

**West Valley Church of God**  
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## Pastors & Elders

**Pastor:** Ron and Norva Kelly  
**West Valley Elders**  
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## Bagpipes Special



*Nick Brewster plays special music on bagpipes just for us on March 4th. What a treat!!*

Nick plays bagpipes for Glendora High School, and is shown here wearing the Stuart Tartan (Stuart Clan pattern/style of dress). See other Tartans below.

The family name of Brewster goes back centuries originating in Scotland, and can be spelled several ways, changing over time. It is the name of a "brewer" by occupation; however, the female version of the name adds the ending "ster" to the end, as many of those who were initially in this occupation were female.

There is nothing quite as inspiring as hearing bagpipes being played in person. That is why those who played preceded warriors in old times; to inspire them to win in battle.



**Brewer Tartan**



**Fraser Tartan**



Brewster Coat of Arms



Brewster Armorial with Coat of Arms

## The Purpose of Tartan

*From early days, tartans were around for different purposes, and many clans adopted their own 'dress' and 'hunting' tartans. The "Dress" Tartans were designed to be showily. The design is normally just a bit different to the main claim tartan and often one of the main background colors is changed to white. The Dress Tartans were and still are used on formal occasions and are still very popular at weddings and Highland Games.*

## Editor's Corner

● Submissions for inclusion in "The Vine" are welcome **at any time**. We need your input! Please email to the editor (See right column) - in **10 point type, Arial font**, for easier placement.

Send submissions to:  
**TheVineEditor@aol.com** -  
*Subject Line:* Title of Article. **Time sensitive** submissions due **5th** of month for following month's issue. **News and Inspirational articles welcome any time.**

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*"I am the Vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing."  
John 15:5*

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**West Valley Church of God** -- "Come worship with us..."  
**Submissions: TheVineEditor@aol.com**  
We meet at the Congregational Church of Northridge  
9659 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91325  
**Saturday Service 10:30 A.M. - [www.westvalleywgc.org](http://www.westvalleywgc.org)**

## Love, Mercy, and Judgment

### Love

**Joh:3:16:** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
**Joh:3:17:** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the **world** through him might be saved.

### Mercy

**Ho:1:7:** But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.  
**Ho:2:23:** And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have



"Jesus Washing Peter's Feet"  
Artist: Ford Madox Brown, 1852-6

mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

### Judgment

**M't:7:2:** For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.  
**Ro:5:16:** And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.  
**Ro:5:18:** Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free

## Upcoming Events

- Bible Studies, Letters and other Events...see Weekly Bulletin and Bulletin Board.

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gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

**Ro:11:33:** O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

**Ro:14:10:** But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**Heb:10:30:** For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, **The Lord** shall judge his people.

**Jas:2:6:** But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

**Jas:2:13:** For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

**Re:15:4:** Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for **thou only art holy**: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

**At the end of the day, when all is said and done, it is not what others think of you, nor what you think of yourself, but what God thinks of you, that matters the most.**



## Women's Ministry

March 4th the theme of Women's Ministry included a celebration of baby Ethan's birthday. His mother, Ann also received a special gift which many donated toward, and we hope will help her with many of her new baby expenses.



Of course, we all enjoyed the usual fellowship and delicious catered lunch...and the many special desserts brought by the ladies.

Prayers were given and requested for several persons.

After lunch, we participated in a "Bible Trivia" event, with some tricky questions, which, with the right answers, won great little prizes for the correct guess.

**Edit Ancona** spoke of several charities that we contribute to, who sent us a letter of appreciation.



## Men's Ministry

Many of our gentlemen enjoyed a casual special Breakfast Meeting at Acapulco Restaurant in Glendale, on March 19th. Prayer requests, emergency preparation and contact web; feedback on potential Military Bible Stick project; and service to others were topics of discussion.

## Quotes

"There are two kinds of pride, both good and bad. 'Good pride' represents our dignity and self-respect. 'Bad pride' is the deadly sin of superiority that reeks of conceit and arrogance."

~~~**John C. Maxwell**

"Determination gives you the resolve to keep going in spite of the roadblocks that lay before you."

~~~**Denis Waitley**

"Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present."

~~~**Jim Rohn**

"Whether you've seen angels floating around your bedroom or just found a ray of hope at a lonely moment, choosing to believe that something unseen is caring for you can be a life-shifting exercise."

~~~**Martha Beck**

"There is no dishonor in losing the race. There is only dishonor in not racing because you are afraid to lose."

~~~**Garth Stein**

"The proactive approach to a mistake is to acknowledge it instantly, correct and learn from it."

~~~**Stephen Covey**

"Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

~~~**Booker T. Washington**

"Bad things do happen; how I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life. I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilized by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have - life itself."

~~~**Walter Anderson**