

Good Tidings

Monthly Newsletter of Pioneer Bible Church | April 2013

Mark Your Calendar

4/4/13

Senior Luncheon
guest speaker:
Staff Sgt. Joshua Soelzer

4/5-6/13

Revolve Tour

4/14/13

New Member's Lunch

4/26-27/13

Planet Wisdom/ Mark
Matlock, Brentwood, CA

Pioneer Church Quilters Honor Our Servicemen



Sue Stillings and Joy Vierra went to Mather VA Hospital on February 13 to present quilts to injured veterans through the Quilts of Valor program. Sue Stillings (below) was honored to present a quilt which she pieced, and Pat Skaggs quilted, to Curtis.

Joy Vierra (above) presented a quilt which she and Brian Lewis worked on to Brandi. Each quilt was made to the Specifications of the organization, and a personalized label was attached to the back of each piece expressing appreciation for the recipient's service.



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Awana Grand Prix Results

Each year, our Awana club holds a race event featuring what are often called “pinewood derby” cars; they are wooden cars which are crafted and assembled by the children or their families from kits provided by Awana. They run on a hand-crafted wooden track (made by Gene Stiles) and are timed by computer. Races are arranged into heats, and each car competes at least four times.

Results of the Awana Grand Prix event of March 7th:

Cubbies/Sparks Division:

- 1st place- Bradyn Crow, car # 37
- 2nd place- Hannah McCreary, car # 16
- 3rd place- Rose Howell, car # 3

TNT/Trek Division:

- 1st place- Tyler Etheridge, car #13
- 2nd place- Logan McCreary, car #14
- 3rd place- Charlie McCreary, car #15



*Josef Hanson
officiates on race night*

Our Awana families would like to extend a special thank you to the Hanson family (Mike, Rachelle & Josef) for their hard work and all they do to make the event memorable and fun for everyone!

Women's Retreat

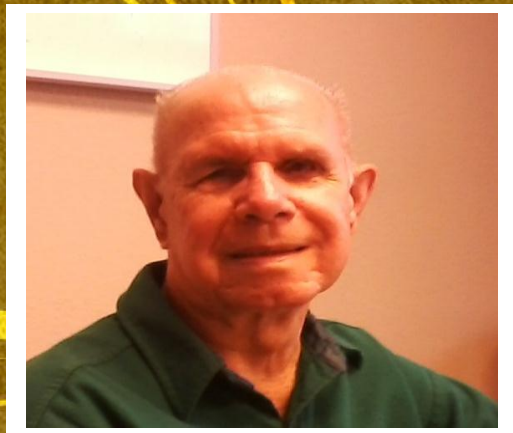
All women are invited to a great weekend of worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun at Woodleaf Conference Grounds in Challenge, California (located in the foothills northeast of Marysville, approximately 1.75 hours from Sacramento) on Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5.

Our speaker for this year's retreat is Debbie Kreisher, known for her love of the scriptures and the reality of life. Her heart is transparent in her speaking as she threads God's Word and Truth into the everyday backdrop of life.

Elizabeth Hunnicutt will lead us in praise and worship. She has been writing music for several years and has a way of engaging the listener's heart and mind in refreshing ways.

Cost: \$135 before April 13, \$155 after (deluxe accommodations \$185/double occupancy).

For more information, please see Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church's website at www.fopc.org, or speak to our own Shari Fitzpatrick.



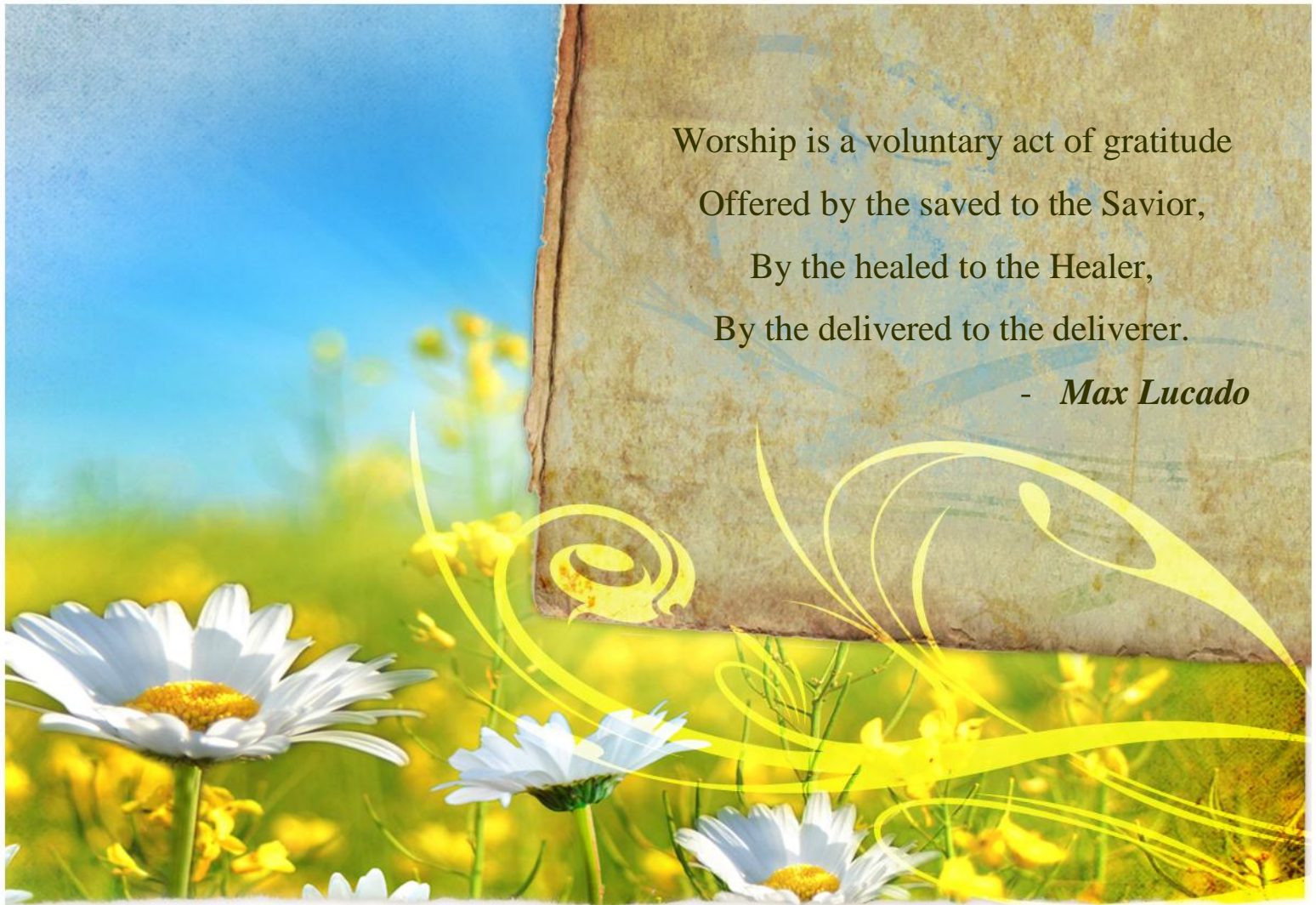
Meet the Congregation: *Calvin Roy*

Calvin Roy was born in Racine, Wisconsin on February 18, 1925. He moved to Milwaukee with his family when he was three years old, and lived there until his senior year of high school. In 1943, he was drafted in to the U.S. Navy. He was sent to Radio Technician School—which, in spite of its name, actually provided training in radar technology-- at Texas A & M. He served on a destroyer for six months, until he was sent to Officer's Training at Ohio State University for a year.

He left Ohio for Illinois, where his parents were living at the time, to finish his college degree at Augustana College in Rock Island. From there, he went on to Grace Theological Seminary, where he studied for nearly four years, followed by an additional year at Conservative Baptist Seminary in Denver, Colorado.

After pastoring at a church for a year, he entered the Air Force Reserve as a chaplain for another year, before accepting a position at Tampico Baptist Church in northern

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Worship is a voluntary act of gratitude
Offered by the saved to the Savior,
By the healed to the Healer,
By the delivered to the deliverer.

- *Max Lucado*

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Illinois, which was in a small farming community of about 700 souls. He still writes to the current pastor, who was a 5-year-old boy in his congregation back in 1955! Although he enjoyed pastoring at the Tampico church, he received orders to go on active duty with the Air Force, and was sent to Davis Mountain AFB in Tucson, Arizona, where he served as chaplain for three years. He went to Japan in 1958, and also made three trips to Thailand while serving overseas. From Japan, he was sent to Panama City Florida in 1962. After leaving Florida, he spent two years in Goose Bay, Labrador, ministering to the men working at radar installations along the Atlantic seaboard.

Cal finally arrived in California when he was sent from Canada all the way out west to serve at Edwards AFB. He didn't stay here long, however, being quickly sent to Vietnam; first in Saigon, then to the north. He retired from his military career in 1976, retiring to the southern California town of Ramona, where he spent three years building himself a house. It was there at the church in Ramona that Cal met his second wife, Leona. Together they moved to our part of the state in 2001; first to Pollock Pines, and five years later to Somerset.

He began attending Pioneer Bible Church when Mike Sciarra, a friend of Pastor Jim's who was serving at Voyagers Bible Church in Irvine, California, recommended PBC to Cal through their mutual friend Gary Stubblefield, who is married to Cal's daughter.

Cal and his wife Leona have 11 children between them. Cal has 5 grown children with his first wife, Earlene, and Leona has 6 children with her first husband, Earl. Cal spends most of his free time reading and studying, while Leona enjoys gardening, sewing and crochet. He has led a Bible study class at PBC ever since 2001, when he began filling in for Dick Tolles, and has taught it continually through the present day. The class is currently meeting during the Sunday school hour (10:00 am-11:00 am) in the library. The topic is an examination of the gospels entitled "Life of Christ."

"The best advice in the whole world is that the Bible is true," he says when asked what wisdom he would share with young people. "Believe it. Leona and I read the Bible together every morning. We read through the Bible each year. She's read through it seventeen times—once each year since we've been married!"

Drop by the Clothes Closet!



Pioneer Bible Church is home to a wonderful ministry, one that serves people from all backgrounds and walks of life: the clothes closet! Under the direction of Kate Bila, the clothes closet provides clothes of various types and sizes, from children's wear to maternity, professional wear, and winter jackets and blankets, all free, to anyone!

Kate Bila explains how this ministry got started: "Karen Russell and I established the clothes closet ministry approximately four years ago. Without knowing, we had both been sensing a need and then one day, I just asked her if she had ever given clothing ministry a thought, and she smiled really big and said "yes!" Karen had some great contacts in town, with Calvary Chapel and Jordan's Closet Consignment, and I was happy to be the grunt worker! After gaining permission, we began distribution

At left: Laurie Miser & Priscilla Jeuchter

on Wednesdays."

When asked what the goals of this ministry are, Kate replies: "To meet the clothing needs of anyone in our community, and to do so with love and generosity, and a 'God Bless You.' Some establishments choose to limit what people take each time, but we have always stood firm in the belief that God will truly supply all our needs."

Kate tells us that sorting and storage space are constant challenges. Currently, Joanne Wilson and Priscilla Jeuchter are regular volunteers. "Over the years, we have had several different volunteers work from time-to-time. Some folks can only ever come work once, and that is okay too!"

Anyone interesting in volunteering in this important ministry should let Kate know. "There is plenty to do! I can always use extra help. The work is physically exhausting and time consuming." Also, "I almost always say 'yes' to more donations, because there are always needs, especially men's clothing. And prayer is always appreciated!"

The clothes closet is open the second Wednesday of each month, through that Friday. (Closed Thursday in summer.)

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