

Good tidings

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Easter Sunday 2014

What a beautiful experience it was for the family of PBC to celebrate the holiest day of the year together—first with the sunrise service outdoors, then with breakfast, and finally with the indoor services which included two musical performances: first, traditional pieces with organ accompaniment, and second, contemporary songs performed by the children in their lovely Easter clothes. Thank You, Lord, for a glorious day to celebrate Your victory & resurrection!



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Mark Your Calendar

May 1- Senior Luncheon

May 2 & 3- Women's Retreat,
Thrive Conference &
Planet Wisdom

May 11- Compassion Sunday

May 17- Men's Breakfast

May 19- Ladies' Book Club

May 26- office closed in honor
of Memorial Day

Baptism

By Dennis Fike

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward commitment. A Christian life is not having rules to live by, but choices we can lovingly make with the help of our Lord and Savior. Jeff and Tiffany White chose to follow the example of Christ by being publicly baptized in the Cosumnes River on April 3rd, 2014. Jeff is our vineyard manager and has come to faith finding Jesus as his personal savior working in God's Vineyard, the True Vine. (John 15:1)



COMPASSION SUNDAY

— TELL A CHILD —

"I'm here for you"

Compassion Sunday at PBC Mother's Day, May 11, 2014

Sponsorship Matters: Peru



Enjoy a little llama drama and stop by the child sponsorship bulletin board this month to learn more about Fredy Pena, age 6, the young man proudly sponsored by David & Mellanie McCreary! Fredy lives in the Amazonas state in Peru, in the far northern part of the Andes Mountains near the border of Ecuador. Fredy's remote village home to about 4,000 residents.



Typical houses are constructed of wood with tin or thatched roofs, and dirt floors. The regional diet consists heavily of plantains, cassava, beef, and rice. Common health problems in the area include malaria, respiratory infections, anemia, and diarrhea. Most adults in the village are unemployed. The average income of people in the region is about \$110 US dollars per month.

Fredy attends the Mision Vida Student Center. Cecilia Huaynate Yauri, the director of the center, writes, "We do home visits and have extra-curricular activities in the community like cleaning the streets, etc. The district we're in had an anniversary and the project was there with the children playing sports, and they saw the parade on Main Street." She continues, "I ask you to pray for the children, the project, and the workers. I thank you from my heart and by the love of God for your support of Fredy. In spite of adversity, there is light and hope."

Meet the Congregation: Tony & Laura Fagundes

May is the last month we will have our dear friends, Tony & Laura Fagundes as members of our church! In June, the couple and Feona, their Yorkshire Terrier, will be moving out of the country.

In an effort to escape the fast pace of city life, they kept moving further up the hill until landing in Somerset in 1991. They attended PBC a few times that year, but found a good fit for their family at a home church with friends in Pollock Pines.



They have been attending PBC this time for more than a year, helping out frequently with meals for youth group.

Many of us are familiar with the sight of Tony jogging along E-16. In addition, Tony, a native of the Azores, came to America in 1968. He enjoys reading, gardening, fishing, and cooking. He also enjoys sharing God's word with anyone ready to listen.

Laura, a California girl from San Mateo, is a counselor at the Pregnancy Counseling Service in Placerville. She enjoys reading, and crafts such as jewelry making, knitting & crochet, sewing, and painting,

In mid-June, the couple will be leaving for the Azores, a group of Portuguese islands in the Atlantic. "We have a 250 year old house there, and Tony has worked on it for some years. It was not livable when we first got it, but it's comfortable now. We started traveling there over the years, and thought, 'that is where we would like to live.' There is an American airbase on the island (Lajes), and a church that speaks English for military personnel and their families. We've attended that church, and the people are very nice. They do a lot of work in the community there," Laura tells us.



Please pray that God goes before Tony & Laura and guides their steps, in His service, and spreading His word. "God has led us through a lot of different experiences in our lives, so we are excited to see what He has in store for us in the Azores."

If you would like to send cards of encouragement to Tony & Laura after they are gone, please contact the church office for the mailing address.

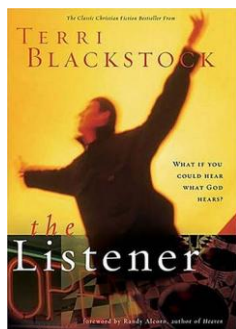
Annual Rummage Sale a Big Success

After a one-year hiatus, the church's annual yard sale was back in business in 2014. The sale was headed up by Clay Fitzpatrick, Al Eberhart, and Paxton Fitzpatrick, with help from Steve Kammerer, Ivan Meilke and William & Ashley Hasper,. It took place on the first weekend of April. Fortunately for Clay, who spent the night on the grounds, the rain held off and people came out to shop even though the skies were overcast and the mornings cool. Furniture, tools, and sports equipment were big sellers. The men's ministry added to the fun by keeping a constant supply of goodies available; doughnuts, pastries and brownies in the morning, and hot dogs, hamburgers and chips in the afternoon. The total raised to replenish the construction fund for the youth buildings was a whopping \$4,322.55!



HOGAN AND CLAY FITZPATRICK

Ladies' Book Club



This month's selection for the Ladies' Book club is Terri Blackstock's *The Listener*. The book club meets in the church library at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of each month. For more information, contact Rosemary Bluhm.

In the News

Pray for Kidnapped Girls in Nigeria

The insurgent group Boko Haram is opposed to what they perceive as the "Westernization" of Nigeria, which they maintain is the root cause of criminal behavior in the country. Thousands of people have been killed in attacks perpetrated by the group, and the Nigerian federal government declared a state of emergency in May 2013 in Borno State in its fight against the insurgency.

Since 2010, Boko Haram has targeted schools, killing hundreds of students. A spokesperson for the group said such attacks would continue as long as the Nigerian government continued to interfere with traditional Islamic education. 10,000 children have been unable to attend school as a result of the activities by Boko Haram. Boko Haram has also been known to kidnap girls, who it believes should not be educated.

On 15 April 2014, a group of militants attacked the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. They broke into the school, shooting the guards. Houses in Chibok were also burnt down in the incident. The school had been closed for four weeks prior to the attack due to the deteriorating security situation, but the students had been recalled to take a final exam in physics. The students were subsequently forced into marriage with members of Boko Haram, with a reputed "bride price" of \$12.50 each.

The Christian Association of Nigerian-Americans' Executive Director Pastor Laolu Akande is urgently calling on the Nigerian government to step up its efforts and rescue them. "Boko Haram has been kidnapping little girls who are Christians, trying to turn them into sex slaves, trying to convert them by force. Their strategy is to marry the girls and kill the men. So what they have done by kidnapping these female students, it is another demonstration of the impunity with which Boko Haram has been running its terrorist activities."



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