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**SIERRA**  
**Story**

**May 2013**

*“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”*

-John 7:37b-38



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## ><> Editor's Letter ><>

**JUNE SIERRA STORY ARTICLES:** Please submit all Sierra Story articles by **Friday May 24** to [cecilia@sierrapres.com](mailto:cecilia@sierrapres.com)  
**BULLETIN ARTICLES:** Submit all weekly articles by **Tuesday** for the upcoming Sunday Bulletin

### Mexicali Mission Team

On Sunday April 28, the Mexicali Mission Team shared some information about their recent trip. If you or your small group would like to hear more about the trip, please contact any one of these fine people pictured below.

They have over 700 other photos to share and lots of stories of their activities in Mexicali as they shared their hearts for Jesus and their God-given skills.

><> Cecilia Shampay ><>





## *Serving one another and the world*

This month I continue a four-part series of articles on the various aspects of our Mission Statement: *The mission of Sierra Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through Trusting in Him, Growing Together, Serving one another and the world and Sharing the Gospel with those around us through biblically based teaching.*

Rather than see the four aspects of trusting, growing, serving, and sharing as distinct from one another, it is better to see how they are interrelated. For instance, Romans 12:1 says that *"in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship."* This means that our worship is a response to who God is, as merciful and gracious. It also means that our offering to God should involve our whole selves. The Greek word for worship, *latrea*, can mean either worship or service. Worship in this sense, is not just about singing songs but about our lives becoming an ongoing act of worship in the way we live and serve God each and every day. Our Sunday worship services should spill over into practical acts of service that reflect our trust in God in tangible ways.

The way we serve one another is a sign to the world that there is something different about us as a community of Christ-followers. This means caring for one another when we are sick or grieving, bringing a meal, providing a listening ear, or celebrating the life of a loved one who has gone to be with God. Our service may be expressed praying for someone, helping them move, or just simply showing up in Christ's name.

Our service also extends out into the world. When I think of the various ways that members of our church serve in our community, I am astounded. Being connected with and caring for our community is something we are known for. Whether it is opening our church to the Hospitality House, serving through Interfaith Food Ministry or participating in the Good News prison ministry, we as a congregation seek to serve God in a myriad of ways. What we may not be aware of, is what is going on as we do this. We, you and I, the church, are called "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). In Eugene Peterson's Message paraphrase, it says we are meant to "bring out the God-flavors in the world." In other words, we don't just serve or volunteer, we are the ambassadors or emissaries of God who are meant to shine or mirror Him in the world. We are a witness to Christ wherever and however we volunteer our time or serve others in simple ways.

Our service also extends beyond our own church and community and out into the world. We support missionaries who are witnessing to Christ in other parts of the world, and we are committed to sending out short-term mission teams on a regular basis to support the work of our mission partners and sow the seed of the gospel wherever we are sent. I loved the recent report from our Mexicali Mission Team and their testimony to the power of serving Christ cross-culturally and encourage you to participate in such trips in the future.

As we move forward in fulfilling the Serving aspect of our mission, I am excited to see what God will do through us. I look forward to celebrating the ways we are already involved in serving Christ in our community. I am also excited about plans that are in the works for a Sunday this summer where we will gather as one congregation to worship and then go out to serve Christ in our community before returning to celebrate with a parking lot picnic. Look for information on this exciting opportunity in the near future. So may we as a congregation serve Christ with all of our heart, all our soul, all of our mind, and all of our strength.

## Your Session At Work in April

Statistics: Membership as of April 9: 392;

Average worship attendance for March: 356.

Bryan Smith, Marcia Bennett, George Johnen, Ray Wilde and Robert Brooks will be honored during the General Assembly in June as Elders who have passed away since June, 2012.

SPC commissioners who will be at General Assembly are Pastors Mike Griffin and Linda Line, Terry Lowell, Janet Lowell, Scott Obermuller and Dave Anderson.

Commissioners to the Presbytery of the Pacific meeting in Fresno in May are Pastor Linda Line, Judy Doyle and Selma Wright.

Youth will be attending *The Change Tour* at Bayside Church May 4 and/or May 11. The tour is a Compassion International event to help the groups catch a glimpse of what life is like for impoverished children in Africa.

The graduation banquet honoring 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates is scheduled for Wednesday May 29.

Backpacking training hikes for the youth begin July 10 and culminate in a weeklong backpack trip July 30-August 4.

The Session approved a special offering for the Chris Jackson family to help with transportation and other expenses from the passing of Karen.

Selma Wright  
Clerk of Session

My term as Deacon is coming to an end this June. When I was ill with cancer in 2006, I would lay there thinking about when I get well, I want to give back and be more active in our church. Our church came alongside me in my time of need. My deacon arranged trips to be taken to and from my chemo and radiation treatments, meals, money, or just being there as a friend.

Obviously, I did get well and after awhile, Patsy Naylor came to me and asked if I would be a Deacon. I had been a PIP for a few years at this time so between that and all they had done for me during my illness, I had an idea what a deacon did. I did not hesitate and I said "Yes". Patsy said to pray about it and give my answer in a day or two. I did pray and again no hesitation. I wanted to serve and again said "Yes".

It has been an honor, a privilege, and a humbling experience. I thank you for letting me serve as your deacon these last three years.

God Bless, Valerie Perry, Deacon, Parish 8

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.*

*For everyone who asks receives; he who seek finds;  
and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."*

*Matthew 7:7-8*



# PRAYER & HEALING



## Pray Nevada County

Open to all for Christian prayer, **Pray Nevada County** meets each Tuesday from Noon to 1:00pm to pray for our county governments and their services, schools and families, businesses and media, and churches and parachurch ministries. In May, we will be meeting at



**The Salvation Army**  
10725 Alta Street,  
Grass Valley

## HEALING PRAYER



HEALING PRAYER—Prayer for God's healing touch on any area of your life is offered after each Sunday worship service in the Prayer Room. On the third Sunday of each month, Prayer Stations are set up inside the Sanctuary. All prayers are strictly confidential.

Prayer teams are available for those who are in need of a home visit or are hospitalized. Call Caroline Obermuller (265-1910) or Marie Alden (265-5459).

Healing Rooms of Nevada County takes place each Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in the Chapel—Located at 155 Glasson Way. Enter through the main entry doors. Christian prayer for healing in a small group setting. For more information, please call 478-1478.

| Name                         | Branch/Div/Location  | Family/Friend                                 |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Thomas Akin                  | Army   | Betz's Family Friend                          |
| Rick Atmospera               | U.S. Army—Afghanistan  | Stan & Claudia Shurtz<br>Son-in-Law           |
| Jason Bailey                 | U.S. Army Rangers  | Dennis & Bobbie Bailey                        |
| James Brown                  | U.S. Navy  | Lea William's Son-in-Law                      |
| Chris Burkhart               | Edwards Air Force Base, CA   | Amanda Burkhart—Husband<br>The Burkhart's—Son |
| Darrin Campbell              | U.S. Navy—Bahrain  | Patrick Campbell's Grandson                   |
| Jacob Delaney                | U.S. Army—Iraq   | Susan Colbert—Nephew                          |
| Lt. Cmdr.<br>Matthew Doyle   | BUPERS—Millington, TN  | Judy Doyle—Son                                |
| Matt Dusch                   | U.S. Army—Warrant Officer<br>Colorado Springs, CO                  | Stan & Claudia Shurtz<br>Stepson              |
| Justin Fifer                 | U.S. Navy<br>Oahu, Hawaii  | Norm & Arlayne Fifer<br>Grandson              |
| Uriah Gibson                 | Afghanistan  | Millie Raiche—g. grandson                     |
| Anthony Gilleland            | Staff Sgt.—Marines<br>Afghanistan                                  | Bob & Gladys Joost<br>Great Nephew            |
| Steven Harvey                | US Coast Guard Reserves<br>Port Security, San Francisco            | Jonathan & Denise Harvey's<br>Son             |
| Shane Havle                  | Marines—Iraq   | Betz Family Friend                            |
| Casey Haynes                 | Iraq   | Tish Wathen— Neighbor's son                   |
| Scott Lawson                 | AF Major/Flight Instructor<br>Little Rock, Arkansas                | Don & Loretta Lawson                          |
| Casey Lee                    | U.S. Army—Afghanistan  | Greg Lee's Son                                |
| Staff Sgt.<br>Larry Moorhead | U.S. Air Force Base<br>McCord Air Force Base—<br>Tacoma, WA        | Beth & Jack Moorhead<br>Grandson              |
| Matthew Nesselroad           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Transportation<br>Officer, El Monte, CA | Dick & Joan Ortlieb<br>Grandson               |
| Lt. Megan Pascoe             | U.S. Army  | The Spreiers—Daughter                         |
| Jeff Price                   | Afghanistan  | The Pleski's Grandson                         |
| Lt Cmdr. Phil Pelikan        | Chaplain-USS Essex   | Karen Tyner                                   |
| Alec Schreiber               | Lance Corp. USMC<br>Camp Pendleton, CA                             | Paul Schreiber's Grand-<br>son                |
| Matt Schreiber               | M/Sgt. USMC Okinawa  | Paul Schreiber's Son                          |
| Lt. Ryan Smith               | U.S. Army, Ft. Irwin, CA   | Beth & Jack Moorhead<br>Grandson              |
| Matthew Ward                 | Afghanistan—July   | Charles & Norma Black-<br>Nephew              |
| Walter Wiggins               | U.S. Army Special Forces   | Nate & Betty Beason                           |
| Evan Wolverton, LCpl         | USMC—Camp Pendleton  | Denise Harvey's nephew                        |



# *A Spring Concert*

American Spiritual & Folk Music

Saturday *May 11*

2pm with the

**Grass Valley  
Male Voice Choir**

Sierra Presbyterian Church  
corner of Ridge & Zion  
Nevada City

Tickets \$15  
at Briarpatch, The Book Seller,  
at the door  
online [gvmalevoicechoir.org](http://gvmalevoicechoir.org)  
18 & under free

INFO: [GVMALEVOICECHOIR.org](http://GVMALEVOICECHOIR.org) 530-475-2506



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## Sierra Presbyterian Church Recurring Events:

| EVERY Sunday:  | EVERY Monday:   | EVERY Tuesday:   | EVERY Wednesday:  | EVERY Thursday:  | EVERY Friday:  | EVERY Saturday:                             |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Worship Services:</b><br>9:00 Traditional<br>10:30 Contemporary | <b>PRAISERCISE for Women:</b><br>7:30am to 9am - Activity Room                | Men's Bible Breakfast: 6:30am  | <b>PRAISERCISE for Women:</b><br>7:30am to 9am - Activity Room                    | Grief Support Group on the <u>1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays</u> - Room B 10:30am-12p | <b>PRAISERCISE for Women:</b><br>7:30am to 9am - Activity Room | SPC Men's Small Groups 8:00-9:30am (Room B) |
| <b>HEALING PRAYER</b> after Services                               | <b>MOM'S GROUP</b><br>9-11am<br>Upper Hatcher<br>1st & 3rd Monday             | SPC Staff Meeting and Devotional<br>10-11:30—Library                                     | <i>AA Group in Hatcher 2 &amp; 3 12-1pm</i>                                       | *Bells Practice: 5:15pm<br>*Ensemble Practice: 6:45-7:15pm                     | Holy Helpers (church bulletins) 9:00am-10:30am in the Library  |   |
| <b>ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:</b><br>9 and 10:30am                       | <b>PRAYER TEAM:</b><br>1:30-2:30  | Worship Planning Meeting—1:00pm<br>Cecilia's Office                                      | <b>ankor Youth:</b><br>5:30pm - 7:30pm  | *Choir Practice: 7:15pm  | <i>AA Group-Hatcher 3 11am-12pm</i>                            |   |
| <b>KidVENTURE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:</b><br>9:00am & 10:30am         | *Stephen Minister Support on the <u>2nd and 4th Mondays</u> in Room B— 11-1pm | <b>PRAY NEVADA COUNTY:</b> 12-1pm:<br><b>The Salvation Army</b><br>10725 Alta Street, GV | *Praise Choir Practice: 6:00pm-7:30pm   | <i>Primary Purpose AA Group-Hatcher 1 6:30-8:30pm</i>                          |  |   |
| <b>ankor Youth:</b><br>9:00am—ankored<br>10:30am—Worship           | Eskaton Bible Study on the <u>1st &amp; 3rd Mondays</u> at 7:00pm             | <b>PERSPECTIVES CLASS</b> 6-7:30PM<br>Thru 05/14   | *Praise Band Practice: 7:30-9pm<br>*AV Practice 7pm-8:30pm                        | <b>Hospitality House</b><br>5pm-all night                                      |  |   |
|  | <i>Girl Scouts 1st &amp; 3rd Monday from 3pm-5:30pm In Room C</i>             |  | <b>PASTORS CLASS</b><br>5:30-6:30PM   |  |  |   |
|  |   |  | <i>Sierra Services for the Blind 1:30-3pm Room B or C 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesday</i> |  |  |   |

*(Events in italics are outside groups)*

***\*Check the Bulletin for updates in the Weekly Calendar***

### Coming up:

- 05/02—National Day of Prayer
- 05/03—H.O.P.E. Tea Hostesses Set-up
- 05/04—H.O.P.E. Tea
- 05/06 & 05/20—Mom's Group Meets
- 05/08—Dennis Curry Memorial at 1:00pm
- 05/09—Anew Day Rally for Hope at Twin Cities Church
- 05/09-05/11—Presbytery of the Pacific
- 05/11—Men's Mentoring
- 05/11—Grass Valley Male Voice Choir Spring Concert
- 05/12—Mother's Day
- 05/13—Preschool Mother's Day Tea
- 05/15 & 05/22—Membership Class (Parts 1 and 2)
- 05/15—Women's Holy Spirit Mentoring
- 05/16—Women's Thursday Mentoring
- 05/17—Parent's Time Out Free Childcare
- 05/18—All Church Work Day 8am-2pm
- 05/24—June Sierra Story Articles Due
- 05/26—Receive New Members at the 10:30am Service
- 05/29—ankor Youth Grad Banquet
- 06/02—Teacher Appreciation
- 06/10—AARP Renewal Class
- 06/16—Father's Day
- 07/15 & 07/16—Initial AARP Class
- 09/18—Falls Prevention Coalition
- 10/07—AARP Renewal Class
- 11/04 & 11/05—Initial AARP Class
- 12/14—KARE Crisis Center Santa's Shoppe

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
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|  |   |  |  | <br><b>7:00pm Service</b>                    | <b>H.O.P.E. TEA</b><br>Hostesses Set Up<br>1:30pm - 5pm   | <br><b>H.O.P.E. TEA</b><br>"Let Your Light Shine"<br>11:30-2:30 |
| <b>5</b><br>Communion Sunday and Deacon's Offering   | <b>6</b><br>Missions Team Meeting 4:30pm  | <b>7</b><br>Staff Reports Due  | <b>8</b><br>Dennis Curry Memorial 1:00pm In the Sanctuary<br><br>Creative Hands 10am-12pm Room C   | <b>9</b><br>Anew Day Fundraiser at Twin Cities Church<br><br>Prayer Team Meeting—Noon Fellowship Hall<br><br>Elder Reports Due | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>Men's Mentoring Group 9:30 in Ryosa<br><br>GV Male Voice Choir—Spring Concert 2:00pm  |
| <i>PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC MEETINGS—FRESNO</i>   |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>12</b><br><br>Nominating Team Meeting | <b>13</b><br>Stephen Minister Support 11-1 Room B<br><br>Sonshine Preschool Mother's Day Tea                      | <b>14</b><br>Finance Team Meeting 4pm<br><br>Deacon Meeting 2:30-4pm<br><br>Session Meeting 6:00pm | <b>15</b><br>Women's Mentoring-Level 6 2:30pm—Ryosa<br><br>Membership Class Part 1 6:30-8:30pm Fellowship Hall                               | <b>16</b><br>WHEEL School of Care 12-2 Room B<br><br>Women's Thursday Mentoring 5:30-7 Room B                                  | <b>17</b><br>Lunch at the Crossroads @ GV Methodist<br><br>Parents Time Out Free Childcare 2yrs—12yrs 5:00pm—8:00pm RSVP to Heather | <b>18</b><br><br><b>All Church Work Day</b> 8am—2pm  |
| <b>19</b><br>Children's Talk 10:30am Service<br><br>Prayer Teams in Sanctuary  | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br>AARP "Car Fit" 8:30am—1pm Parking Lot Far Circle                                      | <b>22</b><br>Women's Mentoring Tea 2:30pm—Ryosa<br><br>Membership Class Part 2 6:30-8:30pm Fellowship Hall                                   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br><br>June Sierra Story Articles Due   | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br><br>Office Closed | <b>28</b>  | <br><b>29</b><br>ankor YOUTH GRAD BANQUET 5:30PM in Ryosa | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   |  |



**The Small Group library** in Ryosa main room has been cleaned up and cataloged. When checking out books or DVDs please sign the check out sheet and when returned just cross out your name. We have added three new DVD studies. Max Lucado—God's

Story: When His Becomes Yours 6 sessions; Bill Hybels—The Power of a Whisper: Hearing God, Having The Guts to Respond—4 sessions, and Jim Cymbala When God's Spirit Moves: Life-Changing Power of the Holy Spirit—6 sessions. Please enjoy each of these studies and let us know if there are other requests for study items.



women's ministries

## The Annual Women's Retreat Review

The 21<sup>st</sup> Sierra Presbyterian Women's Retreat was held once again at Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Favorable weather and God's grace cleared the way. Throughout the weekend beginning Friday night, April 19 to Sunday morning, April 21, the women in attendance participated in worshiping the Lord through music, prayer, small groups, and fellowship. With 37 women and several babies in attendance, our very own Irma Heiple, spoke on "God's Unique Characters." Focusing on Rebekah, Rachel, Rahab the Prostitute (yes, that was her name!), and sisters Martha & Mary, Irma taught that God uses women whose hearts are dedicated to God despite the faults carried within. The ladies were able to identify issues in their own lives via visual aids, and then allow themselves to find their freedom in God's amazing grace.

Claudia Shurtz and her team lead the music, and Marlyn Blount and her team were available for prayer throughout the weekend. The tradition of the silent auction brought in monies for scholarships for women who need financial assistance in attending the next retreat. Karen Walden created digital art for our meeting room, which was decorated by Louise Ullom and her terrific group of gals.

Thank you to Deni Dax for being the 'official photographer' for this year's retreat. Look for photos on the Sierra Pres. Facebook page. A special thanks go to Ellen Watt and Cecilia Shampay for their willingness and availability to meet all of the team's last-minute needs.

The 2013 Women's Retreat Committee was:

Marlyn Blount, Denise Harvey, Patti Painter, Claudia Shurtz, Vicki Solada, Louise Ullom

## MOM'S GROUP...

A New Mom's Group has formed on selected Monday Mornings, for Moms parenting children elementary school age and younger. Please contact Katie Gammelgard or Beth Griffin for details.



## Adult Sunday School

We want to thank Jim Line for his teaching of Exodus which he will continue through the month of May. We appreciate our Pastor, Mike Griffin, for taking the time to teach on “Talking About God in Everyday Life” during the month of April. Charles Erion began teaching a 5 week study of “Heaven” on April 28.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

#### 9:00 AM

Jim Line will continue teaching the “Torah Series” on the Book of Exodus through the month of May.

#### 10:30 AM

Charles Erion continues his teaching about “Heaven” through the month of May. We continue to encourage those in the congregation to attend these classes. It’s a great way to grow closer to our Lord and Savior and each other.

Dave Anderson, Elder

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## ***OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY IS HERE FOR YOU***

Stephen Ministry is a Christian caregiving ministry extended in confidentiality to those seeking someone to walk with them through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister is there to provide a listening ear, encouragement, and spiritual support. All of our active Stephen Ministers are caring for someone in our church family.



We are always looking for new Stephen Ministers, and are planning to begin a new training class this fall. The training prepares you to provide this loving Christ-centered care to another. We are in need of both men and women to serve. If you would like to know about becoming a Stephen Minister, you may ask any of our Stephen Ministers or leaders. There is also a card in the sanctuary chair pocket for you to request more information. We look forward to talking with you about Stephen Ministry.

The Stephen Ministry Team

MISSIONARY UPDATE MAY 2013

Matt 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Jesus.

Remember **Steve and Lori Curry** at this time. Steve’s father, Dennis passed away on April 17<sup>th</sup>, and the celebration of his life will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Steve is here now to assist his mother, Betty, with the preparations.

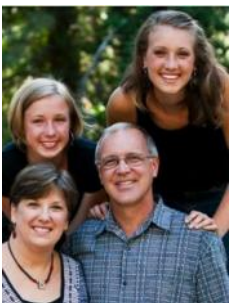
Remember **Vidal and Cathy Perez** are in Louisiana again for healing, and working through struggles encountered in Tectitan. Please pray for complete emotional and spiritual healing, and a sense of certainty and confirmation regarding their future on ‘the field’.

**Mark and Dayna Blair** are busy in ministry in and around Beijing. Dayna ran a camp for people from “The Islands”. 9 came to the Lord over the weekend. Mark taught New Testament Survey for the BICF Seminary program and many from African nations and the USA attended. How does one define the church in China? “Persecuted?” A very small % considering the size of the population. “Needy?” Yes there is poverty, but also the very wealthy “Missionary?” Yes, some are taking the word to “Jerusalem” but most Christians grapple with how to live a Christian life at home. “Christian nation?” Not yet, even though there may be more Christians in China than any other nation. But again, consider the vast population. Mark and Dayna will be heading west to the Middle East (!) for conferences and a time of sightseeing before returning to China.

**Dave and Julee Schoch** (Albania) are praising God that they now have an official name for their church planting mission. “Kisha Oborret e Tij” which means “His Courts Church” (Psalm 100:4). This means a network of many house churches which meet in ‘the courts’ (enclosed courtyards) of their homes. The meeting spots will first and foremost be “His”. In inclement weather they will retreat inside. Praise him for this growing ministry.

**Loren Linqvist** (Uganda) will be spending 2 ½ weeks with her parents in Costa Mesa. They are older, and unable to travel. She’ll also visit Alek at Cal Poly SLO. **Craig** will be attending a Pastor’s Conference in Philadelphia. Loren will meet him there, and they will travel to UK to be with Craig’s aunt and uncle before returning to Uganda. Meanwhile Jonathan and Nathanael are at RVA in Kenya where there has been torrential rain and mudslides, closing 3 out of the 4 entrances to the school, hospitals, press, and other facilities. RVA is the only place that has clean water, so they have to share it with everyone else. Pray that this problem will be resolved soon.

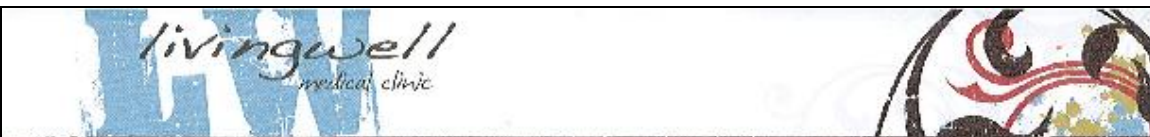
Continue to pray for **Chris Jackson, Karissa and Katelyn**. There have been two memorial services in Cameroon, and there will be one locally at Twin Cities church on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Pray for Karissa as she is now back at Biola finishing up the spring semester.



Some of you have inquired about expenses or about the total amount of funds needed by the Jackson family in the coming weeks. Flights, funeral expenses and burial expenses may be as high as \$25k-\$35k. Four churches in the area are regular supporters of the Jackson ministry in Cameroon, and all are trying to help. A Memorial Fund has been set up to help with these expenses. Any donations will go directly to the family. If you would like to help, please make your check out to SPC and note "Jackson family" in the memo line. Karen's local memorial service will be Saturday, June 1, at Twin Cities Church, at 1:00pm.

# LOCAL MISSIONS UPDATE

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113 Presley Way, Suite 4 • Grass Valley • CA • 95945 530.272.6800 TEL 530.272.6850 FAX www.livingwellgv.org

April 30, 2013

Sierra Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Pastor Mike Griffin  
PO Box 268  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Pastor Mike:


We are praising God for His provision. Your recent gift of \$1,451.05 through **Change for Life** is evidence of the work God is doing in you. We commend you for responding to God's stirring in your heart to be part of His work at LivingWell.

LivingWell is committed to helping youth and young adults have a deeper understanding of their Creator as they meet the challenges regarding pre-marital sexual behavior, unintended pregnancies, and recovery from abortion.


Your gift through our baby bottle program is multiplied as over 9,200 people are reached each year. May the Lord bless you richly for your part in helping to save and change lives in our community!

Thank you for joining this life-affirming ministry where lives are saved and changed, spirits and hearts are healed, and the miracle of tiny heart beats are seen and heard.

Serving with His love and compassion,



Cathy Seapy  
Executive Director



Thank you for your contribution of \$1,451.05.



Had I known...  Anew Day

Rally for Hope  
7th Anniversary Fundraiser

**Date: Thursday, May 9, 2013**  
Doors open at 5:30 ~ Program begins at 6:20 pm  
Hearty Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert & Coffee Bar, Catering by Christopher's Catering  
Beautiful Music/Drama/Elegant Door prize  
Twin Cities Church - 11726 Rough & Ready Hwy, Grass Valley  
\$40 Per Person - Tickets available now  
Call 271-1100 or: If you are reading this online you can [Order online now Advance Purchase Required](#)

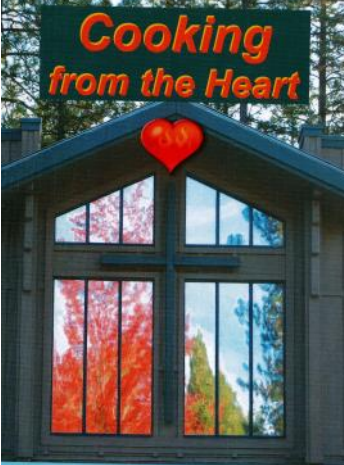
## LOCAL MISSIONS—NEVADA COUNTY DIAPER PROJECT Bring Diapers to Church on MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12TH!



That's right! We are collecting diapers for **Interfaith Food Ministry**. They are finding there are more and more young families seeking assistance. Among these are moms in need of products for their babies. The Nevada County Diaper Project was created in 2009 to fill this need. We will have a decorated box at church on Mother's Day. Just bring in diapers and put them in the box. The Moms of Nevada County will love you for it.

Thanks! Local Mission Committee





*O taste and see that the Lord is good!*  
-Psalm 34:8

## COOKING FROM THE HEART NOW AVAILABLE

The long awaited Sierra Presbyterian cookbook is now available for purchase. Over 300 fabulous recipes all in one place. Buy one for yourself and others for gifting. This wonderful book was made possible by the combined efforts of the Women's Fellowship and H.O.P.E. committee. A special thanks to Rena Criss and Mary Pipkin for their input talent and Cecilia Shampay for helping with our computer order.

Each book is \$12 with proceeds going to our kitchen fund. Introduced at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Tea...they are now available in Ellen's office at the church or call Lynne 265-3842 or Judy 913-4578.

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FREE**

RACE ON IN  
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Denise  
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**GET IN THE  
GAME!!**





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| 9 Linda Rasmussen   | 16 Stan Burkhart     | 24 Nikki Meenan     | 31 Kate Arenchild   |
| 9 Kimberly Watt     | 16 Aimee Phebus      | 24 Margaret Newland | 31 Bill Blount      |
| 10 Shawna Riebe     | 16 Jeff Samco        | 24 Jeff Patton      |                     |
| 11 Danelle Brown    |                      |                     |                     |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

| DATE   | COUPLES:                 |
|--------|--------------------------|
| May-3  | Woody & Nancy Woodruff   |
| May-6  | Ed & Jenifer Strange     |
| May-6  | Dave & Nurene Bundock    |
| May-10 | Cliff & Margaret Newland |
| May-12 | Mike & Sheila Thompson   |
| May-16 | Eric & Heather Garren    |
| May-16 | Doug & Brooke Betz       |
| May-17 | Phil & Allison Massam    |
| May-18 | Ross & Veronica Hofheinz |
| May-20 | Ken & Pam Sufleski       |
| May-21 | Jim & Vicki Solada       |
| May-24 | Holger & Linda Rasmussen |
| May-29 | Dan & Filis Hyland       |
| May-31 | Duane & Christine Zander |

## Bike-Board-Blade Night



**Parent's Time Out Free Child-care for ages 2-12 Years**

**PARENTS "TIME OUT" will be having a Bike-Board-Blade Night. We will be riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades through obstacle courses and having a great time. You will need to bring your own bike, board, scooter, or roller blades.**

**YOU MUST BRING AND WEAR A HELMET TO PARTICIPATE!**

When: Friday, May 17, 2013—5pm-8pm  
Where: Sierra Presbyterian Church, 175 Ridge Road, Nevada City  
RSVP to Heather—265-3291, ext. 25




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| Youth Director                 | Jeff McClelland     | 27  |
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