

Good *tidings*

Monthly Newsletter *of* Pioneer Bible Church

September/October 2013

Mark Your Calendar

Oct 1

Choir Practice Begins:
every Tuesday until
Christmas!

Oct 4-6

Men's Fishing Retreat

Oct 19

Somerset Lions
E-Waste Recycling Event

Oct 25-26

Women of Faith Tour
at Sleep Train (Arco)
Arena

Oct 31

Harvest Faire

Thank You, Pastors, For All You Do!

Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. (1 Timothy 5:17).

Did You Know? October is **National Clergy Appreciation Month** (or "Pastor" appreciation as we usually call it) and the second Sunday in October is National Clergy Appreciation Day! According to the National Bureau for Labor Statistics, 44,000 people served as clergy in the U.S. in 2012. Hallmark began offering cards for this occasion in 2002.

What does the congregation at PBC have to say about their own pastors?

"We appreciate Pastor Rob for his thoughtful consideration and steadfast devotion to God's word, recognizing that most precious gift of grace given by our Lord Jesus. We appreciate Pastor Jim for his kindness and love for God's people."- Larry and Rae Belisle

"I appreciate Jim because he does so much for the kids. I also enjoy his preaching, his boundless energy, his joyful attitude. I appreciate the way he always makes me feel good about life whenever I'm around him. I appreciate Rob because I feel like I've known him forever. When Rob teaches, I appreciate his honesty about the failures as well as the successes of his own life. It gives me hope in my life. Shara and Rob have been an incredible gift from God in my life." - Peg Campbell

"I thank God for our pastors. They are godly men I pray God's strength and courage for them to minister to His people. They both have unique talents for God to use them. God bless them."- Lorna Todd

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"I appreciate my pastors because they are such men of integrity. They are always there for me. I can stop by the church anytime and they have time for me. I feel so blessed to be here. Since my husband died, they have been my covering. What a blessing and a secure feeling. They are also such men of the word and are so encouraging. Thanks Rob and Jim. I love you and your families so much." – Marj Tolles

"I appreciate that lovely pastor Jim who has such a sweet spirit." – Chris Campbell

"We are grateful that the church has invested so much in our family. This church is special, because its pastors are special men. And their wives, too—thank you WilleJune and Shara!" –David and Mellanie McCreary

"Pastors Rob and Jim are a blessing to our church and all of us. They minister, advise, assist and are friends. We care about them." - Kathy Downer

"I appreciate my pastors Jim and Rob because they are a blessing to the church and the community. They have also been there for my family in our time of need." –Rich Lepera

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Rain Can't Dampen Our Pioneer Spirit

The first Pioneer Days event in many years was held at PBC on Saturday, September 21st, to celebrate the church's **first forty years** of ministry! Unfortunately, we were blessed with our first significant rainfall of the season on that day, with amounts totaling almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Festivities had to be moved indoors, but the gloomy atmosphere remained outside.



At left: the church as it looked in 1973- one room only. Painting by Pauline Brownell.

Forty years ago, in 1973, the small, Conservative Baptist church in Somerset came under new leadership

and was renamed "Pioneer Bible Church." Under the direction of a group of men including Milt Kammerer, Gordon Fulp, and Rob Langford, it began to grow and prosper, filling a need in southern El Dorado County for a strong, Christ-centered church.

Pioneer Days celebrations have been held frequently over the years, from the mid 1970's until the 1990s, although previous events were held across the street at Pioneer School.

"I appreciate Pastor Rob because he graciously took me home when I showed up for Bible study and it was cancelled, and how he prayed for each person in need at the service we attended." – Rosie Caddell

"Thank you, Pastor Rob and Pastor Jim, for leading us, for your love and support." – Jack and Anita Smith

"I appreciate our pastors because they are real, and share their struggles and the love of Jesus Christ with humility." – Fil and Joy Vierra

"I appreciate my pastors because they humbly and honestly lead us in seeking God's kingdom. They are available to help us through our trials. Their faith and ministry are based on God's Word." –Cary Rinehart

"I appreciate my pastors, Rob and Jim, because you are real and show us your weaknesses, which helps us to know how you rely on God." – Melissa Berschens

"I appreciate our pastors because both are obviously men of God, and share the Word of God. They are both hard workers for all the congregation and others. God has blessed us greatly." – Jackie Leland

"We appreciate Rob and Jim because through their different styles of doing things, everyone is ministered to in a way they can understand. However what we appreciate most is two of their similarities... their love of Christ. They have fostered a 'faith through action' ministry that meets the needs of this community. May God bless them and their families!" – Tony and Laura Fagundes

"We appreciate Pastor Rob and Pastor Jim because they are both humble, transparent servants of God. They preach the truth of God and live out their faith in ways that show the church family and the community the love of Christ." – Bill and Sharon Jensen

Child Sponsorship

Child sponsorship, summed up in 6 words:

Thought I gave, but I received. – Tim
Now poverty isn't just a word. – Becky

"You did it unto me." – Jesus. – Julie

(from the website of Compassion International)

Over twenty-five children are sponsored, in many different countries and through several different organizations, all by members of PBC! That's a big number! To keep the needs of these children and others like them living in poverty around the world in the thoughts and prayers of the entire church, we will be highlighting the sponsorship of one child each month for twelve months.

Currently featured is **Emmanuel Oyuru** of Uganda, who has been sponsored by **Esther Rinehart** for a year. Emmanuel comes from the village of Ayago. He moved into the Children of the Nations' children's home in the capital city of Lira in 2009, after the death of his parents. The children's home houses 60 children, ranging in age from 3 to 18. The children are cared for by a resident house mother, and receive attention to their mental, physical and spiritual needs.

For more about Emmanuel, including photographs of him (with his beautiful smile) and his letters and cards to Esther, see the bulletin board across the hall from the library!

Pioneer Spirit Continued ...

Families are encouraged to dress in period costume, and pioneer spirit was evident this year in the prairie dresses and western-wear seen throughout the day.

A mysterious "miner-49er" helps coordinate Pioneer Days earlier in the month



"It was fun to see old friends, people that I didn't expect to see there," said Donna Russell.

Dinner consisted of tri-tip (expertly cooked & smoked by Rollin Haas) and corn bread, with assorted salads & side dishes. It was followed by a program of speakers, including Milt Kammerer, Tom and Donna Russell, Pastor Rob and Shara Langford, Chuck and Joanne Wilson, Heidi Holm (who shared a moving testimony of her struggles with cancer) Jim and Linda Owens, Pastor Jim and WilleJune Eggert, and Jason Smith. Songs that were popular in each of the four decades of the church's history were sung. For pictures of the event, see the church's Facebook page.

"The rain didn't dampen our spirits. We're soggy but unbowed," said Al Eberhart.



Rollin Haas



Meet the Congregation: Linda Boyd

Linda was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to a loving Christian family. She grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, and decided at an early age that she wanted to grow up to be a home-economics teacher like her Godmother!

Her family moved to Southern California in 1963, when her mother was a patient at City of Hope, where she was living when she went home to be with the Lord as a result of breast cancer. Linda was 20.

After graduating from Cal State Long Beach, Linda taught home ec. at Claremont High School in southern California for 31 years. She met her husband Bob in church in 1980. In 1981 they were married at the First Baptist Church in Anaheim.

The couple has a daughter, Jana Lynn, and a grandson, Nathan Alexander, both of whom live in Southern California.

In 2002, Linda returned and she and Bob moved to Placerville, to a home Linda designed herself! They attended Cold Springs Community Church for ten years, where she and Bob led a small-group Bible study for seniors for over 8 years. Linda also organized the cookie brigade and served as one of the pianists.

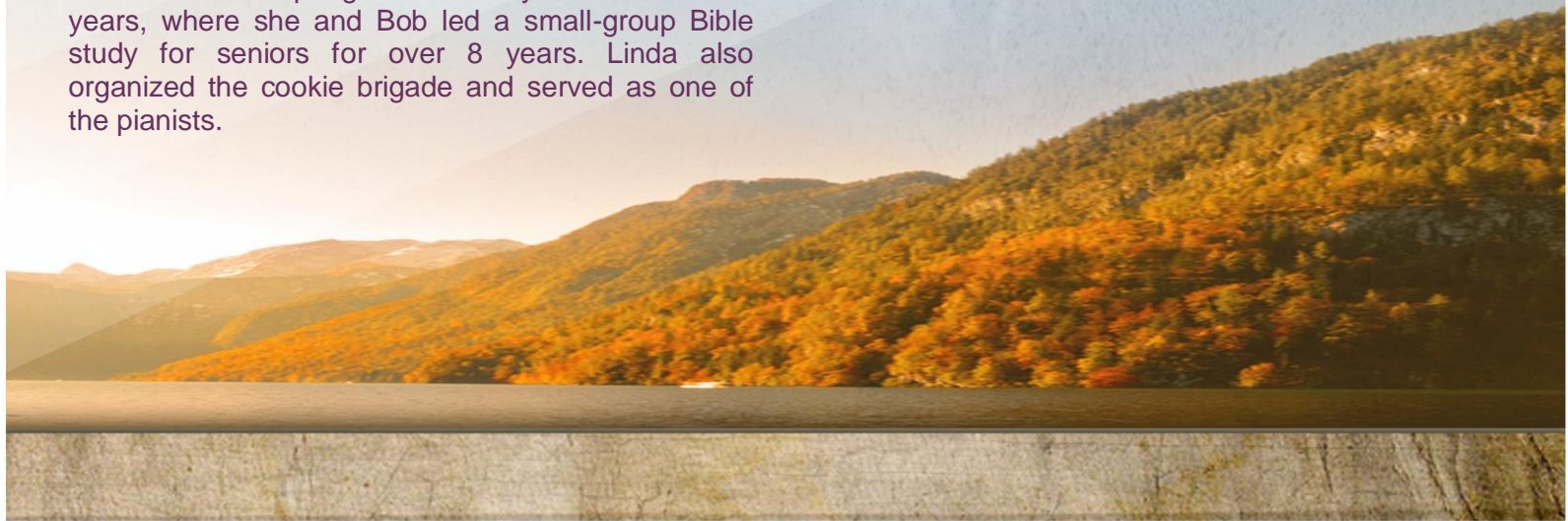
Linda's hobbies include gardening and playing the piano. She started playing at age 10, and has served in that capacity in 5 different churches! She enjoys traveling, and has been in all 50 U.S. states and 14 foreign countries. Her favorite states to visit were Alaska and Virginia. Linda loves animals, and has a special place in her heart for collies. The couple has had 6 dogs, and all but one were collies, including their current pet, Susie.

Linda has also enjoyed judging the entries at county fairs. She has judged in L.A., Orange, El Dorado, Amador and Nevada counties. In her opinion, Amador County has the best bakers!

Baptism at Sly Park

Saturday, August 18, our church family celebrated the baptisms of eight people: Maddie Dawson, Hannah McCreary, David McCreary, Abbie Etheridge, Jordan Coble, Ashley Hasper, Fil Vierra and David Holmes. The event was preceded by a day of swimming in Jenkinson Lake, and a barbecue. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make the day memorable.

**BELOW: Pastor Jim and
Jordan Coble**



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"We appreciate our pastors because they preach the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing God's gift to us, eternal life through Jesus Christ. We are thankful and appreciative that they have dedicated their lives to sharing the love of God. You are loved, Pastor Jim and Pastor Rob. May we all delight in the Lord." - Dave and Jacquie Henifin

"I appreciate my pastors because they care deeply about their church and congregation, and I love listening to their sermons that are from the truth—the Bible." – Cindy Eichelbaugh

We appreciate Pastor Rob because you made us listen & hear. "I can hear you now." – Gary & Janet Silva



The Sacramento Awana Ministry Conference was held Saturday, September 28 at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove. A group of about a dozen people from PBC took part.

"This year, at Awana Ministry conferences across the country, we will join together to declare the power of the gospel. Through inspirational messages, dynamic teaching, practical workshops and encouraging interactions with other Awana leaders and pastors, you will be challenged to **stand committed to the gospel**," according to the organization's promotional materials.

Linette Harris has been to an Awana conference before. She was inspired at the conference by hearing, "the Bible is sufficient! It is our 3 daily squares. Personal Bible study and prayer are our breakfast and snack. Study within the family is lunch; church is dinner. If we only get "feeding" at conferences and events, then you are trying to survive on vitamins... and it won't work. You will starve!" Linette would like to attend again next year if her schedule permits.

At right: Linette and Janet Marsh at the conference



Michele Holliday's 24 Hour Salad

1 head of lettuce, torn
6 hard boiled eggs, sliced
1 10-oz package frozen
peas, thawed
1 lb. bacon, crumbled
2 cups grated Swiss cheese
1 bottle original ranch
dressing
Sugar, salt, pepper

In bottom of large bowl, place 3 cups lettuce, sprinkle with a little salt, sugar & pepper. Layer eggs on top of lettuce. Sprinkle generously with salt. Next, layer in order: peas, remaining lettuce, bacon and cheese. Spread salad dressing over top. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Garnish with sliced green onion and paprika, if desired. Toss before serving. Makes 12-15 servings.

"Have courage for the great sorrows in life, and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily tasks, go to sleep in peace. God is awake."

- Victor Hugo