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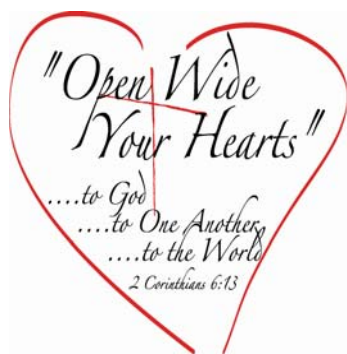
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Our Mission Statement



Christmas Greetings

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with all of you in ministry. Thank you for your many expressions of love and support.

From our office to all of you...

Merry Christmas!!!

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Christmas Schedule

Christmas Sunday Worship

Sunday, December 23rd,
10:30am

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24th

Family Service — 5pm

Candlelight Service — 7pm

Our “Daly” Bread

After many months of meetings, open forums, proposals and counter-proposals, our leadership team and board came to consensus on a leadership structure that will better help us live out our mission and ministry together. No one is particularly fond of tinkering with church bylaws and structure, me included. But after all we have been through together in the last 18 months, we became increasingly aware of the holes in our structure, the duplication of efforts, and the need for more support, accountability and long range planning and visioning. We also recognized the need to be more intentional about involving new leaders with fresh perspective and energy.

To that end a proposal to create a single board structure that would consolidate the board of trustees and general board while at the same time reducing the size of the board to 9 voting members was brought forward to the congregation and approved unanimously earlier this month. The board will now be responsible for overseeing all church finances, all legal and property-related issues, all personnel matters, giving oversight and support to our various ministries, and providing guidance in both visioning and in creating benchmarks for evaluation and review. In other words, they will have a much more proactive and hands-on role in providing oversight and in determining direction. I, for one, welcome this new level of commitment and involvement by the leaders of our church.

The big question, of course, is who are the people that will make up this new board of directors? You ultimately will answer that question with your vote over the next few weeks. Ballots will be mailed to all currently active members of the church and can be returned by mail or in person by January 13th. There are 8 positions to fill (the pastor is a voting member of the board and as such will fill the 9th position). The slate of nominees will be as follows:

President:	Kyle Griffith or Christine Johnson
Vice President:	Kyle Griffith or Christine Johnson
Secretary:	Bill Sanders
Treasurer:	Laura “Bear” Daly
Members at Large: (choose four)	Lyn Beattie Ed BonDurant Jan Julian Rich Julian Andi Sanders Doug Sovinsky

I am grateful to all 10 nominees who expressed a desire to serve the church as a member of this new board of directors. I look forward to partnering with them in leadership and in ministry!

- Brian

Congregational Meeting Results

There were three important items of business brought before the congregation for vote at this month’s previously postponed Annual Meeting. All three were unanimously approved:

1. The congregation approved a revision of our Constitution and Bylaws to reduce the board to nine voting members while consolidating the responsibilities that were previously shared between the general board and board of trustees. The new board will also take on more responsibility for long range visioning and planning.
2. The congregation also approved a new budget for fiscal year 2007-08 that will be retroactive to July 1, 2007. The budget was reduced by \$23,000 (15%) from the 2006-07 budget, but includes a part-time salary for the hiring of a new worship leader.
3. The congregation affirmed the following as new leaders in our church:

Elder: Jeff McDowell

Deacons: Shane Brunberg, Carmen Thomas, David Smith, Kyle Griffith, Darren Rysedorph

Junior Deacons: Brendan Daly, Willie Calabrese, Ronnie Calabrese, Hank Tedford, Scott Clarke, Cheyenne Meakim, Lauren Nordholm, Katie Tedford, Brett Daly, Joshua Thomas

Orientation and Training

There will be a very important orientation and training for all new Deacons and Junior Deacons on Sunday, December 30th, at 12pm. Please set aside this time so we can properly orient you on your new role as servant leaders in the church.

Installation Service

There will be an Installation Service in worship on Sunday, January 20th, for all our new Elders, Deacons, Junior Deacons and Board members. Please join us as we ask God’s blessing and guidance on our new leadership!



Games Day, December 26th, 10am–Noon Clairemont Christian Church, Fellowship Area

Women In SisterHood

The Women In SisterHood (W.I.S.H.) group was created for young women who are married, single, with or without children for fellowship and Bible study. We will be meeting Tuesday, January 8th, 7pm, at Susan Linder's home: 5308 La Jolla Hermosa, 92037. Childcare is provide. Please join us!

Small Group Ministry Bible Studies

Faith Lessons on the life and ministry of the Messiah (Beginning January 10th)

Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm at the Sovinsky's home: 1244 Missouri Street, 92109

Travel back in time to experience the Faith Lessons on the Life & Ministry of the Messiah. This incredible DVD will lead you to discover the beauty of Herod's palace and learn about how it influenced the culture of the time period. Then you will go to the ruins of Qumran and ponder the meaning of Jesus' parables. From there you will begin to study the many important events of Jesus' day that impacted the life, ministry, and communication of Jesus.

Christian Community (Beginning January 13th)

Sundays, 9–10:00am at Church

Our Sunday morning group will begin a new 10-week study in January entitled "Christian Community". One of the greatest gifts that Christ has given us is each other. Through his body, the church, we find our gifts and experience worship, healing and power. This study will guide us in exploring ways we can grow in love and nurturing one another. The series will begin on Sunday, January 13th, and meets from 9-10am. Come join us as we learn new ways to live out our calling as body of Christ.

Chi Rho Youth Group

We had an AWESOME turnout last Saturday for the caroling and youth overnight. Some 16 kids joined us in bringing a little Christmas cheer to our sick and homebound ones. We even sang at 4 different care centers! After all of that, the kids still had energy to ice skate for a few hours before heading back to the church for the white elephant gift exchange. It was a GREAT evening! We will only be meeting once in January over the MLK weekend on January 19th. We'll meet at our usual place (Starbuck's) and time (6:30pm)... so see ya` next year!

Recovery In Christ

Recovery In Christ is a Christ-based 12-step meeting for recovering alcoholics and addicts. Meetings are at the church on Friday nights at 7:00pm. Childcare is provided.



- 7pm, Thursdays,
Adult Bible
Study– Jan. 10th
- 7pm, Fridays,
Recovery In
Christ at PBCC
- 9am, Sundays,
Adult Bible
Study– Jan. 13th
- 10am–Noon,
Wednesday,
December 26th,
Games Day
- 7pm, Tuesday,
January 8th,
W.I.S.H
- Youth Group,
Saturday,
January 19th

Welcome New Member

We were blessed to have Angie Dodd come forward in worship earlier this month to become the newest member of our church family. Angie has only been worshipping with us a few months, but has already made a valuable contribution by volunteering to help with the Halloween Happening and using her experience from serving in the Navy to help Ed with some of the electrical planning for the new building. We look forward to partnering with you in ministry, Angie!

Angie Dodd
2037 Grand Ave.
San Diego, CA 92109
(909) 967-8890

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

1/28 Bill & Marta Morrison



- 1/02 Jessica Scott
- 1/06 Bea Rabichaud
- 1/06 Alice Roth
- 1/06 Darren Rysedorph
- 1/09 Debbie Markland
- 1/11 Shane Beattie
- 1/17 Pete Leitner
- 1/18 Jeff McDowell
- 1/20 Laura Daly
- 1/20 Cassandra Opel
- 1/21 Heather Bury
- 1/22 Denny Dwyer
- 1/24 Liz Fotheringham
- 1/24 Andie Bailon
- 1/29 Colleen Bailon

End-of-Year Giving



Just a reminder that anyone wanting a charitable gift deduction for the 2007 tax year should have your gift in by December 30th. Thank you for giving so generously!

Numerically assigned offering envelopes for the year 2008 are available for you to pick up in the fellowship area of the church. If you do not find your name on the list of assigned numbers but would like to be assigned a number and receive a set of envelopes, please pick an available number and write your name next to it. Using the envelopes not only provides anonymity but also allows the church to more easily issue you a year-end statement which reflects your offerings to the church. This information is useful for those who itemize deductions on their tax return.



Building Update

Since my last update, there have been a lot of exciting developments. The Building Committee recommended a general contractor to the Board, based on the three bids we received. The Board accepted the committee's recommendation, so I am pleased to announce that the Royster Group Construction is now under contract with the church to do the addition and renovation project. Royster has been in business since 1975 and has a great track record of project successes.

We are currently planning for actual construction activities to

take place starting in January. Now that we have a General Contractor on board we are in the process of finalizing the building permit. Southern Cross is also meeting with the project team from Royster to make sure all the detailed planning for getting the project started is taken care of so we can hit the ground running when we get the permit finalized. That's all for now.


Matthew C. Boomhower,
RA, CSI, CCCA
President, Southern Cross
Property Consultants





JANUARY 2008

Sunday Schedule
 10am, Prayer in the
 Pastor's Office
 10:30am, Worship &
 Children's Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i> —Office Closed—	2	3 <i>No Adult Bible Study</i> -Winter Break-	4 7pm Recovery In Christ	5 9:30am Elders Mtg.
6  Epiphany CCSA Sunday 12pm Congregational Forum	7	8 9:30am Tai Chi 7pm WISH	9 CWF 11:00am Gr.1 12:30pm Gr.2 4:30pm Cub Scouts	10 7pm Adult Bible Study	11 7pm Recovery In Christ	12
13 9am Adult Class <i>Final Ballots Due</i>	14 7:00pm Board Mtg.	15 9:30am Tai Chi	16 10:30am CWF General Meeting 4:30pm Cub Scouts	17 7pm Adult Bible Study	18 7pm Recovery In Christ	19 6:30pm Chi Rho
20 9am Adult Class Installation Service	21 <i>Martin L. King Day</i> —Office Closed—	22 <i>Newsletter</i>	23 4:30pm Cub Scouts God & Family	24 7pm Adult Bible Study	25 7pm Recovery In Christ	26
27 9am Adult Class	28	29	30 10am-Noon Games Day (CCC) 4:30pm Cub Scouts God & Family	31 7pm Adult Bible Study		



The season of Advent and Christmas brings hope and joy. In these times, we seek the hope represented in the Christ child. We seek joy in recalling that God is with us even yet, even in out of the way places and in these times.

Our special Christmas offering is a way to spread hope and joy in the coming year. This mission offering is dedicated to the ministries we share as Disciples in the Pacific Southwest Region. These include:

- Supporting ministries in congregations through pastoral search processes, congregational planning and the church transformation process.
- Retreats and camps for children, youth, men and women throughout the year.
- Ministries in new and affiliating churches.
- Training of leaders for effective service in congregations.
- Assisting congregations in the transformation process.
- Supporting and participating in our local forms of witness and service through All Peoples Christian Center, Eastmont community Center, and Project Impact.

Some recent examples of these ministries are:

- Twelve Ordinations and seven Installations for new pastors since 2006.
- Five weeks of Christian summer camps for children and youth at Loch Leven.
- Sixteen new congregations under care since 2006!
- Regional leadership training events for both lay and clergy.

Each of these ministries and many more will give PSWR Disciples an active and vital presence in Southern California, Southern Nevada, Hawaii and beyond in 2008. The 2007 Christmas offering is a big reason that these ministries can spread hope and joy in the coming year. Thank you for supporting this special mission offering.

A Word from our Chapman Partner Student

Dear Pacific Beach Christian,

I write you this letter to realize that I have only a month left of school as a first semester senior.

My family and I checked out the University of San Diego School of Law today. It was quite amazing. Imagine that, if I went there I'd be able to drop in more often! The remainder of the semester is going to primarily rest on keeping up in school, my fraternity, and applications. There is hardly a day where I am not busy. Though this is the case, God always has to occupy one's time first.

My activity in DOC as a result of my endeavors this semester has been sadly limited to Wednesday worship and a few activities. I do, however, look forward to the Habitat for Humanity builds and other events. In addition to that, it's been a rough transition to see two of our staff members go as you all may well know. However, we have a new administrative assistant. Her name is Marie Line and she's a recent Chapman graduate. She's quite nice and fits well with our humble group. So in this "nutso" change we've been encountering, we are inching closer to a fantastic stability. Hopefully we will find an equally competent replacement for our director.

The last I checked everyone in your congregation is fine with minimal or no fire damage. I hope this has remained the case. If not, you're in my prayers. I also understand you have hit snags with the building program. This is normal. Trust me... my church has seen every single problem in the book, but we're almost through it! Also, in the end, a wonderful more physically accommodating space than previous is going to be wonderful for your congregation and potential visitors. Once again, thanks so much for all the help that you have given DOC and me. Your guidance will not be forgotten! I hope everything is going well for all of you and I will keep in touch sooner than later. God bless!

Sincerely, James Berkedal





Special Christmas Offering
(In Support of the PSW Region)
December 23rd, 24th, & 30th

Fire Relief Update

Thanks to the generosity of so many we were able to send a check for \$1,700 to Week of Compassion in support of their fire relief efforts. Thank you for responding to our neighbors with care and compassion during their time of need.

Adopt-a-Family

Our thanks to those of you who participated in CCSA's Adopt-a-Family for Christmas program this year (including our youth group). The distribution took place last Friday (December 14th) at St. Mark's UMC and 94 families will have a special Christmas thanks to your generous support. So on behalf of CCSA and the many families who were blessed by your kindness... *thank you!!!*

Futuro del Oro

Ethel Walton would like to thank you for the many donations of blankets, bedding, towels and cookies that were donated in support of her work with poor families in Tijuana. She also thanks you for the warm and supportive greeting she was given in worship last month. Ethel has also been a great witness to us of what it means to love and serve as she continue this labor of love well into her 90's! May God continue to bless and use you, Ethel.



CCSA Sunday January 6th

We welcome your donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items for those in need. Thank you!

Items CCSA Needs:

- Paper and Plastic Grocery Bags (for bagging food)
- Hotel/Motel Soaps & Shampoos (for hygiene kits)
- Toothbrushes & Razors
- White Tube Socks (medium and large sizes)
- Jackets, Sweatshirts, T-Shirts
- Old Jeans & Pants (size 26-32 waists)
- Towels & Blankets
- Canned Goods (especially tuna, spaghetti sauce, beef stew & pork 'n beans)
- Pop-top Fruit Cups, Vienna Sausage & Soup
- Family size boxes of Cereal
- Sunscreen, Chap-stick, Vitamins, Anti-fungal Cream, Antibiotic Ointment.

Ministry on the Go!

Wouldn't it be nice to contact a trusted friend to drive you to a doctor's appointment, to go shopping, or just to do some errands? Well, now we have a group from our PBCC family waiting for your phone call! Denny Dwyer's transport team is ready to get you out and about. You may contact her by e-mail at dennysnowhite@yahoo.com or by phone at (858) 571-3538.



ATTENTION ALL DRIVERS:

Contact Denny if you'd like to join the team!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



BY OUR ATTENDANCE

11/25/07	66
12/02/07	70
12/09/07	80
12/16/07	82

BY OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Need: \$2,561

11/25/07	\$705
12/02/07	\$3,281
12/09/07	\$3,672
12/16/07	\$ N/A

BY OUR PRAYERS

Church Life —————	Marcia Fox	Patty Studelman	Kay Diehl
Phase II—	Carlyn Byars	Lavina Moore	Pat Daughtry
Renovation & Expansion	Milan & Marlene Dimich	Daniel Davis	Andy Birts
Recovery In Christ Ministry	Jim Newsome	Patricia Spathes	Rhoda Kruse
Worship Leader	Konrad Leitner	Mike Hill	Ralph Roos
	Gene & Linda Dye	David Homiston	Mary Coles
Congregation —————	Greg Julian	Marilyn Saenz	Kathy Gideon
Pete Leitner	Taylor Masters	Rachael Blackwood	Katie Corbin
Ken Hawkins	Chester Campbell	Joe Depew	Nita Johnson
Bill Newsome	Mary Williams	Anne Tolini	Emily Reid
Anna Bell Williams	Harry Donato	Margie Hamaguchi	Bob Jacobs
Bing & Nadine Crosby	Mark Digorrio	Hap Chamberlin	Bill Palmer
William Dudas	Kristen McCoy	Bill Celello	Boyds-MAF
Podhorsky Family	Jim Smith	Walter Higgins	Farrars-
B.J. Linder	Bob Jester	Karen Kelly	Philippines
Margaret McQueen	Michael Howard	Shalena Sykes	
Alice Roth	Don Harder	Mary Swanson	
David Griffith	Judy Hasel	Betty Jane Tileston	
Kay Orsini	Klaus Kuehn	Darrell Legrand	
	Gwen Hubbs	Mary Jane Hawkins	
Friends & Family —————	Joshua Palmer	Glenn Lindblad	
Blackington Family	Anita Butler	Karlie Jo Hutchins	
Robertta Wetzel	Renee Brunberg	Christopher Harris	
Billie Cook	Stevie Tinsley	Barbara Anderson	
Rev. Jill Kirchner	Richard Garcia	Peggy BonDurant	
Kathleen Brown	Pauline Armstrong	and Jim Kervin	
Nellie Van Den Elzen	Jeff Scott	Virginia Black	
Carey Shearon	Neal & Sue Corbin	Helen Adkins	
Nicole Balli	Paul Davis	Jenny Elliot	