



# The Chimes

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## Modesto Church of the Brethren

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



"S", is for September. No, Stewardship, Silly!

Yes, it is the time again to ponder your gifts as we begin our annual Stewardship Drive. Next Sunday, Pastor Andrew will kick things off with a video tour of our church and all that we as a church do. We hope this presentation will remind you of the importance of Stewardship.

How does being a good steward affect our church business and more importantly our church lives?

During the next three Sundays of worship we ask that you pray and ponder what your gifts for our church will be this next calendar year. On the first Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we will view the video mentioned. Also, your tithing cards will be available for you to take, to be returned on the third Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Your individual pledges are used to develop a proposed budget for the next year.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> the Stewardship Commission will hopefully explain the need for Stewardship, how we witness our faith, through our actions and or money. We are a church family and as one we need to come together to show our commitment to our church. Your participation is needed and appreciated.

Leviticus 27:30-33 "Every tithe of the land...is the Lord's" We tend to forget that we are here during our life but during the time we are alive here on Earth we need to be good stewards of this place we call Earth. So as a church family, you are asked at this time what are you motivated to give in terms of time, talents and money that allows our church to be a positive steward to us, the Church of the Brethren and to our local and wider community. Blessings!

~The Stewardship Commission

Join us for worship  
**IN PERSON or ONLINE**

*Meet us at the junction of reverence and free spirit.*

Sunday in-person worship continues weekly at Modesto Church of the Brethren. If you prefer, you may continue following the worship service online at the address below.

Visit  
[www.facebook.com/modcob](https://www.facebook.com/modcob)  
on Sundays at 11:00 PST for  
worship!



Joann Ewert asks for prayers for her grandson, Tanner Ewert, who is serving in the Army in Fort Atterbury, Indiana, where he is assisting Afghan refugees.

Allison asks for prayers for her mom, who has shingles, and for her dad's next radiation treatment.

Sheri Sampson: Remember peace advocate and Brethren leader Dale Brown who passed away last week.

Evan Campbell has joy for online worship when not able to attend in person.

Jim Feeney, Anita Young and Chelsea Feeney ask for prayers for the passing of Chelsea's pet parakeet last week.

Rita is thankful that a COB teenager found her and they are corresponding.

Luella asks for prayers for Larry, who is in Doctor's Hospital having treatment for his heart, which is not functionally properly, and makes breathing difficult.

The family of Norman Johnson is asking for prayers as his health is declining.

Rachel Duenas asks for prayers for her family at the sudden death of her brother in Texas, and also for her brother-in-law, who lost his best friend in a sudden death.

Stephen and Jolinda had haircuts last Monday. Life is good!

The Gepleys are sharing spaghetti squash free to take home, courtesy of Reagan Gepley's Garden.

Keep in your prayers all these joys and sorrows, and remember those who are left unspoken but remain in our hearts.



### **September Birthdays**

**7-Anna Hazen**

**7-Jeannie Canter**

**15-Tammy Firch**

**22-Dave Owen**

### *Anniversaries!*

**Linda and David Hunter are celebrating 50 years of marriage on Friday, September 10!**

**The Washington's are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, September 12!**

**M O R E**



**Please keep sending Milestones: Birthdays,(are there more September birthdays?) anniversaries, graduations, new jobs, retirements, and other milestones in life.**

## 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.



## REMEMBER!

### Pastor Andrew's Office Hours

Beginning on 9/13

Monday: 8-2

Tuesday: OFF

Wednesday: 9-1

Thursday: 8-2

Friday: 8-1

Items for the next Chimes

are due by 5 pm

Sunday, September 12.

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