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# The Connection



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## PARENTING SEMINAR

*Saturday, August 23  
8:45AM – 12:30PM*



**Choir Rehearsals  
Resume Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

*At Jim & Barbara's house with dessert following!*

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Fellow Ministers,

Sometimes people wonder why they should even go to church. Here's an article someone e-mailed me that speaks to that question:

*A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."*

*This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:*

*"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"*

As we move through the weeks of summer, if you are taking a vacation, please consider attending worship somewhere. If the church has a bulletin, I would love to see a copy. I always enjoy looking through bulletins that faithful travelers bring back.

Blessings,

*Pastor Jim*

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.  
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*The General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination met in June. Several interesting decisions were made. If you have any questions or want to discuss those decisions, please contact me. I would love to talk with you.*



### **10:30 AM Sermons**

**August 3, 2014**

*Vacation Bible School Sunday*

*Kids Presenting*

*Free Lunch, Fun Activities*

**August 10, 2014**

*James 5:13-20*

*Effective Prayer*

**August 17, 2014**

*Cindy Towle Kephart preaching*

*1 Kings 3:5-15*

*To Awaken Transformed*

**August 24, 2014**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-14; Phil. 4:4*

*Rejoice!*

**August 31, 2014**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-14; 2:1-11*

*The Ministry of Restoration*

# People's Page



## **Calling All Pie Lovers!**

*On August 17, we are asking that everyone bring a favorite pie to share during Coffee Hour. It can be sweet or savory. The Nicolls family is hosting the morning so if you have any questions ask Emily or call the office during normal work hours.*

**Welcome baby Aiden Ernesto Zelidon Chamorro**, born to Allison on June 27. He weighed at birth 7 lbs 11 oz. Mommy went through more than 25 hours of labor before they delivered him c-section. There was a meet the baby held at the church on July 9<sup>th</sup>.



## **A HUGE Thank you**

*To Jose Ku; he came in on his day off work to clean and polish the floors of Sanford Hall in preparation for Vacation Bible School.*

## **ATTENTION ALL LOVERS OF OLD MOVIES**

*The Hilltop theater is again running Cinemark classic movies at 2 pm Wednesday and Sunday and 7 pm Wednesday. Upcoming: "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" July 27 and 30, then "The Big Lebowski", followed by "Beverly Hills Cop". Check out the Cinemark classic website. Also, the Cerrito runs a classic movie once a month. Don't miss your favorite movie on a big screen!*

## **T.H.I.N.K.**

British evangelist Alan Redpath suggested these five helpful questions to ask yourself before you speak (or in e-mail as well):

- T — is it TRUE?
- H — is it HELPFUL
- I — is it INSPIRING
- N — is it NECESSARY
- K — is it KIND

# Happy sunshine cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says, "Blessed [or happy] are the people whose God is the LORD." Make these bright cupcakes to remember all the ways God makes you happy.

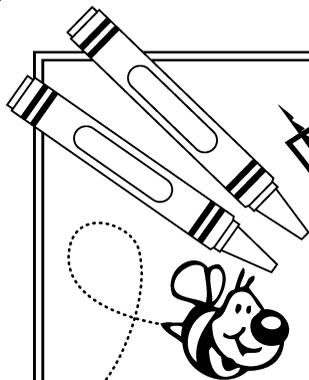


## What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

## What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!



# PUZZLE

## BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

**Directions:** Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **P O O R**  
**I N S P I R I T**

**hunger and thirst** for righteousness, for they will be filled."

2. "Happy are those who \_\_\_\_\_

**pure in heart**, for they will see God."

3. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_

**peacemakers**, for they will be called the children of God."

4. "Happy are those who \_\_\_\_\_

**persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

5. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_

**poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

6. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_

**merciful**, for they will be shown mercy."

7. "Happy are the \_\_\_\_\_

**meek**, for they will inherit the earth."

8. "Happy are those who are \_\_\_\_\_

**mourn**, for they will be comforted."

# ***DRIVE-IN MINISTRY***

*Dear Friends*

*"There once was a job (or a couple) that Anybody could do. However, Everybody thought that Somebody Else would do it. Unfortunately, Nobody did it so the job was not done. Turns out Everybody got upset that Nobody did a job that Anybody could do."*

*The Drive-In is coming close to living out this funny short story. Once upon a time, we had many people who volunteered to be greeters and ushers. Unfortunately, all but four (thank you Bennie, Alice, Peggy and Lori) are gone or have health issues leaving us needing to fill their slots. Greeting and ushering is a service that anybody who has good mobility can do. Please consider being a greeter/usher and then volunteer! We can also need volunteers to either help set up for the service or tear down. None of these jobs take a lot of time. Please contact Joe, the church office or myself and let us know if you want to sign up.*

*Also if you have other talents that we can put to use during a worship service (e.g you have musical talent or feel called to assist in worship in some other way), please let us know. While serving communion is limited to those who are Elders in the Presbyterian Church (and if you have been ordained in another Presbyterian church, please let us know), most other ways of assisting in the service are open to all.*

*See you in the parking lot,*

*Steve*

## ***Quote of the Month***

*Research has shown  
that people who  
volunteer live longer.*

*Allen Klein*

## ***August Scripture***

*August 3     Matthew 10:24- 33*  
*August 10    Psalms 46:1-7*  
*August 17    I Kings 3: 5-15*  
*Guest Preacher: Cindy Towle Kephart*  
*August 24    II Timothy. 1: 1-12*  
*August 31    Isaiah 44:1-8*

# DEACONS

## Deacon's Ministry

"In wrapping up His explanation of the parable of the soils, Jesus mentioned repeatedly the importance of listening. Those who listen well develop a strong faith they can share (Luke 8:15), receive more illumination and insight into the ways of God, (Luke 8:18), and are counted as God's family (Luke 8:21). The act of listening is crucial."

- Charles R. Swindoll's Bible Teaching Ministry

Clara H. Scott wrote the words and music to the hymn, "Open My Eyes, That I May See." The second verse speaks to our sense of hearing: "Open my ears, that I may hear, voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see; open my heart—illumine me, Spirit divine!"

The Scriptures teach that our faith in Christ employs all of our God-given senses. Do we need to fine-tune our "spiritual hearing" as we listen to the needs of those we encounter each day?



Every Friday of the month six bags of food are distributed to needy families in the Richmond community. The following are some of the items that make up a bag of groceries for the needy: canned fruit (always needed), breakfast cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned soup and cups of soup, tuna, packages of pasta or macaroni and cheese, canned meat, rice, and beans. We do accept perishable items but ask they be delivered to the church either on Thursday before 1:00 PM or Friday before 10:00 AM. Items can be brought to the church office during office hours. Tom Welton is our Deacon in charge of the pantry. He does all the preparation of the bags each week and distributes them on Friday morning. If you have any questions regarding this loving ministry, ask a Deacon.

## Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2014 is available on the bulletin board just outside the church office. Please consider donating flowers to celebrate important events. Flowers are now \$65.00 (tax included). Míria Oliveira is the Deacon to contact regarding flower orders. She will be sending reminders to each person donating flowers.

## Deacons on Call for August – contact office for phone numbers

**July 27 – August 2**

**Tom Welton & Ebube Nwosibe**

**August 3 – 9**

**Lidia Andueza & Sarah Obasi**

**August 10-16**

**Norm Waldron & Peggy Williams**

**August 17 – 23**

**Gregory Harris & Ebube Nwosibe**

**August 24-30**

**Tom Welton & Claudine Hughes**

**August 31 – September 6**

**Norm Waldron & Rob Henderson**



### Coffee Hour August

3: Vacation Bible School Luncheon

10: **OPEN**

17: The Niccolls/Pie Day

24: Rescue Mission Luncheon

31: Sarah Obasi & family

### Drive-In August

Elder: Joe Green

Sound: Don Landis

Driver: Bennie Wilson

Greeters: Lori Varner & Peggy Williams

Communion: Joe Green

## ***COMING ATTRACTIONS: a chance to get involved, invite friends***

### **Summer Women's Bible Studies – Fireside Room**

The ladies are studying "Bad Girls of the Bible" meets three more weeks on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. A group of ladies is studying "Personal Revival" on Wednesday mornings 10:00 AM will go through the end on August. Both welcome new ladies.

### **"Sing for Dessert" Night! – August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Would you like to "make a joyful noise", be part of a small group, make new friends, be part of a Sunday ministry, or all of the above? Visit our choir! Join us on Thursday, August 28th at Barbara and Jim Lockie-Brown's house. We're going to sing, have dessert and enjoy each other's company! **We would love to enjoy your company!** Talk to Barbara for further information (510-234-6097 or 510-260-6923).

### **Save the Dates:**

September 1: OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day

September 6: Louvorção

September 21: All Church Picnic

September 27: All Work Day

September 23 – October 21: U-Night

December 12-13: Back to Bethlehem

### **Rescue Mission Luncheon & Presentation – August 24**

Please join us for a very special luncheon catered by the Bay Area Rescue Mission's Culinary Team. We'll be sharing EXCITING news about the future of the Rescue Mission. Join us after the 10:30AM Worship services in the Sanford Hall for a catered lunch and brief presentation.

# Parenting Seminar



**Saturday, August 23**

8:45 am - 12:30 pm

## Providing Tools for Effective Parenting

8:45 am Continental Breakfast

9:15 am - 12:30 Seminar

**Free!**

Child care available for children under 12.

Must pre-register for childcare;  
call Katrina at 510-290-2710.

Join us for an informative morning  
led by Pastor Jim.  
We will discuss parenting techniques  
to help us raise responsible,  
respectful and resourceful children.

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### Christian Education Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2014

1. **U-Night** - 5 Tuesdays: Sept 23 - Oct 26, Two adult classes: Parenting Teens led by Cathy Nance and Romans 8 led by Pastor Jim. Prayer request for committed table hosts, volunteers to cook dinner and many eager adults, teens and children to attend and learn.
2. Discussed possibility of a class for new believers and visitors in the beginning of 2015. Prayer request for God's leading, leaders and curriculum
3. Young adult Bible study on the "Jesus I Never Knew" beginning on Saturdays in July. Prayer request for many young adults to attend and gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
4. Child Safety Training - Terrie to teach three classes in July. Our desire is most members of our church will attend and become familiar with our child safety policy.

# **IN THE SPOTLIGHT: THE DRIVE-IN MINISTRY**

*EVER WANT TO WEAR PAJAMAS TO CHURCH?*

*SKIP CHURCH BECAUSE THE GAME STARTS AT 10 AM?*

*The Drive-in ministry is over 40 years old, and First Pres has been sponsoring the Drive-in for over 35 of those years. It's the only one in the Bay Area. Many of the attendees are members of First Pres and attend events and meetings*

*at the walk-in church, yet everyone is welcome.*

*The service operates out of a truck that contains the pulpit and stairs and a sound system. Rain or shine the truck is at the Appian - 80 Center in the Safeway parking lot, and everything is set up from the truck for the 8:30 AM service Sunday morning.*

*You pull into the lot in your car/truck, park and tune your car or portable radio to the short wave station to hear the service.*

*You'll be welcomed by Steve Niccolls, who has been leading this ministry for nine years. Joe Green, Don Landis, and Bennie Wilson assist during worship and keep the truck running. You are greeted each week by Alice Strain, Bennie*

*Wilson, Lori Varner or Peggy Williams. They are the greeters who hand out the bulletins, take the offering, chat, and pray with Drive-in attendees. The service lasts 45-60 minutes and is a "full service" with prayers, music, a sermon, and, yes, an offering is taken.*

*Don't feel like getting "dressed up", ball game starts at 10 AM, going out of town for the day, can't skip your breakfast, can't leave your dog at home? Bring your pajamas, breakfast and dog and check out the Drive-in ministry that meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM – rain or shine – in the Safeway parking lot on Appian Way off of Highway 80. Tell your friends about it too. As Steve always says, "See you in the parking lot!"*



# \* U-Night \* \*

**5 Tuesday Evenings**  
**September 23- October 21**  
**6:30 pm - 8:45 pm**  
*Family Style Dinner*

*After dinner, exciting programs for preschoolers,  
elementary age and middle school/high schoolers.*

*Plus two studies for adults:*

## \* ParentingTeens

*A special program for parents of middle school and high school children.*

Our own youth director, Cathy Nance, will share techniques to help parents teach teens how to make decisions responsibly without damaging the relationship.

## \* RomansChapterEight

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Romans 8:35*

If you've ever felt like, "I'm not good enough", "I can't change", "life is too hard", Romans eight is the chapter for you! These 5 sessions will help move us from doubt to faith and discouragement to hope.

Please join us as we learn that we can live with...

**NoCondemnation!**

**NoDesperation!**

**NoFrustration!**

**NoSeparation!**

\$10.00 per person for all 5 nights or \$30.00 per family

Register after church or at [pcrichmond.com](http://pcrichmond.com)



# August Prayer List

1. Lisa Love & Nina
2. Monica Love
3. Pauline Love
4. Kira Ludwig
5. Brad & Chris Mahoney
6. Alexis Mackey
7. Gary & Jan Madison
8. Ron & Valerie Malone
9. Tawm Manivan
10. Kathleen Matagulay
11. Rob & Juanita Martin
12. David & Anna Martinez
13. Jim & Carol Mathis
14. Jeff & Violet Mathis/Whitlock  
Elijah, Geneke, Taylor & Maddie
15. Yolanda McCaffrey
16. Donna McDaniels
17. Don & Diana McKinnon
18. Delores Medlock, Delores,  
Venora, Nate & Virgil Took, Miguel Bowman
19. Irma Meza
20. Irena Miles
21. Esther Miles
22. Deirdre Miles
23. Weldon & Pat Miles
24. Adeline Miller
25. Clarence Miller
26. Scott & Hepsey Mitchell
27. Ray & Rey Monson
28. Erma Morgan
29. Rev. David & Nadia Mote
30. Brenda Motomura
31. Mason & Jackie Motomura,  
Dominic & Aliana

*Our church will pay \$35 per member to our Presbytery in 2014. Total amount is \$7200. We have received \$1355 from members so far. Please consider giving \$35 as part of your extra giving this year (mark checks/envelopes "per capita")*



*If you would like to activate the prayer chain or put a request or praise in the bulletin, please contact Emily at the church office 234-0954 or [firstpresrichmond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:firstpresrichmond@sbcglobal.net). Prayer requests can also be left on the church website, [www.pcrichmond.org](http://www.pcrichmond.org)*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT As of June 30, 2014

Receipts	\$ 143,557
Disbursements	<u>175,212</u>
Over/Under Expenses	<31,655>
Budget for first six months	\$ 172,286