

Welcome

Welcome to PBCC. We are glad you have joined us today.

We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ, and what he is doing through his Spirit.

We gather in worship to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family, reconciled one to another, and to be empowered to reach out to the world.



If you are new, please fill out an information card, found in the pew racks, and drop it in the offering plate so we can contact you. Our ushers, greeters and hosts in the Information Booth are available to answer any questions.

If you are a regular attender, please also use an information card to update your contact information, or to submit a prayer request to be shared with pastors, elders, a confidential prayer team and printed in our worship guide.

A prayer team is available at the front left of the auditorium after each service.

Sunday Classes

Body Life in Mandarin, led by Joseph Chou & Teng Moh at 10:30am in room 205, on-going.

ReFrame: Connecting Faith & Life: led by Andy Drake; 10:30am-11:35am in Fellowship Hall, today - December 20th.

Monday Classes

Our Story of Origins: Genesis 1-11. Bernard Bell. 7-9pm Mondays, in Fellowship Hall.

For information about Sunday events and regular weekly activities, please see our website, weekly e-bulletin, or ask at the Information Booth.

Service Times: 8:30, 10:30 am Sundays

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Upcoming Events

Next Sunday: Brian Morgan will be teaching.

Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7pm on **Wed., November 25th**.

Boomers - Meeting today after second service - **12:10pm** at Fresh Pixx - 20080 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino - Love to have you join us!

Dear PBCC Body:

PBCC's Staff will be undergoing some changes in 2016. Namely, PBCC's bookkeeper Liz Horn and business administrator David Jones will be retiring in the spring and summer of 2016, respectively. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit for either position, please contact one of the elders. Additionally, the elders would appreciate your prayers for wisdom in selecting their replacements and managing the transition.

Empty Nesters will meet in Fellowship Hall on **December 4th**, at **5:30pm**. Cost is \$5. We welcome newcomers, and those who come often. Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, special music, and a home cooked meal. Sign up to reserve a place at a table in front of the Auditorium **today and Sunday November 29**.

Current Need: Two loaner cars are needed. One for a visiting missionary; one for a DeAnza College student. Please contact Patty: patty@pbcc.org if you are able to help with these needs.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for...

1. a younger sister that was just told she has a brain tumor.
2. the victims of the Paris attack and for world peace.
3. my elderly Catholic parents whose house in Texas has major foundation issues. They may need to move into assisted living but are fearful and resistant.
4. Caroline's best friend Lisa and her dad as their mom/wife died recently.
5. wisdom for our deacons and deaconesses.

If you would like to share a prayer request through the bulletin, please drop a note in the offering plate.

For emergencies, call the Prayer Vine,

Bev Abel (408.247.6921), June Hendry (650.967.8591) or Libby Knab (650.968.2422)

Financial Report

October 2015	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$135,594	\$168,786	(\$33,192)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$177,677	\$178,736	(\$1,059)
Need Fund	\$4,775	\$11,305	
Missions Fund	\$8,783	\$16,909	

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Life on the Road: Transforming Outcasts Into Sons and Daughters

Acts 8:26-40



Detail of Icon of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

“From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my worshipers,
the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering.”
Zephaniah 3:9-10

“I will give them a name...better than sons and daughters.”
Isaiah 56:5

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Music: Ben King, Dave Hibbert and the PBCB Choir

Host: Larry Brown

Message: Brian Morgan

Call to Worship: Adapted from Psalm 86

O LORD, you are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
There is none like you among the gods, O LORD,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O LORD,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole heart,
for great is your steadfast love towards us,
and we shall sing and glorify your name forever.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56:3-7

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely separate me from his people”;
and let not the eunuch say,
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”
For thus says the LORD:
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,
I will give them in my house and within my walls
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.” (ESV)

Sermon Text: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.

²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Questions for the Road

1. Given Isaiah’s prophecy (56:3-7), why is it significant that this incident happened “in the desert” rather than Jerusalem, “my holy mountain” (56:7)? What does this imply about the nature of God’s New Temple?
2. As you read and reread the story, do you sense the Spirit of God prompting you to venture beyond your comfort zone into uncharted waters to share his love with others?
3. Have you ever had an experience like this? Would you like to?

Songs

Sing Alleluia (S. Hindalong, M. Byrd)

Let Us Adore (R. Morgan)

O My Soul Arise And Bless Your Maker (S. Townend)

The Lords Prayer (D. Burns)

O Sifuni Mungu (Maddox, arr. Emerson)

Mighty to Save (Hillsong)