



# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.*



Please join us for worship on the Modesto Church of the Brethren Facebook page at 11 AM each Sunday.

### Luke 1:46b-55~ The Voice

- <sup>46</sup> **Mary:** My soul lifts up the Lord!  
<sup>47</sup> My spirit celebrates God, my Liberator!  
<sup>48</sup> For though I'm God's humble servant, God has noticed me. Now and forever, I will be considered blessed by all generations.  
<sup>49</sup> For the Mighty One has done great things for me; holy is God's name!  
<sup>50</sup> From generation to generation, God's lovingkindness endures for those who revere Him.  
<sup>51</sup> God's arm has accomplished mighty deeds. The proud in mind and heart, God has sent away in disarray.  
<sup>52</sup> The rulers from their high positions of power, God has brought down low.  
And those who were humble and lowly, God has elevated with dignity.  
<sup>53</sup> The hungry—God has filled with fine food. The rich—God has dismissed with nothing in their hands.  
<sup>54</sup> To Israel, God's servant, God has given help,  
<sup>55</sup> As promised to our ancestors, remembering Abraham and his descendants in mercy forever.



Kim and Jim B. are thrilled to announce that they were present as their son Kyle married Cassidy in a very intimate ceremony in LaVerne this past Saturday. They had a safe drive back.

Johnathan G. asks for prayers for his mom as she re-enters the hospital with an infection. He also asks for prayers as he travels to Vancouver Wednesday to care for some of his mother's needs.

Rene G. asks for prayers for health.

Margaret J. asks for prayers for granddaughter Ava and her family.

Patrick McC. asks for prayers for those who have no job and someone who has COVID.



Allison asks for prayers for a friend in hospice care, also for her friend Candice and family going through many health and life changing issues.

Sandy W. is back home with her mom!

Monique S. asks for prayers for her friend whose mom is in the hospital with COVID. She also has pancreatic cancer. She is hoping for positive news soon.

Gayle H. shared that Starla Garst of the Fremont Fellowship passed December 3. Cards can be sent to Ben Garst, 13024 Carmelita Place, Oregon City, OR 97045



### Memories by Darlene Mathias

"During the 1970s, '80s, and '90s church folk made an annual hike from Yosemite's Tioga road out to North Dome. North Dome is directly across the Tenaya Creek canyon from Half Dome. The night before the big day folks stayed over at the Worthington (Jim and Margaret) and Weaver (Willie and Louise) cabin in Greeley Hill. Jim was a tree enthusiast and the drive always included a stopover to admire the Jordan Oak, a very old and massive live oak near Buck Meadows.

"Sylvan and I had previously tried to find the tree, unsuccessfully. We made another more diligent attempt last Friday, armed with directions off the web.

"We were happy to find it, but sad to see that it has been dead for many years. Fires have burned the area but we suspect it had simply lived out its long life. Now its massive limbs are breaking off, and the debris is nourishing new little live oaks all around."



## MODERATOR'S DISTRICT Q&A SCHEDULED FOR OUR DISTRICT

Annual Conference Moderator Paul Munday is hosting a ZOOM session in districts, focusing on the "state of the church." Both laity and clergy are urged to participate. The ZOOM session will use a Q&A format; any and all questions are invited. Joining Moderator Paul will be the other Annual Conference Officers: Dave Sollenberger, Moderator Elect, and Jim Beckwith, Annual Conference Secretary.

The Moderator's District Q&A sessions for the Pacific Southwest district will be:

**Wednesday, January 6, at 10 AM PST, and  
Saturday, January 16, at 10 AM PST.**

Here are the ZOOM links to join the Q&A:

Wednesday, Jan 6, 2021, 10:00 AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87434084368?pwd=WHU1VFhEWc9GcjN5WW9lbkxJc1ZwZz09>

Dial by phone  
+1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 874 3408 4368#  
Passcode: 091220

Saturday, Jan 16, 2021, 10:00 AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83288019105?pwd=V1J0ejgyMjhGUWE2V2c4bnNpeUlzZz09>

Dial by phone  
+1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 832 8801 9105#  
Passcode: 091233

## Cash Receipts 2020

January \$18,172.65

February \$16,342.00

March: \$8,027.66

April: \$16,061.00

May: \$22,900.00

June: \$15,286.00

July: \$36,781.48

August: \$19,121.00

September: \$24,721.25

October: \$19,156.00

November: \$22,356.00

Total \$241,825.04

**WE HAVE PAID ALL OF OUR  
WITNESS OUTREACH!!**

Approximately \$20,000 is  
required to meet all obligations  
through the end of the year.



*For 70 years, our nonprofit has made it a priority to ensure that artisans and farmers living in poverty are treated with respect and dignity, and are paid fairly for their work. With your help, we're connecting families and strengthening communities worldwide.*

### Shopping at SERRV

Call and arrange for your personal shopping experience. Jim and I are available to let you into the SERRV shop at your convenience between now and December 15th. Just call us at 523-0449 and we can set up a time.

~Marye Martinez



### Welcome Statement

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace, as taught by Jesus, are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace persons of every age, race, sexual orientation, ethnic and religious background, physical and mental ability, and economic means as vital and integral members of God's family. As an Open and Affirming congregation we welcome everyone to participate in the life and worship of our church.

*Articles and photos for the next issue of Chimes are due by Sunday, December 20*

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*The Editor thanks you.*