



First Baptist Church

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Communiqué



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PASTOR AND THE PULPIT ✚

The Wise

Wise men still seek Him was a common enough bumper sticker that folks still repeat it this time of year. That's because we realize the wisdom in seeking Jesus. The Bible says that Solomon would find the Lord if he sought Him. The same is true of anyone.

When Jesus was born, the wise men sought Him, found Him and gave sacrifices to Him. In fact, their journey was one of sacrifice and seeking.

However, when they left His presence they had a greater journey. They were now sharers of the "good news" about their find.

Christmas is all about sharing Jesus. Without Him, it is just time off on the road to Hell. Jesus is truly the Gift and He just keeps on giving more than any sacrifice to know Him. The wise give Him. *Pastor Mike*



This year marks Israel's Sixty Third Anniversary.

If it hadn't been for a little-known Reform Jew from Kansas City, Missouri, there might not have been a State of Israel. Often friends of a life time in the beginning would seem to be an unlikely alliance, this was true for Harry Truman and Edward Jacobson. They first met when Eddie was 14 and Harry was 20. Eddie worked as a stock boy at a shirt store, Harry as a bookkeeper at a nearby bank. Their differences in age and religion (Harry was a Southern Baptist, Eddie a Jew) didn't matter. **Continued on Back**

Usher Rotation:

Steve	-	October
John	-	November
Bob	-	December
Charlie	-	January
Kevin	-	February

*****Church Services & Activities*****

SUNDAY MORNING

9:15 a.m. Donuts & Coffee 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship Service Junior Disciples Church (ages 4 to 5th grade)

MONDAY: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Victory Youth Ministry at the church

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. Bible Study

SATURDAY: 6:30 p.m. Worship and Bible Study

First Sunday of each month, 11 a.m. - Memorial Supper

First Saturday of March, June, September and December "Agape" Supper - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Night Worship

6:30 p.m.

(Followed by Fellowship and Refreshments)

3 Birthday Celebration and Refreshments

10 Refreshments

17 "Potluck" - 5:15 p.m.

24 Christmas Eve Service

No service New Years Eve

Men's Breakfast



Saturday,
December 3rd at 8 a.m.
8105 E. Wardlow Road
Long Beach Ca

Ladies' Night Out

COCO'S **Gift Exchange**
Bakery Restaurant

12582 Valley View

December 8th 6:00 p.m

Call Darlene for reservations:

Church 562-493-2101

Home 714-898-9188

Outreach Programs: Cypress Pointe / Cypress Park Sundays
Worship Service at 4:30pm.

Karlton Residential Care Center, Anaheim last Thursday of the Month. Worship Service at 10:00am

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Harry left his position at the bank to take over the family farm, but the two men kept in touch.

The friendship was rekindled when they discovered that each had joined the Missouri National Guard, Harry as a second lieutenant in Battery D and Eddie as a sergeant in Battery F. With the outbreak of World War I, their units merged into the 129th Field Artillery. Truman was put in charge of the regimental canteen in addition to other duties. Having little knowledge of merchandising, he immediately requested that Sergeant Jacobson be transferred to his unit. Together they ran the most efficient canteen in the area. Recognized for its exemplary management, Truman was promoted to the rank of captain and appointed battery commander.



The two friends served together in France. Returning from the war aboard the same ship, they talked about their future plans and decided to open a men's haberdashery in Kansas City, "Truman and Jacobson's Gents Furnishings." The store prospered for about two years until the depression, the business went into bankruptcy, eventually all creditors were paid however.

As President Truman as well as his party had little interest in the establishment of a Jewish



homeland in Palestine. To make things worse Truman did meet with the "American Zionist delegation" demanding immediate action on a Jewish state, Harry didn't want to get involved. Rabbi Silver literally pounded on the president's desk. Truman was outraged. "No one, but no one, comes into the office of the President of the United States and shouts at him, or pounds on his desk. If anyone is going to do any shouting or pounding in here, it will be me," he had them ushered out of the Oval Office. "I've had it with those hotheads," he told his staff.

"Don't ever admit them again, and what's more, I also never want to hear the word Palestine mentioned again." Now Dr. Weizmann, president of the "World Zionist Organization" needed someone that could talk to the President one name came up repeatedly: Truman's lifelong friend, Eddie Jacobson. Eddie, himself a non-Zionist, refused to get involved. "In my thirty-seven years of friendship with President Truman, I have never asked a favor of him," he told Goldman. "And when you tell me that he doesn't ever want to hear the word Palestine mentioned again, I'm certainly not going to jeopardize our friendship by antagonizing him now."

Dr. Weizmann, however, was able to convince Mr. Jacobson his people needed his help and he went to see Harry. For the first time in their friendship he was angry with Eddie. Placing both hands on his desk, Truman leaned forward and exclaimed, "If Jesus couldn't please them when he was on earth, how can you or anyone else expect me to have any luck?" But Eddie was able to convince the President and the United States backed the new State of Israel. If it hadn't been for the U.S. backing more than likely the State of Israel would not have come about.



A Little Bit of Trivia

- Four Baptist have served as president of the United State. Warren G. Harding the 1st, 2nd Harry Truman, 3rd Jimmy Carter and 4th Bill Clinton.
- Harry Truman, the first Southern Baptist in the White House, annoyed some Southern Baptist by spouting "hells" and "damns" in his conversation.



If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? 1John 3:17 New Living Translation

