

GOOD TIDINGS

...BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS
OF GREAT JOY. – LUKE 2:10

On October 31st, the annual Pioneer Bible Church Trunk or Treat event was the place to be! At 3 pm, volunteers began arriving to set up in the parking lot, to be ready when the festivities began at 5:00. There were many booths and activities, including a bounce-house, a cake walk, ring toss, bean bag throw, face painting, basketball toss, a Wheel-of-Fudge, and an R/C truck driving challenge.

The Trunk or Treat offered the only opportunity to hunt the rare Fitzpatrick deer, an elusive species found only in the parking lot of PBC at Halloween.

There was plenty of free lemonade, nachos, corn dogs, chips, and soft-serve ice cream at the Chuck Wagon Café. The hard work of many people made this year's Trunk or Treat an event that won't be forgotten!



Left: Clayton Holmes; Above: (L-R) Hannah McCreary, Isabella Lapera, Adrianna Lapera

Fun & Friendship at the Youth Retreat

On the afternoon of Friday, October 19, people gathered at the church to ride up to Georgetown, where the youth of PBC, and Good Samaritan Community Covenant Church of Valley Springs in Calaveras County, would spend a weekend of fellowship at Forward Bible Camp. The weather couldn't have been better for a weekend in the woods. A bake-sale was held on consecutive Sundays to raise funds for the trip. About 50 people were able to go at a bargain price thanks to their efforts.

Jennifer Dobner, who helped out on the retreat, says: "I loved the night games. I also love how two groups met as strangers and left as friends not wanting to say goodbye. We all learned how we all need each other, praying and supporting each other. We are one family: the family of God. This became real significant on the 6 mile difficult hike. A new brother and sister in the lord, and one brother I've known a long time, helped me conquer this hike. It was awesome. Also, we had great conversations on the journey to and from the falls." The weekend ended with lunch along the river at Lotus Park—thanks to Ken Dean for arranging for hot pizza to be brought from town!



*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I can see it,
but because by it I can see everything else." - C S Lewis*

Meet the Congregation: The Crow Family

Meet the Crow family of Somerset! Matthew and Stacie, both 36, and their children: Abbie, 13, Tyler, 9, and Bradyn, 4. Matthew, a small equipment technician, is a native of Sacramento. He enjoys 4x4ing and dirt bike racing. Stacie was born in Ashland, Wisconsin. She is a pet groomer who also shows dogs when she's not in her garden.

The Crow family has a house full of animals: 3 retired show dogs, including 2 Staffordshire Bull Terriers and 1 American Staffordshire Terrier, 2 adopted cats who do well keeping down the pests here in the country, 8 chickens, and 1 Russian tortoise!

They have been attending PBC since moving to Somerset in August of 2010. Stacie says, "We feel so blessed being in such a wonderful community and we are so thankful for all of our new brothers and sisters in Christ!"



The Crow family on their vacation to Wisconsin in 2012

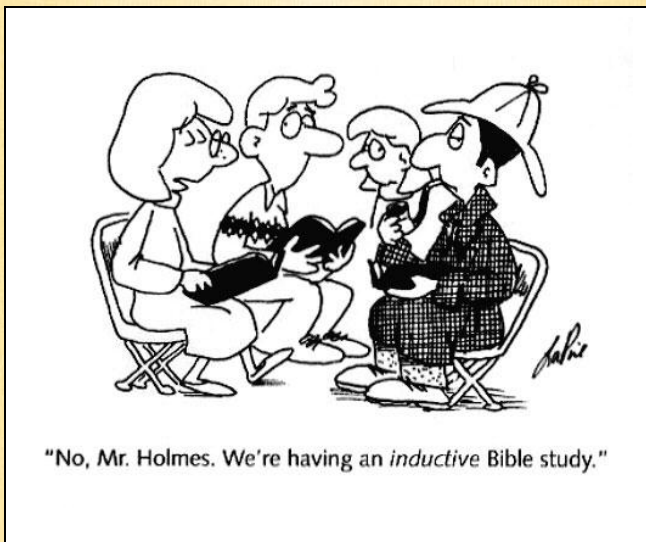
HOME GROUPS UPDATE

This month, Sidney Roche tells us about the home group which she and her husband Joe are participating in:

"The purpose of our Home Group is to provide an opportunity to build close relationships as we support & encourage each other in this journey. Our group meets at our home in Somerset the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings.

Our group currently consists of Cindy McLaren, Cindy Anderson, Dennis & Camille Fike, Tim Eberhart, and Joe & I. We meet, eat, pray, catch up with each other, read, discuss, laugh-- even an occasional tear isn't out of place. We occasionally meet just for dinner and more time of sharing.

We are currently reading *Abbas Child* by Brennan Manning. He is a very thought provoking, passionate writer who reminds us how incredibly loved we are by God!"



"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

– Sally Koch

“I am thankful for...”

“Apple pie.” – Rebekah Dean, 8

“God.” - Bradyn Crow, 4

“Being here.” – Mackenzie Campbell, 7

“Apple trees.” – Reanna Hanson, 10

“Hunting season.” – Logan Bila, 7

“Jesus.” – Regan Bila, 5

“Stuffed animals.” – Callie Dawson, 4

“God.” – Josephine Savage, 10

“Life.” – Tyler Ethridge, 9

“Having a family.” – Hannah McCreary, 7



Join Us on Sunday!

8:15- First Service

8:45- Kids in Action

10:00- Sunday School Hour

11:00- Second Service

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