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## Pastors & Elders

**Pastor:** Wayne and Patty Mitchell  
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## Women's Ministry

On July 7th, 20 of our ladies enjoyed a delicious catered luncheon. The decor theme was the "4th of July" - Independence Day, as well as a "contest" of trivia questions on the subject, and about well known, or little known details of the founding of our country, and the national anthem -- all ladies received a variety of prizes for correctly answering trivia questions. Prayers were given for those who requested on behalf of others.



**Above left to right:** Jean Lyman, Edit Ancona, Lillian Brock.

**Below left to right:** Table flowers, Susan Thompson, Jane Hickok, Main table (portion), Elaine McFarlane, Patty Mitchell.



## Men's Ministry/Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast/Ministry meeting took place on July 8 at Marie Callender's. 17 men attended this breakfast; Pastor Mitchell gave the overall direction for the meeting, while Carl Parker led discussion topics and Randall Gordon gave his "icebreaker". Meeting format was that of discussion, revolving around **Proverbs 16:31**, which says "*The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.*" Discussion ensued on "What issues can cause a mature man to be diminished or lacking in such a 'crown of glory'?"

## 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)**

## And They Continued Daily in the Temple

By John Brown

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fullv come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Who were there with one accord?

The Jews, who were observing the Day of Pentecost, as God commanded and who understood the purpose for their presence.

Act 2:2-7 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them



cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sa ont upon each of them. :4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, **as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6** Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. :7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

## Upcoming Events

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



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Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

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And They Continued Daily In The Temple - Cont.

Notice! It was not just their presence there,

Act 2:41, 42, 45, 46, 47 41 Then *they that gladly received his word were baptized*: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls 42 *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayers.* 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,* 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. *And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

They were there because they listened (and were obedient) to the teachings of Jesus given them by the apostles.

This was not a communal meal.. The "breaking of bread" was in the temple as part of their worship.

**Addendum 1: Notice that in Acts 2: 42, "breaking of bread" (Greek, klasei tou arrou) is used along with "apostles' teaching," "fellowship," and "prayers." These are all acts of worship and, as used here, public worship. The Christians met on the First Day of the week to break this bread (Acts 20: 7). Pertaining to Acts 20: 7, Paul deliberately stayed in Troas for**

**seven days** despite being in a rush to get to Jerusalem before Pentecost (which was about 1,000 miles distant, see Acts 20: 6, 13-16). Why would Paul remain in Troas for seven days just to have a common meal with them and why would such a meal have to be eaten on the first day of the week? Such delay is indicative of the observance of the "breaking of bread," the Lord's Supper, on the Lord's Day.

[biblehub.com/acts/2-46.htm](http://biblehub.com/acts/2-46.htm)

Sent in by John Brown

**Editor's Note: They could not easily have done this on the seventh day of the week, as many of the 'other' Jews would not have allowed continued teachings of Jesus on that day. Nevertheless, we are not to judge one another on this issue - (that goes both ways):**

**Col:2:16: Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:**

**Best to read all of Acts 13 to get a more complete picture.**

Ac:13:46: *Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: (the unbelieving Jews in the synagogue) but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.*

Ac:13:15: *And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and*

**Joh:1**

**4:27:**

**Peace**

**I leave**

**with you,**

**my**

**peace**

**I give**

**unto you:**

**not as**

**the**

**world**

**giveth,**

**give I**

**unto you.**

**Let not**

**your**

**heart be**

**troubled,**

**neither**

**let it be**

**afraid.**

*brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.*

Ac:13:16: *Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.*

Ac:13:17: *The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.*

**Ac:13:23: Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:**

Ac:13:24: *When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.*

**Ac:13:26: Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.**

**Ac:13:27: For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.**

Ac:13:32: *And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,*

Ac:13:33: *God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*

Ac:13:34: *And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead,*

*now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.*

Ac:13:35: *Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

Ac:13:36: *For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:*

Ac:13:37: *But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.*

Ac:13:38: *Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man [Jesus] is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:*

**Ac:13:39: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**

Ac:13:42: *And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.*

**Ac:13:43: Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.**

Ac:13:44: *And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.*

Ac:13:45: *But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.*

End Editor's Note

**Ga:3:28: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**