

# THE BUGLE

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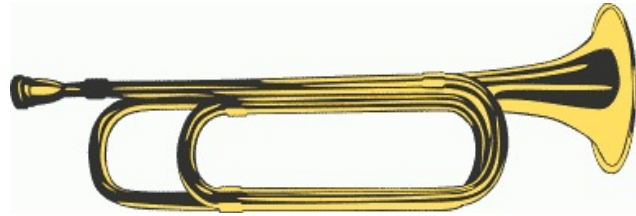
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## Humility is the Key to Life

In Proverbs 22:4 it is written, "The reward for humility...is riches and honor and life." Humility is often mistaken to be a synonym for humiliation. But they are vastly different. Humiliation often occurs when we are not being our authentic selves and others see through the facade. But humility happens when we show our true person to others, in spite of our flaws and defects, and humbly admit we are just human.

How difficult is it to admit our mistakes? To not let pride get in the way of honesty? We want others to think we are doing good, see our accomplishments and most important, we want others to *like* us! We fear that if we share our faults, people will think less of us.

But let me ask you this, when we are around others, is it the ones whose lives seem perfect that we are drawn to or the ones who wear their mistakes on their faces, like battle scars? I believe we feel closest to those who share openly about their faults. In that deep sharing, we feel connected to others.

People who are honest and open about their struggles help others to get through their own hardships. When we humble ourselves enough to let other people see the things we have been through, to see how we got through it, and see where we are

today - we are being of service through our own difficulties.

Often we feel that in order to be of service, to help others who are struggling, we have to be strong and stoic, but the opposite has never been truer. Only when we share our own life story, the good and the bad, can we truly be present with others. As it says in Proverbs, the reward for such openness and honesty in our humility is riches and honor and life. It is life-giving to be able to be humble in front of others so that we may be the light to others.

Our riches come from having close, open relationships with others. Honor comes from our honesty in sharing with others that we, too, have made mistakes and are willing to share those in order to benefit those still struggling. And life comes from knowing that God is with us in all circumstances. When we are humble enough to know we are not perfect, it allows God to work in us, making us perfect creations.

*Pastor Melanie*

## Father's Day Special Guest

Andra Moran, the Nashville daughter of Ruth Ann and Geoff Moran, will be bringing



the message in words and song on June 21. Andra is no stranger to our congregation having visited us at least every Christmas and blessed us with her songs. We also sing a bunch of her compositions in the Chalice Praise hymnal (the purple book).

<http://www.brimproject.com/andra-moran.html>

## Serving During the Month of June

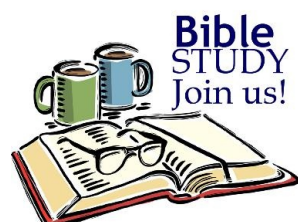


**ELDERS:** Billie Crosby  
Jim Denton

**DEACONS:** Linda Morrow (Lead)  
Amanda Nicodemus  
Blake Reid

### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Jun 7 - Billie Crosby  
Jun 14 - Billie Crosby  
Jun 21 - Billie Crosby  
Jun 28 - Billie Crosby



## Pastor Melanie's Bible Study

Pastor Melanie's Bible Study based on Brian McLaren's book, "We Make the Road by Walking", continues at South Side Coffee Company (105 South H St, Lompoc, CA 93436) on Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If childcare is needed, please contact Pastor Tucker (Office: 805.736.9355 / Cell: 805.315.2987).


## Blanketing the World

The youth of our church continue to collect quarters (dollars or any form of money really) in the jar in the narthex next to the yellow blanket. Collected in the last three weeks at FCC Lompoc is \$90.14.

Be sure to remember to bring your quarters or funds to help. Here is a link to the Church World Service web site for more info about the blanket project:

<http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/cws-blankets/>



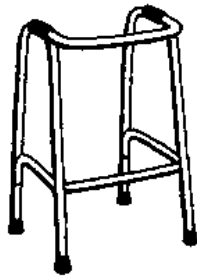


**BOY SCOUT TROOP #103 will be holding a Court of Honor on Saturday June 13 at noon in our Sanctuary. Come out if you can in support of our scout troop.**



## IN CASE OF HEALTH CARE NEEDS

For a number of years, as members of the congregation have suffered from injuries and/or the processes of aging, we have collected a number of items that are available if needed. This is a list of what is available currently:



2 wheelchairs, 1 walker with seat, 3 other walkers, 1 walker basket, 1 potty chair with buckets, 3 canes (1 has 4 feet for extra stability), and a shower stool. There are also several older items that are currently in use by individuals.

If you have need of any items to assist you through a time of disability, feel free to contact Bill or Betty Denton. (805.736.3671, 805.448.2695, 805.588.0377 or [bdentons@netscape.net](mailto:bdentons@netscape.net)).

## JOYS & CONCERNS:

### JOYS:

- Janelle Mason: Plumbing and electrical problems are a thing of the past at Casa Mason; driving again following pacemaker surgery and she enjoyed Mother's Day skit by Jo Ann Terrones, Emily Knight & Avery Lange
- Dee Price: Enjoyed all day workshop at SDA church for women
- Bill Denton: Enjoyed recent presentation by Master Chorale
- Janelle Mason: Thankful for all her medical practitioners
- Betty Denton: Good to see kids of church enjoying service project of Church World Service Blanket Project; requests prayers for friend Shirley
- Amanda Nicodemus: Thanked church family for generous donation from FCC family to her friends who lost twins just before birth
- Bill & Betty Denton: Enjoyed having family here for grandson Jon & Caitlan's wedding 5/25/2015
- Tammy Read: Her nephew accepted to acting school in Hollywood
- Amy Haithcoat: Grandson Luke graduating from college and granddaughter Jillian graduated from high school
- Thanks to everyone contributing toward blanket fund in response to their blanket fund project for Church World Service

### CONCERNS:

- Betty Denton: Betty Scherick has knee surgery in her future
- Joetta Lyons: Prayers for sister Niola, possible lupus diagnosis
- Ann Sobieszczyk: Brother-in-Law recuperating from a fall, not a good patient
- Prayers for First Christian Church of Santa Barbara as they begin their Pastoral Search again
- Ruth Ann Moran: Requests prayers for her & Geoff as they discern how much support they can provide to FCC SB by preaching there
- Health of Community, allergies and intestinal issues
- Health concerns in church family
- Jim Denton: Good friend Tony, cancer
- Continued prayers for Dee & Arnie Price (health)



- Pastor Melanie Tucker: Prayers for friend Amy who has been in hospital; prayers for flooding victims in Texas
- Jo Anne Terrones: Niece in Indiana (Rosemary Long) with throat cancer
- Linda Werner: Prayers for Russell (Owner of Cabinets Etc.) and family, health issues
- Tammy Read: Prayers for health issues
- Beth Corry: Neighbor with cancer and also daughter Erica having surgery
- Prayers for health concerns of John Eckert, Sr.
- John Sams: Prayers for family of Bob Koop following his passing

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