

# THE CALLER



## May 2009

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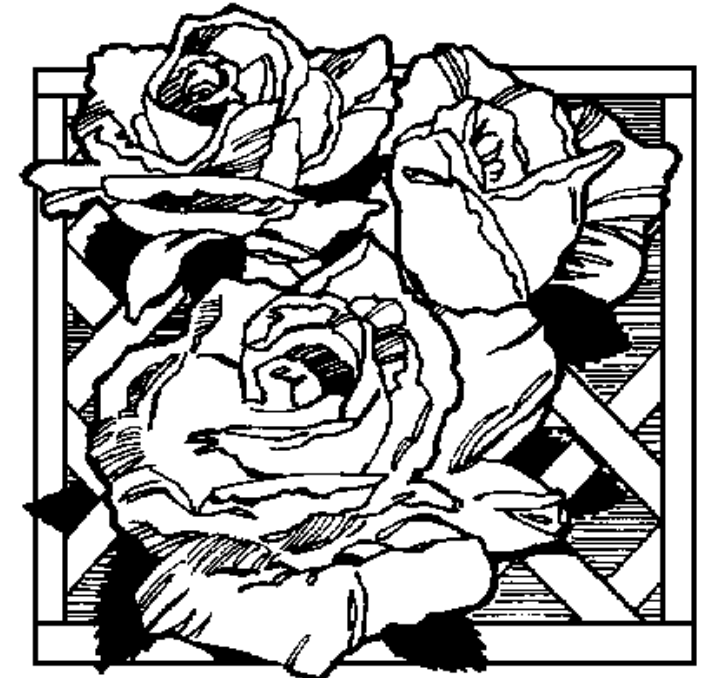
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### Sunday Worship:

Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.



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Dixon Community Church

955 East A Street  
Dixon, California 95620



## The Ascension

[Daniel Vraa, Pastor, Dixon Community Church]

“After he (Jesus) said this, he was taken up before their (apostles) very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them, ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him going into heaven.’” (Acts 1:9-11).

Between Easter and Pentecost, is an event we sometimes overlook: the bodily Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven (see paragraph above). It is an important biblical doctrine and article of the Christian Faith. His ascension teaches us some vital truths: (1) in his divinity, Jesus Christ reigns in heaven; (2) in his humanity, Jesus Christ lives as the first resurrected human; (3) as fully God and fully human, Jesus Christ is uniquely qualified to be our High Priest.

1. Jesus Christ reigns in heaven in his full divinity. Forever, he is God the Son (the Lamb), and forever we will worship, honor and praise him: “Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord” (Philippians 2:8-9), and “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!” (Revelation 5:13).

2. Jesus Christ exists as the first resurrected man. “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man (Adam), the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man (Christ). For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him” (I Corinthians 15:20-23).

We will be given a new resurrected body just as he has: “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he (Christ) appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” (I John 3:2) As sure as God the Father raised Jesus, so will He raise those who believe in Jesus. As Jesus has a new spiritual body (he is not a disembodied ghost), so will we have a new spiritual body. As Jesus was bodily taken into heaven, so will we be taken up bodily when he returns for us. “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” (I Thessalonians 4:16-17). For those of us in Christ, if we die, our soul immediately goes to be with Christ, as we await the bodily resurrected to eternal life. If we are still alive at his return, we will be raptured straight into heaven, to live forever (I Thessalonians 4:16-17). You will be you in heaven. You will recognize others, and you will be recognized. You will see Jesus as he is, and he will see you.

3. Jesus Christ, our High Priest, prays for us. “Therefore, he (Jesus) is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.” (Hebrews 7:25). As we face all of life’s challenges and duties, Jesus is praying to his Father on our behalf, unleashing God’s grace and power for us.

We are not alone, and we are given power to live the Christian life. Jesus said, “It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). Shortly after the Second Person of the Trinity (the Son) ascends into heaven, the Third Person of the Trinity (the Holy Spirit) comes to indwell Christians at Pentecost (Acts 2). God just won’t leave us alone – ain’t it great?

# The Kid's Page

## Thanks

FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

### What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

### What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
  - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
  - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
  - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.

**Just for KIDS**

*A legacy of faith*

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

**VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u**

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast Saturday, the 2nd at 8:00am

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary  
Little prayer, little power!

Ladies Aid~ Ladies Night Out- "A Taste of Italy."  
Saturday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm. Don't miss out on the fun!!

The bell choir now meets on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

National Day of Prayer is on Thursday, May 7th!

We are working with Olan Mills to put together a new church directory.  
Photo shoots for families and individuals will take place next month,  
more information to follow in the bulletins and at the church.

Ladies Aid's monthly meeting on the 14th at noon!



Mother's Day, Sunday the 10th~  
Happy Mother's Day!!



Women's Breakfast Saturday the 16th at 9:00 am

The office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of  
Memorial Day



A Prayer: "Lord Jesus, help me not to stare uselessly into heaven; but make me of earthly profit for your Kingdom and Church: keep my mind and words to profitable service, my feet and hands to profitable labor, and my witness and life to a profitable example. Amen."

In Christ's love, Pastor Dan.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – KRISTINE TURNEY
- 1 – FRANK JONES
- 3 – MARIA MORALES
- 5 – JUSTINA THIESSEN
- 6 – PASTOR DAN VRAA
- 7 – MICHAEL WALLACE
- 9 – SYDNEY SCHROEDER
- 11 – JOHN PAUL FRYREAR
- 11 – MORGAN FRYREAR
- 15 – PAT JONES
- 16 – HELEN LEWIS
- 16 – BETTY GREEN
- 17 – LUKE DANIELSON
- 19 – JAMES HENRY
- 19 – LINDA TRIPP
- 20 – ARDETH RIEDEL
- 21 – JOSHUA FRYREAR
- 22 – MAXINE DAWSON
- 24 – BETTY CRAIG
- 28 – VALERIE CRYER
- 28 – SARAH WALSER
- 29 – TOM FARVER
- 29 – KAYLEE ANN LINDGREN
- 31 – NATHAN, HANNAH &  
LUKE CUNNINGHAM

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*Happy Mother's*  
*Day!*

Love

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – BRIAN & JEANINE THIESSEN
- 3 – KURT & MARCY RIEDEL
- 3 – DAVE & AMY HUUSKO
- 5 – BRUCE & CINNAMON DANIELSON
- 5 – JUSTINA THIESSEN
- 7 – KEN & BARBARA MCGREW
- 14 – MARK & MELANIE COLE
- 17 – TOM & PHYLLIS FARVER
- 25 – HERB & RIKEE TURNEY
- 26 – TOBY & REBECCA HART

### Income & Expenses for the month of March

Income \$ 25,398.41  
(Transfer from Rattenbury \$10,000.00)  
Total Income \$35,398.41  
Expenses \$ 31,399.30



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| <i>Sunday</i>  | <i>Monday</i>   | <i>Tuesday</i>   | <i>Wednesday</i>   | <i>Thursday</i>   | <i>1 Friday</i> | <i>2 Saturday</i>   |
|--|---|--|--|---|-----------------|---|
|  |   |  |  |   |                 | Men's Breakfast 8:00am<br>Prayer Meeting 7pm<br><br>Ladies Aid~<br>Ladies Night Out |
| <i>3</i><br>Contemporary Worship<br>9:00am<br><br>Traditional Worship<br>11:00am   | <i>4</i>  | <i>5</i><br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am                                 | <i>6</i><br>Adult Bible Study 10am<br><b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm<br>Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm<br>Men's & Women's Bible Study  | <i>7</i><br>Choir Practice 7pm<br><br>Bell Choir 6:00pm<br>Sanctuary<br><br><u>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</u> | <i>8</i>        | <i>9</i>  |
| <i>10</i> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b><br><br>Contemporary Worship<br>9:00am<br><br>Traditional Worship<br>11:00am<br><br> | <i>11</i>   | <i>12</i><br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am<br><br>Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm | <i>13</i><br>Adult Bible Study 10am<br><b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm<br>Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm<br>Men's & Women's Bible Study | <i>14</i><br>Ladies Aid 12:00 noon<br>Choir Practice 7pm<br>Bell Choir 6:00pm<br>Sanctuary                | <i>15</i>       | <i>16</i><br><br>Women's Breakfast 9:00am   |
| <i>17</i><br>Contemporary Worship<br>9:00am<br><br>Traditional Worship<br>11:00am  | <i>18</i>   | <i>19</i><br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am                                | <i>20</i><br>Adult Bible Study 10am<br><b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm<br>Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm<br>Men's & Women's Bible Study | <i>21</i><br>Choir Practice 7pm<br><br>Bell Choir 6:00pm<br>Sanctuary                                     | <i>22</i>       | <i>23</i>   |
| <i>24</i><br>Contemporary Worship<br>9:00am<br>Traditional Worship<br>11:00am<br><hr/> <i>31</i> Contemporary Worship<br>9:00am<br>Traditional Worship<br>11:00am                                  | <i>25</i><br><br><b>Memorial Day</b><br><i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i><br><br>Office Closed Memorial Day | <i>26</i><br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am<br>Council Meeting 7:00pm      | <i>27</i><br>Adult Bible Study 10am<br><b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm<br>Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm<br>Men's & Women's Bible Study | <i>28</i><br>Choir Practice 7pm<br><br>Bell Choir 6:00pm<br>Sanctuary                                     | <i>29</i>       | <i>30</i>   |