



# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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



\*\*\*\*\*There were witnesses. Women first, then the apostles, then people on the road. But, most interesting of all, they each saw him differently now. He did not live with them now: he simply "came" to them. He did not do the things he did before. He showed a new side of himself—or if not really new, at least largely unnoticed before this time. This radiant Jesus had always been there, had even been glimpsed from time to time, perhaps, but had never before been this fully luminous, completely effulgent, totally aglow, entirely apparent to the people around him. That we understand. We know that growth and change are not death.

"One thing is for sure: The Resurrection of Jesus is not about "resuscitation." A corpse does not come to life here and wait again to die. A body does not rise to bleed again. No, the Resurrection of Jesus is not about revivification of an old life, it is about experiencing a new kind of life entirely. And no one knows how it happened; we only know that it happened.\*\*\*\*\*

"Resurrection testifies to the metamorphosis of the Jesus of history to the Christ of faith....

It is about coming to grips with the transformed and transforming presence of Christ then, now, and always. Once that happens, life is never again the same. Life begins anew.

"To say, "I believe in Jesus Christ...who rose from the dead," then, is to say I believe that the Resurrection goes on and on and on forever. Every time Jesus rises in our own hearts in new ways, the Resurrection happens again. Every time we see Jesus where we did not recognize him before—in the faces of the poor, in the love of the unloved, in the revelatory moments of life, Jesus rises anew. But that is not all. The real proof of the Resurrection lies not in the transformation of Jesus alone, but the transformation awaiting us who accept it.

"The real lesson of resurrection may be its strangest, strongest one. When Jesus died, hope died. The apostles grieved the death of Jesus. The public was scandalized. The synagogue said good riddance to a troublemaker. The entire enterprise collapsed. But in the end, out of apparent failure, came new life stronger than it had ever been before. And so, too, for us. When one phase of life ends, a new one arises, if we do not spend too much time grieving the one before it, if we allow new grace to flow through us."—from *In Search of Belief* by Joan Chittister (Liguori/Triumph)



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



Monique Sanders' father had surgery and is out of ICU and is doing well.

Pat Royer is at Garden City having occupational and physical therapy.

Terhesa Gamboa's niece's husband had a serious accident.

Norman Johnson was in the hospital last week, and is now home in hospice care.

Thanks to all those who helped to make the worship service possible in the absence of Pastor Andrew: Kelly Gepley, Cal Aukeman, Mary Pieczarka, Jim Costello, Felton and Karleen Daniels, Johnathan Goodrich, and any who didn't appear in the video.

Remember all who may not be able to voice their concerns.

April Showers may bring May Flowers but they do not pay the bills. Now that I have your attention, let's look at our giving to date: With 25% of the year in the books we have met 14.3% of our budget. Yes, we are a bit behind. In laymen's words we are spending more than we are taking in. Some of our members give in larger amounts quarterly and our rental income is down due to COVID restrictions, which account for part of the current giving level. As your Stewards Chair it is my responsibility to remind you that giving is down. We hope to see an upturn in these next few months. If you are finding it hard to send in your giving by mail or personal delivery you may want to consider using Pay Pal which Pastor Andrew can help you implement. We all need friendly reminders from time to time. I appreciate your lending your ear.

Blessings! Jim Martinez/Stewardship Chair



### Cash Receipts/Expenses 2021

January \$15,322.00

February \$14,191.00

March \$12,699.68

Total \$42,212.68 \*

\* This giving reflects 14.3% of our 2021 budget with 25% of the year elapsed. Our disbursements to date have been \$53,511.20.



Are you ready for another Wednesday night super meal? Well, we are ready to get one cooked up for you.

Just call the office or Peggy @ 209-815-3095 to make your reservation.

The event takes place on April 21, pick up beginning at 5:30.

Hope to see you there.

Peggy for Fellowship & Recreation



It's not too late  
to sign up for the workday

Workday will be Saturday April 17th from 9am til noon. We are still looking for folks to clean solar panels, do some exterior window washing and a small crew of guys to blow the gutters clean. A few have signed up but we need more. If you are interested please contact Bill Johnson by phone at 209 522-0746 or email at [willima0746@icloud.com](mailto:willima0746@icloud.com).

## 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



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the next issue of Chimes  
are due by Sunday,  
April 18. Email to:  
[chimes@modcob.org](mailto:chimes@modcob.org)  
The Editor thanks you.*

