The Basnight family for the loss of Johnnie Basnight. The Najera family for their loss of Juanita Munoz.

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#### **Deacons**

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry Craig Beck - Security TBA - Benevolence TBA - Greeters & Ushers Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint.
TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief
Mark Gruwell - Teens

Audio Visual/Zoom

Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

Children's Bible Hour

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley
Johnny Latham

Building Décor Tonja Patton

Calling Ministry
Carolyn Richardson &
Eva Wityczak

<u>Call Out Ministry</u> M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski; T. Rose; & S. Suba

> Song Leading, Singing Jeremiah Darden

Children's Bible Hour Claudia Beck &

Ga' Briella Patton

Grief Support
Strech Suba

<u>Historian</u> Kasie Schow

<u>Kitchen</u> Pauletta Hobson

<u>Ladies' Ministry</u> Kim Cimuchowski Military
Pauletta Hobson &
Leisa Pond

<u>Bulletin Mailouts</u> Marilyn Owens

Worship Coordinator Jeff Najera

<u>Savior's Kids</u> Jake & Danelle Tess

<u>Teacher's Workroom</u> Nina Sutton

Youth Group
Mark & Renee Gruwell

#### Staff

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager Erica Lee - Bookkeeper Andrea Barahona - Janitorial Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

#### Last Week's Statistics 'inancial Attendance A.M. Bible Class N/A Contribution 11/12/23 2,884.46 Contribution 11/05/23 \$ 5.722.59 A.M. Worship Special Contributions \$ 288.00 In Person 131 Y.T.D. Contribution \$ 264765.67 15 Via Zoom Teen Fund \$ 5,106,96 Wed. P.M. Mission Fund \$ 3,414.82 Bible Class N/A Scholarship Fund 1,311.09 Mid Week Kids 4 Kids 93.00 \$ N/A **Bible Studies**