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Seniors Report

Twenty-two Seniors and their guests met on March 20, 2008 for their program and luncheon.

Beulah Rebis' son, Alan, has come to live with her and enjoyed joining us. Prayer requests were asked for Roberta Kihle who has had surgery and is now living at Rosewood.

Jane Hook read *Kid Stories*.

Carl Serkland read *A Country Preacher*.

Alma Farris read *The Blonde Painter*.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions based on hymns written years ago but they're still popular today. One was *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, taken from Galatians 6:14, written by Isaac Watts, words by him and set to music by Lowell Mason. Isaac Watts was very talented; he studied Latin at age 4, Greek at age 9, and then French at 11 and Hebrew at 13. He composed over 600 hymns and earned the title of "The Father of English Hymnody."

Next was Robert Lowry, who wrote *Christ Arose* in 1874. He graduated from Bucknell

University in 1854, taught there, received his doctorate degree, and went on to minister at the Westchester Baptist Church near Philadelphia, others in New Jersey, New York City, and Brooklyn. He was also music director of the Bigelow Publishing Company.

Dr. Lowry edited more than 20 Sunday School songbooks. He wrote *Shall We Gather at the River* and the music for several other songs.

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing *When We All Get to Heaven*, *There's a Land that Is Fairer than Day*, *When the Morning Comes*, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, *Revive Us Again*, *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*, *When the Roll Is Called up Yonder*, and *Ring the Bells of Heaven*.

Mary said Roberta Kihle would enjoy having visitors at Rosewood.

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

Our next luncheon will be April 17th, 2008, so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

-- Jane Hook



County Preacher

An old southern country preacher had a teenage son, and it was getting time the boy should give some thought to choosing a profession. Like many young men, the boy didn't really know what he wanted to do, and he didn't seem too concerned about it.

One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed on his study table four objects: a Bible, a silver dollar, a bottle of whiskey and a Playboy magazine.

"I'll just hide behind the door," the old preacher said to himself. "When he comes home from school this afternoon, I'll see which object he picks up. If it's the Bible, he's going to be a preacher like me, and what a blessing that would be! If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a businessman, and that would be okay, too. But if he picks

up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunkard, and, Lord, what a shame that would be. And worst of all, if he picks up that magazine he's gonna be a skirt-chasin' bum."

The old man waited anxiously, and soon heard his son's footsteps as he entered the house whistling and headed for his room. The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave the room he spotted the objects on the table. With curiosity in his eye, he walked over to inspect them.

Finally, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the silver dollar and dropped it into his pocket. He uncorked the bottle and took a big drink while he admired this month's Centerfold.

"Lord have mercy," the old preacher disgustedly whispered, "he's gonna be a Congressman!"

"Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain - and most fools do."
--Dale Carnegie

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Church Challenge Bowling

Holy Rollers Take 3rd Place

On March 8th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 19 bowlers formed four teams, and Team #4 finished with the high score of 2837, not good enough to defend our championship from February, but good enough for 3rd place and a \$40 donation for our church. Our sister church Trinity Baptist won possession of the perpetual trophy with a total of 3016. Team #4 was led by **Jim Caron**, who had a 185 game and a 547 series. **Debbie Caron** had a 172 game and a 453 series, and **Sue Pope** had a 123 game and a 344 series. **T. J. Caron** bowled a 129 game and a 335 series, and **Nathan Caron** bowled a 105 game and a 306 series. Team #2 had a score of 2824 and was led by **Otis Farris**, who had a 180 game and a series of 505. **Don Tunison** had a 191 game, a 498 series and a conversion on the day of the 2-7-8 split. **Dwayne Childers** had a 165 game and a 470 series, while **Rich Nickison** had a 176 game and a 445 series. Team #1 had a total of 2819 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who bowled a 204 game and a 567 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 136 game and a 387 series, while **Lauren Serkland** bowled a 145, a 385 series and picked up the 5-6-7-10 split. **Ron Ho-**



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gan had a 129 game and a 333 series. **Dorothea Craghold** bowled a 133 game, and a 328 series, and made the 3-10 split. Team #3 had a total of 2682 and was led by **Joey Caron**, who had a 133 game and a 428 series. **Alma Farris** bowled a 171 game and a 405 series, and **Shirley Davis** bowled a 138 game and a 403 series. **Clarice Tunison** had a 127 game and a 334 series. **Dale Irving** had a 104 game and a 308 series.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on April 12th at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 and includes 3 games of bowling and, if necessary, bowling shoes. Come and help us try to defend the perpetual trophy back for another month, or at least a donation for our church if we bowl well enough. You don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you know which side of the ball to hold (the outside), you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet that will eventually be in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

— Frank Serkland

Passover

We will be celebrating a Passover Seder again this year. Passover begins at sundown on Saturday, April 19th. We will meet at 6:00 pm, and will be joined by Jeff Millenson of Jews for Jesus. Please RSVP to the O'Briens (510-537-3867) by Wednesday, April 16, if you plan to attend; this is a very structured dinner, and an accurate advance count is needed to set up the tables and prepare the proper quantities of everything needed.



If you have not attended one of our Passover celebrations, come prepared to learn a lot about how Christianity was foretold in ancient Jewish traditions and ceremonies, and the historical origins of the Lord's Supper. This Seder will also be our celebration of the Lord's Supper for this month.

Personal Thoughts

A certain water bearer in India used two pots to carry water from the river to his master's house. While one of the pots was perfect and always carried its full load, the other was cracked and leaked a great deal of water along the path. It felt so ashamed to be imperfect that one day, it apologized to the water bearer for not bearing its full load. In response, the water bearer said, "When we make our next trip, look at the flowers on your side of the path. You see, I have always known about your flaws. The flowers that you see are ones that you have watered. Without your cracks, I would not have been able to decorate my master's table with their beauty."





Each of us has a different set of flaws. We are, essentially, cracked pots. But God, who created each one of us, is

"For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him to serve you." -- 2 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

aware of our imperfections, and if we're willing to be used by Him, He can work with us, warts and all, to bless the world around us and minister to hurting souls. Our flaws, as numerous as they are, are nothing to be afraid of as long as we're willing to do His bidding when He calls, knowing that even when we are weak, He is strong. And when we're serving Him, we can go out boldly, knowing He'll provide us with the strength we need to do whatever He commands. With God, all things are possible if we lean on Him to work through our faults to change the world.

In Jesus, Frank

April 2008

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27	28	29	30			

Schedule of Events

- Apr 1 **Atheists'/Agnostics' Day**
(Psalm 14:1)
- Apr 6 12:20 pm **Fellowship Luncheon**
- Apr 12 12:00 noon **Church Challenge Bowling**
- Apr 13 12:20 pm **Church Council**
- Apr 17 10:45 am **Seniors' Luncheon**
- Apr 19 6:00 pm **Passover Seder**
- Apr 20 12:20 pm **Quarterly Business Meeting**

Weekly schedule

- Sunday 9:45 am Bible Study for all ages**
- Sunday 11:00 am Worship**
- Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study**
- Saturday 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast**

Check our website for changes and updates at Granadachurch.org

A Few Truths

- No one can ruin your day without YOUR permission.
- Most people will be about as happy as they decide to be.
- Others can stop you temporarily, but only you can do it permanently.
- Whatever you are willing to put up with is exactly what you will have.
- Success stops when you do.
- When your ship comes in. ... make sure you are willing to unload it.
- You will never "have it all together."
- Life is a journey ... not a destination. Enjoy the trip.
- The biggest lie on the planet: "When I get what I want I will be happy."
- The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.
- I've learned that ultimately 'takers' lose and 'givers' win.
- Life's precious moments don't have value, unless they are shared.
- If you don't start, it's certain you won't arrive.
- We often fear the thing we want the most.
- Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you have to say. Best friends listen to what you don't say.
- Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.
- Look for opportunities...not guarantees.
- Life is what's coming.... not what was.
- Success is getting up one more time.
- Now is the most interesting time of all.
- When things go wrong...don't go with them.
- Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.
- God can mend all broken hearts. You just have to give Him all the pieces.
- A person who asks a question might be a fool for five minutes, but a person who doesn't ask, is a fool forever.
- A best friend is like a four leaf clover ... hard to find, and lucky to have.
- A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.
- A coincidence is when God performs a miracle, and decides to remain anonymous.
- I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.
- Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace ... and your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.
- Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.



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