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## DEAR PB PRES FAMILY~

Happy New Year! I hope 2022 wrapped up well for you, and I'm excited to begin a new year with you. I have every hope that 2023 is going to be an exciting year of mission and ministry for PBPC.

This past week, Reader's Digest provided some great New Year's quotes to make me smile and to give me a sense for how people approach the start of a new year. Here are three funny examples:

- "Last year's resolution was to lose 20 pounds by Christmas. Only 30 pounds to go." —Anonymous
- "I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter." —Unknown
- "I can't believe it's been a year since I didn't become a better person." —Anonymous

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After getting a good chuckle from each quote, I couldn't help but notice that the common theme in each of those quotes is a sense of failed resolution. Maybe that's why each one is from an anonymous or unknown source! Nevertheless, I imagine each of us can relate to the feeling of making a resolution or setting a goal and then falling at least a little short of seeing it through.

On that note, I appreciate the balance in the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 3:12-14. There, he wrote about his desire to know Christ and to become more like him in Jesus' resurrection and sufferings. Paul wrote, "Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

Let's join Paul in 2023 by confessing we haven't reached all of our goals yet and pressing on toward the things Jesus' prizes, both on earth and in heaven.

As I begin 9-month active-duty orders with the Navy in early January, I look forward to continuing to serve as your pastor. I hope you'll pray for God to strengthen our ties with our surrounding community, with other congregations doing Christ's work, and with the Navy commands I'm instructing and serving alongside. I hope you'll look for ways to be actively engaged in the mission and ministries of PBPC. We have ongoing opportunities in mission, discipleship, and with our Buildings and Grounds team. Jump into our 30-week Believe series by participating in worship services and in Grant Kay's Believe Discipleship Class on Sunday mornings. And, stay tuned for other great social gatherings and community service opportunities that can grow your faith and strengthen God's kingdom in the year ahead. I look forward to sharing the journey with you, for God's glory. ~ Pastor Bill



**Esther Jordan**  
**Director of Worship Arts**



LESSONS AND CAROLS – WITH OUTSTANDING MUSICIANS:  
SOUNDS OF WORSHIP, STRINGS, CHOIR, ORGAN, PIANO,  
BELLS AND DRAMATIC READINGS OF SCRIPTURE.

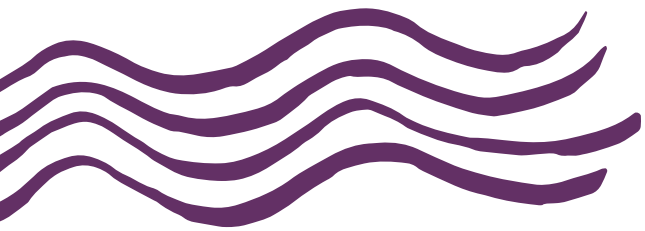


THE CONGREGATION  
JOINED WITH THE  
CHOIR, SINGING  
CAROLS WITH PIANO,  
ORGAN, STRINGS AND  
BELLS – AND “RAISING  
THE RAFTERS” IN  
PRAISE!

THE BASS SECTION OF THE CHOIR!  
FUN FACT: WE HAD 2 SETS OF  
MARRIED COUPLES WITH THE NAMES  
OF JEFF AND MARY SINGING!







PRE-SERVICE CONCERT WITH  
CRUSADER BELLS, PHIL  
DANNELS AND CHELSEA  
JOHNSON.

CHRISTMAS EVE &  
CHRISTMAS DAY IN OUR  
GORGEOUS SANCTUARY  
SO BEAUTIFULLY  
DECORATED BY  
RUBYANNA AND LOTS OF  
VOLUNTEERS!







**Grant Kay**  
**Director of Christian Education**



The Christmas season is upon us as we move from the expectation of Advent to the joy of Christ's arrival. This year, with the power out on Christmas Sunday morning, we were blessed with a potent reminder that Christ is "light in the darkness" as we worshipped by candlelight. As we move into the new year, there are many wonderful things to look forward to, and here are just a few:

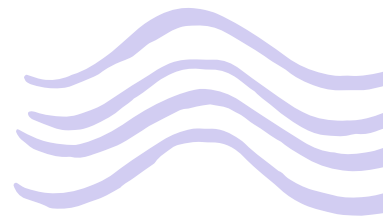
1. Our new discipleship class begins Sunday January 1st and will run every Sunday for the first 10 weeks of the year. We will be going through Randy Frazee's Believe alongside Pastor Bill's sermon series. It will be a conversational time for reflection and further study right after church each week.
2. New Year, New Season at Kingdom Kids! Our Kingdom Kids program returns on Wednesday January 11th, where children from 3-10 will once again be learning and growing in faith
3. Youth Group returns on Wednesday January 4th, sadly with Tony no longer at the helm. We need more volunteers for our youth program so please prayerfully consider joining our team!
4. Roots and the Sunday Night Dinner ministries will be joining forces in 2023 as we seek to serve and make disciples here in PB!
5. Our church is launching a Welcoming Church Task Force, based around ideas found in Thom Rainier's Becoming a Welcoming Church. Our goal is to help make PBPC an inviting and exciting environment for new Christians and anyone who might walk through our doors for the first time.

May God bless you in the new year, and may 2023 be a great year for PB Pres!

-Grant



**Stacey Kay**  
**Community Connections Administrator**



## **Kingdom Kids Family Night**



## **Kingdom Kids Christmas Party**



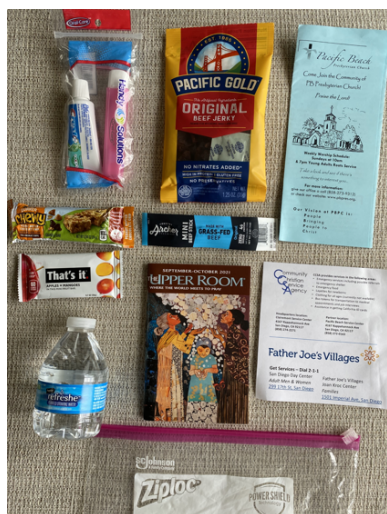




## Steve Ritz Outreach & Missions



I wanted to take some time to look back and also thank you for all the different opportunities we had to share with our communities in 2022.

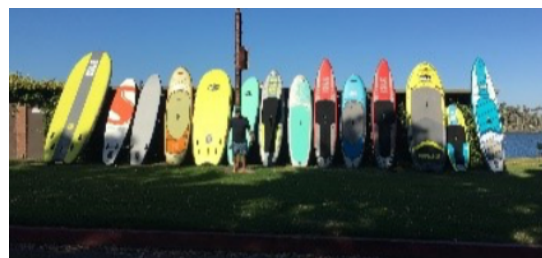


### Life Packs

Pastor Bill and his son's shared how the boys spent the \$10 they were giving to spread the message of Jesus. They developed a Life Pack for handing out to homeless people needing our help. Outreach & Mission's felt this was a perfect way to share the love of Christ with our neighbors, so we started the Life Pack initiative, which ran throughout the year. We collected supplies from you, the congregation, which we then packaged in Ziploc bags and everyone in the congregation was provided as many as needed to hand out as needed. We will continue that sharing in 2023.



Souper Bowl of Caring (February)  
Fools & Foodies Event (April 1st)  
San Diego Rescue Mission – Paddle Board  
Events We hosted two events in 2022  
Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 16th  
Sunday Night Ministries – reopened for  
service to our community in May 2022  
after a couple years closed due to Covid





Graffiti Clean Up Day - Once again, PBPC hosted the annual Graffiti Clean Up event for Pacific Beach on May 14, 2022. We had 86 volunteers show up and cleaned up 599 graffiti markings throughout our community. We will once again be hosting the annual event in May 2023.

PB&Jams Saturday July 23rd

Blanket offering on Mother's Day

PB & Jazz Saturday Aug 27th



Oct 1st, PB Beach fest '22

Oct 2nd , Blessing of the Animals October 28th Trunk or Treat





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So 2022 was an exciting year for Outreach & Missions coming off of a couple years of Covid restrictions. We look forward to repeating some of 2022 events and will be adding some new ones as well.

Our focus this year will be reaching out and providing our military families in the area some much needed love and attention. We will have opportunities for you to once again get involved. We are looking to host “Hero’s Date Night” events, where we will provide a safe and fun place for military parents to drop off their kids while they take a much needed break and date night.

We will be reaching out again to help San Diego Rescue Mission, where possible.

So thank you to everyone who participated or helped with our 2022 Outreach & Mission events, and plan on having fun this year as well.

Steve Ritz – Outreach & Missions



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## **SERMON SERIES**

### **“Believe: How to Think, Act, and Be Like Jesus”**

January 1 – Lord’s Supper Sunday  
“Who is God?” 2 Corinthians 13:14, Revelation 21:1-8

January 8 – Epiphany Sunday  
“Is God Personal?” Psalm 139:1-12

January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend  
“What Does It Mean to Be Saved?” Ephesians 2:1-10

January 22 – Quarterly Fireside Chat  
“The Word of God” Exodus 14:13-14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

January 29 – Annual Congregational Meeting  
“Identity in Christ” Romans 8:11-17; 1 Peter 2:4-10

PBPC, we think 2023 is going to be a great year for growing in faith as we grow closer to one another. From January through July, we’re going to THINK, ACT, and BE more like Jesus as we go through a series together called “Believe.” Your Discipleship Ministries Staff would like to support you in forming small groups to enjoy shared activities, Bible studies, or meal gatherings.

If you have an interest in helping organize or lead a small group of that sort, we’ll provide study material or discussion questions to help your group deepen your walk with Jesus as you deepen your friendships within our community. For more information about starting, organizing, or leading a group, contact Grant Kay at [Grant@pbpres.org](mailto:Grant@pbpres.org). We hope to kick off the first round of groups on January 1!



### **January Birthdays**

#### **Jan 1**

Andy McEuen

#### **Jan 4**

Carolyn  
Anderson

#### **Jan 16**

Mary Lee  
Poparad

#### **Jan 17**

Mike Hom

#### **Jan 23**

Elsa Olson

#### **Jan 25**

Pam Chana

#### **Jan 28**

Gabriel Lopez