

Welcome to PBCC

We are glad you 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 a Newcomer, please fill out the information card found in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate so we can get acquainted with you. Along with our pastors, elders and greeters, the volunteers in the Information Booth are available to answer questions and help with whatever you need. For PBCC news and updates, subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at pbcc.org.

We encourage involvement in small groups for walking through life together, helping each other make Jesus Lord of life. For information on our various groups, contact Shawn@pbcc.org or Sharon@pbcc.org.

Classes

Body Life in Mandarin, led by Joseph Chou & Teng Moh on **Sundays, 10:30am in room 104.**

Bridges Class: Christians Connecting with Muslims Sundays, now - June 9, 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. “Bridges” seeks to replace fear with love and gentle boldness, reshaping the way Christians respond to their Muslim neighbors. Facilitators: Bernard Bell and Miel Horrilleno.

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

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Upcoming Events

Next Sunday: Brian Morgan will continue our study in Acts.

Goodbye Lunch: Next Sunday we will be saying goodbye to Mickey and Ann Cook, who will be moving to the Seattle area. Mickey has lovingly and faithfully shepherded our body as an elder since 2000. You are invited to a luncheon in **Fellowship Hall** after second service on **Sunday, May 26**, where you will have the opportunity to hear from them and to express your appreciation for their faithful and loving service.

Operation Christmas Child – is still happening this year. We are also asking that the Lord would raise up one or more of you to serve alongside us as we lead the OCC project here at PBCC. Please e-mail Gay gayzim3@aol.com or Tess tess328@aol.com or call 408-745-1288 for more information.

Women’s Small Group Studies for Summer: There are two studies to choose from. **Tuesday nights** the study will be *Women of the Old Testament*, **June 4 - July 9**, from 7 - 9pm on the PBCC Campus in **Room 101**. Cost is \$7 to cover study materials; led by Cora Marandino. The **Thursday night** study will be *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer, **May 23 - July 11** from 7 - 9:15pm in Sunnyvale; led by Gay Zimmerman and Tess Shula at their home.



Prayer Requests

Praise God for...

1. the safe return of my friend and the medical breakthrough that his mom recently experienced.

Please Pray for...

1. an expansion of our monthly Saturday morning ministry.
2. freedom from pain, and for health and peace in the Lord.
3. wisdom, strength, heavenly protection, encouragement and justice for all those involved in our court case.

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

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

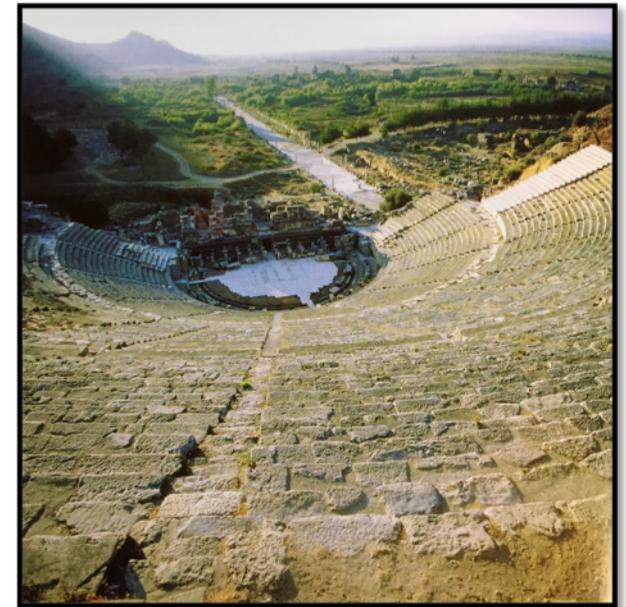
Financial Report

March 2019	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$190,388	\$178,923	\$11,465
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$200,858	\$184,827	\$16,031
Need Fund	\$6,835	\$1,849	
Missions Fund	\$17,757	\$13,525	

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Why Do the Nations Rage?

Acts 19:21-41



Ephesus theater with a capacity of 25,000

“Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

Acts 19:28

“No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me,” declares the LORD.

Isaiah 54:17

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Music: James Garcia and Team
Host: Bernard Bell
Message: Brian Morgan

Call to Worship: Adapted from Psalm 108:1-4 and Psalm 8:2

Leader: May our hearts be steadfast, O God!
Let us sing and make melody with all our being!

Men: We give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
We will sing praises to you among the nations.

Leader: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Women: Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies
to silence the foe and the avenger.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 115:1-8 (ESV)

¹ Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

² Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

³ Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.

⁶ They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.

⁷ They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.

⁸ Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.

Sermon Text: Acts 19:21-41 (ESV)

I. Introduction (19:21-22)

²¹ Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.” ²² And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

II. The Silversmith’s Inflammatory Speech (19:23-27)

²³ About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. ²⁴ For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. ²⁵ These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. ²⁶ And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. ²⁷ And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship.”

III. The Crowd is Incited (19:28-34)

A. Paul is prevented from intervening (vv. 28-31)

²⁸ When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” ²⁹ So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s companions in travel. ³⁰ But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. ³¹ And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater.

B. Alexander fails to intervene (vv. 32-34)

³² Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. ³³ Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. ³⁴ But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

IV. The Clerk of the City Assembly Puts Out the Fire (19:35-41)

³⁵ And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, “Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? ³⁶ Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. ³⁷ For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. ³⁸ If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. ³⁹ But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. ⁴⁰ For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion.” ⁴¹ And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

V. Reflections

A. Why do the the nations rage? (Ps 2:2-3; Acts 19:27)

B. In whom shall we trust? (Ps 2:4-6; Isa 54:11-17)

C. How shall we pray? (Ps 2:7-8; Ps 86:1-17)

Songs:

Your Name (P. Baloché, G. Packiam)
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (M. Luther, T. Walker)
How Great Thou Art (S. Hine)
You Alone Can Rescue (J. Myrin, M. Redman)
Jesus Paid It All (J. Grape, E. Hall, A. Nifong)
Ain’t Got Time to Die (H. Johnson)
Psalm 62 (A. Keyes, S. Townend)