

The Newsletter of the Santa Barbara Presbytery

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We, the PC (USA) churches and ministries of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, join together to foster vibrant worshipping communities who proclaim and live out the love of Jesus Christ for one another and our neighbors.

Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People.

IMPACT Summer Missions

Honduras

The Honduras team had the privilege of partnering with Union Biblica of Honduras. They participated in the children's ministry in the local schools, teaching children life values centered on Christ's love. They were also able to spend time with many of the volunteers, building relationships and encouraging them during this difficult time in their country. Also, they were able to invest in relationships in the local church and be inspired by and carry burdens with them.



Through this experience I was super inspired by the love and faithfulness I saw through dark times.

Hope Stephen.



Romania

The team served with New Horizons and VIATA in Romania. They spent a week participating in Brandi Bates' literacy program, running a book club for local children, as well as working on the trail for a mountain bike ministry. The second week was spent as group leaders for an outdoor adventure camp for local youth. The team was able to learn from these inspiring ministries and make lasting relationships with the people they came in contact with.



The Continued Relationships (in Romania) Have Really Helped Me Understand the Point of Mission Trips and God's Work.

Jenna Laurentowski



Ukraine

Together with God's Hidden Treasures, this team spent their time reaching out to the marginalized and forgotten of Ukraine. They put on a VBS for a special needs boys orphanage and also accompanied GHT staff doing home visits and wheelchair deliveries. They came home with renewed vision of what it means to be God's hands and feet in their communities and in the world.



On this journey God taught me the importance of trusting him with all things.

Priscilla Anderson



Mission Conference 2020

Held at First Pres. Santa Barbara, the 18th Annual Mission Conference will be January 31st & February 1st. Plan to be there, early registration opens 20 October, 2019 on the web site <https://www.sbmissionconference.org/>!

Sticky Faith with keynote speaker Kara Powell, gives parents and leaders both a theological & philosophical framework and a host of practical relationship and programming ideas that develop long-term faith in teenagers.

Keynote speaker Fr. Gregory Boyle author of *Tattoos on the Heart* and his new book *Barking to the Choir*, will also lead a workshop. Fr. Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles.



Goleta Presbyterian has a new Pastor

On Sunday, 25 August, 2019 the membership of Goleta Presbyterian Church called Rev. James Pazan to serve as Pastor, head of staff.

At the Presbytery Meeting on 21 September, Rev. Pazan read his statement of faith, was examined by Presbytery, and voted into membership. He and his wife Katie and family will be moving to Goleta from Brawley, CA in the Presbytery of San Diego, and will start their ministry here on 13 October.



Rev. Pazan reading his statement of faith at Summerland Presbyterian Church

This is Your Newsletter

Have an item for the newsletter? Tell us your story. What's your Bright Spot? Send it to the editor, Lee Kirkpatrick at lkksbca@gmail.com. Word format preferred and photos always welcomed.



Next Presbytery Meeting

Tuesday 12 November at Monte Vista Presbyterian Church in Newbury Park, registration at 1:30 meeting at 2:00.