

# The Banner

We are a sharing, loving fellowship of Christian believers, rooted in biblical faith, that actively seeks and celebrates God. We desire to praise, love and serve with all our hearts in our faith community and to reach out to our neighbors, continuing the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together.

In God we find the source of all our joy. Hallelujah!

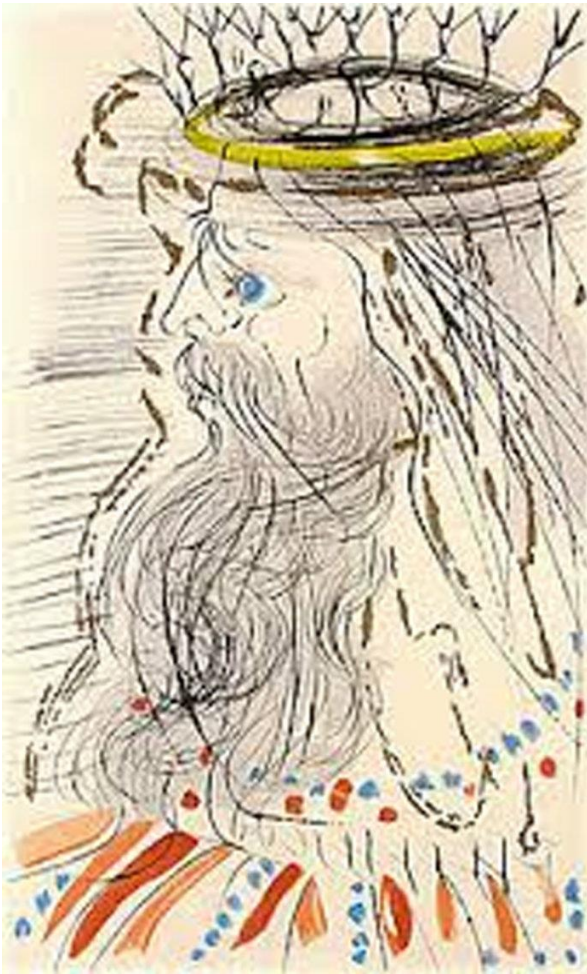
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## From Pastor Ron...

### Was King Solomon Wise?



Solomon asked God for wisdom and understanding and it was granted. He is thought to have written Proverbs, Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes. Among his many building projects was the temple, an achievement which eluded his father, David.

Solomon is reported to have 700 wives. Wives were often included as part of treaties. Still I'm not sure there were 700 separate countries and tribes nearby. And treaties would not explain the 300 concubines he also had. This does not seem wise to me or show much understanding. Even if the numbers are somewhat inflated, they indicate someone with a problem.

King Solomon reigned over Israel at its highpoint. The sons who succeeded him were not able to keep the kingdom together. Some biblical authors blame Solomon's foreign wives for his shortcomings. Others claim his building projects were for his vanity rather than the good of the kingdom and that taxes were too high.

The Bible's portrait of Solomon is complex, showing both light and darkness. It is causing me to reflect on leaders that I look up to and those I don't to try to see them as complex persons who like every one of us "does what is evil in the sight of the Lord" as well as reflecting God's Light.

Pastor Ron Faus



...those limited or confined for health reasons: **Cathy Banks, Faith Eikenberry, Marcheta Pletcher.**

We also uphold these members, friends and family members of our congregation who have prayer concerns:

**Please Pray for:**

**Judy Brooks  
Bill Lemon  
Rochelle Lovelace**

**District Prayer Calendar – September**

Sept. 5	Pomona Fellowship Church of the Brethren
Sept. 12	Prince of Peace Church (Sacramento)
Sept. 19	Príncipe de Paz Church of the Brethren (Santa Ana)
Sept. 26	Restoration Los Angeles



**BIRTHDAYS**

7) Natashua Uranga  
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**ANNIVERSARIES**

(none)



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**September Worship Schedule**

As a reminder that we are rotating between in-person and Zoom worship, here is the schedule for upcoming worships: (1st & 3rd in person, 2nd, 4th, & 5th over Zoom)

September 5, in-person at St. Paul's

September 12, ZOOM worship

September 19, in-person at St. Paul's

September 26, ZOOM worship

If you have any questions, please call Acia in the office.



**September Meetings over Zoom**

Stewards, Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.

Service & Outreach, Wednesday, September 8,  
10:00 a.m.

Music & Worship, Thursday, September 9,  
11:00 a.m.

Special CBM, Sunday, September 12, after worship  
Executive Committee, Thursday, September 16,  
6:30 p.m.

Church Board, Thursday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.

*Banner* articles are due on August 20

From Service & Outreach...

### **Extra Giving Opportunities September, 2021**

Each month the Service and Outreach Commission selects one or more extra giving opportunities for our congregation members. Traditionally in September we present the opportunity to give to support Church of the Brethren Global Mission and Service outreach. The work of the Global Ministry is to accompany our sisters and brothers around the globe in a way that relates to their context. Together, we care for the vulnerable, build churches, share the gospel, and transform communities. These ministries include global Church of the Brethren communion, International ministries, global food initiative, and the Haiti medical project.

Haiti has recently suffered a disastrous earthquake, so the Service and Outreach Commission is also presenting the opportunity for those concerned to give towards relief work to support an emergency response and eventually long-term recovery.

Anyone wishing to donate to either of these ministries can donate to our local congregation specifying what you want the gift to go to, and the church treasurer will send a check to the Church of the Brethren national office designated for the appropriate recipient.

~~~Jerry Davis  
Service and Outreach Commission

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#### Services & Activities

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Worship over ZOOM     | Sunday, 10:00 a.m. |
| Bible Study over Google Meet | Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. |

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen | Pastor           |
| Janet Short               | Moderator        |
| Acia Jernigan             | Admin. Assistant |

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#### **PFCOB STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION Through July 2021**

|                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>2021 Annual Budget</b>            | <b>\$220,891.00</b>  |
| Giving '21                           | \$58,501.71          |
| Interest & Other Income '21          | \$26,907.17          |
| <b>Total Budget Income thru July</b> | <b>\$85,48.88</b>    |
| Total Budget Expense thru July       | \$(99,923.38)        |
| Plus Budget overage from 2020        | \$4,224.32           |
| <b>Budget Balance thru June</b>      | <b>\$(10,290.18)</b> |
| July Special Non-Budget Offerings    |                      |
| Capital Fund                         | \$125.00             |
| Camp La Verne                        | \$50.00              |
| Women's Fellowship Pennies           | \$67.25              |
| Items Sold                           | \$500.00             |
| Inland Valley Hope Partners Beta     | \$235.00             |

