

## 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.

Prayer requests can be shared with either just the pastors, elders and a confidential prayer team or printed anonymously in our worship guide.

If you are a regular attender, please also use an information card to update your contact information.

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.

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

**Community Hour Cafe** is in need of one monthly coordinator for the 4th Sunday of the month. Please contact Linda Marten: lindamarten@gmail.com to learn more about this opportunity.

**The Prayer Team needs volunteers** (particularly after our first service) on Sunday mornings. If you would like to bless our church body in this way and would like more information about this opportunity please contact Frank Leong: fleongjr@sbcglobal.net.

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

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## Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday:** John Hanneman will continue our study in the book of Judges.

**PBCC Directory:** We need you to make our new PBCC Directory complete! Sign up now at pbcc.org or by calling Patty in the PBCC office for photo sessions July 26-30 and new dates **August 9-10**. You will get a free 8x10 and directory just for participating! If you can't make these dates, please call the PBCC office to learn about alternate dates through Lifetouch.

**Important:** We still need two greeters for photo sessions Saturday July 30, 8:45-12 noon. Please contact patty@pbcc.org if you are available to help.

**Pat and Ziggy Lew**, PBCC missionaries with Wycliffe in Northern Thailand, will be providing a ministry update **today** in Fellowship Hall at **noon**. All are welcome and lunch will be provided. So please join us to hear what exciting things God is doing among the Northern Thai people.

**Bloomin' Buddies and Camp Banana** starts *tomorrow* July 25, and runs through **July 28, 5:30-7:30pm**. These friendship camps, for girls entering K-5th grade, are a great chance for them to grow in their relationships with God and their Sunday School friends. Registration forms are available online or you can RSVP to Lynda: lynda@pbcc.org today to reserve your daughter's spot.



## Prayer Requests

Please Pray for...

1. PBCC's prayer ministry, especially but not limited to Compass' burgeoning prayer ministry.
2. peace, relief and the Lord's will for Lukas' life.
3. my brother's mother-in-law who was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
4. wisdom in my son's first house purchase and how I can help.
5. Flo, a missionary with late stage Parkinson's disease who is suffering greatly. Pray she will finish victoriously, that her family can comfort her and that the Lord will take her home soon.
6. my Aunt Young as she fights colorectal cancer and undergoes chemo. Pray for peace for her and her family members and pray for a miracle.

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) or Libby Knab (650.968.2422)*

## Financial Report

June 2016	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$160,039	\$199,903	(\$39,864)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$181,699	\$184,621	(\$2,922)
Need Fund	\$2,706	\$1,600	
Missions Fund	\$8,356	\$9,614	

# Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino

The Strength and Victory belong to the Lord

Judges 7

## Conquering The Idols of Our Heart



*Studies in the Book of Judges*

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;  
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong... so  
that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

I COR 1: 27,29 (ESV)

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Music: James Garcia and Team  
Host: Bernard Bell  
Message: Jerry Tu

### Call to Worship: Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

#### Songs

Everlasting God (B. Brown, K. Riley)  
Come People Of The Risen King (K. Getty, K. Getty, S. Townend)  
Christ Is Enough (R. Morgan, J. Myrin)  
Jesus Paid It All (J. Grape, E. Hall, A. Nifong)  
All That I Need (S. Altrogge)  
O Church Arise (K. Getty, S. Townend)

### Scripture Text: selections from Judges 7 (ESV)

Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. The LORD said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home.’” Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.

And the LORD said to Gideon, “The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there.” So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, “Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself.” And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men. And the LORD said to Gideon, “With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.” And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men.

That same night the LORD said to him, “Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand. But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp.” Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the armed men who were in the camp. When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, “Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat.” And his comrade answered, “This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp.”

As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand.” And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. And he said to them, “When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’”

So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. When they blew the 300 trumpets, the LORD set every man’s sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.

### Notes

#### Outline of the Battle

1. God prepares the army (shrinks it from 32,000 to 300)
2. God prepares Gideon (encourages him through enemy’s words)
3. Gideon takes action (unconventional strategy)
4. Army takes action (participates with God to vanquish enemy)

#### How do We Participate with God

1. Before the battle
2. Preparation for battle
3. During the battle
4. After the battle

#### Applications:

1. What type of people does God love to use to do His work?
2. What is the weapon God chooses to bring His kingdom to earth?

#### Main Points:

- God uses flawed people like us to accomplish His work.
- Our weapon is the good news of Christ - a treasure to be shared with others to bring them light and life.