

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. Our desire is 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 get acquainted with you. Our ushers, greeters and hosts in the Information Booth are available to answer any questions.

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

The information card may be used to share prayer requests with either just the pastors, elders and a confidential prayer team or printed anonymously in our worship guide.

For regular news and updates, subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter: pbcc.org/upcoming/enews-sign-up/.

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 **10:30 am** in room 205, on-going.

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

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Upcoming Events

Next Sunday: Bernard Bell will teach on Galatians. 4:21-31.

Current art exhibit, *Metaphors of Grace*, ends at noon today.

PBCC All-Church Potluck: Sunday August 6, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite homemade or store bought dish to share. For more info go to the Upcoming Events page of our website. Questions? contact Andy: andy@pbcc.org.

Islam: Sunday Evening Forum. August 6 at 7pm, in the Auditorium. Islamic terrorists and Muslim refugees continue to fill our news. Islam is one of the three Abrahamic faiths along with Judaism and Christianity. What is Islam? What do Muslims believe and practice? Is violence an intrinsic part of Islam? Should we be afraid of our Muslim neighbors? As part of our summer series on Galatians, Bernard Bell will give a talk on Islam, followed by Q&A.

Ministry Fair: August 27 during our Sunday morning services.

Family Camp – September 1-4: For more information and to sign up go to pbcc.org under Events.



Bill Cornell went to be with the Lord on July 8. We will have a Memorial Service celebrating his life on Saturday, August 12 at 2pm, here at PBCC.



Prayer Requests

Praise God for...

1. the arrival of our granddaughter. Baby is doing well and mother is recovering.

Please Pray for...

1. a competent and caring attorney who specializes in homeowner insurance law.
2. an amendment of a complaint to be filed and for it to stand firm by August 15.
3. my daughter to be motivated, to follow-up and to manage stress and anxiety.
4. safety and shared blessings among our group trekking 75 miles to scale Mt. Whitney August 3-11.
5. unity, protection and ministry opportunities for Jinah's mission team to Korea and Vietnam now through August 6.

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

For emergencies, please call the Prayer Vine, Bev Abel (408.247.6921)

Financial Report

June 2017	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$130,257	\$182,044	(\$51,787)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$201,593	\$191,199	\$10,394
Need Fund	\$6,510	\$10,010	
Missions Fund	\$11,484	\$44,512	

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The Appeal for Freedom: A Pastor's Heart

Galatians 4:8-20



Saint Paul Writing His Epistles
Valentin de Boulogne
between circa 1618 and circa 1620

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Galatians 4:19-20 (THE MESSAGE)

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Music: Kady Taylor and Team
Host: Brian Morgan
Message: John Hanneman

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-5

- ¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. (ESV)

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:8-20

Earlier, before you knew God personally, you were enslaved to so-called gods that had nothing of the divine about them. But now that you know the real God—or rather since God knows you—why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?... I am afraid that all my hard work among you has gone up in a puff of smoke!

My dear friends... You were well aware that the reason I ended up preaching to you was that I was physically broken, and so, prevented from continuing my journey, I was forced to stop with you. That is how I came to preach to you. ...You chose to treat me as well as you would have treated an angel of God—as well as you would have treated Jesus himself if he had visited you?

And now have I suddenly become your enemy simply by telling you the truth? I can't believe it. Those heretical teachers go to great lengths to flatter you, but their motives are rotten. They want to shut you out of the free world of God's grace so that you will always depend on them for approval and direction, making them feel important.

Scripture Reading - cont.

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(FROM THE MESSAGE AND NLT)

Sermon Text: Galatians 4:8-20

The Concern

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

The Relationship

¹² Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. ¹³ You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, ¹⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.

The Tension

¹⁶ Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. ¹⁸ It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you,

The Desire

¹⁹ my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! ²⁰ I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. (ESV)

Prayer Thoughts

Songs

I Will Exalt (A. Cook)

O Worship The King (R. Grant, J. Haydn, C. Tomlin)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (T. Chisholm, W. Runyan)

No Longer Slaves (J. Helser, M. Helser)

Grace To Grace (C. Davenport, J. Houston)

I Will Boast In Christ Alone (R. Morgan, S. Ligertwood)