

GOOD TIDINGS

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Josh Harris Brings Home the Gold

Saturday and Sunday, June 27th and 28th, the Northern California Special Olympics were held at UC Davis. Josh Harris participated in the swimming competition. We thought you'd like to get to know a bit more about Special Olympics in our area. Special Olympic competitions are a celebration of life and the value of everyone who competes. In the S.O. world, competitors are referred to as "Athletes" and helpers are "Coaches." The mission of Special Olympics is "to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."

Each sport season generally lasts two to three months, with weekly practices and culminates in one or two tournaments. The swimming season had a regional tournament in Roseville with the El Dorado team competed against Folsom, Sacramento, and Roseville teams. From this tournament, athletes were selected to attend the Northern California swim meet at UC Davis.



(backstroke), 4x50 Freestyle relay, and the 25 freestyle. The photo is of the medley relay team at the award ceremony. From left to right: Johnny, Antione, Josh, and Phillip.

Josh has participated at the state swim meet the past two years, earning four gold medals each year. He and his dad (coach) Mike Harris also participate in Golf during the summer months. When you ask Josh prior to the meets if he thinks he'll do well, he replies "I don't care if I win. It is just an honor to be with these people." When you ask Mike about the tournaments, he says "I am humbled by the courage of the athletes and the love displayed by those involved in this community."

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For God
has not given us a spirit
of fear and timidity, but of
power,
and love,
and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7



VBS 2013

*Stand firm with the belt of truth... the breastplate of righteousness... take up the shield of faith...
Ephesians 6:16*

The second week of July was a wonderful week for the annual vacation Bible school held here at PBC. The extreme heat of the previous week subsided, and the skies were clear and breezy, for a week of both indoor and outdoor fun at church!

This year's event was Kingdom Chronicles, a kid-friendly, scripture based program with a medieval theme. Beginning July 8th, from 9:00 am each morning until noon, kids danced and sang, did crafts, played active games, and met in small groups to reflect on what they were learning. Teaching times emphasized the armour of God, as Paul describes in the final chapter of Ephesians, and established the absolute truths of "Creator King," "Savior King" and "King of Kings."

Kate Bila headed up the program in her first year as VBS director. She had plenty of help, including Shara Langford, Ashley Cross, Joy Vierra, Rachel Bluhm, and Marsha Ferguson as crafts leaders & assistants, Josef Hanson as games leader, and

Nicole and Josephine Savage in the nursery. Trisha Lepera served as kitchen supervisor, and had on her team Cindy McLearnan, Priscilla Jeuchter, and Peg Campbell. Pastor Jim & Pastor Rob spoke to the children during "council time." The all-youth drama team included Jada Dawson, Caleigh Roberts, Juliana Eggert, Gracie Dean, Abbie Etheridge, Luke Dean, Ben Dean, and Caleb Hanson. Joni Reichman, Jeannie Collier, and William Hasper provided their special artistic skills, Patty Mercer and Jeanette Haas designed sets, Cindy Dean served as photographer, and Michele Holiday organized registration.

Just as indispensable were the teachers & group leaders: Cary Rinehart, Dina Panasuik, Jacquie Henifin, Sharon Jensen, Dennis and Camille Fike, Tom Mercer, Esther Dawson, and WilleJune Eggert.

Want pictures? Please see the VBS 2013 album on our Facebook page!

PBC Members Show Pigs at the Fair

The El Dorado County Fair was held June 13-16 at the Placerville Fair Grounds. Three kids from our church family, Abbie Etheridge, 14, Tyler Etheridge, 9, and Juliana Eggert, 14, are members of the Happy Sundowners' 4H Swine project, and were in the Swine Barn with their pigs. This was Abbie's 2nd year showing pigs. Her pig, Boris, was a Yorkshire. Tyler showed for the first time this year. His pig, Breakfast, was a Yorkshire/Hampshire cross, as was Juliana's pig, Spaz. This is Juliana's 5th year showing at the fair.

When asked what the hardest part of showing swine is, Abbie replied: "The hardest part is, since pigs don't sweat, and the fair is always hot, to keep them cool!"

Left to right: Abbie, Tyler, Juliana



Meet Sarah Nguyen

August 6:
Great America
trip for teens

Pioneer Bible Church is proud to announce a partnership with Sarah Nguyen, who is working with Cru to reach young people with the life-altering message of the gospel.

Cru, known as Campus Crusade for Christ around the world, is an interdenominational Christian organization that promotes evangelism and discipleship in more than 190 countries around the world. In 1996, *USA Today* called Cru the largest evangelical organization in the United States. Today, the organization employs over 25,000 full-time missionaries and has trained 225,000 volunteers around the world.

August 18:
Baptism &
campout at
Jenkinson Lake

Founded in 1951 at the University of California, Los Angeles by Bill Bright as a ministry for college students, Cru has since expanded its focus to include adult professionals, families, athletes, high school students, and more. The World Headquarters is located in Orlando, Florida, and the current president of the organization is Steve Douglass. On July 19, 2011, it was announced that Campus Crusade for Christ in the United States will be changing their name to Cru in order to overcome existing barriers and perceptions inherent in the original name. – *Wikipedia*

September
6-7 & 17-18:
Picture days

PBC has decided to support her work with a monthly contribution through the Missions fund. As with all missionaries, cards and notes of encouragement can be forwarded to Sarah through the church office.

Sarah explains her vision:

I have recently graduated from CSUS and The Lord has called me into full-time ministry with college students. The mission is to give every college student the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel. Through discipleship, I hope that these students will tell other students, and as some of these students are led to careers and some go overseas, the world will know about Jesus. Why college students? College students are a very strategic group to target. These students go on to influence the world politically, medically, religiously, and in many more immeasurable ways. Thank you for partnering with me to reach the next generation.

Read more about Sarah at www.sarahkite.com!

September 15:
the Gideons at
Sunday service





Mellanie McCreary's Pickle Recipe

"This isn't really my recipe," Mellanie says. "This recipe came from my friend Miriam's grandmother, who lived on a farm in Colorado. This recipe is a family heirloom! Miriam and I made it last summer with the cucumbers from my garden. They're delicious, and the chile doesn't make them hot."

Ingredients:

3 quarts water
1 quart vinegar
1 cup canning salt
1 tsp alum
8 grape leaves
8 cloves of garlic
8 pequin chiles
8 sprigs of dill weed
¼ bushel of cucumbers

Fill 8 clean jars with cucumbers, and 1 clove of garlic, sprig of dill, pequin chile, and grape leaf each. Set jars in shallow pan of warm water while you make a brine from the water, vinegar, salt, and alum. Bring the brine to a boil, and pour over the cucumbers in the jars, leaving ¼ inch of of headspace. Using plastic utensil, remove air bubbles from jar. Process in a boiling water bath.

Be sure to check seal when cool, and refrigerate improperly sealed jars! Allow pickles to "season" for 2 months.

World War T:

The Search for Truth

This year's summer event for teens, *World War T*, took place over three nights: August 21-23rd. The theme was a play on the popular Brad Pitt movie, based on the apocalyptic horror novel by Max Brooks, titled *World War Z*. While the name might have been playful, the purpose was serious: to introduce kids to the truth of God's word.

Attendance was good: 55-60 kids per evening. "We prayed for kids, and kids came," said Carolyn Holmes. "We had a number of them that had never been to our church before."

VBS began at 5:30 in the evening, and lasted until 8:30ish. There was live music, Biblical teaching, games, and of course, food. Meals were provided by the Miser family, the Campbell family, and the Collier family. (Thank you!)

One of the most popular activities was the giant water slide on the hill behind the church. It was designed and constructed by Clay Fitzpatrick.

Soap was applied to the surface to make it even more slick, and a pit filled at the bottom was filled with water.



WATER SLIDE

A special thank you goes out to Mike Hanson, Mark Rinehart, David Holmes, Charlie Kammerer, Doug Collier, Jeannie Collier, Jennifer Dobner, Steve Kammerer, Paxton Fitzpatrick, Cameron Holmes, as well as to the young people who worked hard to assist with the event: Clayton Holmes, Juliana Eggert, Grace Dean, Luke Dean, Abbie Etheridge, Taylor DeForest, Rachele Hanson and Josef Hanson, to name a few!

Child Sponsorship Works!

Every month, PBC would like to honor one of the families who have made a commitment to support a child in need. For photographs, maps, & children's artwork, please see the new child-sponsorship bulletin board in the lobby. This month, it showcases the sponsorship, through Children International, of 15 year old **Ariana Valarezo** of Guayaquil, Ecuador. **Bob & Peg Campbell** have sponsored her since 2008.

Guayaquil is an urban area on the western coast of the country. Chronic malnutrition and high unemployment plague the area's poor, who make an average of \$220 per month when they are able to find work. Although it is the largest city in Ecuador, Guayaquil is blighted with immense slums. During the rainy season—from December to May—the city becomes a real mess: flooding occurs on a regular basis, turning unpaved streets into rivers of mud. Homes are often constructed of flimsy materials, such as plastic and split cane, which allow water and insects inside. After the rainy season stops, the stagnant water promotes the transmission of disease.

Ariana recently wrote: "I've been doing very well, thanks to God. I've gone for walks, gone swimming... and had lots of fun. I wish this letter finds you well. God bless you, sponsor, thanks for giving me the chance to have a better future."