

# *Pioneer Bible Church*

# **GOOD TIDINGS**

*Summer 2015*

**Mark Your  
Calendar**

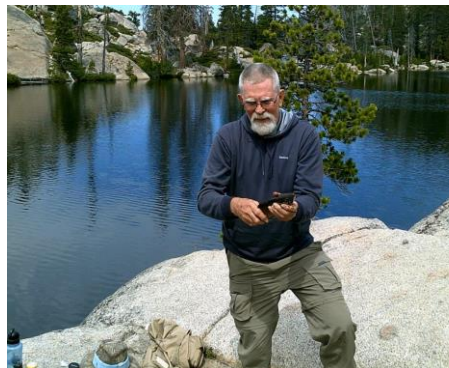
**Senior Potluck  
August 6**

**Church Picnic (at Pioneer Park)  
August 8**

**Baptism & BBQ  
(at Jenkinson Lake, Sly Park)  
August 23**

## **Father/Son Fishing Trip Was High-Country Fun**

The weekend of July 17-19, a group from the church Men's Ministry drove up to the campground at Caples Lake, off Hwy 88 in Alpine County for a weekend of fishing & fun. Although fish weren't plentiful, crawdad were numerous and easy to catch, providing a Saturday evening meal of crawdad scampi, followed by s'mores and banana boats. Keith Cunningham said, "It was a way to bring the younger members into the church fellowship in a fun, bonding



Although it isn't one for the record books, Keith Cunningham holds a small fish he caught.

The men's ministry will be hosting more terrific outdoor events in the future. Please check your bulletin for updates.

## Devotional: *We Are the Temple* by Sandy Hanson

*"Now arise, O LORD God, and come to your resting place, You and the ark of Your might."*

These were King Solomon's words at the closing of his prayer of dedication for the temple of the LORD which he built according to his father, King David's instructions, recorded in 2 Chronicles, chapter 6.

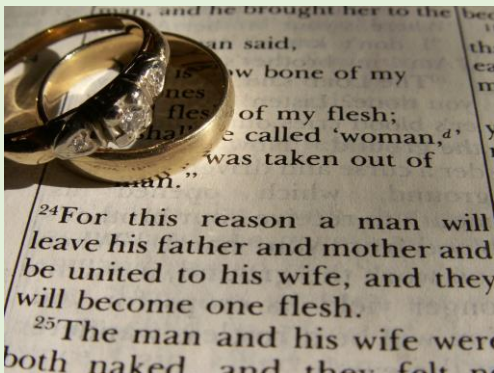
While reading this passage it occurred to me that the New Testament tells us that believers are now the temple. Solomon asks of God, "May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there." Replacing the words 'this temple' and 'this place' with the personal pronoun 'me' throughout this passage was very significant for me. If you decide to read this chapter, keep this in mind - it might speak to you as well.

Throughout the passage Solomon relies on God's mercy and goodness as he prays boldly, over and over, that God would bless the people of Israel in spite of themselves. Solomon predicts Israel's unfaithfulness yet appeals to God to 'hear from heaven and forgive' numerous times. Here is just a sample: *When your people have been defeated because they have sinned and when they turn back and confess your name then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people.*

*When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned and when they pray toward this place and confess your name and turn from their sin then hear from heaven and forgive.*

*When your people are taken captive, if they have a change of heart and turn back to you, then hear their prayer and forgive your people.*

Solomon covers all the bases: When famine or plague, blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers, when enemies besiege them... **WHATEVER DISASTER OR DISEASE MAY COME--when a prayer is made BY ANY OF YOUR PEOPLE...then hear from heaven ...forgive.** I admire Solomon's boldness in what I interpret him as saying: **WHATEVER DISASTER if ANYONE calls out to you Lord, then hear from heaven, send help and forgive us!** Then it occurred to me that this is Solomon's prayer - in other words, these are Solomon's words - not the Lord's. These are his requests, his wishes, his words. God didn't make any promises here. It is just Solomon speaking his hopeful heart's desire. **HOWEVER**, in the next chapter, 2 Chron, ch 7, God responds! And He says the most wonderful, gracious things! He says, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself (remember to insert a personal pronoun for 'this place!') ... continued on page 4



## Summer Wedding Anniversaries Of 20 + Years

### June

Gene & Jan Stiles - 62 years  
Milt & Malinda Kammerer - 58 years  
Rob & Shara Langford - 43 years  
John & Nancy Fantoni - 43 years  
Doug & Jeanne Collier - 40 years  
Joe & Sidney Roche - 37 years

### July

John & Peggy Wooldridge - 36 years

### August

Steve & Dina Panasiuk - 46 years  
Pat & Ruth Brown - 44 years  
John & Sue Hines - 43 years  
Mike & Linette Harris - 31 years



## *Ministries YOU Support:*

# Faith Comes By Hearing's **BibleStick** Program

Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart, once said: "Appreciate everything your associates do. Nothing else can quite substitute for a few well-chosen, well-timed, sincere words of praise. They're absolutely free and worth a fortune." He was right! Everyone loves to hear that they are appreciated. When we express appreciation for another person, we demonstrate that we recognize their value and respect them.

In 1999, the U.S. Congress declared the month of May to be Military Appreciation month, a time to pray for and support those who are serving our country and have served in the past. Nothing shows our servicemen and women that they are valued more than knowing that others care about them and are concerned with their physical and spiritual welfare.

Faith Comes By Hearing is honored to work with over 1,500 Chaplains from every branch of the service, serving around the world. Thanks to the generosity of thousands of U.S. church congregations, over 515,000 military men and women have received Military BibleSticks through these chaplains.

Often, they write back to tell us how much they appreciate Military BibleSticks and the difference they make in the lives of our troops:

On behalf of our unit, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the 150 Military BibleSticks you provided. It really does mean a lot to us to know that we have the genuine support of Faith Comes By Hearing behind the fighting force. Many of the troops in our unit have benefitted from the Military BibleSticks that you sent. We now have enough Audio Bibles to sustain us through the duration of our deployment. We have troops from many different faith backgrounds, which is, as you know, one of the many great things about our United States. These tools of the faith will no doubt strengthen the morale and spiritual health of our Soldiers and, prayerfully, bring others to the Savior. Thank you again for your successful action in raising Soldier morale and aiding in the religious support of our troops.

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A Soldier Listens to a BibleStick  
in the Field for the First Time



*Faith begins with a backward look at the cross  
but lives with a forward look at the promises. - John Piper*

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He goes on to agree to the terms Solomon requests regarding drought and famine and other disasters and speaks the very familiar words, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." But He doesn't just stop with this familiar passage! He continues by saying, "Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever." It just boggles my mind that the God (who made the world and everything in it) would agree to all the terms (the man) Solomon set out. But He does agree! Not only that, He supersedes Solomon's requests by promising the sweetest promise of all. Our loving Heavenly Father makes this promise in regard to His temple, "My eyes and my heart will always be there."

### COMING TO PIONEER BIBLE CHURCH THIS SEPTEMBER



Be ready for an exciting Bible study for women, written by Beth Moore! *Believing God* takes an in-depth look at the

43<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah. Childcare & refreshments provided. Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

## News Notes

*We just wanted to say "thank you" to all of you who have brought us meals and prayed for us. Thank you, thank you, thank you! You just don't know how hard it is until you have to go through it yourself. The meals have made it so much easier for us, when you only have to dip out a little and put it in the oven to warm... it's great. Jess hasn't really cooked for more than thirty years and then it was TV dinners or fast food. And the prayers have kept our faith strong. Priscilla is not left-handed, and that's all she has to use! Thank you, love and prayers,  
Jess & Priscilla Jeuchter*



*A special "thank-you" to the men's ministry: the total earnings from the yard sale held on May 15-16 were \$4,984.15. The majority of the proceeds raised are being used for our upcoming remodel of the Fellowship Hall.*