



MOORPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 15, 2012



13950 Peach Hill Road, Moorpark, CA 93021

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The purpose of Moorpark Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and to help people become fully-committed, joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Staff:

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Pastor: Dave Wilkinson

Associate Pastor:

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Worship Director:

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Small Group Coordinator:

Dan Crane

Music Director:

Steve Lady

Drama Director:

Bob Cusick

Sunday Morning

Worship Schedule:

Services at 8:15 & 10:45

Sunday School at 9:35

Visit our website:

www.mppres.org

You can:

- read/search sermons
- see the MPC calendar
- read/search an on-line NIV and KJ Bible
- find out about all our group activities
- see bios on our staff, elders, and deacons

Coming up this Sunday...

How big is the grace of God? Is there barely enough to go around? Does it shrink because we sin? If we really blow it, can we lose grace altogether? This Sunday's sermon is "Super-Abundant Grace" from Romans 5:20-21. Worship will start with a bang, so be here on time.

UPDATE! Sunday School classes for all ages are held at 9:35 a.m. between worship services. For children's Sunday School classes and room numbers, see the "Things to Know" flyer at the Children's Ministries table. Junior High and Senior High youth meet in the basement youth rooms for Sunday School. Our adult Sunday School classes continue this Sunday with Pastor Janet Loughry and Elder Dan Luebbert in the Fireside Room leading "God and You," from J. I. Packer's book, "God's Plans for You." Dr. Daryl Fisher-Ogden leads "Making Choices in the Real World" in Room 11, and Pastor Dave Wilkinson teaches "The Old Testament Story and the World Where it Happened" in the Fellowship Hall. This Sunday Pastor Dave's class will look at the Exile in Babylon and the Return to the Land. This class will meet in the sanctuary because of the pancake breakfast.

A special note from Dave on his adult class: We have been looking at the story of the Old Testament. You may feel that you know that. But you probably don't know what we're going to talk about the next three weeks – and especially on May 27 and June 3. We are going to look at the 400 year period between the last verses of the Old Testament and the birth of Jesus and the start of the New Testament. Come learn how the New Testament world came to be with a fascinating cast of characters including Darius the Persian, Alexander the Great, the Maccabee brothers, Caesar, Cleopatra and King Herod the Great.

Honor Your Graduate!



This is the time of year when we honor our youth who are graduating from High school. During **both services on Sunday, June 10**, we'll take time to express our joy and acknowledge their accomplishment. If you would like your son or daughter to be recognized during these services, please contact Em Blattner by phone at (805) 529-8422 x3 or by email at em@mppres.org

Breakfast with Your Church Family this Sunday

Join us for breakfast this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall! At 9:15 a.m. MPC's Men's Ministries team is preparing breakfast for their church family! Come and join us for good food and good company! A free-will offering basket will be available to help with Men's Ministries event scholarships.



Women's Ministries Spring Fellowship

Potluck Salad Luncheon



Saturday, May 19 at 11:30 am
at the church

“Seeds of Faith”

Our guest speaker is from the Abundant Table Farm Project. This organization seeks to change lives and systems by creating sustainable relationships to the land and local community.



The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Psalm 85:12

Please R.S.V.P. to Judy Koch at or
call the church office at (805)
5298422

The Word Store



The Word Store ministry encourages us to store God's word in our hearts; and as we cooperate with God He causes us to grow in love and grace. All of the verses selected for 2012 have been set to music and come from a single album called "Walk Humbly" by Mark Altrogge. You can listen to a sample of each verse's song by following this [link](#). Music can be a huge help in memorizing scripture! Be sure to pick up your verse on the table in the narthex this month.

May's verse is track #11 on the Walk Humbly CD:
"Take care, brothers and sisters, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3: 12-13

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



You can make a difference
in the life of the unborn and
newborn!



Here's how it works:

- 1) Pick up a baby bottle in the Mission Room on Sunday
- 2) Fill it with loose change, currency or check
- 3) Bring it back to church by June 10 or 17

Please Join Us For The
2012 Men's Eastern Sierra Recharge

September 21st – 23rd

At Rock Creek Lodge
In Bishop, CA



Total Cost of \$225.00
Due Thursday, May 31st.

Checks: MPC, memo: Men's Retreat.

For more information please contact:
Mark Parker or call the church office

News and Notes:

Mission News and Opportunities

Mission elder: Jay Taylor

NEW! Help the life of an unborn baby by participating in the Sarah's House "Baby Bottle Campaign." Pick up a baby bottle in the Mission Room this Sunday and fill the bottle with change, cash or a check. Return the bottle to church on June 10 or 17 after either service. Donations will be used to help Sarah's House Maternity Home in Simi Valley provide shelter and guidance to single and homeless expectant mothers

Military Family Support Group



NEW! The MPC Military Families Support Group (MFSG) is committed to providing a vital support system for military men and women and their families as they support our country, we are proud of them and praise God for them. The MFSG

- arranges for care packages for soldiers
- sends cards and letters to soldiers
- meets once a month to support and pray for the military and their families.

Anyone interested in joining the group, or adding a military member to the group for support, please contact our church secretary and request an MFSG New Member Guide. Monthly military member reports are posted on our website at: <http://www.mppres.org/pages/military.html>. Copies are also available in the Narthex and the church office. **The next meeting of the MFSG is next Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Club 55 room.**

Thank you for the Support!

NEW! Thank you, everyone for your support of the Moorpark Relay for Life! Your time and donations helped make this the best Relay ever. Moorpark's donations reached \$104,000 and counting, and that is up over \$20, 000 from last year. - Kim Dunn & Sue Reynolds

Lost and Found

Our **Lost and Found** box is overflowing! Please come to the kitchen and see if you or a family member has left something at church! The contents of the box will be **donated to charity** after Sunday, May 20.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Fellowship elders: Christopher Bryan and Brenda Kermode



On **Saturday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m.** there will be a **Fellowship Potluck and Game night** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite game or just come to hang out and enjoy fellowship with your church family!



Come camping with your church family! **Friday – Sunday, August 17 – 19**, we'll be camping at **McGrath State Beach**. We're planning on the same activities as last year: Friday night campfire, Saturday games and beach, Saturday evening dinner together, Saturday night campfire, Sunday morning worship circle and depart. We have 8 sites which could hold 16 tents/camper combos or 64 people. Contact info: Tom Flitsch.

Small Group Ministries

For information call: Small Group Coordinator Dan Crane

Ever want to **dig a little deeper** into Pastor Dave's weekly sermon? Ever want to hash out some of the questions that arise? Not sure how it all applies to you? **A new small group** is forming and will be meeting each Monday evening at MPC to discuss and examine the weekly message delivered by our own Pastor Dave Wilkinson. If you are not currently in a Small Group, or want to join another, or just want to investigate the possibility, contact Dan Crane by email (dan@mppres.org) or phone the church office.

Community Events:

Legal Issues in Dementia and Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease are topics of a free workshop presented by The Alzheimer's Association from **1:00 – 3:00 p.m., May 23**, at the Association's regional office at 80 North Wood Road, Suite 320 in Camarillo. Attorney Cheri Kurman will lead the discussion. There is no charge to attend the workshop. For more information, contact Carol Swinney of the Alzheimer's Association (805-484-6028, carol.swinney@alz.org).



The **Education First Educational Homestay Program (EF EHP)** will soon be sending the student profiles for the **exchange students that are coming to our area for their summer program.** This year the students are coming from Finland, France, Italy, and Spain and will be here from **June 28 – July 24.** Beth and Greg Gillis-Smith are seeking homes for 40 students in Moorpark and have homes for 25 so far. The EF kids are in class all day and then come home for a normal American evening with their host family. Thinking of signing up? Does your youngster need Community Service hours for school? You can earn 60 hours by hosting exchange students and Boy Scouts can earn the Eagle-required Family Life merit badge. Girl Scouts can earn the World Understanding IP badge. MPC even gets a check from EF EHP for each new host family that signs up! E-mail Beth for more information or click [here](#) to find more about EF. Thanks for your help!



The **Kiwanis' Wine and Moonlight** event is coming up on **May 20, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Secret Garden Restaurant in Moorpark.** The price is \$35 for pre-purchased tickets, \$40 at the door, \$25 for non-alcoholic drinks only.

Music will be provided by the Mark Bailey Band, Synchronicity Jazz Ensemble, and Mark Cross Music. Plan to attend; you can't beat the price for a wonderful afternoon with friends, wine, gourmet food tastings and live music. For pre-paid tickets contact Mark and Ute Van Dam.

Fund-raiser for the Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPC) in Simi Valley: Laff4Life2 Comedy night with Cary Trivanovich at Discovery Church (580 E Easy St, Simi Valley) May 18, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for admission to a fabulously funny family night! There will also be a bake sale and raffle including a new i-Pad 3, Coach purse, date night basket and more! All proceeds will benefit the CPC. Tickets can be purchased at the CPC or online at www.cpcglobal1.org.

Clothing Drive to support the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission (the only Rescue Mission based in the San Fernando Valley) and the **Simi Valley Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPC)** on **May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** -. This is a WIN-WIN-WIN situation! You win by cleaning out your closets, garages and attics of clothing, hats, towels, etc and bringing them to the CPC parking lot. We fill the Rescue Mission truck (about 200 large trash bags) and the CPC receives \$1000! So start gathering up your clothing discards and bring them to the CPC parking lot on the 19 and help the homeless and the CPC raise a \$1000!

Men's Ministries
Is serving up a

Family Breakfast

9:15 a.m., Sunday morning

In the Fellowship Hall

Come and join your church family for breakfast!

(A free-will offering basket will be available to help with Men's Ministries event scholarships.)





Group Ministries

50+ Adventures (Seniors Ministry)

Coordinators **Ted and Linda Dahl**



50+ Adventures! Save the Date! On **June 10**, we'll be going to the Sunday matinee of "The Music Man," at the High Street Arts Center. Dinner after the theater will be at Maria's Mexican Restaurant. Don't miss the High Street Arts Center's production of one of Broadway's favorite musicals. Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" features familiar musical numbers including "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Goodnight, My Someone," "The Sadder-But-Wiser Girl," "Gary Indiana," "Till There Was You," and lots more. **Tickets are \$10** for seniors. Sign up and purchase tickets between services **May 20, May 27, and June 3**. For more information about this event and 50+ Adventures, contact Ted and Linda.

Women's Ministries

For information call: **Judy Koch**

MOPS, Mothers of Pre-Schoolers will have its last meeting of this school year on **Friday, May 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. MOPS is a wonderful opportunity for moms to get together and just be themselves, visit, make friends, and be served brunch. For more information on MOPS, contact Cory Buxton or call the church office.



Women's Ministries presents a **Spring Fellowship Potluck Salad Luncheon on Saturday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Bring a salad to share and the Women's Ministries team will provide the table service, drinks and dessert. A short program will be presented, called **Seeds of Faith**. Our guest speaker is from the **Abundant Table Farm Project**. This organization seeks to change lives and systems by creating sustainable relationships to the land and local community. Please R.S.V.P. to Judy Koch.

Men's Ministries

For information call: **Richard Harris**

NEW! The Men' Ministries team will have their monthly meeting next week on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. For more information contact Richard Harris.

UPDATE! **16 days and 22 spaces remain.** Reserve your spot for the Men's Eastern Sierra Recharge at Rock Creek September 21-23, Friday - Sunday, now. Make checks payable to: MPC, memo: Men's Retreat. Questions? Contact Mark Parker. Total cost \$225. **Last day to register Thursday, May 31st.**

NEW! The next Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will be **Saturday, May 26, at 8:00 a.m.** at the home of Jim and Mickey Stueck. We are studying 1 Corinthians 12.

The Men's Wednesday Small Group Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at the Grinder Restaurant** in Moorpark at 6:45 a.m. For more information contact Mark Parker or Dean May.



Tom Flitsch.

Deep Sea Fishing Trip: June 15-16, \$150. For more information contact

Young Adults, College age/Career

For information call: **Em Blattner (805-529-8422, x3)**

The Young Adults Group meets every other week at the **home of Michael and Gayle Hughes**. Join us for dinner at **6:30 p.m.** Sunday nights, followed by a Bible study, prayer time, and hang out. Inviting all current college students and new college students! Contact Em or Derek for gate code or more information (850-529-8422).

Sunday, 10 June: Don't miss out Summer Kick Start event for incoming college students and returning students. We are going to Sky High! Meet us at church at 6:30pm, we will eat at Sky High and will meet all the newbeeeeees!

More MPC Activities:

- Sundays:** 6:30 p.m. **MPC^3 (College and career-age group).** Contact info: Youth Minister Em Blattner (805-529-8422, x3)
Check our facebook page for the complete schedule.
- Mondays:** 7:00 p.m. **Sermon Study Group.** Contact info: Small Group Coordinator Dan Crane.
7:15 p.m. **"Joyful Ringers" handbell practice.** Contact info: Kristin Giffin (805-529-8422, x8). We meet downstairs in the Music Room.
- Tuesdays:** 9:15 a.m. **Women's Small Group Bible Study.** Contact info: Tracey Flitsch. Last meeting on 05/15.
11:00 a.m. **Prayer meeting** led by Pastor Janet Loughry in Janet's office. Come join us as we pray for our church, specific concerns, our community, nation and world.
7:00 p.m. **"Forgiven," the Junior High Youth Group.** Contact info: Derek Saenz (805-529-8422)
7:00 p.m. **Middle School Parents Group** meets in the Club 55 Room through the end of May. Contact info: Beth Gillis-Smith (805-558-0562). bjillismith@gmail.com
- Wednesdays:** 6:45 a.m. **Men's Small Group Wednesday Bible Study.** Contact info: Mark Parker or Dean May. Meet at the Grinder Restaurant in Moorpark.
7:30 p.m. **"Renew," the Senior High Youth Group.** Contact info: Em Blattner: (805-529-8422, x3)
- Thursdays:** 6:30 a.m. **Early Risers Bible Study – meets every other Thursday.** Contact info: Marion Buxton. Meets every other Thursday with a hiatus in June, July, and August. Call for study details.

MAY

- 18 (Friday) 9:00 a.m. **MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers).** Contact info: Cory.
- 19 (Saturday) 12:00 p.m. **Women's Spring Luncheon.** Contact info: Judy Koch.
5:30 p.m. **Fellowship Potluck and Game Night.** Contact info: Christopher Bryan.
- 20 (Sunday) 9:30 a.m. **Family Breakfast put on by Men's Ministries.** Contact info: Richard Harris.
MARKETPLACE registration begins. Contact info: Laurie Loring (805-529-8422, x4).
- 21 (Monday) 7:00 p.m. **Military Families Support Group.** Contact info: Gary Belie.
- 22 (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. **Men's Ministries team meeting.** Contact info: Richard Harris.
- 26 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study.** Contact info: Pastor Dave Wilkinson (805-529-8422, x1).
- 28 (Monday) **Memorial Day. Office Closed**

JUNE

- 3 (Sunday) **Last Day of Regular Sunday Service Schedule**
- 1:00 p.m. **All-Church Family Picnic.** Contact info: Christopher Bryan.
- 4 (Monday) 7:00 p.m. **Grief Support Group.** Contact info: Associate Pastor Janet Loughry (805-529-8422, x2).
The group meets the first Monday of each month in the Club 55 room.
- 5 (Tuesday) 7:15 p.m. **Deacon meeting.** Contact info: Rosanne Jacalone and Associate Pastor Janet Loughry (805-529-8422, x2) The Board of Deacons will meet in Room 11.
- 9 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study.** Contact info: Pastor Dave Wilkinson (805-529-8422, x1).
- 10 (Sunday) **First Day of Summer Sunday Schedule:** Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. (no Sunday School)
Senior Recognition Sunday at both worship services. Contact info: Em Blattner (805-529-8422, x3).
50+ Adventures trip to see "Music Man" at Oaks Christian School. Contact info: Ted and Linda Dahl.
- 12 (Tuesday) 7:15 p.m. **Session meeting.** Contact info: Dave Wilkinson (805-529-8422, x1).
- 15 - 16 (Friday - Saturday) **Men's Ministries Deep Sea Fishing Trip.** Contact info: Tom Flitsch.
- 18 (Monday) 7:00 p.m. **Military Families Support Group.** Contact info: Gary Belie.
- 19 (Tuesday) 7:30 p.m. **Ministry Teams meet.** Contact the head of each Ministry Team for more information or call the church office.
- 23 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. **VBS Workshop.** Contact info: Children's Ministries Director Laurie Loring (805-529-8422, x4)
8:00 a.m. **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study.** Contact info: Pastor Dave Wilkinson (805-529-8422, x1).

Children's Ministries

May 15, 2012

This Sunday For Your Child

NEW! *What is my child learning after the children's sermon today?* If your child is a 3 – Kindergartener going to Wee Celebrate (Room 3), he'll learn that he can take part in worshiping God, maybe by passing out the pennies at collection time, or lighting the candle at the start of worship. Maybe she'll see that there is a time to be quiet and listen to the story about Jesus' ascension into heaven. Our Celebration Circle kids (a.k.a. 1st-3rd graders) in Room 4, will be learning how giving expresses our love to God. Make Celebration a part of your child's worship experience---join us!

MARKETPLACE Registration



UPDATE! *Register early – and save!* Registration for Marketplace-our Bible times VBS- begins this Sunday! Marketplace will be happening July 16 - 20 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon for kids entering Kindergarten through grade 5 this coming fall.

Register by June 10 for only \$30 per child. We'll be learning what true commitment to Jesus Christ looks like and how each of us is called to **live whole-hearted for God!** New songs and lessons from God's Word and fun shops to visit are just a part of this unique week-long adventure. Registration forms for children are available at www.mppres.org and in the church office during the week. Grab an extra form to invite a neighbor! *Want to help?* Check out the Marketplace table on Sunday to see the many ways you too can be a part of the fun! Marketplace Orientation for those interested in helping happens Thursday, May 31, in Room 11 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

A Parenting Tip!

NEW! In light of both Mother's' and Father's Day, did you know that moms and dads are the top two influences in the faith development of children? As a parent, you wield more

than twice as much influence as any church program or ministry. With this humbling thought in mind, we want to encourage and help you reach your child's heart for God. Is time the issue? Consider the time you spend together in the car (on your way to the next thing you have to do) and use those "waiting-for-light-to-change moments" to share how God has helped you that day. Start the sharing and take turns hearing from each one riding with you – and you might just find yourself slowing down to *enjoy every red light!*

Sunday School Memory Verse Pins

Spring is the time when our Sunday school kids are extra-focused on learning their grade's memory verse, so you may notice your child especially beaming – and wearing a shiny new pin after class one of these Sundays! Over the course of this year our Sunday School kids have been reviewing and learning their verses and/or books of the Bible through class games and discussion. Your help and encouragement to practice their verses at home will add greatly to this process, especially if your child hasn't regularly attended. Please ask a Sunday School teacher or talk to Linda Blount or Laurie Loring if you're not sure of what they should be practicing. Thanks!



Upcoming Children's Ministries Events:

MARKETPLACE Staff Orientation – May 31, 9:30 a.m.; **Last Day of Sunday School** – June 3; **Summer Celebration** starts June 10, both services.





Youth Groups

Der ek Saenz, Middle School Minister

Em Blattner, Youth Minister

Renew

Senior High Youth Group News

RENEW the Senior High Youth Ministry, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Youth Room opens at 6:30 p.m. if you want to hang out, and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring money if you plan to come down to the Moorpark Marketplace for food when we're done. Be picked up no later than 8:30 p.m. from church or 9:30 from the Moorpark Marketplace.

NEXT WEEK: May 23 – Fire Pit Night: Join us this week for our first Fire Pit night of the summer season. We will have s'mores & snacks and will spend time in worship before Em teaches a lesson. Renew wishes everyone a good week of final exams, we will be praying for you! Pick up will be at 9pm at church – no In 'n Out.

RENEW in May

- 2 – Regular Night + Dodgeball
- 9 – Small Groups
- 16 – Crazy Game Night @ Miller Park
- 23 – Fire Pit Night + Kickball
- 30 – Freshman Night @ Sky High

For more information on all the above check out the Renew website:

www.wix.com/mppres/renew

Forgiven

Junior High Youth Group News

FORGIVEN, the Junior High Youth Ministry, meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We connect with God and grow in our relationship with Him and each other. Food, fun, games, worship, lesson, small groups - It's the place to be Tuesday nights for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders!

F.A.T. – Forgiven Awesome Thursdays is every Thursday, after School - 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Rooms...Do you like snacks, games, and talking about things that matter? Well then, get here for Forgiven Awesome Thursdays! Bring a friend and join the Thursday revolution!

Forgiven has its own website!!

www.forgivenmppres.com

Group for Middle School Parents

UPDATE! The Parent Group meets through the end of May, at 7:00 p.m. in the Club 55 Room at MPC to discuss topics in Teenology, a great new resource to help us understand our teens. Here's the link to the material: <http://www.homeword.com/teenology-raising-great-teenagers-p-60.html> All parents of pre-teens and teens are welcome! Contact Beth Gillis-Smith for more information.

Renew
summer calendar 2012

MAY

- We 2 Regular Night + Dodgeball
- We 9 Small Groups
- We 16 Crazy Game Night @ Miller
- We 23 Fire Pit Night + Kickball
- We 30 Freshman Night

JUNE

- We 6 Regular Night + Factor Crop?
- We 13 Senior Night
- We 20 Regular Night + Santines
- We 27 Worship & Prayer Night

JULY

- We 4 NO RENEW - Independence Day
- We 11 Regular Night + Battle of the Sexes
- We 18 Small Groups
- We 25 Fire Pit Night + Kickball

AUGUST

- We 1 Rock-n-Water Summer Camp
- We 8 Regular Night + Battle of the Sexes
- We 15 BBQ BBQ
- We 22 Back 2 School + Prayer
- We 29 Movie Night

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29 July-1 August*

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