

Good *tidings*

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*Let's support our missionaries with a
Handmade ♥ Homegrown ♥ Homebaked
gift from the heart!*

May is Missions Month at PBC. Please choose a missionary from the basket available April 26, and use your creativity and talents to create a gift to express our thanks for their hard work! Your gift will either be given to your missionary in person on **Mission Sunday, May 15th**, or mailed to them wherever they are! Gifts should be of nominal value; it's the thought that counts.

You will receive information on the return date, packaging requirements, and any restrictions (no liquids or perishables should be included in gifts which will be shipped) when you choose a missionary. Please call the office for more information.





It's a Dog's Life:

This month, Stacie Crow shares her dog show experiences with us!

Question: When did you first get involved in showing dogs?

Stacie: I was 11 years old when I began my adventures in dog shows. My brother wanted a Pit Bull. My aunt, who was showing Australian Cattle Dogs, told my mom to get an American Staffordshire Terrier instead, so we could show dogs together. My brother lost interest in the dog show scene, so I took over. I really enjoyed the competition aspect of it. Three years later it was my turn to get my very own show dog! The same breeder that my brother got his American Staffordshire Terrier "Floyd" from had a litter of Staffordshire Bull Terriers. My mom and I liked the smaller version of the Am. Staff. So we decided to get one, my first show dog: Golden States Heart and Soul, also known as Kiska.



Question: What breeds of dogs have you, or do you shown?

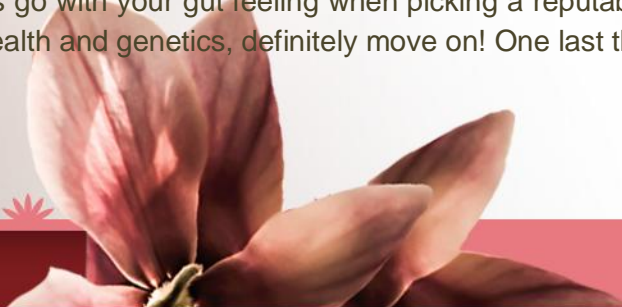
I've shown several breeds of dogs, including Portuguese Water Dogs, Petite Basset Griffon Vendeens, Scottish Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Dandy Dinmont Terriers, Siberian Huskies, Afghan Water Hounds, Belgian Tervurans, Bull Terriers, Plott Hounds, Manchester Terriers, Standard Schnauzer, and the list goes on. My main focus, however, is showing the American Staffordshire Terrier and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

Question: What do you enjoy most about showing?

I enjoy the competition of showing dogs most of all. Of course I enjoy the dogs themselves, all the different personalities of each dog, learning different behaviors and how to bring out the best in each dog to present them to the judge. My least favorite part of dog shows is waking up before dawn to get there.

Question: What advice do you have for someone interested in showing dogs themselves?

My advice to anyone interested in showing dogs is to first have a love for dogs. Education yourself on which breed would best fit your household. Find and talk to many breeders for further education. The most popular dog registry is the American Kennel Club. They have a website that can point you in the right direction. Always go with your gut feeling when picking a reputable breeder. If they are more about money, and not about health and genetics, definitely move on! One last thing, is to have FUN!





Awana Grand Prix Results from March 25, 2015

Results by class:

Cubbies and Sparks

1st- Conner Naff

2nd- Dee Miser

3rd- Bradyn Crow

Tnt, Trek and Journey

1st- Josef Hanson

2nd- Joe Miser

3rd- Charlie McCreary

Adult

1st- Steve Kammerer

2nd- David McCreary

3rd- Mike Hanson

Pictured above: Dee and Joe Miser accept their trophies

Cru Invasion

On February 6-7, the Sacramento State chapter of Cru* spent the weekend here at PBC. "The getaway was fun," Sarah Nguyen reports. "It was an opportunity for the newer students to bond—share meals, play bunco, hang out, watch How to Train Your Dragon and eat banana splits! The next day we were going to hike but it rained. Nevertheless people had a blast!"

(*Cru was formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ.)



Women's Retreat • May 1-3



Call the office for more information!

Child Sponsorship Matters:

New Compassion App for Your Phone!

By Dan Woolley

I'm waiting at the pharmacy to pick up a prescription and, like everyone else standing around me, I pull out my phone. "Dead time" — unplanned downtime — I hate dead time! What app shall I pull up? Angry Birds? Facebook? Email? (No, not email!)

How many moments do we encounter in a typical day that feel like wasted time, moments we try to reclaim to accomplish something useful or important?

We created the newest version of Compassion's mobile app to help sponsors use those moments of downtime to connect with their sponsored children in tangible ways, and to access key information that helps keep these precious kids more top of mind.



Now available for iPhone and Android, the *free* app puts your sponsored child's picture, biographical details (hobbies, chores, family life, etc.), and information about their church and child development center at your fingertips. It's now easier than ever to share your sponsorship experience with friends and family. Download from iTunes or the Google Play Store.

April / May Upcoming Events



Final Day to Donate to the
Baby Basket Drive, April 26



Senior Potluck, Thursday May 7, 12:00



Church Yard Sale, May 15-16



**Missions Sunday,
May 17**



Missionaries YOU Support:

by Dr. Timothy Thompson,
Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

It was one of those calls that every peace officer dreads. The call came out as an “attempted suicide” of a 12-year-old boy. When the officers arrived, they discovered that the young man had succeeded in killing himself. It is impossible to even begin to experience the heart-wrenching grief his parents were going through. I am glad that an officer at the scene was wise and had the insight to have the police dispatcher page the chaplain on call for me. Chaplain Robin Drummond responded to the scene and took the mom and dad aside to give them spiritual comfort. She spent the next several hours with the parents not only comforting them but also explaining what the officers were doing and why.

Chaplain Robin spent the next several weeks with the parents and also providing support and guidance to the extended family. Anytime there is a death of someone this young, it rocks the entire community and this one was no exception. Many of the students at the middle school this boy attended were in shock and disbelief. Chaplain Robin skillfully guided this family through their path of agony and grief. I can't emphasize enough the importance of following up repeatedly with a family that is going through this kind of grief. It warmed my heart when Robin said to me, “I think I blew a chaplaincy rule,” I asked her what it was and she said, “I have fallen in love with this family.” I will accept breaking those kinds of rules any day.


The local newspaper carried the front page story of (the young boy's) death. It was a heart-rending article that explained how this young man had been bullied over many years. His parents had tried to protect him by moving him to different schools and finally turned to home schooling him. Chaplain Robin also helped the family prepare a memorial service for him. I have been my experience that anytime you have a funeral for a teenager—in this case a pre-teen—there is a large crowd. I was certain this would

be true in this case. Robin approached her church and they were more than willing to accommodate this family with the use of their facility for a service that would honor (his) life.

Robin and I discussed how our chaplaincy could support this family and the community at (his) service. Anticipating a large crowd, I asked my other chaplains to attend and to make themselves available to those attending the service. We all arrived an hour before the service and people were already starting to arrive. I met with our other chaplains and we talked about how we could strategically place ourselves throughout the church to be available to those wanting to talk to a chaplain about their grief. It was a great team effort. Pastor Brad Franklin gave a very sensitive and comforting message. He led the service in prayer and read some comforting scriptures from the Bible and made a simple but profound observation that “We are all on a search to belong.” Chaplain Robin read the young boy's eulogy. The youth pastor read from Ecclesiastes 3 and the rest of my chaplains mingled among the attendees, ministering to those who wanted to talk.

Sometimes I wonder if I am helping anyone, or making any impact at all. After the service, I stayed in the lobby waiting to see if anyone wanted to talk to a chaplain. No one ever approached me and I didn't really connect with anyone I approached. I attended the reception and attempted to connect with a few people as we had a meal, but no one wanted to talk to me. I had all kinds of thoughts going through my head on grief, suicide, and bereavement, trying to be ready for anyone who wanted to talk.

On my drive home, I felt kind of useless as I stopped at a store. On my way out of the store, a woman stopped me and said, “Tim, do you remember me?” She had worked for the Sheriff's Office for 30 years before she retired. I asked her how she was doing and she began to cry and told me her husband had died a month before. I stood in that parking lot and talked to her for a long time about grief, the shock of death, loneliness, and the importance of a grief support group. While most of my time was spent listening, supporting, and giving a hug, she took in a few things that I had shared with her. I wrote down the times and locations of various grief support groups in her area. She took my simple resource list and told me that she would be sure to attend one of the groups. She said, “You don't know how much this means to me.” She gave me another hug and thanked me for taking the time to talk to her. As I walked to my car, I realized why I had prepared mentally for that day. While I thought I would be used at a memorial service that morning, I could see that I would have a divine encounter that afternoon in a store parking lot with someone I had worked with years before at the Sheriff's Office. It reminded me again how God is in control of our lives and guides our feet on the paths He wants us to travel.





Above: The Pioneer Bible Church quilters display some of the baby quilts they have made for Pregnancy Counseling Service;

Below: Youth Group at the 5S event on March 29, at the Cordova Golf Course.



*Chuck and Joanne Wilson's
April 1966 Wedding*

*April Wedding Anniversaries
of 20 years or more!*

*Gary & Janet Silva - 54 years
Chuck & Joanne Wilson- 49 years
Brien & Rosemary Bluhm- 32 years
Clay & Shari Fitzpatrick- 23 years*

*May Wedding Anniversaries
of 20 years or more!*

*Mike & Vicky Butler - 48 years
Mark & Cary Rinehart- 33 years*

Did you know you can learn more about the fascinating work being done by PBC missionaries Mark and MaryEsther Penner, translating the Bible into Japanese sign language by visiting their new website at www.jslbible.org?



To see the Living Word transforming Deaf communities throughout Japan.