

THE PULSE



PENINSULA COMMUNITY CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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LOOKING AHEAD AT 2012



by Pastor Jim

There are two opportunities to look ahead the coming year. Here is the plan.

BUDGET REVIEW

Sunday, January 22 at 4 pm

Take an in-depth look at the 2011 budget and get your questions answered in the choir room.

be coming – and then, we'll see you there!

ANNUAL FAMILY LIFE MEETING

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Please be in prayer for each of these special moments together. We work hard to make them encouraging, unifying events – where we can share lovingly and honestly together. Our God is good, and we have no other choice than to worship Him. It'll be a great January!



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THE ABCs OF PENINSULA

by Pastor Jim

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We have been on a little bit of a building hiatus these last few months. But that does not mean that progress is going to stop. After the holidays, we'll be ready to gear up for the final drive. The big finish. The last lap. May God lead us all the way!

What's next? Well, there is electrical work, which needs to get completed so that we can have the final inspection on the new restrooms. We need lights in the storage room and some touching up in the restrooms so they can be officially done. And then, we need to get some major electrical work to get power to the new HVAC units in The Pit itself. Pray for God's wisdom step by step and for the funds to keep pressing forward. The end is clearly in sight!

January is upon us. It is the time to take an inventory of our church body and ask ourselves these questions: Are we the church we want to be? Are we the people God wants us to be? As we begin a brand new year, we cannot be the same old us.

It is a time to look back and even more importantly, a time to look ahead. January 2012 will bring us the opportunity to do it all. Look back. And look ahead. And look within to see where the hand of God is leading.

A new sermon series will begin on Sunday, January 1, 2012 (that is rather historic for me - I wouldn't normally begin a series on a holiday weekend...but hey, times are changing!). The series is titled, "The ABCs of Peninsula." We will explore the Savior we love, the Strategy we follow, the Security we enjoy, the State of Peninsula, and we'll wrap it all up with the Story of Peninsula.

It is a time to review our vision and our purpose. It is a time to reflect on the basics of who we are together. We will lay

the foundation for a new year of ministry and seek the face of God and the power of His Spirit in January.

On Sunday, January 1 (we'll just have one service at 10:30 am), we will begin with a tag-teamed message about our Savior. Each staff member will take one of the phrases from Isaiah 6:9 and explore this Savior we all so love. We will celebrate the Lord's Table together - a wonderful treat.

With a brand new year, we can't be the same old church any more! That's just impossible.

Here is the focus of each Sunday in January:

January 1	The Savior We Love
January 8	The Strategy of Peninsula
January 15	The Security of Peninsula
January 22	The State of Peninsula
January 29	The Story of Peninsula



FINANCIAL UPDATE

(AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2011)

GENERAL FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	2010 ACTUAL
Income	\$843,386	\$974,319	\$871,758
Expenses	934,076	962,403	918,014
Year-to-Date Balance	-90,690	11,916	-46,256
Beginning Balance (1/1/11)	\$47,732		
Ministry Enhancement Balance	\$27,705		



JOURNEY CLASS TESTIMONY



by Mike Potier

Last-minute shopping, rushing about, trying to squeeze between shoppers to purchase the final gifts, acquiring more “stuff” to add to the already unused stack of old “stuff.” time is running out, the never-ending lines, hating holidays, feigned niceties, rude people, slow people... if it weren't for all these people!

That was a flashback of “Christmas then.” And then something happened! Something actually changed my heart. As difficult as that is for me to truly wrap my brain around, something did actually change my heart... from self-seeking, self-oriented, selfish... to others-focused, to finally understanding the true meaning of Christmas; it's never been about me at all.

Christmas today is an absolute clear belief that God came to earth in the person of baby Jesus in order to give Himself up on a cross as a substitute for my sin. He freely paid the price that I could never afford or attain on my own. It is a celebration of the birth of Jesus... God actually coming to earth and living among us! Incredible!

He did this not only to welcome us into His eternal family (which He has), but also to transform us from who we were into the people He would like us to become (or as close as we can get while in this body). In the process, He uses us for His eternal purpose... what an amazing responsibility!

Today was a good day. It started just like many others; I was in an eviction trial this morning in Compton and after having met with the bank's attorney along with the defendant, the attorney drafted a simple stipulation and shortly thereafter judgment was granted for the plaintiff. Another one bites the dust. I could just go on to the office; my job is done. But “coincidentally” I shared the same elevator with the defendant, an aged woman named Regina who had

recently lost her husband and thus her home as well. It was raining outside and I shared my umbrella with her on the way to the parking structure. We talked about something that truly was important. We talked about her relationship with Jesus. By the time we got into the parking structure and out of the rain, I asked Regina if she would like to invite Jesus into her heart. She told me yes, she would. Right then and there, in that cold dank parking structure, I believe there was a new life born.

We may not be called to “make straight the way of the Lord” as John did in the desert, but I do believe we are all supposed to be full-time alert for the opportunities that the Lord is placing in our path.

Please pray about this. Ask the Lord if He will use you. Then as the Lord places people in your thoughts... or in your path, please invite them to attend the Before the Cross classes that will begin January 22, 2012. You will be blessed in ways far beyond the value of any of those special gifts that are waiting to be opened soon!

God bless you!



Maki Okada Hsieh



Judy Law



Krista Ziebarth

- 1 Jim Maier
- 2 Shirley Lie
- 3 Tom Tuttle
- 6 Donnie Nay
- 6 Nikki Greenup
- 7 Alexis Jensen
- 7 Kimberly An
- 8 Mildred House
- 8 Jim Cutting
- 8 Paris Sommerfeld
- 10 Brenda Pearson
- 11 Dolores Armstrong
- 11 Christina Jaramillo
- 14 Linda Greenlund
- 14 Bill Rogers
- 15 Samantha Kim
- 15 Michel Medawar
- 15 Joanna Nachev
- 18 Benjamin Konrad

- 21 Louella Bricker
- 21 Marryl Cahill
- 21 Barby Scales
- 22 Noah Klobuchar
- 24 Joe DeVenuto
- 26 Hani Nachev
- 29 Sheryl Medawar
- 29 Maral Bolsajian



January 2012 Birthdays



- 4 Rob & Kristen Sherwin
- 14 Woody & Doris Stolhand
- 15 Toshio & Keiko Takahashi
- 25 Bob & Daphne Easton

January 2012 Anniversaries

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Details to come in upcoming bulletins.



Sunday Mornings



9 & 10:30 AM
 Children's Classes
 Youth Bible Classes
 Adult Bible Classes
 Nursery

*Peninsula
 Community Church*

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." **Romans 15:13 (NIV)**

Come early, stay late - Coffee on the "patio" at 10:00 am

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 New Year's Day 10:30 AM Sunday School & Communion Worship Service</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM PCCA Co-op</p>	<p>3 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM Praxis</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM Preschool 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Refuge</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 12:30 PM Prime Timers Potluck</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM College/Career 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM Shepherd Meeting</p>
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<p>15 Living Water Well Project Trip 9:00 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service</p>	<p>16 Living Water Well Project Trip Martin L. King, Jr. Day 9:00 AM Preschool</p>	<p>17 Living Water Well Project Trip 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM White Cross 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Praxis</p>	<p>18 Living Water Well Project Trip 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Mom's Bible Study 10:00 AM Self Confrontation Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Breakout 6:30 PM Refuge</p>	<p>19 Living Water Well Project Trip 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>20 Living Water Well Project Trip 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM College/Career 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>21 Living Water Well Project Trip</p>
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THREE OPPORTUNITIES

by Pastor Ken

As the new year begins (wow that is hard to believe!), I want to encourage all of you adults to consider three wonderful opportunities for growth in your life and in lives of others you know this year.

OPPORTUNITY #1

The beginning of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in a PCC community group. We have 15 groups currently meeting, most on an every-other-week basis. We have groups on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and some of them have room for some new folks to join them. Or you can get together with some folks you know and form a new group. In case you aren't familiar with this ministry, a community group is a casual, totally non-threatening way for you to connect with eight to 10 other folks who want to grow in their relationships with the Lord. And that should be the life goal for all of us. So go to the church website (www.pccpv.org),

click on the adults button at the top of the page to open a menu, then click on community groups and open the community group connection form and you're on your way.

OPPORTUNITY #2

We have five wonderful adult Sunday school classes, three that meet at 9 am and two that meet at 10:30 am. One of the classes at the 9 am hour is for women; the others are for any and all adults. Several of you came to Sunday school during the 40 Days in the Bible series and now you need to select a class and get involved.

At the 9 am hour, we have 3 classes:

- Dan Kazarian & Bob Easton teach a class which meets in the Education Bldg.
- Christie Welch teaches a class for women in the church lounge
- John Klobuchar teaches a class for any adults in the Education Bldg.

At 10:30 am, we have 2 classes:

- Roger Miller teaches a class in the church lounge
- Ken Garland teaches a class in the choir room downstairs from the sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITY #3

I want to encourage you to invite an unsaved friend or neighbor to attend the Before the Cross class, which begins on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 9 am in the choir room. Also check out "Journey Class Testimony" by Mike Potier in this issue of the Pulse. You might be surprised how quickly your invitation will be accepted if you agree to attend the class with them. The class is one hour each Sunday for eight weeks and well worth the time. It's a marvelous way for non-Christians or brand new Christians to get answers to questions in a very safe and comfortable environment.

OK, three opportunities, and it's your move!

WOMENS' MINISTRY UPDATE

by Sallie Zucker

Women from our church participated in a Christmas Gathering Tea Party at Hope Again.

We brought gift bags full of cosmetics and scarves, delicious goodies, the Gospel, and our hearts to the women of Hope Again. Vicki Lokken, wife of the director, welcomed us and facilitated the gathering. After introductions, we enjoyed homemade cakes, cookies, and tea; and then we shared each other's Christmas traditions. Meryl Konrad

presented the Gospel message by way of giving a small gift to one of the ladies. Then she explained that the most beautiful gift of all was that given to everyone by God: His Son. The ladies learned the full story of Christ from His birth to the willing sacrifice of His life for all people, for all time. The ladies were delighted and shared their own life stories. We were surprised to hear that most of them were not struggling with substance abuse, but because they had lost their jobs and then everything they owned. Hope Again is helping them to retrain, find gainful employment and

become independent.

We returned on Saturday, December 17, to spend time with the ladies and to show The Nativity Story.

Now that we have established a one-on-one relationship with the Hope Again clientele, we are planning to visit on a regular basis.

We will meet in January to plan further activities for our church.

TURNING BIBLE VERSES INTO PRAYERS

by Pastor Bruce

Have you ever been reading along in your Bible going from one verse to the next without giving any of it much thought? Why not turn your Bible reading into a treasure hunt. Keep the eyes of your heart open wide. Listen intently. Search diligently for that nugget of truth you need this day. You will find it. God will move in you are reveal Himself to you. When you do, make it into a prayer that you pray both for you and your child's transformation.

"On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." (Psalm 62:7-8)

"Dear Father, I tend to want to earn your love and acceptance by doing good things (and sometimes hiding the bad things I do) yet my salvation and my glory rest on You alone. God, when life is crazy, (and

when is it not!) You are my refuge, my hiding place. To you alone will I escape and not to the TV or food or the Internet or to sports or to shopping or ... because you are the only truly solid and real thing I can depend on and find strength in."

You finish the prayer using verse 8 above. When you are finished, pray that same prayer for your children... "When (fill in your child's name) life is crazy be his only refuge and hiding place. Help him escape to You only and not to...because you are the only truly solid and real thing he should depend on and find strength in."

COLLEGE AND CAREER STUDY WILL START BACK UP ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6!

PRAXIS

PRAXIS STARTS BACK UP TUESDAY, JAN 3.

Praxis is our high school program that meets each Tuesday night from 7-8:45 pm. It provides a place for high school students to not only think through their faith but also learn how to live it in everyday life.

REFUGE

REFUGE STARTS BACK UP WEDNESDAY, JAN 4.

Refuge gives junior high students a safe place to explore what it means to develop a real relationship with God, with others and how they can have a real impact on their world. Meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 - 8:15 pm.



PRAXIS WINTER CAMP AT PONDO • FEB 24 - 26

Cost is \$175. Turn in a \$75 deposit at Praxis or to the church office AND a completed medical release form. Forms are available at Praxis or you can download them from the church website. Spots are on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay in signing your students up for this great retreat!



WELCOME BABIES!

Congrats to Becca & Dan Bentley! Nathan Daniel Bentley was born on December 16, 6:53 pm, weighing 7 lb, 12 oz, and 19 3/4 inches long.

Congrats also goes to Connie & Johnson Liu! Avery Noelle Liu was born on December 21, 2:40 am, weighing 7 lb, 15 oz.



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NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES IN JANUARY

SELF CONFRONTATION & DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays starting January 11
10 am - Noon in the Lounge

NEW WOMEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Beginning in January

Contact the church office for more info.
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