

Granada Baptist Church

945 Concannon Blvd
Livermore, CA 94550

Phone: 925-447-3428
Email: newsletter@granadachurch.org



See us on the web at
www.grnadachurch.org

Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5

June, 2005



Granada Good News

Inside this issue:

Our New Pastor	1
Seniors	1
Bowling	2
Church Staff	4
You're from Oklahoma	4
Cartoon	5
Personal Thoughts	6
Calendar	7

The Granada Good News is a publication of Granada Baptist Church, Livermore, CA. It is available as: printed copies at the church; printed copies sent by First Class mail (\$5/year donation requested); by email (.pdf attachment); or on our website, <http://www.grnadachurch.org>.

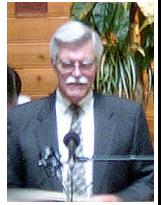
Contact: newsletter@granadachurch.org or by mail to 945 Concannon Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, to subscribe, unsubscribe, change subscription format, or for more

Pastor's Notes

What a wonderful and exciting day we find ourselves in as we live each day. It is exciting to both me and my wife, Elizabeth, as we embark upon another adventure in the kingdom of God with a new set of family and friends here at Granada Baptist Church in Livermore.

Since my first time of being with you in January until you called

me as your Pastor at the March 17, 2005 business meeting by a unanimous vote, I have sensed the Lord's direction and leading. Every Sunday morning, we have been opening God's Word and studying True Worship as laid out in Psalm 105. If you haven't been with us, we invite you to join us



Pastor David O'Brien

(Continued on page 3)

Seniors' Luncheon

Twenty-one Seniors and their guests met May 19 for their program and luncheon. We had one new visitor, Vicky Frost.

The program opened with the singing two old hymns, "Victory In Jesus" and "The Lily of The Valley" with Hugh Colvin playing his guitar.

Mary Schoeneke announced that we have a new pastor, David O' Brien and that his wife, Elizabeth, plays the piano and sings, while Eugene Masluk accompanies her on the keyboard. Hugh Colvin makes copies of

the sermon and they will be available to those who could not attend. Prayer requests were asked for Gevonnia Smith, who hurt her foot while on vacation, Roy Schoeneke, who will be having eye surgery May 23, and Joyce Bassinger's nephew and his wife who welcomed their 13th baby into their family.

Mary gave a prayer for all of those above.

Mary Schoeneke read "Church Staff Job Descriptions". (page 4)

Alma Farris read

(Continued on page 3)

Holy Rollers Take 2nd Place

On May 7th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our nine bowlers formed two teams, and Team #2 had the high score of 3118, good enough for 2nd place and a \$60 donation for our church. Our sister church Trinity Baptist defended their championship with a score of 3168. Granada Baptist's Team #2 was again comprised of **Otis Farris** and four of his friends. The high bowler was **Tom Edwards**, who had a 222 game and a 551 series. Otis had a 220 game and a 514 series, while **Rich Nickison** had a 178 game and a 509 series. **Ed Slater** bowled a 189 game and a 485 series, while **Earl Strain** had a 179 series and a 435 series. Team #1 had a total of 2678 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had a 193 game and a 513 series. **Luis Pacheco**, a bowler recruited for us by Granada Bowl, had a 166 game and a 429 series, while **Alma**

Farris had a 160 game and a 341 series. **Carl Serkland** rounded out our team with a 109 game and a 315. We had two split conversions on the day. Frank made the 5-6 split and Earl picked up the 2-7 split.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on Saturday, June 11th at 12 noon. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy for a month. The cost is \$9.50 and includes three games of bowling and rental shoes, if necessary. You don't have to be any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you can bowl at all, you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. Please sign up by Wednesday, June 8th at the latest, as Granada Bowl needs to reserve the right number of lanes. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

— Frank Serkland



Bowling

You know you' re growing old when...

You' ve come to the annoyinglieve they work. realization that your parents were You' ve realized that all those right about almost everything. geeky people in Bermuda shorts

The bag boy volunteers to help walking around Disney World in-load groceries into your car-in the clude you.

"ten items or less" lane. You' ve had three opportunities

You' ve stopped supporting yourto buy every single Disney Ani-children, and started supporting your mated Classic-"for the last time in a parents. generation"

You buy "age-defying" makeup and "anti-wrinkle" creams and be-

June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Schedule of Events

June 5 — Lord's Supper and A.J. Hyatt Offering; Special Business Meeting

June 11 — 12:00 noon Church Bowling Challenge

June 12 — 12:30 pm: Fellowship Luncheon

June 14 — Flag Day

June 16 — 10:45 am: Seniors' Luncheon

June 19 — 12:15 pm: Business Meeting

Fathers' Day

July 4 is on a Monday this year.

Weekly schedule

Sunday, 9:45 am: Bible Study for all ages

Sunday, 11:00 am: Worship

Tuesday, 10:00 am: Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Saturday, 7:30 am: Prayer Breakfast

Birthdays

3 **Paul Dane**

10 **Geri Shackles**

10 **Ray Torrez**

15 **Phil Locke**

20 **Debbie Jlanivich**

Anniversaries

7 **Roy & Mary Schoe-necke**

Personal Thoughts

A young boy was learning to play the piano, and his mother decided to encourage him by taking him to hear a world-renowned pianist play. As they were seated at the concert, the mother saw a friend and walked over to greet her. The young boy saw his chance to explore around the concert hall and soon wandered through a door that was marked, "No Admittance." When the house lights dimmed the mother returned to her seat to discover her son was missing. Just then the curtains parted and she looked up to the stage in horror to discover her son at the piano, tapping out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Just then, the great master made his entrance, walked up behind the boy and whispered, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then he leaned over and filled in a bass part with his left hand, adding an upper melody with his right hand. Together the master and the

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." -- 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)

young boy turned a scary situation into a wonderfully creative situation that mesmerized the audience.

Our heavenly Father is like the master pianist in this story. What we can accomplish in this life under our own power is often uninspiring. Even when we try our best, the results don't always resemble the heights we'd imagined. But when we rely on God's power to live our lives, we find the inspiration and strength to make beautiful music, so to speak. Whenever we find ourselves in the midst of our struggles, we can hear God whispering in our ears, "Don't quit. Keep playing." He loves us and is always with us to help us do His blessed will. I like a saying I once heard: "God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called." The Lord will always supply you with whatever you need to do the great things He has in store for you.

In Jesus, Frank

International Proverbs

If you can't heal the wound, don't open it up.--Danish

If things are not as you wish, wish them as they are.--Latin

No man ever became wicked all at once.--French

He who brings is welcome.--Chinese

Silence is also speech.--Yiddish

Keep quiet and people will think you a philosopher.-- Hebrew

Shame lasts longer than poverty.--Yiddish

(Continued from page 1)

as we fellowship and worship every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. I look forward to getting to know everyone of you in the days to come.

I am indeed grateful to Jack Deligans for doing such a great job of holding all things together during this time of transition. Carl Serkland is so faithful in several areas. We are grateful to him and to God and look forward to several other folks coming alongside to share the joyful labor. Hugh Colvin's leadership is noticed right away as we unite in

singing songs he has so carefully selected each Sunday morning. I would have to name everyone in the church to say, "You have been faithful to encourage me with your attendance and support. Thank You."

We have several things we are looking forward to doing in the summer and throughout the year. Follow God's leading and come join us as we work, worship, and fellowship together.

Your Pastor,
David O'Brien

(Continued from page 1)

"Answers School Children Gave About Mothers".

Vicky Frost read "A Little Mixed-Up" about an elderly lady who had memory problems.

Jane Hook read "Somebody" in honor of Mother's Day.

Janice Brown read "You're From Oklahoma If:".

Carl Serkland read "A Traveler's Guide to Heaven".

Joyce Basinger read a poem taken from a book titled "Illuminata, A Return To Prayer" by Marianne Williamson-

Dear God,

May I have faith.

May I not be tempted to forget Your power.

May my mind not stray to the might of the destroyer but remember instead the might of the Lord.

Tomorrow you shall show me.

You shall have the final word, the final say.

And so I shall not worry.

You shall redeem me, I shall

resurrect.

You shall bring forth new life from all apparent death.

You create what the darkness has destroyed, for Your power is infinite, Your forgiveness is total, Your mercy complete.

So shall it be that I might fall, but I shall not remain down for my Lord is with me.

He shall lift me up.

He shall create a new day.

He shall bring me home.

Praise God.

Amen.

Jack Deligans read an article about Baptist men and women who travel all over the world helping in times of crises and building churches.

Jack also gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow.

Our next luncheon will be June 16 so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

-- Jane Hook.

Church Staff Job Descriptions

Pastor: Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Is more powerful than a locomotive. Is faster than a speeding bullet. Walks on water. Dictates church policies to God.

Associate Pastor: Is able to leap short buildings in a single bound. Is as powerful as a switch engine. Is just as fast as a speeding bullet. Walks on water if the sea is calm. Talks with God.

Minister of Education: Leaps short buildings with a running start. Is faster than a speeding BB. Walks on water if he knows where the stumps are. Talks with the Lord if special request is approved.

Minister of Music: Clears a

Quonset house. Loses races with a locomotive. Can fire a speeding bullet. Swims well. Is occasionally addressed by the Lord.

Minister of Youth: Runs into small buildings. Recognizes locomotives 2 out of 3 times. Uses a squirt gun. Knows how to use the water fountain. Mumbles to himself.

Church Secretary: Lifts buildings and walks under them. Kicks locomotives off the track. Catches speeding bullets in her teeth. Freezes water with a single glance. When the Lord speaks, she says, "May I ask who is calling?"

You' re From Oklahoma If:

1. You can properly pronounce Eufaula, Gotebo, Okemah, and Chickasha.

2. You think that people who complain about the wind in their states are sissies.

3. A tornado warning siren is your signal to go out in the yard and look for a funnel.

4. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.

5. You' ve ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.

6. You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door, but by the availability of shade.

7. Stores don' t have bags, they

have sacks.

8. You see people wear bib overalls at funerals.

9. You think everyone from a bigger city has an accent.

10. You measure distance in minutes.

11. You refer to the capital of Oklahoma as "The City."

12. It doesn' t bother you to use an airport named for a man who died in an airplane crash.

13. Little smokies are something you serve only for special occasions.

14. You go to the lake because you think it is like going to the ocean.

15. You listen to the weather

(Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4)

forecast before picking out an outfit.

16. You know cowpies are not made of beef.

17. Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date.

18. You have known someone who has had one belt buckle bigger than your fist.

19. A bad traffic jam involves two cars staring each other down at a four-way stop, each determined to be the most polite and let the other go first.

20. You know in which state Miami is and in which state Miami is.

21. You aren' t surprised to find movie rental, ammunition, and bait

all in the same store.

22. Your "place at the lake" has wheels under it.

23. A Mercedes Benz is not a status symbol. A Ford F350 4x4 is.

24. You know everything goes better with Ranch.

25. You learned how to shoot a gun before you learned how to multiply.

26. You actually get these jokes and are "fixin" to send them to your friends.

Finally, you are 100% Oklahoman if you have ever heard this conversation:

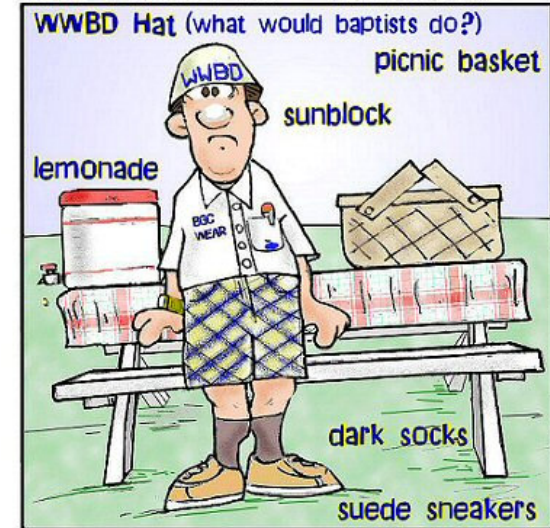
"You wanna coke?"

"Yeah."

"What kind?"

"Dr. Pepper."

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



Stylin' Like a Baptist!!
Summer Picnic Fashions 2003