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Pastor's Page

“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.”
Hebrews 10:24-25

I think that the most satisfying part of my job is to see the transformation of people's lives in the power of Jesus. Often I am taken by surprise in all that God can do. Often God is able to do more than I could have hoped for. Often God changes lives in amazingly powerful ways and I feel humbled that I was given the best seat in the house to witness this living miracle.

I asked for permission to share the story of one such family's transformation and when I asked for permission to quote the mother she wrote, “Yes I have a testimony to the Holy Spirit and our church and I'm not afraid to share.”

On Memorial Day I baptized two youth from the same family. A teenage boy named Cullen and a preteen daughter named Sheabelle. Deby and I were asked to be sponsors for Sheabelle and I tutored Cullen with his homework at the Santee library for much of the year. Cullen was also a part of our confirmation class this past year.

The baptisms were wonderful. The grandmother of the children played the piano and led us in several hymns. One of our other confirmands Bryce Taylor was a sponsor for Cullen at his baptism. The family came to our church because of Bryce's friendship with Cullen. There was a wonderful celebration following the baptisms at their home with a meal and lots of family attending. Each child said in their own way how meaningful the baptisms were to them.

A transformational time for Cullen was confirmation camp. It happened that the only two confirmands that attended the camp from our church were Bryce and Cullen. Stephanie spent the week at the camp with our two boys and 50 other youth.

I brought the three to camp and brought them home. I could tell while I was there that the camp had a huge impact on the lives of both youth. Cullen's Mom Elle wrote to Kim Taylor, Bryce's Mom the following:

“I just have to say thank you again for being a friend. I really do notice a change in Cullen and it started right after the baptism. I saw little changes then

and now that he has gone to camp I see bigger changes. I can't wait to see what happens after 2 weeks at the Joyful Noise Camp. Thank you for being a friend to him and us. When he use to go and spend time at your house on weekends before I met you he would tell me about Bryce and your family and I was glad that he was friends with you. He told me about times he went to church with you. A few times I was curious about the church and before I even met you I wanted to call you up and ask you about it. Thank God Cullen met you and that your family has helped us to find Pastor and our church. I'm very happy Sheabelle will get to be a part of this too. Your children are very lucky to have you as their Mom.”

Cullen's Mom also wrote to me the following in response to all that has taken place in the lives of her children:

“You and the Taylors, deserve credit for being Cullen's friend. It is the Spirit of the Lord that is being blessed upon us through you.

Some friends of mine are worried I have turned all churchy because I talk about our church a lot. I see the love in our little church and I have experienced a change in Cullen. I see the love in the children that lead the youth services and I want that for my children...

I feel blessed for my family that we came across your path at a very difficult time. I think our children will look back on this as they get older and they will really know the difference in their own lives. The fact of the matter is that all three of us have experienced the Holy Spirit at the same time in different degrees...

For a family it is the unity of a community that helps support the foundation. I can't raise these children on my own. I need the help, love and support of a community. Neither Cullen nor Sheabelle has ever said that they don't want to go to our church. In fact they enjoy it. They have experienced the change in me and in themselves. Now when I look back on the raising of my children I say to myself, “Thank God I found that church.”

We are privileged to see the work of God among us.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For June

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
6/5	71	39	19	10
6/12	106	29	14	135
6/19	105	28	18	151
6/26	63	42	28	123

June Finances:

Income	\$12,149
Expenses	\$15,084
Operating Surplus YTD	\$14,106

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. On August 9th the lunch will be held at Omelette Factory in Santee.

Thursday Bible Studies Something for everyone!!

Thursday, August 11th, 18th and 25th we will have Bible study from the "One Year Bible" in the church office from 6:00am (Yes! A.M.) until 6:30am. Many of our church council leaders are at this study but it is open to the whole congregation.

Also Thursday, August 11th 18th and 25th there is an ABC Bible study for beginners in the church office at 7:00pm. Child care is provided. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

Come and join us!

Church Travel Site

Did you know that we have a church travel site where you can book airline tickets, hotel accommodations and rental cars and for the very best rates available and have a percentage of the

dollars you spend come back as a donation to the church.

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Church E-mail Mailings

Would you like to be included on the church e-mail list? Do you want some bit of news e-mailed to the congregation? An e-mail list is being compiled by the church office and you can add yourself to the group list by just dropping a note into the offering plate or calling the church office at 448-1888. If you would like to e-mail something please submit the request in writing after checking with Pastor Rick. All e-mails sent will be sent without listing the e-mail addresses of the others who are receiving the information. This is called a "blind" e-mailing and is meant to protect these addresses from reaching someone who is not authorized to send e-mail to our church members without permission.

Sunday School Teachers

Between services Sunday, August 7th there will be a meeting of Sunday School Teachers and interested parents to plan Sunday for the coming year. Please attend if you have an interest in molding the shape and form of Sunday School beginning Rally Sunday, September 18th.

Confirmation

New time and Day of the Week

Confirmation will begin Sunday, August 7th at Noon. We want to try a new day and time so we can include a large group of teens who want to learn more about their faith after being introduced to the faith through "One Salvation" our youth led worship. Let Pastor Rick or Stephanie know if you are interested in joining the class.

New Members Sunday, September 25th Tuesday, September 27th

Would you like to join our church family? We will receive new members at all three worship services on Sunday, September 25th and Tuesday, September 27th. Please fill out our new member form and have your photo taken for the church directory. We are so excited to welcome new members!!

Church Council Meeting At Noon, Sunday August 28th

First Communion will be Sunday, October 9th. The First Communion class will be Saturday, October 8th at 10:00am

Still Stewing...

Just checking in with some of the giving this year.

Stewardship Past:

- Lenten Buck-a-Chick special offering raised \$93.34 to support impoverished families in other countries with the gift of chicks to raise
- Blue Jean Sunday at the end of June was a great success, many stayed and braved the heat, enjoying good work in great company!

Stewardship Present:

Volunteer Opportunities! #1
FELLOWSHIP We are looking for folks to help host or donate goodies for the between services fellowship, see the sign up sheet by the coffee on Sunday mornings. Or, please consider donating to help cover the cost of the paper products & coffee supplies. #2
SUNDAY DRIVERS We have would-be worshippers who need rides! Can you help? Know someone who needs a ride but you don't have the space in your car? Please call the church office or email chlc@carltonhillslutheran.org. #3
POTLUCK DISH Are you able to contribute to a funeral luncheons? If you can make a dish, even dropped off the day ahead, it's a great opportunity for CHLC to share our love with the families. Please call the church office or email keri.hyles@gmail.com with your name & number.

Stewardship Future:

- Look for another Blue Jean Sunday....details to follow.
- Help plan fall & winter stewardship activities! Have a plan or just an idea? Call Keri at 449-2314 or email keri.hyles@gmail.com

Cookbook Committee

It's been about 25 years since the last Carlton Hills cookbook, and we thought it's about time to share some new ones and gather some old favorites! If you're interested in helping put it together let's have a quick meeting at the back of the church at 9:30am on Sunday, August 21. If you're interested but can't make the meeting, please email keri.hyles@gmail.com or call (619)449-2314.

Upcoming Youth and Young Adult Events

One Salvation, our youth led worship includes interactive time to share what God is doing in our lives, and how all we do is centered on his word. The message is scripture based with audio-visuals. There is fellowship time around the campfire after the worship. This worship opportunity is open to anyone in the congregation. For more information contact Belinda Karge at bkarge@fullerton.edu.

News from TACO

How have the weather changes been affecting you? Some days it's too cold, some days it's too hot, and some days it's just right. Can you imagine if your home was outdoors? We often think of how miserable it must be to live outside during the winter rains. But the summer heat is equally as miserable for people without a roof over their head.

Here at TACO, our numbers continue to rise. In the last few months, we've seen an increase especially in the number of people who are brand new to either this area or homelessness itself. The medical and dental clinics are filled to capacity. The meals are feeding over 200 people near the end of each month. There are over 9,000 homeless people in San Diego county and over 4,000 in the city of San Diego. The need is great. TACO is so fortunate to have the support of so many local congregations and individuals.

There are three ways in which you can help! Christmas in July (and now August) is in full swing! For a donation of \$25.00, you can contribute to the purchase of 250 sleeping bags that will be wrapped and given away at Christmas. This much needed item is always in high demand.

"Homeless Treasures," TACO's first ever rummage sale is on August 20 at Clairemont Lutheran Church. Your help is needed in donating items to sell or to help with the event. To donate items, please call Dagmar Miller at 619-403-6771.

"Bread Upon the Waters" is TACO's annual Fall fundraiser. Formerly "Sunset by the Sea," this event will be held at the Southwestern Yacht Club on Saturday, September 24. Tickets are \$75.00 or six for \$300.00. For information, call 619-235-9445, ext 124 or email info@tacod.org.

Thank you for your support of TACO.

Blessings,
Rachel Line
Volunteer Coordinator

August Anniversaries

- 1 Jennifer & Tim Brown
- 2 Diana & Vance Coletti
- 4 Joanne & Michael Huber
- 7 Richard & Betty Keehn
- 10 John & Jean Sevcik
- 11 Jack & Florence Hustad
- 15 Tom & Carol Davidson
- 15 Corinne & Lee Strand
- 17 Wilbur & Kimberly Taylor
- 23 Delores Ryden
- 30 May & Tim Hustad

August Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Jack Hustad | 20 Nicholas Bloeman |
| 1 Keri Hyles | 20 Gary Berglund |
| 3 Vincent Coletti | 21 Rachel Schowalter |
| 3 Cody Catron | 22 Susanne Rettig |
| 4 Edgar Rodriguez | 22 Hailey Rones |
| 4 Chris Myers | 22 David Lipscomb |
| 5 Drew Bjorson | 25 Timothy Hustad |
| 10 Brandon Avendano | 25 Katie Wentz |
| 10 Sydnie Brown | 26 Darrel Timan |
| 11 Jesse Lipscomb | 27 Deborah Schowalter |
| 13 Jillian Adams | 28 Danielle Davidson |
| 14 Corinne Strand | 30 Wendy Avendano |
| 16 Katelyn Kelchner | 30 Glen Teichner |
| 17 Alandra Gomes | 30 Betty Maxa |
| 19 Cindy Ryan | 31 Carrie Muehlenpfort |
| 19 Sherise Stark | |

If anyone was missed, please call the church office,
448-1888)

August Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto
Communion Assist.: 7, 14- Gary Berglund & Ellie
Timan 21, 28- Jennifer Brown & Marian Privett
Communion Care: May Hustad
Greeters: 7, 14 – Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton
21, 28- Kris Francis
Lector: 7, 14- Rob Koch 21, 28- Mandy Vaughan
Stephen Minister of the Week: 7- Ellie Timan
14- Heather Gasner 21- Carol Davidson
28- Marian Privett
Ushers: Jeff Sallay and Confirmands



Blue Jean Sunday

