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## Our Mission Statement



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## Souper Bowl of Caring and the Haiti Relief Effort

By now we are well aware of the devastating earthquake that impacted Haiti last week. While the death toll has continued to climb, there are still estimates that as many as a third of Haiti's population has been left suffering and in great need as a result of the quake. While many are responding generously to the relief efforts, support will be needed to help these people for months and even years to come. To that end we invite you to give a gift to the Week of Compassion. The WOC is our denomination's emergency relief agency that is already working with Church World Service to partner in the efforts to get aid where it is needed most. Amy Gopp, the director of the WOC, has pledged that 100% of the gifts given for Haitian relief will be directed to Haiti. So please give generously by making checks payable to the church and either using the WOC envelopes provided in the sanctuary or simply by writing "Haiti Relief" on the memo line of your check. Our youth will also be directing this year's annual Souper Bowl of Caring donations to the relief efforts.



## Hygiene Kits

Our outreach leaders, Doug and Lucie Sovinsky, are also partnering with our youth minister, Keith Norton, to help with the relief efforts in a very tangible way. The youth will be assembling hygiene kits that are used by Church World Service following a disaster. The items needed for the kits are as follows:

- |                                  |           |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Hand Towels (16"x28")            | Washcloth | Nail Clipper    |
| Toothbrush (in package)          | Band-aids | Wide-tooth Comb |
| Full-sized Soap Bar (in wrapper) |           |                 |

Any or all of these items can be brought to the church by February 14th and the youth will assemble them into kits ready for shipping. Thank you for helping us to help those in great need!

## Our “Daly” Bread

*“...and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you.”*

*Jacob’s pledge to God in Genesis 28:22*

**TITHING**—This has often been relegated as one of those ‘churchy’ words that really isn’t a part of most people’s vocabulary, let alone their understanding and practice. Even of those who are actively involved in a church, survey after survey has shown that very few actually practice the principle of tithing. I am convinced that people are missing out!

The leaders of our congregation made a commitment several years ago that our church needed to be a tithing church. What that meant was that we were committed to setting aside one-tenth of every dollar given to the church for outreach and missions beyond our doors. We had long set aside a tenth of our general operating budget each year for outreach, but now we were extending that commitment to include the monies given to the capital campaigns, permanent endowment fund and any other designated gifts. The decision was really a bold statement by our leaders proclaiming that we really do believe God is the giver of all good gifts. In setting aside a tenth we were expressing our gratitude for the gifts already given and our faith that God would continue to provide for our needs. In that spirit, tithing really does become an act of worship.

When that original decision was made by the church’s leadership we had already raised \$100,000 toward the building renovation and expansion. Even though there was still a long way to go to raise the money needed, our leaders stepped out in faith and set aside \$10,000 for outreach and missions. God honored that leap of faith...not only did we still meet our campaign goals, but the giving exceeded what was originally pledged! Our giving really became an opportunity for us to experience God’s abundance and faithfulness in some profound ways that changed our church rather dramatically. In fact, the seeds for what became our Recovery in Christ ministry were first sown in that decision. And how God has blessed us as we have witnessed the transformation of hearts and lives through that ministry! Had we given into the temptation to hold on too tightly to what we had, we would have missed out on what God could and would do with our gifts.

I am happy to say that from that point forward we have always monitored our giving to make sure we continue to honor our commitment to tithing. Despite the great economic challenges of the last year, 2009 was no different. The combined giving to our church this last year (including gifts to the general operating fund, building fund, permanent fund and all designated gifts) totaled \$251,745. Our outreach and missions giving totaled \$25,694 (which just happens to be 10%). Coincidence? I think not. It happens every year. It just means tithing has become a part of who we are as a church.

If you’ve never really considered practicing the spiritual discipline of tithing a tenth of what God has provided, I encourage you to try. It truly is an act of worship that God can bless in ways that will also bless you. Maybe you can start by giving to the Haiti relief efforts. The needs are great, but we also worship a great, loving and generous God who has compassion for the broken. May God begin to transform this tragedy into an opportunity...for the Haitian people and for us!

- Brian

**Sunday  
Schedule**

9:00am One Year  
Bible Study

10:30am  
Worship &  
Children's Church

5pm, Voltage  
6:30pm, Amped

# February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6-7pm Prayer Ministry  Pastor on Vacation	2 9:30am Tai Chi	3 7pm One Year Bible Study	4 7:30pm Young Adult One Year Bible Study	5 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	6 8:00am Men's Breakfast 12-3pm Youth Service Blitz
7 CCSA Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring	8 6-7pm Prayer Ministry 7pm Board Mtg.	9 9:30am Tai Chi	10 7pm One Year Bible Study	11 7:30pm Young Adult One Year Bible Study	12 7:15pm RIC	13 9:30am Elder's Mtg
14  God has poured out his love into our hearts .... Romans 5:5 Treasure Box Order Deadline	15  Office Closed 6-7pm Prayer Ministry	16 9:30am Tai Chi	17  WEDNESDAY 10:30am CWF Meeting 7pm One Year Bible Study	18 -Newsletter- 6:30pm WISH 7:30pm Young Adult One Year Bible Study	19 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	20
21	22 6-7pm Prayer Ministry 7pm 	23 9:30am Tai Chi	24 10am-Noon Games Day 7pm One Year Bible Study	25 7:30pm Young Adult One Year Bible Study	26 7:15pm Recovery In Christ	27 Treasure Box Order Pick-up
28						

FEB Camp  
12th-15th



Did you know that February is National Youth Leadership month? Which is quite fitting since our youth will be leading the

charge to raise money and emergency kit items by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring being held at our church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, during the morning worship service. You can join the youth in this cause by bringing monetary donations, hygiene kit items and a wide open heart. Normally the money raised would go to a local charity; however, in light of the recent catastrophe in Haiti, we will be sending our monetary donations to help with relief efforts through Week Of Compassion. Emergency kits will be sent through Church World Service.

**01/31st, NRG SURGE! 2:30–7:30 pm**

- Video Game Party (Xbox, PS2, Wii) Bring \$5 donation for pizza/drinks and bring a friend! If you don't have a friend, borrow someone else's! –LOL

**02/06th, Service Blitz 12-3pm**

- Souper Bowl of Caring Service project: Going into the community to collect Emergency Aid kit supplies for Haiti.

**02/07th, Souper Bowl of Caring**

- Fundraiser/emergency kit drive (during worship service)

**NO EVENING YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**02/14th, 5-8 pm Youth Groups combined**

- Assembling Emergency Aid kits for Haiti.

**02/28th, Youth Groups (TBD)**



Dear PBCC Family,

Loving cards, offers of help, and your faithful prayers these past months have made a significant difference in my experience of God's healing process. The long list of potential side-effects of chemotherapy have been far fewer and milder than they might have been. Your prayers have enabled me to maintain an unexpectedly high level of energy and physical functioning. Throughout the process, God has been working on areas in my spirit and emotions that also needed healing. Thank you.

Sincerely, Vera Levy

## Small Groups

**Games Day:**

at Clairemont Christian Church.  
Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 10am–noon

**Men's Breakfast:**

Saturday, February 6th, 8:00am

**CWE:**

Wednesday, February 17th, 10:30am

**Women In Sisterhood:**

Thursday, February 18th, 6:30pm.  
Contact Susan Linder at  
susanmasagr@yahoo.com for location.

**Prayer Ministry:**

Monday nights, 6:00pm

**Tai Chi:** Tuesday mornings, 9:30am

**Young Adult Study: One Year Bible:**

Thursday evenings, 7:30pm

**Adult Study: One Year Bible:**

Sunday mornings, 9:00am  
Wednesday nights, 7:00pm

**Recovery in Christ**

Friday evenings, 7:15pm

## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

2/02 Bill & Alice Roth  
2/26 Ken & Sharon Austin



02/02 Bill Roth  
02/08 Jennifer Wolford  
02/09 James Anderer  
02/12 Kathy Sly  
02/12 Christine Johnson  
02/15 Tina Rysedorph  
02/18 Sussan Johnson  
02/19 Ruby Birts  
02/20 Stephen Sly  
02/27 Minnie Leitner

## The Treasure Box



We recently entered into partnership with The Treasure Box to become a Delivery Site. The Treasure Box is a division of Good Source Solutions, a food distribution company with over 20 years of service. Each month, they provide \$65-\$100 worth of frozen groceries in a pre-assembled box you can buy for just \$30. With over 60% savings, this allows you to put nutritious, high quality food on your table for a fraction of what you'd pay at the grocery store. There are no limits, no income qualifications! Anyone can participate!

Preorder your box with cash at church or order online at [www.thetreasurebox.org](http://www.thetreasurebox.org). Order deadline is Sunday, February 14th. Pick-up date is Saturday, February 27th, at church.

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## Chapman Founder's Day to Feature Dr. Marcus Borg

Chapman University is hosting its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder's Day with a popular and compelling Christian speaker, Dr. Marcus Borg. Borg is the author of several best-selling books including *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* and *The Heart of Christianity*. The 2-day event will be held on the Chapman campus in Orange on March 19-20<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, March 19th, Borg will offer 3 lectures during the day under the theme *Jesus: Then and Now*. On Saturday morning, March 20th, there will be workshops for prospective parents and students, a reunion of Chapman's DOC alumni and an extended conversation session with Borg. Following lunch there will be a brief concert by the Chapman Concert Choir and a worship service in which Borg will be preaching. At that service Don Reisinger will also be honored as the Church Leader of the Year. Registration information is available on the bulletin board or in the church office. Make plans now to join us for what promises to be a very special weekend.

## CCSA Food Drive

We welcome your donations of non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of every month (February 7th). Currently the most-needed food items are:

Beef Stew, Macaroni 'n Cheese, Pork 'n Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti/Pasta, Canned Fruit, Corn, Peas, Beans, Soup and Tuna, Granola Bars, Breakfast Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jam and Jelly.

Volunteers are also needed on the third Saturday of each month to help with food packing. For more information contact Kim Edwards at [kiminlizi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kiminlizi@sbcglobal.net) or 858/456-2786.

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## Concert at St. Brigid Church

To our PB church neighbors:

St. Brigid Church will be celebrating its 70th anniversary the weekend January 30th & 31st - as close as we could come to St. Brigid's official feast day of February 1st. Part of our celebration, in memoriam of all the deceased of our parish, will be a concert with chamber choir, chamber orchestra and organ on Sunday, January 31st, at 2:00 pm. Some of the works being performed are Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem", "Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter, as well as works by Monteverdi, Richard Proulx, and an arrangement for organ and two French horns of a composition by St. Hildegard von Bingen, a medieval woman far ahead of her time!

This 75-85 minute concert is free to the public. Please join us! St. Brigid is located at 4735 Cass Street, between Diamond & Missouri Streets. There is plenty of parking available in the church lot, accessed either from Diamond Street or via the driveway just north of the church facility on Cass Street. For more information, contact Jenny Nolan, Director of Music, 858/274-1193 or [jennyn@san.rr.com](mailto:jennyn@san.rr.com).

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**BY OUR ATTENDANCE**

12/20/09	105
12/27/09	79
01/03/10	93
01/10/10	135
01/17/10	126

**BY OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Weekly Need: \$3,013

12/20/09	\$3,327
12/27/09	\$5,551
01/03/10	\$1,447
01/10/10	\$3,723
01/17/10	\$2,198

**BY OUR PRAYERS**

**Congregation**

Annie Kelley  
Ruby Birts  
Jay Williams  
Bing Crosby  
Marylou Newsome  
Margaret Spiewak  
Fusco Family  
Linda White  
Bill & Alice Roth  
William Dudas  
Recovery In Christ

**Friends & Family**

Chris Mischle/Chris Barker  
Kerri Hawkins  
Deanna Hastings  
Yvette Gagnier  
Col. Charles Hairston  
Kristie Hutchins  
Sharyl Holcomb  
Dorothy Force  
Ron Spiewak  
Kerrie Morfitt  
Brittany Spiewak  
Harlynn Geisler  
Charley Hoyo  
Terry Rinke

Bernice Christiansen  
Julie Buchler  
Silas Zeeh  
Jan Phillips  
Bernard Crosby  
Roberta Wetzel  
Shane O'Connell  
Martha Fernandez  
Nina Podhorsky  
Jim Pirie  
Doris Larsen  
Jack Daly  
Morgan King  
Susanne Johnsen  
Steve Shinstine  
Millie DeBevic  
Denny Yost  
Grace Marr  
Emma Crew  
Milli Bebic  
Bill Hotze  
Marie Julian  
Mark Julian  
Nicole Luongo  
Bruce Smith  
Nancy Norman  
Micki McQueen

Patricia Spathes  
Nellie Van Den Elzen  
Christine Miller  
Joe Bailon  
Bill Kelley  
Jean Neal  
George Phillips  
Karen Kelly  
Karen Liss  
James Birts  
Gillian Turgeon  
Madison Klemchuk  
Bob BonDurant  
Laura Wright  
Jessie Penner  
Melissa Crabb  
Larry Larson  
Karlie Jo Hutchins  
Tom Suiter  
Joyce Shannon  
Jim Smith  
Christopher Harris  
Mary Coles  
Peggy Bondurant and  
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