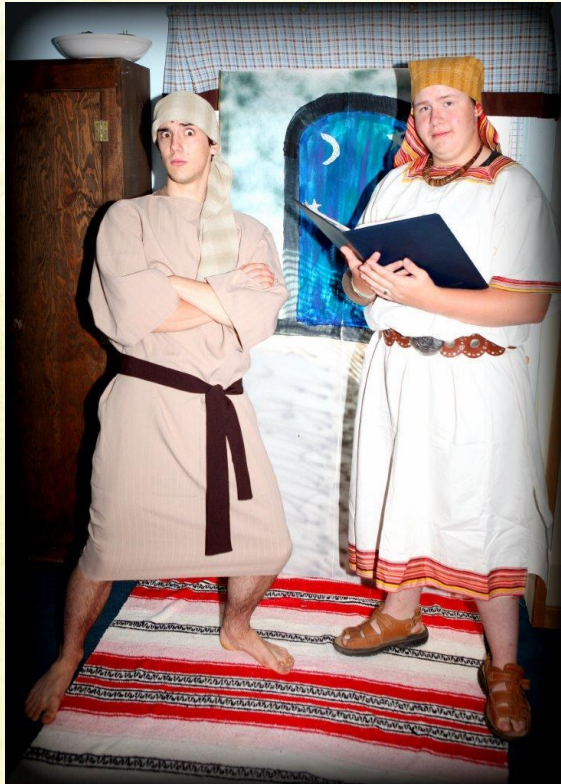


# Good Tidings

*"...behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." –Luke 2:10*

Pioneer Bible Church

August 2012



*Skits depicting scenes from the life of Daniel were a big hit with the kids!*

*At left, Caleb Hanson as Daniel; at right, Clayton Holmes as Ashpenaz*

## ***Vacation Bible School:***

### ***Back to Babylon!***

Every year, kids get together here at Pioneer Bible Church for a week of fun and games with a purpose. This year Vacation Bible School lasted from July 9<sup>th</sup>-July 13<sup>th</sup>. It was open to kids from four years old to children entering the sixth grade.

The church was decorated to look like ancient Babylon to help the children learn of God's faithfulness through the story of Daniel. At the opening of the day, all the kids gathered together in the sanctuary for a group assembly, which included worship music, a missions-focused presentation, and teaching. From there, the children split into "tribes" to spend time doing activities including crafts, music, skits, outdoor games, and having snack.

Kids were given neck-chains which they could decorate with beads they earned for attendance and participation. They also were given pocket cards with scripture for them to memorize. When teachers noticed kids who were showing extra helpfulness or enthusiasm, they entered the person's name in a drawing for a popsicle at the end of the day.

"VBS is awesome!" said Charlie McCreary, age 10.

*"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." — Jim Elliot, missionary who lost his life trying to reach the Auca Indians of Ecuador*

## VBS ...continued from page 1

This year, VBS was organized by Cindy Dean. Also on the VBS team were: Bryan and Kate Bila, Chuck and Joann Wilson, Patty and Tom Mercer, Joni Reichman, Nicky Walker, Jane Fraim, Pat Mann, Ruthie Chism, Sue Stillings, Michele Holliday, Doug Collier, Rachel Bluhm, Gracie Dean, Ben Dean, Luke Dean, Josef Hanson, Sandie and Mike Hanson, Rachelle Hanson, Nicole Savage, Juliana Eggert, Marj Tolles, Caleb Hanson, Clayton Holmes, Peg Campbell, Sidney Roche, Dina Panasuik, Cary Reinhart, Esther Dawson, Dennis and Camille Fike, Jacquie Henefin, Mellanie McCreary, Joy Vierra, Melissa Berchens, Mary Simpson, Willie June Eggert, Bailey Berchens, Jessi Creason, Taylor Turnboo, Davis Masters, Dawson Richards, and Drew Richards, as well as pastors Rob Langford and Jim Eggert.

“Thank you to all that donated food and materials,” said Cindy Dean.

Friday evening a barbecue was held at the church for all the families involved in VBS. The kids got the chance to sing the songs they learned over the week for their parents, and a picture slide-show was shown so families could see how much fun the children had.

**Babylon**  
Daniel's Courage in Captivity



*“Grandma Marj” poses after the service with her friend, Mike Hanson*

### Meet the Congregation

Grandma Marj—a.k.a. Marjory Tolles—is a Somerset resident, but a native of East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, who has also lived in Clinton, Connecticut, and Stuart, Florida. She’s the mother of two—a daughter here at PBC and a son in heaven—the grandmother of four, and great grandmother of three: Aleyah age 3, Eli age 9 months, and Addison age 2. She has attended Pioneer Bible Church for 17 years.

Her favorite scriptures are Proverbs 3:5-6 and Proverbs 18:24.

“I love to read, but most of all I love spending time with my special friends,” says Marj.

# Jamin Eggert Serves in Uganda

Anyone attending a service here at PBC during the month of July would not have missed the drive to collect toiletries and first-aid products for Jamin Eggert's mission to Uganda. He will be in the country from August 3<sup>rd</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>.

"Uganda is a small, East African country on the Equator and is about the size of the state of Oregon. Its Lake Victoria feeds the headwaters for the Nile river that runs North to Egypt! For twenty four years this region of Africa has faced the Lord's Resistance Army, a militant group under Joseph Kony that has kidnapped as many as 100,000 children for warfare and displaced between 1.8 and 2 million people. I went three years ago with a team to encourage restoration through counseling and training for the community leaders. We have created an orphanage, called the "Children's Village" outside of Lira, where the kids are fed, taken to school, and learn about Jesus, but have no medical history or regular medical care. That's where we come in!"

You can help by praying for: "Team safety. We are eight nurses and two guys in a post-conflict country. Pray for protection and safety of our team. Supplies. We are carrying in thirty boxes of supplies, clothes, tools, hygiene kits, gloves, scrubs, etc. We've been warned that security in country may illegally tax/confiscate if we're known as a medical team. Pray that correct officials should know our purpose and protect us from illegitimate ones."



Pray for our orphanage kids! Their hearts, teaching, faith and health. Pray for the surrounding kids! As many as 100 will be included in our team. Pray for them! We've been invited to view surgery, pray for Dr. Opio and his staff as we visit. Our team unity. A team of medical professionals has very difficult schedules, we've still never met as a complete team. Pray that Jesus would reign, that there will be graciousness and love between one another and lots and lots of patience."

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*At left: Janet and Gary Silva  
enjoy the July luncheon*



When asked how long the senior luncheon has been happening, Jean Christ answers, “Almost since the beginning of the church!”

The event is open to anyone “middle-age plus:” simply show up with a main dish or side dish potluck item. (Drinks, plates and utensils are all provided.) Anyone with questions regarding the luncheon may contact Jean Christ at 209-245-6517.

## ***Senior Luncheon an Ongoing Tradition at PBC***

The senior luncheon at Pioneer Bible Church is the best-kept secret in fine dining in Somerset. Held at noon on the first Thursday of every month, it is a great way to taste the creations of some of the best cooks in El Dorado County. And it’s free!

The meal is a potluck. Every month one of Jan Stiles’ beautiful cakes is offered for dessert, and the tables are seasonally decorated by Lorna Todd.

Occasionally, an excursion is planned to coincide with the meal. In June, the seniors visited the rose garden of Ken Dean’s grandmother Elsenia in the morning before returning to the church for lunch. Other times, a speaker will share his or her experiences with the guests. In July, Jack Fraim gave his testimony.

## ***Have You Hugged a Sunday School Teacher Today?***



**Jan Stiles teaching the 3s & 4s class**

*“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes  
to sit down and listen.” – Winston Churchill*

ESTHER DAWSON'S MACARONI SALAD  
(You may have tasted this dish at the after-VBS barbecue!)

16 oz uncooked elbow macaroni  
1 pound cherry tomatoes, quartered  
1 cup frozen corn, thawed  
1 medium green pepper, chopped  
1 small red onion, chopped  
2 ¼ ounces sliced ripe olives, drained  
½ cup lime juice  
¼ cup olive oil  
1 Tbls red wine vinegar  
1 Tbls chili powder  
1 Tbls ground cumin  
1 tsp sugar  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp garlic powder

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, tomatoes, corn, peppers, red onion and olives. In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the lime juice, oil, vinegar and seasonings; shake well. Pour over pasta mixture; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or until chilled. Yield: 16 servings



*Sunday Services*

*8:15- First Service*

*8:45- Kids in Action*

*10:00- Sunday School Hour*

*11:00- Second Service*

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