



# Bear Valley Center for Spiritual Enrichment

*A Religious Science Community*

*"Open at the Top"*

## January 2018 Newsletter

**Sunday Services, 11:30 a.m.**

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*Our purpose is to inspire and nurture spiritual growth by accepting a loving, all inclusive community through teaching, healing, and serving, for the highest good of all.*

*We are the Mind of God knowing, the Heart of God loving, and the Hands of God serving.*

### January Topics and Speakers



**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Jules Jones**

**"The Prosperous New You!"**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Rev. Dr. Warren Chester**

**"What It Does"**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Art Harriman**

**"Be God to Yourself"**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Nancy Walker**

**"Affirmative Prayer,  
Why It Works"**

### January Calendar

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**New Year's Day**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Meditation 10:00 a.m.**

At Carolyn Dawley's house

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday service at 11:30 a.m.**

**Zen meditation at 3:30 p.m.**

**At the Center**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Meditation 10:00 a.m.**

At Carolyn Dawley's house

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday service at 11:30 a.m.**

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**BVCSE Board of Trustees meeting following service**

**Zen meditation at 3:30 p.m.**

**At the Center**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Martin Luther King holiday**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Meditation 10:00 a.m.**

At Carolyn Dawley's house

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## ***January Calendar (continued)***

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**      ***Drumming Circle***  
                          6:00 p.m. potluck dinner  
                          7:00 p.m. drumming  
                          Marv Cira's home  
                          4020 Water Hole Lane  
                          Baldwin Lake  
                          909.584.5278

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**      ***At the Center***  
                          ***Sunday service***  
                                 ***at 11:30 a.m.***  
                          ***Zen meditation***  
                                 ***at 3:30 p.m.***

**January 24<sup>th</sup>**      ***Meditation 10:00 a.m.***  
                          At Carolyn Dawley's house

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**      ***At the Center***  
                          ***Sunday service***  
                                 ***at 11:30 a.m.***  
                          ***Zen meditation***  
                                 ***at 3:30 p.m.***

## ***November Attendance***

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
11/5	38	0
11/12	32	0
11/19	37	0
11/26	17	0
Totals	124	0

***November Averages***    ***31***            ***0***

## ***November 2017 Financials***

Collections	\$ 5,730
-Other income	6
<b><i>Total regular income</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 5,736</i></b>

***Expenses***                    ***\$ 5,695***

***Net November Income \$ 41***

## ***Our Prosperity***

*(All tithes are now \$100 each.  
 The Board also tithes back to any church making  
 a donation to the Mortgage Reduction Fund.)*

### ***In November we tithed to:***

Los Gatos CSL  
 Julie Grandi  
 Dr. Calvin Pramann  
 Karen DiGiacomo  
 Monterey Peninsula CS:  
 CSL Reno

## ***In Grateful Appreciation for November Bills***

Gas – none  
 Water – Kim Williams  
 Electricity – None  
 Phone/Internet – Rhonda & Bruce Smith  
 Mortgage – none  
 Grizzly –none  
 Snow Removal - none

We are so grateful for your help!

## ***Practitioner Article***

Sometimes, along the path, we get knocked off into the ditch, so to speak. We ask ourselves, “How am I going to get through this; the further I go, the worse it gets?” We try to



pray, but we are so involved emotionally, that all we can see is the problem. There is an answer - we can call a Practitioner and they can help us to see the truth, because “the truth will set us free”.

These are people who have taken all the class work and have received training on how to assist you in finding the answer, and also assist you in your prayer work. They see the situation you are in, but without the negative emotion and are not wrapped up in it. They can see the truth and speak it into existence. For example, if your child is sick, you know the truth about that child - that they are usually whole and well, but all you can see is the pain they are experiencing. The Practitioner, not being as emotionally involved as you, the parent, can speak the word of health and through the creative law of mind, will produce it in like form (well and whole).

Many times, I have used a Practitioner and have received great demonstrations. I believe it is one of the best things we have going in our church. They are dedicated to their practice and have great spiritual insight.

I look forward to hearing your experiences.

Have a great year!

***Dr. Warren Chester***

## ***January Birthdays***

***Lil Wittman                      January 6<sup>th</sup>***

***Michael Benjamin          January 14<sup>th</sup>***

***Kendra Culbertson        January 14<sup>th</sup>***

***Diane Richards             January 18<sup>th</sup>***

***Art Harriman                January 22<sup>nd</sup>***

***Carolyn ‘Dawley            January 25<sup>th</sup>***

***Deonna Robinson         January 25<sup>th</sup>***

***Liz Harris                     January 26<sup>th</sup>***

**“Tis the set of the sail that decides the goal, and not the storm of life.”**

***-Ella Wheeler Wilcox***

## *Meet the Center's New Music Director*

### *Brad Rissau*

Brad and his family have been coming to Big Bear Lake since he was a child and built their home in Big Bear City in 1961. He's been back in town since 2006 after a long stint on the East coast where his band, "Porch Chops", has performed since 1988.

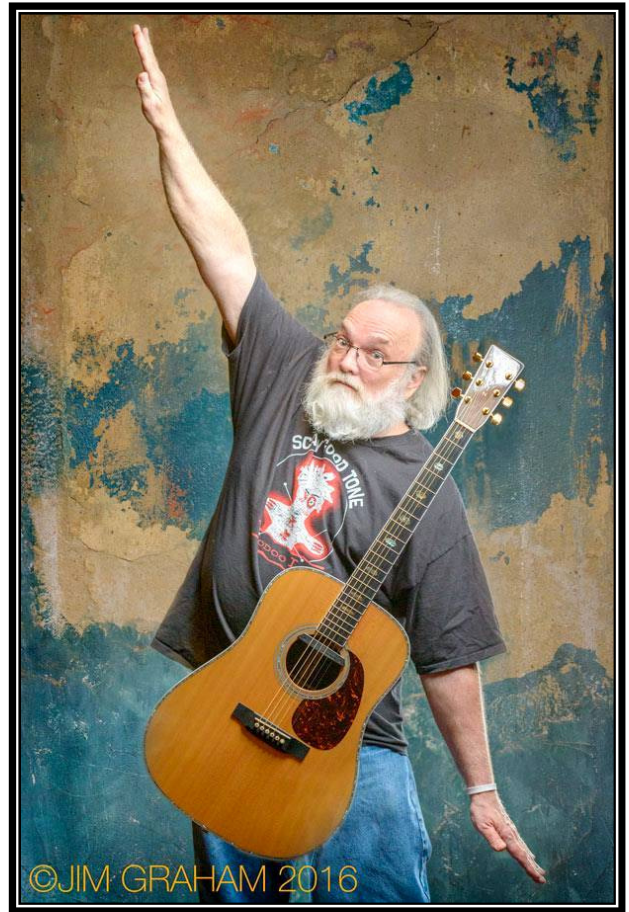
Since returning to Bear Valley, he's performed stints in the bands, "A Full Deck", "Skeleton Key Band", Bear Valley Crackerz", "Porch Jones", and for the past 6 years, "Silver Moon". His repertoire includes over 6,000 songs that span many genres and over 150 years of popular song. "I'd say I was a song collector as well as a singer, musician and songwriter. A good song is my missionary work – bringing someone some joy, relief, perspective and nostalgia in this complicated path we call living", Brad says.

Having owned a record store in Wilmington, Delaware, as well as serving as a publicist on over 130 Grammy-nominated records for artists as diverse as Willie Nelson, Bruce Hornsby, Herbie Hancock, Derek Trucks and countless others, he's had experience in many facets of the music business. He booked concerts in San Diego in the mid-70's, produced local and national artists on both coasts (including records featuring members of the Rolling Stones, Sheryl Crow, Norah Jones), and worked in the studio and on releases featuring Steely Dan, Elvis Costello, Marian McPartland, to name a few.

He's released 15 CDs of material over the years and has written over 400 original compositions. Brad is a meditator and student of Eastern Philosophy, is a published poet and worked as a music columnist for national magazines; "Jazziz Magazine, "Dupree's Diamond News". He has also served as a food critic for "Big Bear Today".

"Since I first heard Louis Armstrong on my Dad's record player and saw "The Beatles" on Ed Sullivan, music has provided a forum for my creative impulses and a solace and motivational tool for some of the best inspiring discoveries, close friendships, and personal experiences over the years."

As jazz great Ornette Coleman whispered into Brad's ear after accepting a Grammy for Lifetime Achievement, "Sound is life".




***Brad Rissau***



## ADVERTISE!


Let your spiritual community know about the services and products you provide. *We want to support you!* You are invited to advertise your business in our monthly newsletter, which reaches over 300 people. Please provide camera-ready art and a check for \$25 to the church office (or any Board member) for the February issue by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call 909-866-7100.



**Are you a Caregiver?**

**CarePartners of Bear Valley**

*is a support group providing friendly & insightful tips for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's, dementia & other illnesses.*



For further information  
Please call Mary Andresen  
909-585-7958  
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*909-585-1062*

Please join us at 1 PM  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
Senior Center  
42651 Big Bear Blvd

**Spiritual Journeys**  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
**Wednesday Meditation  
Group 10 AM**

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CAROLYN DAWLEY, R.Sc.P.





Holly says....

***Attitude is everything  
so....  
Pick a good one!***

*and pass it along....*