



# Good Tidings

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## Mark Your Calendar

**3.7**

senior luncheon featuring  
Shari Fitzpatrick 12:00 noon

**3.10**

Village Schools International  
potluck 6:00 pm

**3.22**

Good Friday service  
7:00 pm

**3.24**

deadline for Forward Bible Camp  
scholarship applications

**3.31**

Easter- our Lord is risen!

## An Easter Message from Pastor Jim

*1 Cor 5:7 ... for indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

*Heb 11:27 By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*

Moses feared the King of Kings more than the human Pharaoh, though he was a mighty and threatening man. Moses knew that God, the Invisible One, keeps his promises and God's judgment would come upon all unbelievers. God told them to apply the blood to be spared from judgment. Moses did and so must we.

I have always been amazed about the Passover even in Exodus 12. Passover and Easter go hand in hand. As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday during this Easter week here are a few thoughts to consider and remember.

Easter is about the death (Good Friday), burial (by Joseph and Nicodemus) and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. He was and is the perfect lamb. Jesus' blood was shed for us. Mankind has often rejected God and this rejection or unbelief is sin. Passover and Easter both show the amazing mercy of God toward people who had rejected Him and now believe Him. God initiated this plan to save us, to redeem lost mankind!

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## Pew Cushions Made for Church in San Felipe, Mexico

Pat Skaggs and Debbie and Don Abney couldn't say "no" when they were approached by Chuck Wilson with the idea of bringing a little more comfort to the church in San Felipe! They were asked to use their sewing skills to create 10 pew cushions, because, as Debbie says, "The pews are so old, and the wood is just two slats and they separate. Sometimes you can get pinched." To rectify the problem, chocolate-brown fabric was sewn into 16-inch by 6-foot covers, stuffed with foam, and closed with Velcro.

The pew covers are lightweight and durable. They will be taken down to the church with the next group leaving for Mexico.

"If you're not comfortable, who's going to sit in church?" Debbie points out.

Thank you Chuck and Joanne Wilson for the terrific idea, and to Don and Debbie Abney and Pat Skaggs for all the shopping for materials, and time spent constructing these thoughtful gifts.



*O Death, where is  
your sting?  
O Hades, where is  
your victory?*

## Russian Pastor at PBC

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Pioneer Bible Church was honored to host Pastor David Andrusyak of Tombrov, Russia. Pastor Andrusyak spoke at both services about his on-going work bringing the gospel to the youth of Russia, and the conditions of the church in the former Soviet Union.

In addition, PBC was blessed by the musical talents of the Ukrainian Youth Choir from Spring of Life church of Orangevale, who sang beautifully in both English and Ukrainian.



The event was followed by a reception in honor of the pastor and the choir.

To learn more, please visit: [www.send.org/russia](http://www.send.org/russia) for updates by Pastor Andrusyak on his ministry.



## CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY!

Official church librarian Peg Campbell (at right) has kindly agreed to update us on what is going on between the shelves of the PBC library:

Yes, that's right, Pioneer Bible Church does have a library! Matter of fact, it is a very big library. It has a huge selection of fiction books and our non-fiction section is also surprising and it's growing all the time. Just since I have been working in the library, you have donated over 600 books! That's amazing.

It is really easy to find your way around the fiction section. The books are filed alphabetically by author and are located across the back wall, down the right side of the room, and across the front wall to the door. The non-fiction is on the left side of the front wall and down the left side of the room, and is filed by topic. That makes it rather hard to find a specific non-fiction book at the moment, because there isn't a list of topics. That is on its way! I am hoping to have a condensed listing available in the very near future.



There is a system to actually check out a book. This may take a little getting used to, but it's easy and straight-forward. Every book that has been logged into the system has a pocket on the inside of its back cover with a card in it. From now on, please don't take the book home without putting your name and the date on the card in the appropriate space, and putting it into the "fiction" or "non-fiction" box on the short book-case next to the door. (You don't have to file it if you are in a hurry!)

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## Scholarships for Summer Camp



PBC would like every child who wants to go to Forward Bible Camp in Georgetown this summer to have the opportunity! Please take a donation envelope from the display in the lobby, and return it by depositing it in the donation boxes in the sanctuary. Your contribution will be used to help a child receive the joyful message of Christian faith which Forward Bible Camp integrates into every camper's experience.

Would you like to apply for a scholarship for your child? Please contact the church office **before** March 24<sup>th</sup>!

[www.forwardbiblecamp.com](http://www.forwardbiblecamp.com)

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That way we can start keeping track of our books. There is no hard and fast rule about how long you can keep a book, but if everyone completes the card before taking the book, we will know where the book is, and maybe can remind you after a month or two that you still have it.

I thank God for Pioneer Bible Church, for Rob and Jim, and for all of you. I am honored to be your librarian. I will work hard to keep it up to date so it will be ready for you to browse to your heart's content!

*(...Pastor Jim, continued from page 1)*

*1 Peter 1:18-21 "you were... redeemed...<sup>19</sup> with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.<sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you<sup>21</sup> who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

Oh, the gift of redemption! We once were lost and now were found. We were in darkness and now we are in the light. The blood of Christ has been applied to our lives and we have been forgiven. Righteous God sees the blood of Christ applied to our lives and passes over. We escaped the judgment and death we deserved because the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, has been applied. We have been forgiven, redeemed, reconciled, and saved!

We thank our God and Savior this Easter, agreeing with the words of John in Revelation saying, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev 5:12)

God we celebrate you our Savior at this time. Thank you for your act of love and sacrifice to forgive us. Your resurrection declares your power over death, your deity, and your authority to forgive sins. We thank you dear Savior!

*Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,<sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,<sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

## Retirement Brunch Was Delicious Fun

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, PBC thanked retired secretary Pat Mann for her many years of service.

"What a delight it was to honor Pat," said Shara Langford. "Many thanks to our wonderful committee: Linda Owens, Donna Russell, Kate Bila, Carol Eberhart, Sharon Jensen, Wille June Eggert, and to the entire congregation for their financial gifts, personal gifts to Pat and the encouraging notes that she will treasure in her scrapbook! Thanks to Nicky Walker for taking the pictures that will forever capture this special day, the pastors for their leadership, to Jane Fraim for handling the sound board, and to Cindy Dean for her help with the publicity."



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