

CLIFF DRIVE CARE CENTER

March NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4th: Elementary Schools Closed - CDCC OPEN

March 25-29th: CDCC OPEN for Spring Break

March 29th, 7:30pm: Tenebrae Service with FMCSB

March 30th, 9am: Easter Egg Hunt with FMCSB

March 31st, 6:00am: Easter Sunrise Service with FMCSB

March 31st, 8:30 & 10:15am: Easter Services with FMCSB

SAVE THE DATES

April 1st-12th: Parent/Teacher Conferences

April 16th: Spring Picture Day

April 25th: Parent Seminar

April 27th: Blood Drive with Vitalant

SUMMER CAMP IS COMING!



March 4th and Spring Break

Elementary Schools will be closed on Monday, March 4th, for a professional development day, and March 25th-29th for Spring Break. We will be offering full-day programming for those days. If you would like your child to attend Cliff Drive, please send a message in Brightwheel.

Come Celebrate Easter!

With the Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara



Service of Tenebrae
March 29th, 7:30pm
In the Sanctuary + Online



Easter Egg Hunt
March 30th, 9:00am
La Mesa Park



Easter Sunrise Service
March 31st, 6:00am
Leadbetter Beach Picnic Area



Easter Services
March 31st, 8:30 and 10:15am
In the Sanctuary + 8:30am Online



It's time to enroll your child for Cliff Drive Summer Camp 2024! Summer camp runs from June 14 through August 16, all day (7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) and promises to be full of fun, friendship, and learning! We provide loads of wholesome and interesting activities and adventures, including B.I.G. Week, Sports Week, and S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) Week. The kids will enjoy the great outdoors with hikes and visiting local beaches, pools and parks. Their creativity will be sparked through arts and crafts projects, music, and visiting local museums.

Fill out the registration form that was sent in Brightwheel and return it, along with the \$100 deposit, to secure your child's spot as soon as possible. The deadline is Friday, March 22. If we do not receive your registration by the deadline, we will assume you do not wish to enroll your child in summer camp and we will open that spot up to other families. Thanks!

**MARCH
SCHOOL THEMES:
LIFE CYCLES
RAINBOWS
EASTER**

CHAPEL AT CDCC

Cliff Drive children gather every Wednesday to sing songs and hear a story from the Bible.

For chapel we are learning about:

- March 6th: KINDNESS (Mark 10:46 - Jesus is Kind to the Blind Man)
- March 13th: KINDNESS (Luke 19 - Jesus is Kind to Zaccheus)
- March 20th: EASTER (Resurrection)
- March 27th: EASTER (The Easter Story)

DEVOTIONAL

Psalm 63
A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. 5 **My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips** 6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; 7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. 9 But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals. 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

When I was pondering what I might reflect on for this Lenten season the word “longing” came to mind. Over the past couple of months I have discerned in myself a deep longing and ache for God that I had been trying to ignore. I could feel myself feeling distant from God as can happen during those wilderness moments in our life. But even though I could feel that distance I didn’t want to face it. I tried to coach myself: “I should be satisfied, I shouldn’t feel that ache.” And yet that deep longing for God was there.

I relate to David’s cries in the wilderness of Judah: “O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

In talking with my spiritual director we realized together that my deep longing for God was not something to run from, ignore, or be ashamed of. This longing that has arisen during my time in the wilderness is actually a gift. It is something to lean into, to surrender to, to marvel at. In my brokenness, in my weakness, in my wilderness time my capacity, hunger, and thirst for God has grown.

And yet, I have to admit I am still afraid of my longing and tempted to ignore it. My hunger and thirst for God reminds me that I am fragile, dependent, and needy. I am afraid of my longing because it means I have to trust that God will meet me in the midst of it and satisfy me.

God is inviting you and me to trust David’s words: “My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.” God desires to meet me in the longing of the wilderness and to satisfy me as with a rich feast.

My prayer for all of this during this Lenten season is that our times of fasting, repentance, and prayer would lead us to the heart of our insatiable hunger for God. That our hunger for God would be ultimately satisfied with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And that through this wilderness of COVID and the forty days of Lent, God would assure us that His right hand upholds us and His steadfast love meets us in all of life’s struggles.

- Pastor Nikki

WITH LOVE,
Miss Delanie
DIRECTOR

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1	2	
3	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CLOSED CDCC OPEN	5	6	SENIOR LUNCH	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	SENIOR LUNCH	22	23	
24	SPRING BREAK FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS- CDCC OPEN					SERVICE OF TENEBRAE	EASTER EGG HUNT
	25	26	27	28	29	30	
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE + EASTER SERVICES							
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