

JULY NEWSLETTER



Dear PB Pres Friends and Family~

July blessings to you! I hope the summer season has started well for each of you; and I hope the joy of the Lord is strengthening you, especially as the June gloom is giving way to glorious San Diego summer sunshine.



In case you've ever wondered about my pastoral credentials, you should know that, on June 22nd, I walked on water. OK, actually, I rode on water. OK, even more accurate, I glided over the surface of the water. It's a little hard to explain, but it was awesome! For my 48th birthday in May, Molly scheduled a lesson for me to try e-foiling. If you're not familiar, e-foiling is riding a short surfboard attached to a hydrofoil that is powered by a remote-controlled propeller.

As the picture shows, e-foiling lets the rider surf about six inches above the surface of the water, where the flight is smooth, the sound is quiet, and the view is uniquely amazing. Other than trying barefoot waterskiing when I was in my teens (and nearly breaking most of what God gave me), e-foiling is about as close to walking on water as I expect to get, unless Jesus really surprises me someday.



E-FOILING

My coach was a great Carlsbad native named Chuck. And, he taught me a challenging lesson about following the leader. Because of the shape of the propeller and hydrofoil, each e-foil leaves behind it an underwater tunnel of air and water that makes it really difficult for other riders to follow closely behind. So, to ensure I got the best ride on my e-foil, Chuck told me to follow his *example* and follow his *advice* but not to follow *him*. When I forgot and tailed him, my watery road got bumpy, I lost the support I needed to keep moving forward, and I treated the Mission Bay onlookers to a few spectacular wipe-outs. But, when I remembered and obeyed my teacher's instructions, I enjoyed a much smoother, more successful ride, which made at least a few folks on the shoreline wonder how they could "walk on water," just like me.

This month, we're going to start a sermon series called "Community in Transition," focused on chapters 13-18 of the book of Exodus. It's the part of Israel's story tracking their movement from Egypt to Canaan, from slavery to freedom, and from being a despised people under Pharaoh to being a chosen and beloved people under God. Their experience of learning how to – and how not to – follow has a lot to teach us in our own transition from who we've been as a congregation to who God is shaping us to be. I'm excited to share that journey with you, and I hope you'll be able to participate fully, too, as we journey together through summer's activities and this new series, growing ever closer to God in Christ.

Striving with you to follow our Great Lover, Lord, and Leader~
Pastor Bill Sperry



Grant Kay | Director of Christian Education

Dear PBPC Family,

I want to begin by thanking you for the love and support you have shown to the Roots ministry over many years. Your prayers, thoughts, financial gifts, and more have allowed us to serve Pacific Beach in a unique way over the past decade and more. But as times change, we recognize that Roots also needs to change in order to follow the work and will of God for our community. One way we are hoping to do this is by making it clear to everyone at PBPC that Roots is not just for young adults, but for everyone! While we do offer a service that looks markedly different from the one on Sunday morning, we hope that over time we can think of Roots as the evening service of PBPC, and not some entirely other thing that has little overlap with what happens on Sunday mornings.

In order to do this, we are going to do more integrating of the services over the coming months! Hopefully you will start to see some Roots musicians and leaders participating in the Sunday morning service occasionally, and vice versa. There will be greater alignment of the sermon topics and scriptures used at both services, and other elements may be borrowed as well. We hope that this will help both services feel like part of one unified church and bring greater joy and worship to both services!

This does not mean that our church will not have a ministry to young adults! Theology on Tap remains a popular gathering every week for mostly millennial-aged folks to gather in a comfortable setting to talk about God, and I hope to relaunch our young adult Bible study soon. Tony and I are also working on a new, Gen-Z focused ministry that we hope to launch in the fall.

So while the Roots service on Sunday night may not be a "young adult service" any more, our church will continue to have many options for younger people to engage with God, the Bible, and our church. It is my sincere hope that this restructuring will create many new opportunities for us to grow as a church in all sorts of ways. I hope and trust that you will keep Roots and all of our young adult ministries in your prayers over the coming months, and I encourage you to come see the work that God is doing on Sunday nights!

Grant Kay | Director of Christian Education

On Saturday, June 25th, we hosted our first **Kingdom Kids** Summer Fun Day at Kate Sessions Park! For a few hours we hosted families from our church, preschool, and community as they got to play games, make kites, blow bubbles, and more! Volunteers from our church were around to play games with the kids and make sure everyone was having a great time, and we got to engage a number of new families in conversation about our church and our children's programs.

This awesome day at Kate Sessions was just the beginning of our summer plans for Kingdom Kids! While we don't run our weekly program during the summer, we will be hosting monthly Fun Days to stay connected with the families in our ministry and hopefully make new connections as well. On July 17th, we have rented out an entire movie theater to take the kids to a showing of *Lightyear*, the new Disney movie! And in August, we will be hosting another event in our parking lot to launch our fall Kingdom Kids program.

Lastly, we hope to significantly expand our Kingdom Kids program in the fall! In order to do that, we invite you to join the exciting work we're doing by volunteering some of your time. Starting in September we are going to need folks who will bring and serve dinner, who will help lead classrooms, who will help provide music and games, and more! If you feel even the slightest inkling to spend some of your time hanging out with our awesome students, I encourage you to reach out to me directly!

God bless,

Grant Kay



KINGDOM KIDS summer

**JULY
17**



MOVIE FUN
5\$ per child





SCREENING: LIGHTYEAR
Sunday at 12:30 pm



Esther Jordan | Director of Worship Arts

I would like to honor Anne Bay for her 16 ½ years of faithful service as our church organist/pianist. Anne joined the staff around the same time as Esther, and they have been a consistent music team ever since! After serving as a church organist and pianist for 55 years, Anne has earned a well deserved break from the weekly commitment. July 10 is her official final Sunday as organist at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church. She then plans to vacation in Mammoth with her family for a couple of weeks, and will relax for a while before continuing teaching piano lessons to young children. We will miss hearing her every Sunday, but she will play occasionally as needed.



Interesting facts about Anne:

Her parents were Canadian Presbyterian missionaries to China, where she was born in Peking, China. She began piano lessons at the age of 5. Anne's family moved back to Canada and then moved to the states when her father worked for the Student Volunteer Movement in New York City. (Anne has dual citizenship with the USA and Canada.) Anne attended Wooster College in Ohio where she learned to play organ on the school's magnificent instrument. Her first organ job began in 1967 at La Jolla Lutheran Church. Anne remembers that the time was the beginning of the Hippie "Jesus People" movement and the church didn't know what to do with all of the young people who didn't wear shoes and sat on the floor at the front of the church! She has weathered many changes in various churches in her 55 years as a church organist. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

If you miss hearing some of Anne's favorite postludes, never fear.

Martin Jordan is putting together a video recording of some of her favorite postludes, and hopes to post it on our VIMEO site by July 10. More information will follow.

We will carry on in July with diverse special music: 'Sounds of Worship' team, vocal ensembles, Mike Hom playing saxophone, Jeff Allen on trumpet, Lily Bodor playing organ, guest instrumentalists, hand bells and special music by Alexandra Rodrick - one of our former music interns who recently sang roles with San Diego Opera. As the summer progresses, other various guest musicians will join with our faithful music team to participate in the worship services.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

Esther Jordan





Tony Daskalakis | Director of Youth Ministry

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again, Summer Camp is right around the corner - in just several weeks, our students will be traveling to Pine Valley Christian Conference center for a week of worship, gospel focused lessons, and a ton of outdoor fun! Camp is always an amazing opportunity to shed the distractions of our day to day life and recalibrate our hearts back to God.

I know that Summer Camps like these were critical to my faith journey, and I am excited to see how God uses this experience to shape and mold His youth. Further, in addition to the spiritual growth and formation that will take place, the fellowship we get to experience amidst our time together is invaluable! The jokes, memories, and bonds our youth form will enrich their relationships for years to come. I still send the occasional text to my friends from camp when I'm reminded of our time!

Let me just share a huge "THANK YOU!" for all the emotional and financial support you've offered to make this possible! God has used you all to continually blesses and support our youth and children. Please consider joining us on the Church Patio on 7/17 for a "Youth Bake Sale"! All our baked goods will be made from scratch, are sold via donation to the Church. Each dollar raised allows us to lower the total cost for every student, and makes it easier for families who couldn't afford camp to still participate!

Thanks again folks!
In Him,
Antonios Daskalakis



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Communications & Database Manager

Roots Worship leader

What a joy it is to be able to work alongside people who are truly on board in serving the Lord in all kinds of ways.

I have been blessed by the leadership of Pastor Bill and many others on staff. Last months news letter we got to learn a little bit about what Stacey Kay does as the 'Community Connections Administrator'. This month I have the opportunity in sharing a little description of what I do here at PBPC.

Communications and Database Manager (CDM)

I serve as the administrator of all web and social media accounts. I manage the website, mass congregation emails, online flyers distributions, and build social media content for our church's website and social media accounts. I input all data given to me by either the Pastor and/or our Community Connections Administrator. I update/keep an online log of all contact information for members of PBPC to ensure we are able to connect, contact, or assist you at any means necessary. I also thoroughly enjoy bringing treats once in a while for staff members (but this is not apart of the job description).

Roots Worship Leader

I serve as the worship leader for our 7pm night service at PBPC. I create and put together worship sets and build the lyric slides through our online program that we use called "Proclaim" for our services. It has been a joy to work alongside Grant and Tony for our Roots service and I invite you all to come check out the good works we are doing at the night service.

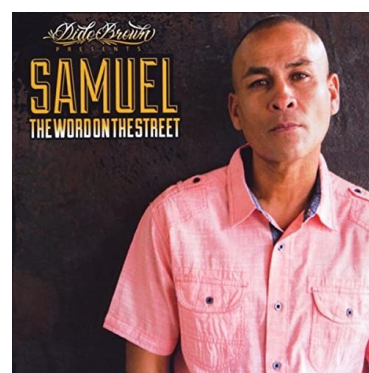
I look forward to connecting with you soon. For the month of July, I will be on tour with Maverick City Music (a gospel collective music group). This group sells out arenas through out the entire united nation. I was able to audition as a singer and got in by the grace of God. I will be doing a show on July 27th here in San Diego at the open air arena at SDSU if you would like to purchase a ticket and come listen to a bunch of young adults in their late 20's sing songs about our great God! This was such a blessing to be apart of and I am so thankful that the CDM position allows me to work online/remote while I am on the road! God is full of blessings and joy and I am happy to walk by faith knowing He is able to supply that each and every day!

Summer Music on the Courtyard

*Ready for an evening out with friends and some great music?
How about two nights?*

PB Pres is hosting our first-ever PB & Jams and PB & Jazz music nights. Invite someone you love. Grab some cards or your favorite board game. Get ready to meet some new friends. And, join us on the church courtyard for some refreshments and outstanding local talent.

Saturday, July 23 @ 7 PM – PB & Jams featuring Samuel “Dido” Brown (gospel hip hop) and Matt Giles and Aris Weathersby (smooth R&B)



July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our July Birthday folks!

July 7 – Diana Clark
 July 10 – Marlee Chapman
 July 13 – Kristin Hunter
 July 15 – Claudia Metzger
 July 19 – Erin Trinidad
 July 22 – Steve Ritz
 July 29 – Jayne Haines

PASTOR BILL'S WEEKDAY OFFICE HOURS

Mondays – By appointment
 Tuesdays – 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
 Wednesdays – 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
 Thursdays – 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
 Fridays – By appointment

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Paddle-board with SDRM Saturday July 9th, OR Saturday July 30th 10:00am – 3:00pm

At the Spanish Landing NTC (grassy area)

We are taking a group of San Diego Mission attendees and their sponsors to paddle board! If you'd like to join, below are some ways we could really use your help!

- We are in need of people to relax in the shade and look over everyone's belongings.
- People to use our electric pumps to inflate the boards.

If you'd like to learn how, come on down! We have all the equipment you need to paddle board. Bring a swim suit and sun screen and your favorite munchies! If you are a pro-paddle-boarder, feel free to join us in helping those who are beginners! See you there!

Friday July 29th, 10:00am – 2:00pm PBPC Youth Paddle Board Event

This will be our second paddle board event this summer! We could use your help similar to the event listed above. Come join our youth for a great time of fun in the sun!

Looking forward we hope to host:

- Fri/Sat night in July/August – Hospitality for Hero's Date night
- Saturday September/October – Sandy Eggos, beach clean up event
- Saturday October 1st – PBBeachFest 2022

Lastly, We encourage you to share these events and outreach opportunities with your friends and family! Is there any event or outreach that you'd be interested in doing? If so, please contact any of the Outreach members. We would love to see you involved in any way you can be and greatly appreciate your time and generous actions.

Talk to any Outreach member: Luke Cowell, Ty Smith, Ben Lukowski, Steve Ritz

GET TO KNOW THE STAFF!

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Staff members were emailed a set of questions and were asked to answer 1 of them.
Here's what they said...

What was or is your favorite family vacation?

Pastor Bill Sperry

In late January of 2020, Molly, Ben, Will and I, along with my parents, Tory and Dick Courtney, took a trip to Florida to enjoy a couple of theme parks and a 7-day Star Wars-themed cruise aboard the Disney Fantasy. I had just come back from a 10-month Navy deployment, so the family time was precious and the whole vacation experience was incredibly relaxing and fun. We were relieved we'd done it when we did, since COVID shut down so much of the world about a month afterward.

Gant Kay

When I was 16 my family took a road trip through the American South. I was really getting into blues, soul and early rock at the time so getting to visit places like New Orleans, Muscle Shoals and Memphis made a huge impact on me. I was also a new driver so I got my first real experiences of driving on the open road through the empty highways of the south.

Esther Jordan

Martin, and I, and our two children lived in Yokosuka, Japan, where he was the 7th Fleet Science Advisor. As civilians, it was culture shock adapting to military life, living in a freezing house in town, as well as being functionally illiterate, as the vast majority of signs and menus are written in kanji. One Christmas day, we flew to Singapore for a family vacation, where we soaked in the glorious warm weather, the beautiful hotel, the sights, sounds, smells, and twinkling lights, with signs and menus in English - it was a slice of heaven!

Who is your hero?

Tony Daskalakis

My hero? I'd have to say my son, Jonah! That kid can walk into a room after freshly soiling himself without a care in the world and still win everyone's hearts. One can only aspire to that level of confidence. In all seriousness, I've learned so much about our Heavenly Father's love amidst my time with Jonah. My son makes me a better youth pastor and Christ Follower - I'd call that pretty heroic!

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Stacey Kay

If I could only eat one meal for the rest of my life, what would it be? Bagel sandwiches, Shein-style. Growing up, Sunday mornings meant fresh bagels from the deli down the hill, with cream cheese, ham, swiss cheese, tuna fish (made my mom's special way), tomatoes, and lox. Sometimes, this was accompanied by Matzoh Brei. When I make this myself, it conjures up joyful memories. Of course, there would need to be some guarantee that I wouldn't gain any weight eating that all of the time.....;).