Mom’s, Dad’s, Husband’s, Brother’s, Sister’s - ALL - are invited for breakfast on May 11, to honor our mother’s ALL! Serving starts at 9:00. Please join us for this special occasion. Tom and Linda Hulse have agreed to provide the nourishment we have heard tell that they will be preparing their special recipe for French toast along with other breakfast goodies. A sign-up sheet will be available this Sunday, or you can call the church office to reserve your family’s spot.

Galt UMC Chosen as Business of the Month

The Galt Chamber of Commerce has selected our church as the Business of the Month for May. Our Sunshine Food Pantry brought our church’s attention to the Chamber. Yeh!!

Faye and workers you are the greatest. Chamber members will deliver the Business of the Month flag to the church on May 1. We will proudly fly it for the whole month.

Business and City leaders will be here on Thursday, May 9 at 10:00 am to have a ribbon cutting and take a picture. This will be an opportune time since the pantry will be open that day and an excellent time for our city leaders to see the workings of the pantry. The food pantry will be wrapping up just in time for the workers to get their picture taken that will be in the paper

A proud,
Pastor Norm

LET’S GO VISIT!

The Asian Pacific Spring Festival is coming to the Historic Town of Locke.

Locke is less than a 20 minute ride from Galt. It was once a thriving community of Chinese culture with a population of about 500. Today, this one block town features a variety of historical buildings, including AL the WOP Restaurant, the old Boarding House (now the Visitor’s Center), and many other original buildings that include photos and historical information to view/read. It is the legacy of those who lived there and the extraordinary efforts made by the Chinese in developing agriculture in California.

We will meet at the church by 10:30 am and carpool to Locke, which is a short 20 minute ride.

Take Interstate 5 South to Twin Cities Rd., turn Left at Hwy 160 (River Rd.), drive one mile to Locke. Parking is available at the location. Both Parking and Admission is FREE.
Dear Church Family:

You are all such a blessing to us and have been since announced in January about my cancer. With all your prayers, cards, food, flowers, peaches, pears, poster cards, the Easter basket and messages, texts, emails and messages we have felt so much love and encouragement and fighting spirit for us. We have weathered the past 4 months from surgeries to numerous tests and exams and set backs to chemo treatments that have battered the body and soul. We have learned a lot not only about ovarian cancer and the treatments but about ourselves and God’s love. We look forward to the end of treatments and letting the body recover back to a new normal and getting back to a new normal life. We just wanted to let you know how thankful we are for all your positive wishes and giving us strength and hope to fight this disease. Here’s to claiming God’s victory in the fight. Hope to seeing you soon, a little smaller, a little weaker, and minus the hair - but with a smile.

Love, Margaret and Ike Luginbill

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Introducing Tina Bruns

Jerry and Marina Bruns are delightful new members. Their daughter Tina goes on a medical mission to Uganda where AIDS started. She will be visiting her parents for Mother’s Day and will be introduced in worship. She will come back at a later time and tell us more.
Benjamin Franklin is on the hundred-dollar bill for a reason!

He says that the Noblest Question in the World is only 7 words. He was a true Renaissance man: Entrepreneur, author, politician, inventor, musician, and scientist, he was also quite the advice giver.

Among his many famed publications was the Poor Richard's Almanack, where he dispensed advice like:

“Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.”

“Love your Enemies, for they tell you your Faults.”

Franklin also joins the list of highly successful people who dropped out of school. Among other things, he provided the world with illuminating new contraptions such as bifocals, swim fins (flippers), and the lightning rod.

But he is perhaps best known for his role as a statesman in the early days of the United States. And it was in large part through that work that he came up with what he called the "noblest question in the world."

In Benjamin Franklin’s words: "The noblest question in the world is, What good may I do in it?"

Not, "What's the fastest way for me to make $1B?"

Not, "How do I figure out which cryptocurrency to invest in, so I can buy a mega-yacht?"

No, the noblest question in the world has to do with giving back.

A study shows that people are far more motivated by the positive impact they can have than just giving money.

We often think of contribution in terms of what we can give in terms of our finances. But it’s also a genuine contribution to let others know how they positively affect us.

You matter.

Your words matter.

You don’t need to have a lot of money to make a big contribution.

You contribute when you let your church friends know that their support made your life easier yesterday.

You contribute when you text your friend about how much laughing with them over the weekend helped you get through the week.

The brilliance of Benjamin Franklin’s quote is that it reframes the question from life being solely about you, to about how you can serve.

And that is a noble thing indeed.

The reason why I am looking forward to be your pastor for another year (that is, if Bishop Carcaño agrees) is none other than “What good can I do here!”

With joy and purpose,
Pastor Norm

Olivia Klotz is seen smiling at a signing ceremony. She has been accepted at the University of Hawaii on a ‘sailing’ scholarship. Happy sailing, Olivia. Two happy parents, Stephen and Leesa Klotz, join her at the ceremony.
From the Editor’s Desk

This 'N That
From Here and There

- - By Earl Arrants

The “Shopping Mall” Lights are Almost Gone!

“Shopping Mall” lights? These are my own label for the florescent light fixtures lining our sanctuary. Way back, about 40 years ago when the sanctuary was first built, the lighting system included indirect florescent bulbs. After a year, or so, it was decided that the indirect lighting was not producing enough light! (Or should I say lumens?)

Someone came up with the idea of what you see in the present. Back then I called them shopping mall lights, and to this day, I still refer to them as shopping mall lights!

That is about to change. The Indoor Team and the Trustees asked SMUD to conduct an energy use survey on our building. That report indicated a change to LED bulbs to be in our best interests.

The Trustees have now entered into a contract with the SMUD contractor and the necessary equipment and parts are on order.

What will be done in the sanctuary? The old 4 foot, 2 florescent tube fixtures (20 of them) will be removed. The new single bulb LED 4 foot sections will only need 1 bulb (20 of them) to produce more light than the old florescent fixtures.

What will be done in the Social Hall and kitchen? Florescent tubes will be removed and LED tubes will be retro-fitted in the same fixtures.

How much will it cost? The installation cost is $4,931. After installation, SMUD is offering a rebate of $1,202. An anonymous church member has agreed to cover the cost of the project. SMUD estimates we will have a savings of at least $90 per month after the upgrade.

The new LED fixtures will have a much smaller foot print. They are 47.3’ in length; 3.7” high; 2.6” wide. The lighting upgrade is to finished before painting of the inside of the church is started.
About this issue of THE VINE

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April

General Fund, excluding designated
Total offering for April $ 10,528.
Spent this month $ 9,854.
$ + $ 674.

Will Rogers Gems
*Dead batteries are given away free of charge.
*If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
*Always drink up stream from the herd.

Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black
Waddya mean? That wasn’t you just said “Good morning”?

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Celebrations

May

Birthdays
1. Ike Luginbill
2. Niel Kumar
4. Leesa Klotz
4. Jackie Parker
6. Margaret Luginbill
7. Inez Munoz
18. Joann Dale
22. Cameron Kumar
27. Ross Peterson
30. Emilia Kleist

Anniversaries
5. Hyo & Jung Chu
13. Jimmy & Faye Gaines
20. Walt & Sue Buckmaster
29. Ike & Margaret Luginbill

If your name should have been on this month’s list, please call the church office at 745-4133.

The Walking/Hiking group will meet Monday, May 6 for a walk at Lodi Lake Nature Area.
Meet: In Galt: at the church no later than 8:30am and carpool. In Lodi: meet at Lodi Lake no later than 9:00am. Parking is free outside along the street area. The walk will begin at 9:15. From the main parking area, we will walk east to the nature area for the first section of the walk. From there the walk continues to the west side of the lake and back to the parking area, for a total walk of 1 1/2 miles. For those who wish to continue, we will go to other side of the lake and back for 2 more miles.

Don’t forget to bring plenty of water, a hat, sunscreen, and a camera. Dogs are not allowed in the nature area.
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