The Front Porch
Pacific Beach Christian Church
August 29, 2024

"Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry"

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."
Philippians 3:12-14

The shallowness of our age chokes the roots that feed our life with God.

Shallow attention.
Shallow wonder.
Shallow connections with others.

This may be our cultural inheritance, but we were made for depth. And we can still find it.

Unfurling into resurrection life requires rooting ourselves in disciplines and daily life; letting Jesus shape our hearts in solitude and—especially—in community.

Any serious effort to follow Jesus must be grounded in fellowship with other disciples. To be in Christ is to be in the gathered Body of which he is the Head. Not just abstractly or "in the great by and by," but planted in a particular place and a particular group where we can be formed by, alongside, and for the sake of other people. (Grace Pouch, Content Manager for Renovare)

So begins a small booklet entitled *In – Experiencing the depths of Christian Community* (which is made available on our welcome table). While we can have a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ" (anyone ever heard that phrase?), our faith is shaped, formed, rooted and practiced in community. This is where we grow, share, learn, serve, give, love, witness and forgive. It is where we find our place in the body of Christ…which also means it is where we experience the presence of Jesus in tangible, life-giving and transforming ways. That's not to say there isn't a personal dimension to our faith and to our relationship with God. But you and I are wired spiritually for connection.

We will be honoring that connection in three weeks as we gather together to celebrate the church's 75 years of ministry. It is a good time for all of us to reflect on the ways we have experienced the presence and power of God in and through those who have been a part of the PBCC fellowship through the years. How has your life and faith been impacted? Who has provided a valuable witness to you? How have you been used to bless others? What part might you contribute to the body going forward? Reflecting on these questions not only helps us to celebrate 75 years of ministry together, but reminds of our continued need for connection in our ever-changing and sometimes shallow world.

Happy Anniversary…
Brian

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Mike & La Donna Dwyer
9/3	Pete & Mariette Mendoza
9/10	Christian & Kaitlyn Julian
9/11	Mike & Peggy Neal
9/17	Rick & Marilyn Zanchetta
9/21	Don & Charlene Hill
9/22	Ed & Kathy Sly

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/8	Pam Deitz
9/8	Debbie Kirkpatrick
9/8	Raquel Osbourne
9/9	Dick Ganz
9/9	Brett Daly
9/13	Jan Julian
9/16	Chris Gille
9/18	Lily Rose Osbourne
9/21	Art Montoya
9/21	Kay Orsini
9/21	Brenda McQueen
9/23	Andi Sanders
9/25	Amanda Gille
9/27	James Frazier
9/30	Ronnie Calabrese

July Giving Update

We are grateful for your continued support of our ministry. The following are our giving totals through the end of July (the first month of our 2024-25 fiscal year).

General Fund (July)
Budgeted: $15,564
Received: $16,103

General Fund (One month)
Budgeted: $15,564
Received: $16,103

Building Fund (July)
Budgeted: $2,213
Received: $540

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IN YOUR PRAYERS

McMoran Family: continued prayers for Alyssa and family as they prepare to honor her mother, Jan Torve, this weekend.

Lloyd Family: prayers for Wendy and family following the recent death of her brother, Kerry

Don and Charlene Hill: prayers of thanks they have recovered from their recent illness and were back in worship last Sunday

Cliff McReynolds: prayers for Cliff as he continues to suffer the effects of Covid

Mike and La Donna Dwyer: prayers for the Dwyers as they adjust to the progression of Mike's Parkinson's Disease

Elyse Kern: prayers for Elyse as she navigates some health challenges

Janet Bishop: prayers for Jeff's mother after recently being placed under hospice care

Jill McIlwain: continued prayers for Jill as she continues physical therapy

Kirkpatrick Family: prayers for Debbie, Max and little Rory as they look forward to transitioning home

George Podhorsky: prayers for George as he tries to find housing

Janice Calabrese: continued prayers for Janice as she battles various health issues

Gina Barnes: prayers for Janice's sister after her recent diagnosis of cancer

Shirley Moody: prayers of thanks that Brenda McQueen's sister is responding well to her cancer treatment

Baby Annika: prayers for Bill & Andi Sanders' great niece as she battles various health challenges

Esperanza Zepeda: prayers for a family member of the Griffith's recently diagnosed with breast cancer

Beth Metier: prayers for Cheri's mother as she battles cancer

Mark Poinsett: continued prayers for Mark as he deals with a heart-related issue

Wedding Bells

We celebrate Eric Delucien and Melody Tavakoli as they united in marriage on July 11th. Make sure to congratulate them when you see them in worship!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Bible Study has started a new study on 1 Chronicles. The group meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7pm, so if you would like the zoom link contact the church office. All are welcome for this meaningful time of study, fellowship and prayer.

TUESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP 6:00 pm

Contact the church office for the link and passcode for this Zoom meeting. We e-mail the discussion questions on Monday and the topic for discussion is the previous Sunday's scripture and message.

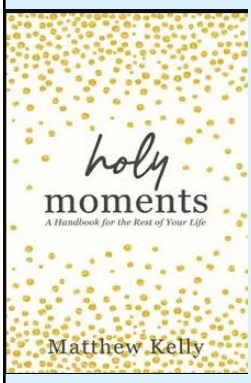
New Baby

We are excited to welcome the newest member of our church family, Aurora (Rory) Holly Kirkpatrick!!! Little Rory was born to proud parents, Max and Debbie Kirkpatrick, on August 22nd, weighing in at 8lbs. 10oz.!!! Please continue to hold the Kirkpatrick-Bishop family in your prayers as they begin this new and exciting chapter of their life together!

Those wanting to send a congratulatory note can do so at the following address:

Max, Debbie & Rory Kirkpatrick
9785 Caminito Bolsa
San Diego, CA 92129

Pastor's Book Club



Matthew Kelly has a way of cutting right to the soul in his book, Holy Moments. How often we are blinded to the ways in which God makes his presence known...and in whom God makes his presence known. This masterful little book seeks to reawaken us to the gift of life and to the gift of the Spirit in all of life's experiences. Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them has the potential to change us forever.

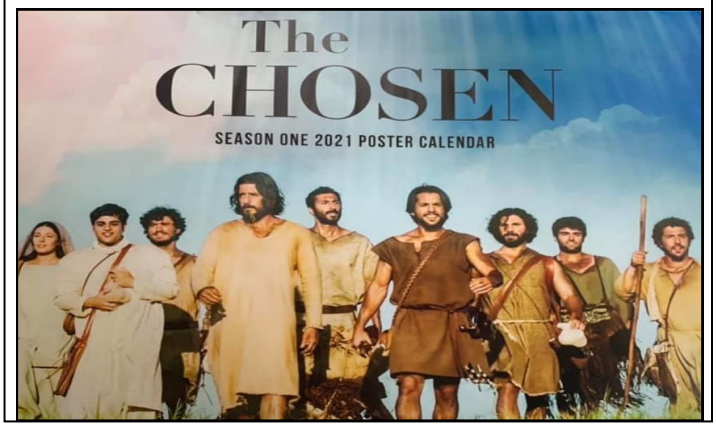
Holy Moments is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover its meaning, life just might begin to make more sense. We invite you to pick up a book at church or order one on-line.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our planning team is working hard to insure this is a fun and meaningful celebration. It will be that much more meaningful if you are able to join us. So consider this a friendly reminder that if you plan on attending this special celebration of our 75 years of ministry together, please contact our office to make a reservation on or before the September 8th deadline.. Thank you!

"The Chosen" Small Group Series

We are continuing our shared viewing and discussion of the first season of "The Chosen". The group meets at the home of Kyle and Dani Griffith in Point Loma on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm. Our group ranges in age from 14 to 91 and many in between. We welcome you to join us as well. We simply invite you to reach out to Pastor Brian for more information, including an invitation to join his carpool from the church parking lot. He can be reached by e-mail at **bdaly@pbchristian.com**.



Food Fellowship

We welcome new volunteers to join our Food Fellowship team. If you would like to be a part of the First Sunday Fellowship kitchen crew who help to provide lunch on the first Sunday of the month, please let us know. If you would rather donate goodies to share on another Sunday, please also let us know. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board or you can simply e-mail our Office Administrator, Janice, at:

administrator@pbchristian.com. Thank you!

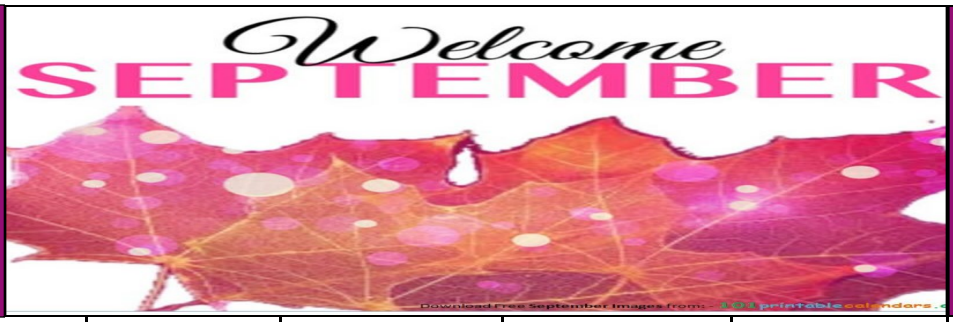
friends food & fellowship

September First Sunday Fellowship is this Sunday...

Welcome Michael Kinnamon and Mike Debreau to the kitchen team. They will be preparing the lunch this Sunday for your enjoyment! Thank you for volunteering your talents and time, Michael and Mike.

Sunday Worship

Worship Service
10:30am
&
Live Stream
Pbchristian.com
Or
Facebook page



2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1) First Sunday Fellowship Mission Sunday	2) Labor Day Holiday *Office Closed* 7-8pm AA Men's Meeting	3) 6:00pm Small Group Zoom	4) 8:00am Morning Devotion 7:00pm PYSL 7:00pm Bible Study Zoom	5) 7-8am AA Men's Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30pm "The Chosen" Small Group	6)	7)
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Worship in the Park and Picnic Sept. 15th

We would like to invite you to an outdoor service at Kate Sessions Park on Sunday, August 15th beginning at 10:45am. We will meet at the north end of the park under the trees. Please bring a chair or blanket. The service will be followed by a picnic lunch. If your last name begins with the letters A-M, please bring a side dish or salad. Letters N-Z, please bring a dessert. Thank you!

REMEMBER TO SMILE

REFLECTION

"You're not healing to be able to handle trauma, pain, anxiety, and depression. You're used to those. You're healing to be able to handle joy to accept happiness back into your life."

CCSA Backpack Give-Away Success!

Thanks to the generosity of so many we were able to donate 86 backpacks to kids in need for the new school year. That more than doubled last year's record of 37 backpacks! Our goal was to break last year's record, but we never imagined more than doubling it! Is it possible we might make it to 100 backpacks next year??? With your generosity (and God's help), all things are possible! Thank you Howard Williams and Pat Brounstein for the time you spent shopping and assembling all those backpacks!