

THE MESSAGE

FBC of Los Osos

April 2023

Reveille, Retreat, and Taps Defense Distribution Center Susquehanna continues the long standing military tradition playing reveille, retreat, and taps over the broadcast system. Each ceremony is firmly rooted in military history and provides an opportunity to show respect to the U.S. flag, country and fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines from the past and present who have served their country.

Below is the expected protocol on paying proper respect during these ceremonial calls.

Reveille: 7 A.M.- The morning bugle call, known as Reveille, was originally conducted as "Troop" in 1812 and was designed to muster the unit or for roll call, but as time passed it came to mark when the flag was raised in the morning and honors paid to it.

Retreat: 5 P.M. - At the end of the work day, Retreat will sound. Retreat is traditionally a time to secure the flag and pay respect to what it stands for. During Reveille and Retreat, those out-doors should stop activities, and turn in the direction of the installation Flag and/or direction of the music.

Taps: 9 P.M. - Taps is a signal of the end of the day, and is played alone to honor service members who paid the ultimate price.

While the sound of the bugle may stop us momentarily from what we are doing, the tradition and honor that accompanies the music deserve a moment of our time. When you hear the music, try to remember our veterans and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. (www.dla.mil/Portals)

According to Merriam-Websters, "What is retreat? 'movement by soldiers away from an enemy because the enemy is winning or has won a battle.'"

As we are making plans to move back to one service beginning April 16th, I felt we were playing the tune "Retreat" while I was wanting to play "Reveille" and try to muster the troops forward. I felt like the enemy was winning and we were taking a step backwards. But, many have sent me words of encouragement and reminded me of the benefits of returning to one service while we strengthen our numbers and reach new people for Jesus.

Here is a sample of one text message I received and it is used by permission: "I was thinking about the single service. Maybe it's a blessing. Bringing all of us together at one time unites us, not only as a church, but also as neighbors. There is power in numbers and one service allows some freedom in time restraints. More time to worship, more time to draw closer to the Lord but also each other. I think the Lord has good things in store for us!! Keep your chin up!!"

I really appreciate all the positive comments and I know that God has great plans in store, not only for our church, but all churches, as we move forward against the enemy and lead more people to salvation in Jesus. I have attended a few military services, and have officiated at some, and to hear "Taps" played is always so moving and memorable. To know one has given their all in serving our great nation, we are saying our final goodbyes at the end of a long life, giving honor and respect to those who deserve it.

To hear "Taps" played, knowing one has passed without the benefit of having Christ as Savior is hard. It is hard having anyone die without the promise of eternal life. While we are coming back to one service and hopefully we will have the blessings of worship and fellowship together with old and new friends, it should always be our desire to bring others with us to share in the blessings of knowing and serving Jesus.

While coming back together for one service will create great opportunities, I expect there will also be some growing pains that we will go through, and this is where I ask for patience and prayers. We know the enemy wants to move forward to victory, but we know that Christ and His word shall prevail. Matt 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it." NASU

Continue to prayer for the leadership of the church as we make needed changes to schedules and classroom assignments. Know we love and appreciate you and your patience with us.

I Love You,

Pastor Bob

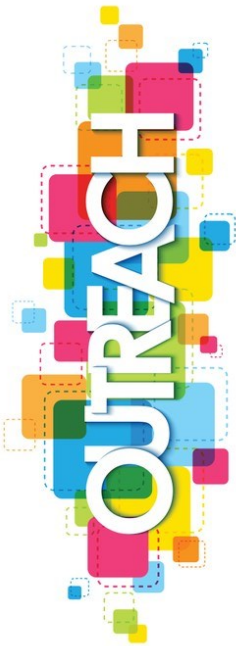
Kids



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“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10



Thank you to those who signed up to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. As you know, we have canceled the hunt for this year. I am hoping in May to have a Volunteer Outreach Meeting. My hope is that we can come together, brainstorm, and start praying and planning how we might reach out to those who attend our Wednesday Night programs and in our community. Please start thinking and praying about different opportunities for us to reach out to others. More information will come in the May Newsletter.

Easter Sunday — April 9th

9:30—The Kids and Youth will gather together for Sunday School. Bill, Doria, and the rest of the adults will make breakfast and then join us!

11:00—During a portion of Children's Church, the kids will get the opportunity to do an Easter Egg Hunt together!



Have a question, comment, or concern? Contact me!

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Mary Jane Rinker is looking for a helper!

Mary Jane has been doing the church flower arrangements for as long as I can remember. As we all have noticed she is getting to the point that she no longer can climb a ladder or lift heavy flower arrangements.

She is looking for someone who would like to work with artificial flowers who can help her for a little while on a Saturday to do the things she can't do or even create new arrangements.

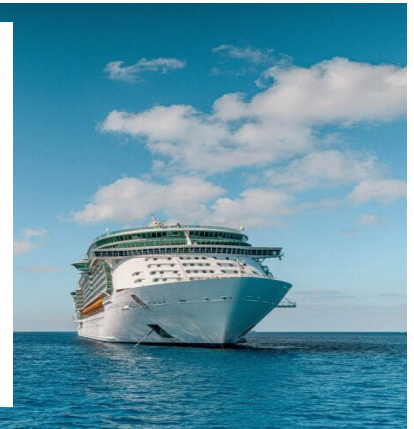
If you are interested, please contact Mary Jane.



Please join us on April 1st at 9:00 am for a Pancake breakfast with all the fixings. After we eat, we'll tackle spring chores around the church, inside and out.

Pastor will be on a cruise starting April 22nd through May 7th.

- So, if a problem arises during his vacation, please contact one of our deacons. Bill Ballesteros @ 661-809-6191 or Dan Inlow @ 805-305-4822.
- YES, John Boitel will fill the pulpit as well as Chris Smith and maybe even someone new. The pastor will be gone three Sundays.
- Please be praying for God to renew Pastor Bob's spirit and he will be ready to hit the ground running when he gets back.



Don't forget the Sunday of April 16th, we will go back to one service at 11:00 am.

- ◇ All Sunday School classes will still meet at 9:30 am.
- ◇ In the back building, the Ballesteros' class will meet in the front half of the building and Jennifer McCallum will meet in the back half.
- ◇ The youth will be moving to the main building and meeting in the last classroom on the right.
- ◇ The children's classes will meet on the right side of the main building.



Tuesday ~ Women's Bible Study at 7:00 pm
 Wednesday ~ Kid's and Youth programs 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
 Thursday ~ Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 Sunday ~ Sunday School for all ages 9:30 am
 ~Adult Bible Study 11:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pancake Breakfast and Church Work Day 9 am Andy Haydu
2  Ladies' Game night at 6:00 pm Nick Inlow Amy Kribbs	3	4 Darryl Andrade	5	6 Phyllis Davison	7	8
9 Bert Carter Daniel Sullivan	10	11 Pam Hood	12 Phillip Sheek	13	14	15
16 	17 John & Pamela Eichman	18 NO Women's Bible Study 	19	20	21 Gary & Teri Lorence	22 ← Karin Mann
23 ←-----→	24	25	26 Renee Chavez	27	28	29
30 ←-----→ Pastor's Vacation from April 22nd to May 7th.						