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Opportunities to Serve: Agros

Want to participate with the village of Tierra Nueva but unable to actually go on a service trip? There are several ways to get involved!

- 1. Photo Album Exchange: Send in your family photo to Addie at addiepascal@gmail.com. These will be compiled to create an album we can give the villagers of Tierra Nueva- we already have one of the villagers with us!
- 2. Pray for a Family: Contact Addie at <u>addiepascal@gmail.com</u> to receive a photo of a family that you can commit to pray for.
- 3. Donate: The villages of Nicaragua are always in need of books and games in Spanish or English/Spanish, as well as baseball gear, musical instruments, and craft supplies. Drop items off in the bin in the lobby.
- 4: Involve your Kids: Have your kids create cards or pictures that we can give to the villagers as a greeting. If they can write in Spanish, even better!!! Thanks!~Addie

PEACHES HELP PCJH'S COMMUNITY VISIBILITY

Thanks to the leadership of Meta Sternberg some 14 years ago, PCJH

continues to have great visibility in the community for our annual peach sale.



We sell boxes of high quality peaches from a Colorado orchard (Peachfork Orchard) using a few newspaper ads and word of mouth in the community. This year we sold 500 boxes of peaches on August 1st and 400 boxes of peaches (plus 75 boxes of Gala apples) on August 15th. This resulted in about

\$9,000 net proceeds to the church.

There were people lined up to buy the fruit beginning two hours in advance of the published start time of the sale. Chairs were set up in the church lobby to keep everyone cool and comfortable.

Thanks to all the PCJH volunteers who helped with the two peach sales. Your efforts helped make this annual event an outstanding success!



PCJH is looking for someone who will fill the paid position of Coordinator of His Kitchen. This coordinator will oversee the Wednesday Dinners and all other uses of the kitchen. It is on average a 15 hour per week job when our Wednesday program is up and running. Please contact Pastor Paul if you are curious or interested.



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Howdy Everyone.

September is the kick-off month to our Fall Season at PCJH. As we say "good-bye" to our summer family we prepare to say "welcome back" to those who have been busy with family, business, and play during jam-packed summer months. As in all the seasons of life as a church we also need to prepare to say, "Howdy, don't know if I have met you yet, but, my name is Paul and it is great to have you at PCJH." We never know when we may meet a new friend at a worship serve, class, choir, Wednesday dinner or somewhere else who needs to experience God's love and grace as we uniquely share it.

Because September is a time when most of us look at a change in calendar, it is also a great time to evaluate how I want to continue my growth in faith. Our method at PCJH is the 3 G's, Gather, Grow, and Go. We believe every person should be involved in some capacity in each for these three areas. When operating together they create a wholistic spiritual life. Let's take a look at each one.

GATHER

The writer of the Book of Hebrews told those early Christians:

Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching (10:25).

Gathering for worship and fellowship is an important part of Christian life. We were never designed to live our faith alone. Worship refocuses us on the eternal and the God and savior with whom we will share it. It is a time of renewal and empowerment at the start of a new week. It reminds us of our family of faith, those to whom we can turn to share our joy or find encouragement in times of struggle. Our society gobbles up Sunday's with recreation forgetting that we need that time for re-creation.

GROW

This year Pastor Ben and I will be doing something a bit different. Instead of preaching from the Common Lectionary, a worship resource many mainline churches

use, we will be preaching on Biblical and Christian Life! themes. As we prepare these themes we will also be writing a small group study guide to go hand in hand with! the topic. We encourage each of our small groups to follow the theme in their times of meeting.

One of our primary *small group times* will take place on Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Following dinner (a great time when our whole community <u>gathers</u> for fellowship) we will have a time of praise and prayer and then small groups. Dinner begins at 6:15 and you can be on your way home by 8:30. It will be a great time to get to know others in the congregation as well as grow deeper in your Christian walk. Child care will be provided.

GO

When Jesus was teaching his disciples he said to them:

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. Matt. 5:13, 14

In his day, salt was one of the main preservatives for food. If you didn't have it and use it, decay would quickly set in. This happens in our society if Christians are not involved in actively being Christian in our homes, jobs, civic organizations, government, etc.

There is much darkness in our world today. As our culture turns away from God who is light and Jesus who is the 'light of the world,' it is easy for people to lose their way. As we share how God has and is directing us, as we pass along God's Word and the wisdom it gives for how we are to live, light shines into darkness.

In our going we bring the love of God to our world and our world becomes a bit different because we have been here.

As you prepare for the Fall, take some time to ask your-self how you will Gather, Grow, and Go. If you are a family, make it part of your planning. Prioritize on that which prepares you for eternity and brings eternity into each day.

Walking the road with you.

Pastor Paul

Dear PCJH Family,

sus and Peter and seems to already know some of God's word. the great stories from God's word. Nina was two years old when she received her Bible. This was a Gifts - Children will receive a few different gifts during milestone.

dren who were interested in learning more about the grace. Lord's Supper. We had about 20 people at the class on a Sunday morning as I taught about the meaning Experiences - Giving children and youth an experiday most of them received the body and blood of our tion celebrations and more. Lord Jesus Christ for the very first time. That was a milestone.

with their blanket, our hope is that it is a reminder to books of the Bible. them that they are covered by God's grace and that they are covered in prayer. Receiving the prayer Parents, the milestones ministry is meant to be a blanket was a milestone.

is to pass on the faith by partnering home and congre-stone. Studies show that when parents and the church partner together in the spiritual formation of a In September we will have a new full-size display of passage to prepare them spiritually for adulthood.

We have four different types of milestones.

- 1) Bibles
- 2) Gifts
- 3) Experiences
- 4) Memorization

Bibles – Children need age appropriate bibles for the various developmental phases of life. We provide story book bibles to kids at birth; beginner bibles when they turn age two; Spark bibles when they go into

Last year my daughter, Nina, received a Children's third grade; a teen study bible when they enter middle Story Bible from PCJH. She loves it! She often stays school; and an adult study bible when they graduate up in her room looking through the colorful pages from high school. Our hope and prayer is that our even after we put her to bed. She can recognize Je-ichildren learn about God's love for them through

their time at PCJH. Gifts range from prayer pillows, prayer cards, prayer blankets and bibles. Our hope is I taught a class last Spring for parents and their chil-that these gifts will remind our children of God's gift of

and significance of communion. At one point during ence they will remember can be a significant part of the class the parents led their children through a Bible their spiritual formation. Experiences include baptism, passage about the Lord's Supper. The following Sun-first communion, confirmation, mission trips, gradua-

Memorization – Memorizing Scripture and other significant parts of the Bible can be extremely beneficial In June, several parents of high school seniors gath- to spiritual formation. Many of you might be imered together to make a prayer blanket for their son or pressed with Pastor Paul's ability to recite Scripture daughter who was about to graduate. The congrega- from memory. When he was a child his church ention then prayed over the blankets during our Sunday couraged him to do this. It has obviously stuck with worship service when we honor our graduating sen-thim throughout the years. Our memorization mileiors. These students are now taking their blankets stones include memorizing the Lords' prayer; the 10 with them to college. When they cover themselves commandments; 10 to 15 key Bible verses; and the

shared responsibility between your family and the church. We will do our best to create opportunities for The three stories above are examples of three of your child to go through all the appropriate mileabout 20 milestones we celebrate at PCJH. Our mis-stones, but ultimately it is your responsibility to ension at PCJH and within Children. Youth and Family, courage them and ensure that they don't miss a mile-

child, they end up making a bigger impact than if they board between the two nursery classrooms in the hallwere to do it alone. Therefore, in an effort to equip way of PCJH. The space will be permanently dediand partner with parents in ministry to their kids, we cated to the milestones ministry. It will have informahave a Milestones Ministry at PCJH. We have cre-tion and brochures so that every parent can be ated milestones in order to ensure that all children equipped and trained to walk with their children passing through PCJH go through the significant rites through the various milestones offered at PCJH. I will also be teaching a one day milestones ministry orientation for families on Wednesday, September 19th at 5:15pm. I look forward to partnering with you in minis-

> "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." -Proverbs 22:6 Serving the

> > Faithfully, ~Pastor Ben

2012 Rummage Sale A Great Success

The church's annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 11, continued the decade-long tradition of being a great success and a wonderful outreach to our communities. When this popular event opened at 8am, the line of over 100 customers from all over the region stretched from the County Fair building to Snow King Avenue.

In addition to the usual advertising and listings in community event calendars that we always do, we were fortunate to have a rummage sale "headline" in Ceci Clover's Circling the Square column of the weekly News & Guide newspaper. We believe this helped attract the estimated 1,500 people that came to the sale this year. We saw many families eagerly stocking up on clothing and household needs at good prices.

The sale takes five days to set up—that's a lot of sorting and pricing! It would never be possible without all the helping hands both within and outside of this church. More than 65 volunteers put in over 800 hours. Some especially essential assistance was provided again this year by:

- Karen Ford contributed use of a storage unit in Wilson for a year
- Teton Trash donated use of a dumpster. Community trucks from the Gillespie Group at Sotheby's and from Habitat's Re-Store were used for hauling, along with trucks from MANY friends.
- Habitat Re-Store and See 'n Save in Driggs accepted items at the end of the sale. The Community Resource Center (CRC) received coats for their clients.

It was great to see many PCJH folks getting involved for the first time this year, contributing lots of new, good ideas. We were able to expand the sales area outside the building and improve convenience for shopping with more clothes on racks and tables. Many customers and volunteers noted the attractive layout of and quality of merchandise. And we posted a schedule for price reductions for the first time. Also new this year was use of a large construction trailer at the church in advance of the sale to collect donations, thanks to Dean Lewis and the Delcon team.

The 4-hour event grossed over \$8,500 before expenses. Donations of furniture were down this year, and we opened with lower prices on basic needs. The church Finance Team will determine use of the funds, which, in the past, has included community outreach needs, as well as church programs.

A very special thank you to each of you whose lovely donated items have made this sale so popular and help so many community people through the years. If you still need a receipt, please call the church office.

Again, thanks to all who helped in so many ways, as we reach out in faith and trust to serve, following the example of the world's greatest Servant.

Suzanne Young and Shirley Cheramy, Co-chairs

2012 Rummage Sale Volunteers

Barbara Auge

Jan Benz

Liz Cassen

Shirley & Ed Cheramy Eunice & Dave Conine Corianne DeGoev Louise DeLand Tina Edwards Karen Ford Betsy Forester Steve Fralin Lvnn Friess Brooks Harshman Terri Havden Yvonne Henze Brad Herman Jo & Dennis Holton Lisle Hooper Jeanne Robbins & Ralph Hudelson Margaret & Terry Jones Sheilah Kasten Becky Kimmel Debbie Kopp Judy Legg Irene Lund Betty Sue Lyell Julie Matzke Diane McGee Marian Meyers Diane & Kent Nichols Teresa Nye June Nystrom Susan Ordway Jean Pillers Robyn & Randy Reedy Merrill & Nanette Ritter Ryland Sauter George Scarlett Debbie Schlinger Joanie & John Shipman Chris Shirk Barbara Simms Janice Skinner Nancy Stockhouse Pamela Stockton Mary Ann Tapp Bobbi & Ken Thomasma Barbara & Larry Van-Genderen Martha VanGenderen Mary Waid Polly Warner Barbara Winter Suzanne Young

Cindy Zabriske

Also, thanks for help from the community:

The Gillespie Group at Sotheby's ...Community Truck

Garth & Christy Gillespie and Katie Colbert, Habitat Re -Store ... Community Truck

Jake Bynum See 'n Save Thrift Shop in Driggs, ID

Del Ray and KJAC Radio

Teton Trash ...Krista Shupman

Teton Science School ... David Watson

Delcon ... Dean Lewis

Monty Reach & Lester Blair Town of Jackson..Sam Jewison

Nicki McDermott Jackson Hole Booktraders

Albertson's

We apologize if we omitted anyone's name from this list.



Save the Dates

September 3rd

Labor Day - office closed, no school.

September 9th

- First High School & Middle School Youth Group 4:30-6:30
- Regular Sunday
 School classes begin! Ages 2 years to 8th grade.

September 9, 10 & 13

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading Player evaluations at PCJH. Contact Linda Hanlon 734-0388 x124 or upward @pcjh.org

September 16th

- Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:15 Worship Service.
- High School & Middle School Youth Group 4:30-6:30

September 21st

- 5th Quarter for HS & MS.
- MS Lock-in! Contact Preston Gordon for more information 739-9591 or pgordon@pcjh.org

September 23rd

 High School & Middle School Youth Group 4:30-6:30

September 30

High School & Middle School Youth Group 4:30-6:30 Welcome Back!



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Fall Offerings and Opportunities

Sunday School

Begins Sept. 9th at the 10:15 Worship Service For children ages 2 years through Middle School.



MID-WEEK RENDEZVOUS

A Wednesday after school program that follows the public school calendar. Open to kids K through 8th grade. Pick-up from school to 6:10pm.



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday's 4:30-6:30 Middle School and High School students.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinners & Adult Classes

All are invited! Classes begin at 5:15pm. Dinner begins at 6:15pm

- Teach sport skills and values
- Offer family-friendly schedules
- Allow kids to make new friends
- Provide equal playing time



Basketball and Cheerleading

Koinonia

Wednesday's at 7:00pm For the Young Adult 20's & 30's crowd

J.O.Y. Summer Camp

Thank You PCJH Family for Your support!

We had a wonderful summer of fun, fellowship, and following Jesus - God Sightings were plentiful! Our staff, teachers, and "leaders in training" were such a blessing - sharing our Lord's love with & guiding 90 campers! Because of your support of this ministry and a generous grant from the community, families received \$11,500 in tuition assistance to attend J.O.Y. we could not have done this without your help. Thank you! In His Service, Sarah Gensch &

Diane McGee



Little Lambs

Little Lambs is back in session and we are excited to be here! There is so much on our calendar, I hope we have time to pack it all in. We kicked the school year off with "A Healthy Start" making fruit and yogurt parfaits and learning various exercises in order to keep our minds and bodies healthy.

We also held a "Trike-a-Thon" to raise bike safety awareness and to raise donations for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Our September bible verse is "Nothing can separate us from God's love," and we are constantly seeking the wonders of His great creation and are having a great start to the school year! Blessings ~ Mrs. Erin





Youth Group

Upward

Basketball and Cheerleading



We are looking forward to seeing you here this fall for Middle School and High School Youth Group! We had a *blast* at the annual Camping and Water Ski Weekend at Colter Bay on Jackson Lake.

> Make sure to join us for: Sept. 21st for the 5th Quarter Middle School Lock-in to follow!

Youth Group every Sunday night 4:30-6:30



COACHES NEEDED!

- Registration is open for Boys and Girls in the 1st through 6th grades.
- Register on-line at www.pcjh.org.
 Click on: Get Involved, Children, Upward
- Player Evaluations will be on September 10, 11 and 13 at PCJH. All cheerleaders and
- basketball players MUST ATTEND ONE!
- What does it cost?

Basketball is \$85.00 per child. Cheerleading is \$90.00 per child.



Contact:

Linda Hanlon, Director upward@pcjh.org 307-734-0388 x 124 See website for more details

September 2012 DEACON/STEPHEN MINISTER Meg Womack

Let me introduce myself.

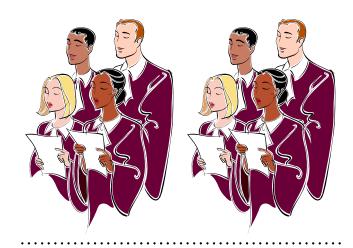
I am another delighted transplant here in Jackson, coming from Billings, Montana, in 2005. I love the outdoors (who doesn't), and love the bounty that Jackson offers in its beauty and in its people. I am thrilled to have our son Wes and his wife Stef here in Jackson, and daughter Joy and her husband Mike not too far away in Carbondale, Colorado.

Something most people DON'T know about me, is that Ray and I lived in South Africa for 3 years, and that we have been back to Kenya and Uganda on several occasions to work and provide technical skills to the needy. My greatest discovery from these work experiences, was that it was I who was the "needy" one with how much I personally gained from the people we went to serve.

Another thing that most people DON'T know about me, is that for years, coming from Montana with our whole menagerie of pets, our family horse packed all over Wyomings Wind River range. And, oh, did we have some fun.

I look forward to getting to know more in our community at PCJH, and the people in our area, and I am excited to be available to PCJH as a Deacon and a Stephen Minister.





REHEARSAL TIME AGAIN

PCJH Adult Choir Practice will resume 9/12 in the main Sanctuary. If you have had any interest in becoming part of this fun, meaningful and intregal part of Sunday's Worship please come by and see what we are all about. Choir practices are usually done by 8:30pm on Wednesday with a Sunday morning warm -up at 9:30am to sing during the 10:15am service. The commitment is easy and worth every breath!



Sunday, Sept 23rd following 10:15am service will be our 2012 ALL CHURCH POT-LUCK hosted by your Deacons, Congregational Life and YOU! Please plan on bringing a side dish or dessert to serve 8-10 to share. If the weather cooperates, we will be outside in the common area outside the Genesis Room... if not it will be hosted in Fellowship Hall. Please plan on attending this yearly fellowship for an opportunity to spend time with all your PCJH members and friends. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Look for additional details in our September weekly bulletins and emails.

2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (NIV)







Thanks to all you gardeners, with the fantastic help of chief PCJH maintenance man Cody Brinton, our garden has been a fabulous success and a ton of fun!!





PCJH Garden of Eatin's Bounty



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SAVE THE DATE!



After Life A Biblical and Historical Look at Life After Death Sundays at 9:00am or Wednesdays at 5:15pm

"For years Christians have been asking, 'If you died' tonight, do you know where you would go?' It turns out that many believers have been giving the wrong answer. It is not heaven." -N.T. Wright

Does the above quote surprise you or intrigue you? If so, come to Pastor Ben's six-week class, *After Life*, offered on Sundays at 9:00am (starting Sept 9^{th}). If Sundays don't work for you, there will be an identical class offered on Wednesdays at 5:15pm (starting Sept 12^{th}). Below is an outline of the course.

Common Confusion (9/9 or 9/12) Many Christians are unaware of what the Bible says about life after death. Surprisingly many common beliefs about the after life are not rooted in biblical theology.

The Interim State (9/16 or 9/19) Jesus promises the thief on the cross that today he will be with him in paradise, the Catholics speak of Purgatory, others talk about the communion of saints. Where does one go between the moment of death and the future resurrection?

Heaven & Hell (9/23 or 9/26) How does the Bible describe heaven and hell? How has secular culture shaped our understanding of these two destinations?

To Heaven and Back: A Conversation with Dr. Mary Neal (9/30 only) Mary Neal is an elder of PCJH, an orthopaedic surgeon in Jackson, a wife and mother, and a recent author of her nationally acclaimed best-selling book *To Heaven and Back*. Mary will share her story of when she drowned on a South American river and went to heaven.

Resurrection (10/7 or 10/10) God's word tells us that there will be a day when all who are in Christ will be resurrected. Scripture also talks about the new heaven and the new earth. What will this be like?

Living Out Our Hope (10/14 or 10/17) Why does all of this matter? Does our view of the after life impact our present life?

September Birthdays 2012

Shaw, Dean Womack, Meg Dufault, Dave Hanson, Jeff Thomasma, Ken Deland, Louise Holton, Dennis Leinonen, Dave Blount, Ben Jorgenson, Paula Lewis, Dean Potter, Trevor Scarborough, Judy Faupel, Matt Taylor, Caroline Wikoff, Rayne Hofley, Norm Carlysle, Pierre Kasten, Sheilah Orchard, Owen Hanson, Kyle Jarvie, Logan Neal, Mary Ertle, Joseph Holton, Cheyenne Mattheis, Sigmund Bergsma, Brian Sternberg, Meta Cheramy, Shirley Lund, Tori Luther, Beau Smith, Scott Orchard, Brandie Jordan, Alex Schneider, Duane Smith, Sam Durn, Jennifer Raymond, Robin Sorsby, Dee Dee Thompson, Troy	Sept 1 Sept 2 Sept 2 Sept 2 Sept 3 Sept 3 Sept 3 Sept 4 Sept 4 Sept 4 Sept 4 Sept 4 Sept 5 Sept 5 Sept 5 Sept 7 Sept 7 Sept 7 Sept 9 Sept 10 Sept 11 Sept 12 Sept 13 Sept 13 Sept 13 Sept 13 Sept 13 Sept 15 Sept 16
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Friess, Lynn	Sept 23
Lewis, Mitch	Sept 23
Stalker, Helen	Sept 23
Barrett, Vivian	Sept 25
Swecker, Brady	Sept 26
Ackley, Nicole	Sept 27
Dunlap, Calee	Sept 27
Sheue, Thom	Sept 27
Weber/Windle, Pat	Sept 28
Ackley, Aaron	Sept 29
Fralin, Bryce	Sept 29
Keenan, Deb	Sept 29
Luther, Alan	Sept 29
Scarborough, Frank	Sept 29
Dahlin, Erica	Sept 30
Dahlin, David	Sept 30

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September ANNIVERSARIES 2012

Jorgenson, Mike & Liz	September 1, 2002	Years Married: 10
Keenan, Peter & Deb	September 1, 2007	Years Married: 5
Murphy, Kerry & Sue	September 1, 1990	Years Married: 22
Kobert, Kraig and Julie	September 2, 1995	Years Married: 17
Thompson, Tom & Kris	September 2, 1978	Years Married: 34
Bitner, John & Lori	September 4, 2010	Years Married: 2
Evans, Guy and Robin	September 4, 2005	Years Married: 7
Robertson, Billy & Kathy	September 4, 1976	Years Married: 36
Myers, Warren & Sue	September 5, 1998	Years Married: 14
Sanford, Robert & Debra	September 6, 1986	Years Married: 26
Humphries, Shepard & Lynn	September 7, 2003	Years Married: 9
Cheramy, Ed and Shirley	September 8, 1986	Years Married: 26
Whitlock, Joe & Julie	September 8, 1961	Years Married: 51
Hofley, Norm & Carole	September 9, 1961	Years Married: 51
Cassen, Mark and Liz	September 10, 2005	Years Married: 7
Varilone, Michael & Alison Kyle	September 16, 2000	Years Married: 12
Windle, Tom and Pat	September 17, 1988	Years Married: 24
Lund, Alan and Irene	September 19, 1981	Years Married: 31
Stevenson, Phil & Betsy	September 21, 1991	Years Married: 21
Henderson, Neal & Nancy	September 22, 1995	Years Married: 17
Dunn, Tyler & Nikki	September 23, 2006	Years Married: 6
Wikoff, Robert and Cathy	September 23, 1989	Years Married: 23
Zender, Jeff and Sandra	September 25, 2005	Years Married: 7
Ford, Karen & Glenn	September 30, 2003	Years Married: 9

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as we Gather to love God;

Grow to know and follow Jesus; and

GO and make a difference.

All are welcome and all are needed as we advance this significant mission for the 21st Century.

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