

Yosemite Community Church



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FROM THE PASTOR...

Greetings In Jesus Name!

I pray that all is well with you and yours.

We are in the last part of April and our weather reflects it. Today is a gorgeous sunlit but crispy cool day. The falls are raging and there are many visitors enjoying the park. Just two weeks ago it was quite a different story. The park was closed due to a 'high

water event'. Our concerns grew as reports of flooding at the Chapel started to filter in. The reports were accurate. There was some flooding but it was not as severe as it could have been. The water reached up to the second step of the entryway which meant that the crawlspace/storage area under the Chapel was seriously affected. Fortunately the waters receded rapidly. The next day Park Service personnel arrived with sump pumps and drained what water was left from underneath the chapel.

The final result was that the ADA elevator is temporarily out of commission, and a number of stored items sustained minor water damage. The problem that remained was trapped debris and moisture underneath the chapel. Odors began to arise. An outside contractor was contacted. They were able to power wash and treat the entire area under the chapel and dry it completely over several days with fans.

All in all things turned out well. The ADA elevator is awaiting repair by Park Service, and the private contractor was very generous with their fees. Having said that, this still represented a somewhat significant cost to the Chapel. Many of our affiliates who were aware of the situation through social media sent emergency donations which helped significantly. We were able to have services the following Sunday and we appreciate the efforts of all concerned. I hope this answers any concerns you might have about these recent events. Thanks to all of you who supported us through your gifts and prayers.

On another note, we have begun a study of Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. In the 4th chapter in verse 15 and 16 verses he writes these words. ""but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what each joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part ,causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." These verses assume being connected to a local body in which "speaking the truth" and "in love" can actually occur. We cannot grow spiritually, nor can the church (the body of Christ) unless we are engaged with other believers. This growth is directly related to both the gifts of the Spirit (speaking the truth) and the fruit of the Spirit (In love). All of this is in the greater context of the chapter which instructs us to live our lives consistent with God's calling. (verse 1 of ch.4).

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Ephesians 4:15-16 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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MAY 2018

SCHEDULE May 2018

Sunday:

9:15 am chapel morning services. Evening service 7:00pm




Wednesday: Midweek Chapel service 7:00 pm

Thursday: Executive Bible Study 6:30 am

Home Bible Study at the Moore's home 7:00 pm

****SUNDAY MAY 6th ANNUAL MARRIAGE RENEWAL SUNDAY 9:15am and 11:00am**

****May 13th Mother's Day**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Home Bible Study at the Moore's 7:00 pm	4	5 Marriage Seminar 8:15am
	7	8	9 Chapel Service 7:00 pm	10 Home Bible Study at the Moore's 7:00 pm	11	12
	14	15	16 Chapel Service 7:00 pm	17 Home Bible Study at the Moore's 7:00 pm	18	19
20 Sunday Services 9:15 am 6:30 pm	21	22	23 Chapel Service 7:00 pm	24 Home Bible Study at the Moore's 7:00 pm	25	25
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JUNE 2018

SCHEDULE June 2018

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9:15 am chapel morning services. Evening service 7:00pm

Wednesday: Midweek Chapel service 7:00 pm

Thursday: Executive Bible Study 6:30 am

Home Bible Study at the Moore's home 7:00 pm

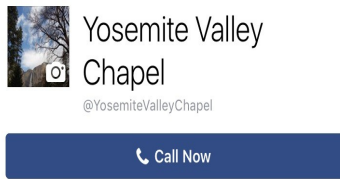
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Yosemite Community Church on Facebook!

Yosemite Community Church is now live on Facebook every Sunday Morning at 9:15am. What you will need to do to watch is :

1. Open a Facebook account.
2. Do a search for Yosemite Valley Chapel and "LIKE" our page. This is what you will see (you will see the picture just like this one).



Once you do these very

easy steps you will receive a notification that we have "Gone Live" and you will click on that notification and you will see us.

We archive our services on our page so you are able to access them at your leisure in case you are not available at 9:15am on a Sunday morning. We have had so many viewers and even some from across the pond! We are also very happy to have such a won-

derful response to this kind of broadcasting. As a result we are receiving financial gifts to help further the Kingdom of God. Thank you to all who give.

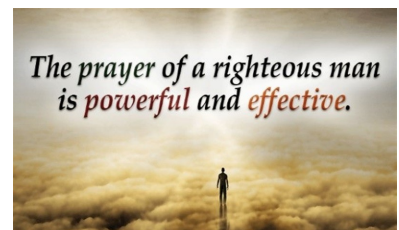


Prayers for the Sick and Prayer Requests

At Yosemite Community Church we love to pray. Please send us your prayer requests and have people all over the world agree in prayer with you. YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net

1. Please pray for Jim Bentley for comfort.
2. Glenn Skooglund for cancer.
3. Faith Moore for surgery in June

4. Durward Bell for healing.
5. Ranelle or healing of her leg.
6. Lisa for blood pressure



PayPal Donations www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Yosemite Community Church now offers PayPal for your monthly contributions. See our website a www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org and you will see a PayPal button to donate. This is a fast and easy way to contribute and is also tax deductible.



Please consider supporting this very special and unique ministry. We receive no Federal money and exist solely on your gifts.

Blessings,
Pastor Brent

Annual Marriage Renewal Sunday

The first Sunday in May we are proud to announce its Marriage Renewal Sunday! This time honored tradition is offered on Sunday May 06, 2018 at 9:15am and 11:00am. This is our normal service times but on this special Sunday both services are dedicated to mar-

riage renewal. No reservations are needed. Seating is first come first serve so arrive a bit early and remember the



traffic could be more than you think. No dress code required. Remember you are on vacation so camp clothing is perfect. Call now to get your reservations for rooms or camping.

We look forward to seeing YOU!

Church Needs

We have so many of you ask us what the chapel needs so you can give your gifts to a particular focus. Here is a list of some needs.

1. Our hymn books are looking tattered and worn. They were actually survivors of the 1997 flood that closed Yosemite for three months at that time. Some of them are very warped.
2. Bibles are needed. Often taken as souve-

nirs because they read Yosemite Community Church on

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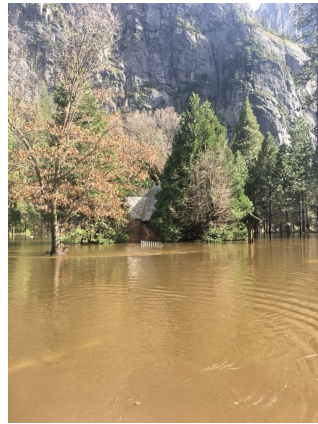
- the cover. We don't really complain about them being taken because someone might read God's Word and believe.
3. Organ repair. We have a 1980's Rogers

Organ that needs attention. Some of the stops don't work and to buy a new organ is not necessary. This is a very good organ and we would like to keep it operational.

4. Women's and Men's Ministries. This is mainly for annual day retreats.
5. Computer upgrades. Includes new equipment and more updated programs.

Flood of April 2018

The weekend of April Yosemite experienced a flood that closed the park for a weekend. The initial photos looked pretty grim for the chapel. No damage was done to the chapel sanctuary however there was significant flooding underneath the chapel. Stored there were several items which included a generator, a large oak pulpit, a pop up tent we use for VBS, a pinewood derby race-track, a bathroom water heater, some metal chairs used for VBS, and a wooden decorative wreath used in the sanctuary many years ago. The ADA lift mechanism was significantly damaged and is inoperable. The National



Park Service is taking care of that problem. The water heater began to function after it dried out. The greatest damage was the moisture and potential for mildew and mold. While the National Park Service initially pumped the water out the substantial moisture remained has been addressed through people stepping up and donating to help the chapel.

Debris was cleaned out, power washed and treating of affected of the foundation to prevent huge problems. We hired a private sector contractor who was also very generous in charging significantly less for the work rendered.

Because of everyone's quick response the chapel remains functional in what could have been bad. Once again thank you from the bottom of my heart. Pastor Brent

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All that is to say that none of this is optional. In fact when Jesus tells the parable of the talents (Mt 25: 14-30) He makes it clear that we have all been given something for which we are responsible for using for the sake of His kingdom. Paul's letter to the Ephesians in this 4th chapter is a practical description of how we are to go about investing what He has given us in His work. You see we are not only called out of

the kingdom of this world, but we are called to the kingdom of God. You came into that Kingdom the day you first believed. It was the ending of the old life and the beginning of the new. None of this is easy, but it was not easy for Jesus. But it is all worth it. It was worth it to

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Jesus to suffer and die for us, and it is ultimately worth it for us to live as much as possible for Him. He has given us everything we need and has equipped us for every good work. Yours in Christ, Pastor Brent

Summer Events

Summer is our very busy season in Yosemite National Park. It is no less true for the ministry of the chapel. We will soon see the arrival of this years A.C.M.N.P. summer team. They will provide campground services of Worship at several of the campgrounds. We will be partnering with A.C.M.N.P. as

we do every year.

Mountain View Presbyterian will once again be providing VBS for our local children at the chapel. Please pray for the success for both of these events.

