

Pastor Bill Sperry

An opening joke...

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?

A: Because they've just finished a long, 31-day March.

March, in my opinion, is appropriately named. When I usually think about a march, I think about a group moving together from one place to another. When we're marching, we're in between Point A and Point B, and that's exactly where we find ourselves this March in a variety of ways. As post-Easter, pre-resurrection Christians, we're always living in between the already and not yet. Jesus has already returned from the grave but has not yet returned to establish the New Heaven and New Earth. His crucifixion sacrifice has broken the power of sin already, but sin has not yet ceased its damage and death. God has already begun a good work in us but has not yet brought it to completion.



Pacific Beach

MARCH NEWSLETTER

More specifically for us at this time of year, Lent has begun with Ash Wednesday but not yet culminated in our celebration of Easter. We have begun our transition to a new music program at PBPC but not yet identified our incoming Director of Worship Music. These in between seasons can feel like an arduous march, just as the years between Egypt and the Promised Land did for the Israelites. We're not sure what lies ahead, but we press on, trusting in God's presence and promises. Let's continue in prayer and in process together.

I'm especially thankful for Grant's leadership during this in between season. Among other tasks, he has masterfully stepped in to maintain the high quality of our Sunday morning music program. He is leading our staff with weekly meetings and good communication. And, he has taken charge of our Welcoming Church Task Force to guide us toward an improved experience for our visitors and guests. I'm grateful to have such a faithful and competent companion for the march.

OK, one last silly joke that's March related. Q: What's Irish and comes out during March?

A: Paddy O'Furniture

Let's hope that this month's weather feels more like the San Diego we're used to. Either way, may your smile be grand and your jokes be better than mine as we march through March together.

Joyfully~ Bill



March Sermon Schedule – “Believe: Living the story of the Bible to think, act, and be more like Jesus”

March 5: “What Can We Believe About Eternal Life?”

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

The Lord's Supper

March 12: “How Should I Worship?”

Romans 12:1-8

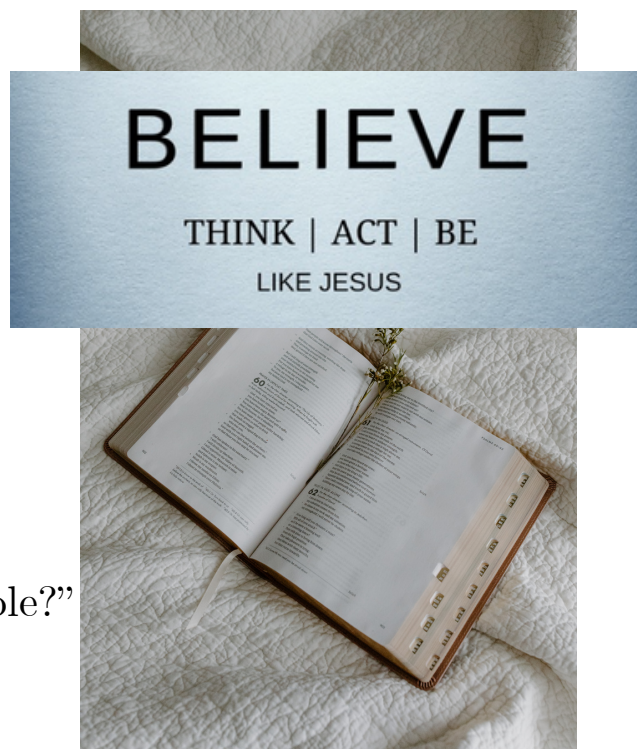
Grant Kay preaching

March 19: “How Should I Pray?”

Luke 11:1-13

March 26: “How Should I Study the Bible?”

Psalms 119:9-16





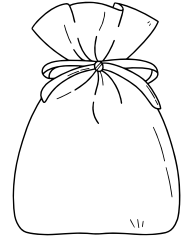
Steve Ritz

Outreach & Missions

"Souper" Bowl of Caring

Each year PBPC has taken a donation on Super Bowl Sunday, and we title it – “Souper Bowl of Caring”. This year we changed the donations a bit, we not only sought cash donations, we asked for donations of jackets too. We were blessed by your donations. In total we received:

- \$488 in cash donations for SDRM
- 10 Dress Coats
- 13 XXL and above jackets
- 14 XL jackets
- 17 L jackets
- 8M jackets
- 5S jackets
- 39 Youth jackets
- 106 Total jackets



Life Packs

We continue passing out Life Packs to those in need, pick up your Life Packs in the Narthex today and share with someone in need.

Items we would greatly_
appreciate more of:

- Emergency Blankets (available on Amazon) (Mylar Thermal Blankets)
- Tylenol or Advil sleeve caplets
- Dental Floss
- Sunscreen (travel size)
- Snacks (i.e granola bars, small cookies...)

PCUSA Disaster Assistance

We started collecting funds for ongoing relief efforts in Turkey and Syria for those victims of the earthquakes on February 6th. The death toll as of February 17th was 43,360. Such pain and suffering needs God's healing hand and Christian's support world wide. Make your donations and list it Disaster Assistance and we will make sure the money goes to the PCUSA Disaster Assistance team working in Turkey and Syria.

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Come Build Hope – Mexico Mission Trip (Memorial Weekend)

Looking for a meaningful way to serve God and others this Spring? Solana Beach Presbyterian Church is inviting PBPC to partner with them for their annual house-building mission weekend in Tijuana.

We will leave from the SBPC parking lot at 2:00 PM Friday, May 26, and plan to arrive back on Sunday, May 28, in the 7:00 time frame. The cost is \$450 per participant and includes all transportation (from the church), meals and a cozy tent with a fire pit and dirt and sweat along with the fulfillment of being the hands and feet of Jesus for a weekend.

For a video slideshow of last year's trip, visit <https://solanabeach.church/come-build-hope>. Talk to Pastor Bill or Steve Ritz for more information.



Hospitality for Hero's Date Night – Saturday April 29

On Saturday April 29th PBPC will be hosting our first "Hospitality for Hero's Date Night". We will be reaching out to the military families in our area and offering them a safe place to drop off their kids while they go out for a Date Night. It will be hosted in Calvin Hall. We will have yummy dinner, craft's, games, and movies. If this is something you would like to get involved with please let one of the Outreach & Mission Leaders know.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 8 Kate Sessions Park

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner. Come join us for this fun event. We will be seeking help putting eggs together, as well as gathering supplies. If you'd like to get involved in church events, this is an easy one, so come join us.

"One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering – Sunday April 2

This is one of our four special offerings of the year. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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Summer in the USA – July 2023

We have a great opportunity for you to reach out to new Christians as well as build relationships with fellow believers from Basque, Spain. Twelve High School kids will be coming to San Diego on the 29th of June and are planned to stay with Host families through the month of July. Host families are encouraged to do things one would normally do on a summer vacation. One could take a trip to the Zoo or even to Parks, Museums. Days in front of TV watching movies, video games, bon fires are just some examples of fun things one could do.

We as a church want to partner with SUSA and participate either as a Host family or giving monetarily to assist host families. Pastor Bill is offering up his Ski Boat and help with Passes to certain experiences. Steve is providing Paddleboard events as well as hosting a soccer game. These are examples of what you could do to help support this program. More information will be coming out on SUSA event in the coming months, but please take the time to look at the website for more information

(<https://www.summerintheusa.com/en/>)

If you think you might be interested in Hosting a guest, or may have tickets or discounts for places in San Diego, please get hold of Steve Ritz at (858) 382-7885.

Well, that's it for now. Be thinking of ways you can become involved in the church, we need you, God needs you, non-believers need you, now's your chance to help out!

An Invitation to Write a Personal Statement of Faith

Have you ever written your own Statement of Faith? It can be an enriching experience and a valuable part of your journey with Christ. As we conclude the ten-week "Think" section of our three-section, 30-week-long Believe sermon series, Pastor Bill is offering to help everyone who'd like to summarize your Christian thoughts and beliefs by developing your own Statement of Faith. If you're interested in meeting with Bill or talking more about this opportunity, please contact him at **Pastor@pbpres.org**.



St. Patrick's Day Word Search

You'll need the luck of the Irish to finish this word search

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Bagpipes
Blarney
Celtic
Clover
Dublin

Gold
Green
Ireland
Irish
Leprechaun

Limerick
March
Patrick
Rainbow
Shamrock