



Monthly Newsletter of Pioneer Bible Church | *June 2013*

# *good* Tidings

## Mark Your Calendar

**6.5**  
Deacons' Meeting

**6.6**  
Senior Potluck BBQ

**6.8**  
Quilting Group

**6.9**  
Compassion Sunday

**6.15**  
Fathers' Day

**6.23**  
Visiting Speaker:

Pastor Didier



Throughout the months of May & June, the church will be participating in Shoes for Orphan Souls, a drive to collect new athletic shoes for poor and orphaned children.

The project was begun by PBC member Rich Lepera, who tells us, "I heard about it on [radio station] K-LOVE. They did a big shoe-drive. It was laid on my heart, and I prayed about it, and it came to fruition!"

Shoes for Orphaned Souls began as Shoes for Russian Souls in 1995 by KCBI radio in Dallas, Texas. Buckner International, a Christian group established in 1879 to make life better for orphans and widows worldwide, took over the program in 1999 and changed its name to reflect its broader reach. Since 1999, more than 2.3 million pairs of new shoes and socks have been distributed to

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There is a Chinese proverb that says, "A single conversation with a wise man is better than a year of study." That is what many young people from PBC experienced at the Planet Wisdom youth conference at Golden Hills Community Church on the last weekend in April.

The group left Friday afternoon, and carpoled to the venue in Brentwood, near Antioch. They arrived in plenty of time to hear the entire first evening of the event, including worship music from the band Digital Age, the humor of the Skit Guys, and speakers Mark Matlock and Crystal Kirgiss. All of the speakers and performers highlighted the theme of building Biblically sound relationships in a way that was both thoughtful and entertaining.

Another local church in Brentwood, The Light Ministries, kindly allowed the PBC youth to spend the night in their church. The next morning, after a quick breakfast (packed for the trip by Carolyn Holmes and Sandie Hanson) it was back to Golden Hills for the second half of the conference, which ended too soon at 4:00 that afternoon. Everyone made it home to PBC by 9:00 pm Saturday, tired, but wiser for the experience.

### Shoes for Orphan Souls continued...

Children in 74 countries.

Donation bins have been in the church lobby since May, and will continue to be available throughout the month of June. New athletic shoes will be accepted, as well as socks (unopened, in package only please) and monetary donations to help defray shipping costs.



The annual nationwide Shoes for Orphan Souls® shoe drive is seeking to collect more than 200,000 pairs of new shoes and socks in 2013. Our goal at PBC is to collect 1,000 pairs of shoes, helping prevent disease in vulnerable children, and allowing them to attend school.



**We loved Planet Wisdom!**

# Do The Next Thing

This anonymous poem has been around for a long time, but it's a terrific reminder for busy people—especially moms!—to keep their priorities in order.

From an old English parsonage down by the sea  
There came in the twilight a message to me;  
Its quaint Saxon legend, deeply engraven,  
Hath, it seems to me, teaching from Heaven.  
And on through the doors the quiet words ring  
Like a low inspiration, "**Do the next thing.**"

Many a questioning, many a fear,  
Many a doubt, hath its quieting here.  
Moment by moment, let down from Heaven,  
Time, opportunity, guidance are given.  
Fear not tomorrow, child of the King,  
Trust them with Jesus, **do the next thing**

Do it immediately, do it with prayer;  
Do it reliantly, casting all care;  
Do it with reverence, tracing His hand  
Who placed it before thee with earnest command.  
Stayed on Omnipotence, safe 'neath his wing,  
Leave all results, **do the next thing.**

Looking for Jesus, ever serener,  
Working or suffering, be thy demeanor;  
In His dear presence, the rest of His calm,  
The light of His countenance be thy psalm.  
Strong in his faithfulness, praise thou and sing,  
Then as He beckons thee, **do the next thing.**

## Dina Panasiuk's Surprise Melt-Aways

"I make these a lot," said Dina. "Every Christmas and Easter my son has to have them!"

1 cup butter or oleo  
1 8-oz pkg. of cream cheese  
2 cups flour  
preserves or filling  
powdered sugar

Cream together butter or oleo, cream cheese and flour. Refrigerate for at least 2-3 hours. (Overnight is perfect. Can be kept in a tightly sealed container for up to 2 weeks.) Roll out just as if you were making a pie crust, 1/8" thick; cut in trapezoid shapes. Spread your favorite preserves or filling in the center of each trapezoid & fold over two ends. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet for about 10 minutes at 350. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.



Awana Update: After 17 years of service, Commander Ruth is retiring, and "passing the torch" to incoming Commander, Brian Bila!

L-R: Pastor Jim, Ruth Brown, Brian & Kate Bila

## PBC Online!

Pioneer Bible Church has made changes to its website: [www.pioneerbiblechurch.org](http://www.pioneerbiblechurch.org) has everything a person might need to stay connected to our church family.

The current church calendar, audio files of recent sermons in a searchable data base, archives of current & past church newsletters, and VBS registration are all available on-line. And for those who are new to our church, maps & driving directions, our pastor's bios, and church contact information are easy to find.

PBC would like to thank the members of the IT team who contributed to the website redesign:

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We would also like to thank Courtney O'Connor for her elegant logo design:



## Missionaries Visit PBC in May

Two weeks in a row, those attending services at Pioneer Bible Church were blessed to hear the experiences and testimonies of missionaries who are making a difference in the world. On May 12, Kellen Hiroto, a native of southern California who is now teaching at African Bible College in Lilongwe,



**Becca, Yami & Kellen Hiroto, John & Bonnie Gilbert, Chuck & Joanne Wilson**



**Marcello Gonzales (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with the Eggert family & Janey and Skip Morehouse (friends of the Eggerts)**

Malawi, spoke about his experiences in Africa, as well as on Romans chapter 8. The following week, on May 19, Marcello Gonzales entertained the congregation with his adventures bringing the gospel to communities living under repression, and challenged us to find our own paths to bring His word to those in need.