

The Mid-Week Message
First Baptist Church, Palo Alto
July 26, 2013

Friends of God,

There's a lot to report this week. Thank you all for your continued work here at First Baptist. This church continues to be a ministry to the people of Palo Alto, an outpost of God's Kin-dom here on earth. Thank you for all you do.

This week I've been enjoying the sounds of the children in iSing as they practice and prepare for their showcase this Saturday. I've been practicing my banjo part for one of the songs (Jennah promises it will be easy...I dunno). The kids sound great. I'm looking forward to spending Saturday with them. I hope a few of you can make it Saturday afternoon to greet them and their parents. Your presence is a simple but powerful witness of hospitality.

Pastor Rick will return to us on Sunday ready to preach and share some of his adventures from Peace Camp. Please join us for worship on Sunday at 10:00am as we welcome him home.

Peace and All Good Things,
Pastor Tripp Hudgins

THIS SATURDAY

Join us at **2:00pm** for the **iSing Showcase**. The children will present a 45-minute showcase of the music they have learned this week. Jennah Delp (the woman who sang with Pastor Tripp this past Sunday) is one of the directors. It promises to be a great time. Come out and support this program of the church. Come out and support the kids and meet their parents. Rumor has it that Pastor Tripp will be performing on banjo (Lord, have mercy)! Then, stick around for a cookout! Bring a bag of chips or some soda to share.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joys:

- ✚ Birthday joys: John Poffenroth (July 28), Richard Barry (July 31)

Concerns – New:

- ✚ Oleta for the Carolyn and Steven Shepard family on the recent death of her mother, Dorothy
- ✚ Oleta for her brother, William Proctor, recently diagnosed with lung cancer and emphysema, who will undergo a lung lobectomy on August 7

Ongoing:

- ✚ Yin Xu-Moore for her parents as her father lives with Parkinson's and for her own life transitions
- ✚ For Laura Garcia recovering at home from shoulder surgery
- ✚ Carolyn Shepard for Steven who is back in his apartment and working a new job
- ✚ Chuck Syverson for Corey who is recovering from knee surgery
- ✚ Thelma Parodi for her daughter, Lee, as they face physical and mental challenges; for her sister, Elise, with back problems
- ✚ Paul Berry for Sachiko who was not feeling well
- ✚ Bob and Lucille Towner for Bob at Manor Care in Sunnyvale
- ✚ Laura Garcia for Janice and other family members with health concerns
- ✚ For Joanne Jones who is suffering from back pain
- ✚ For Patrice and Richard Heath as she lives with terminal cancer
- ✚ For Oleta Proctor with ongoing health concerns
- ✚ For Don and Mary Granholm, Ruth Clark, Earl and Virginia Knechtel, Carl Schilling, June Lee
- ✚ For Dan and Sarah Chetti and their mission work in Lebanon
- ✚ For Dan Buttry and his mission work as a global peace advocate
- ✚ For Ruriko Uda's congregation, Izumi Parktown Church, in Sendai, Japan
- ✚ For Ramesh Kumar and the ministry of Balasore Technical School in India
- ✚ For our sister church in Corinto, Nicaragua
- ✚ For refugees and all victims of war and disaster everywhere
- ✚ For the well-being of our church: wisdom and guidance for our leaders and its future
- ✚ For the economies of which we are a part (global, national, state, local)
- ✚ For the care of the earth
- ✚ For the peoples of the world striving for freedom and dignity

- ✦ For peace in a war-torn world, food for the hungry, homes for the homeless, justice for the abused and oppressed, and hope for the future
- ✦ For those affected by indiscriminate acts of violence and for the adoption of measures to heal our communities of all the many ways these make us less safe and less free

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **BIBLE STUDY** will be on hiatus for another few weeks. We will begin again on Tuesday, August 13.
- ❖ **i-SING SUMMER MUSIC CAMP.** iSing is in the house this week! Don't miss the girls in concert on Saturday.
- ❖ **WOMEN'S BRUNCH**, Thursday, July 25, 10:00 AM at Hobe's Restaurant, 4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, in the "Wine Room." All women of the congregation welcome.
- ❖ **CHURCH CHOIR** is on vacation until the fall. We're grateful to Jan and the choir for all the lovely music they provide.
- ❖ **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DOROTHY AKER** will be held here at First Baptist Church of Palo Alto on Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 PM.

The **SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JULY** is for two **EHP** programs – their **Summer Food Program** and their **Back to School Program**. EHP is providing nutritious lunches for children ages 4 – 18 who attend their weekly Summer Food Program. The kids participate in a program of arts and crafts, hands-on learning in the vegetable and fruit gardens, and a reading program. They also provide new backpacks, school supplies, and clothing, including school uniforms as children head back to school. Along with our friends at Covenant Presbyterian and with the assistance of our own children and youth, we plan to purchase backpacks and fill them. Your donation of cash, new backpacks and school supplies will be greatly appreciated. Our goal for this offering is **\$500**.