

SAVE THE DATES!

APRIL 30, 6:00 PM 2ND Annual Crawfish Boil

Fundraiser Funds for LA Mission Trip in July. \$25.00, See Troy Jones for details.



MAY 8, 2022 MOTHER'S DAY Remember to call, text, whatever, just remember!

JUNE 13-17, 2022 VBS MONUMENTAL celebrates God's greatness! We will have a sign-up sheet soon! So excited to see how God will work this year! Please be praying! More information inside!



First Baptist Church of

New Plymouth

It is the mission of FBC, New Plymouth to know, love, and worship God; fellowship together; and equip believers to serve and take Christ into the world.

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Breakfast	8:30A.M.
1 st Service	9:00 A.M.
Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
2 nd Service	11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. Service is streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube Live. The Bulletin & BINDER are available on Facebook under photos, and at www.npfirstbaptist.com

May

Birthday Blessings

2022

1	Patti Foust	10	Jane Brandel	20	Layne Lee
2	Judy Holloway	10	Victor Miranda	22	Ryan Kerby
2	David Walker	10	Norma Smith	22	Jeanette Anderson
4	Kim Zillner	12	Delilah Maillard	22	Kelly Mansfield
4	Robin Elson	13	Elijah Maillard	22	Remington Miranda
4	Sarah Nesbitt	14	Becky Williams	22	Cody Zagagni
5	Jordan St. Martin	15	Herb Foust	23	Doris Craig
6	Steve Vantrease	15	Maggie Howell	23	Laryssa Rice
6	Cherryi Povey	16	Mike Maine	24	Declan Maillard
7	Sherry Elson	19	Darryl Zylka	25	Dan Chadwick
8	Matthew Rice	19	Todd Hawks	26	Troy Jones
10	Norma Ziegler	20	Kash Walton	26	Heather Ingalls
				26	Evy Davis
				29	Gavin Sternes



Situations in America; Situation in the Middle East; Ukraine; President and National Leaders; Kid's Blast; Tweens, Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group; Spiritual Growth; Family Finances; Marriages; College Students; Care Facility Residents; Our Pastors and Families; Lay Ministers and Ministries; Our Church Missionaries; Terry & Lorie Lingel; Believers in Sonoyta; Pastor Eric & Adrianna; Pastor Terrance and Javanne; Faith in Christ Ministry; LA Mission Ministry; Clancy Johnston – APHESIS; Hannah Lingel in Zambia, Cathedral Pines Camp; Shiloh (In Faith) Bible Camp; Boise Rescue Mission; City of Lights; Hope Pregnancy Center Retired Ministers and Missionaries

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Funds for LA Mission Trip in July. \$25.00



This is a fun event filled with good eating, and great fellowship! Plus, the funds raised helps FBC's Youth group and chaperones in their missionary work in Los Angeles.

This is an important mission forging new friendships in LA, and strengthening relationships already established. But far beyond that reason, this trip helps young people know a little of what it's like to be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping those less fortunate and spreading God's message of salvation in word and deed. **Mission is slated for July 10-18**
Below is another way you can help this important work.



IT TO ME!!!

(And new or gently used T-shirts and underwear)

The LA Mission Trip will be here soon! We are collecting new or gently used T-Shirts and underwear, and socks to distribute in LA. (*socks, the #1 request from recipients*)

If you would like to contribute to this ministry project, please drop your items in the **LA MISSION BOX** in the foyer.

Please Support the Holey Sock Project

With only 12% of clothing materials being recycled, Smartwool's *The Second Cut Project*, is the first step towards making apparel circular and keeping good materials out of landfills. Socks are one of the most discarded pieces of apparel. This recycling program helps to extend the life of raw materials. Smartwool partners with *Material Return* and currently turns recycled shredded socks into dog beds. In the future, they hope to spin recycled socks into yarn that can be used to make more socks. This project supports and creates jobs in Western North Carolina, the hub of textiles in the U.S. Smartwool was founded in 2019 and is a very socially conscious company fighting for equality and equity for marginalized communities.



They will accept **clean** socks, **in any condition**, **except** for *grippy socks or compression socks, tights, and ladies' hosiery*. There will be a box in the lobby to collect socks. Gloria Blair will monitor the box and get the contents to the person who is participating in this project over the next several months.

Thanks for all your help and participation! **Gloria Blair for details 916-410-3464**



Penny's Pen

Greetings on a beautiful, sunny day. I am claiming everyone that the Lord blesses us with. Have had enough wind and snow.

I hope you were so thoroughly blessed as I was on Easter Sunday service. To have the Body back and whole after two long years, the feeling was so awesome as the fellowship blossomed around me once again. A sound I cherish. The music was truly Spirit filled and message Anointed. Like a child waiting for Christmas morning, I had been counting the days. Please let everyone know how much you loved it. I believe the input will prove invaluable.

Last Friday, I had a message from Kay Jones saying how much she would love my cinnamon rolls for Easter breakfast but if I wanted, I could say no. I hadn't attempted them for the past 2 years since there was no longer an 8:00 class and I haven't had my usual stamina. I had turned down previous requests since I had started to doubt myself, but as I talked to the Lord about an answer, He reminded me that I only needed a sack of flour to complete the needed ingredients and I should tell Kay 'Yes'. I am so grateful to her for giving me back this gift of believing in myself.

I came upon a page from a Binder 2006 issue, it was titled "You know you're a bad cook when." Thought I'd share a few for giggles. "You know you're a bad cook when. 1. Your two best recipes are meatloaf and apple pie, but your dinner guests can't tell them apart." 2. "Your family Prays AFTER they eat." Thankfully, I haven't qualified for that status since Jesus came into my kitchen in 1974 and answered my Prayer to make a better pie and then some.

I also came upon some giggles and smiles from "On the light side." An insert that used to come with the monthly bulletins. I quote "...Oppressed by the noonday heat, a tired farmer sat under a walnut tree to rest. Relaxing, he looked at his pumpkin vines and said to himself, "How strange it is that God puts such big heavy pumpkins on a frail vine that has so little strength it has to trail on the ground!" And then looking up into the cool branches of the trees above him, he added, "How strange it is that God puts small walnuts on such a big tree with branches so strong they could hold a man!" Just then a breeze dislodged a walnut from the tree. The tired farmer wondered no more as he rubbed his head ruefully and said, "It's a good thing there wasn't a pumpkin up there instead of a walnut." Hopefully when the breezes of life blow, you will remember that God, who is great and wise, makes no mistakes. He deserves our Praise under any circumstances."

"A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying. "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?" "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

I'd like to close with some One-Second Sermons.

IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE BRIGHT SIDE, POLISH THE DULL SIDE; KIND WORDS MAKE GOOD ECHOES; LIFE IS SHORT, PRAY HARD; THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE AREN'T THINGS; LIFE IS A MEASURE TO BE FILLED, NOT A CUP TO BE DRAINED; THE TONGUE WEIGHS PRACTICALLY NOTHING, BUT FEW CAN HOLD IT; WE STAND TALLEST WHEN WE STOOP TO HELP OTHERS; FORBIDDEN FRUIT CREATES MANY JAMS: THE BEST WAY TO HAVE THE LAST WORD IS TO APOLOGIZE; SETBACKS PAVE THE WAY FOR COMEBACKS.

I've found the news to be so full of gloom and doom lately, I wanted to provide a reason to smile, hope I've succeeded. I Love You All So Much. In Jesus.

JUNE 13-17, 2022

VBS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are short 2 Crew Leaders. Please contact Pam Davis or Cathy Woolery for info.

Please register your kids at npfirstbaptist.com/vbs or fill out a card in one of the foyers.

First Baptist Church
MONUMENTAL VBS

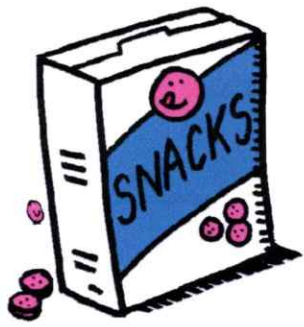
FREE!

June 13-17
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOU CAN'T MISS OUT!

AGES 4 THROUGH THOSE FINISHING 8TH GRADE
SNACKS PROVIDED
204 EAST ELM ST -- 208-218-3233
REGISTER ONLINE
NPFIRSTBAPTIST.COM/VBS
OR STOP BY!

Please register soon so we have enough supplies!



➤ **Vacation Bible School SNACKS**

➤ **celebrates God's
greatness!**

- There are envelopes in the sanctuary for you to take and put your donation for VBS snacks. Since ordering is sometimes difficult these days, we decided to do it this way. Thank you so much for helping!



Blocksom Family in Japan April 2022 update

Dear New Plymouth church family,

We have some neat updates for you!

The school building is DONE!!

Well, mostly. The government inspection on April 5 was successful, and school starts on April 18. We still need to get the new WiFi system in, and a couple of small walls or doors installed, but we are ready for business! The history of how we got to this point is truly incredible – God’s provision of the property, the \$1 million loan from a Christian couple in Hong Kong when we discovered that the materials for the half-completed building would cost more than budgeted, the completion in time for the spring semester. God gets all the credit and glory. And the building is bigger and better than what we had to leave behind. Praise the Lord!

Family updates

Lana is walking. EVERYWHERE. She is also very bossy, and enjoys putting Kira and Kai’s pants or underwear on her head as a hat.

Kai is back in preschool twice a week, and is enjoying that. His Japanese has really improved!



Kira starts school on April 18. After a lot of thought and prayer, we have decided to grant her request of having bangs. She loves her new bangs, and likes seeing if people notice.

Simone started a new part-time job of teaching English for young children for a couple of hours a week. She hasn’t done that for a while, so she is getting out of her comfort zone, but so far so good.

Dan starts school soon as well, and will be teaching microeconomics, US & Japanese government, and Algebra 1. Class prep has been pretty time-consuming, but things should be much easier once he finishes the two-year class rotation.

One year reflections

It is difficult to believe that it’s already been a year since we left New Plymouth in April 2021. Some thoughts after being here for about one year:

1. We miss you guys. Having a vibrant church family that places such an emphasis on children’s ministries and Bible study was such an amazing blessing, and I miss having that so much. On the bright side, missing you guys serves as motivation to try to replicate that over here, but the progress is very very very slow.



2. We have a lot to be thankful for. The sale of our house in Idaho, the ability to stay with Joyce and Charlie for a few weeks, the approval of our visas despite covid-restrictions, the ability of our children to adjust and enjoy their new home country, the purchase of another home, the new relationships that we've been able to make with our neighbors and students, the completion of the new building, Simone's father's successful prostate cancer surgery – the list could go on and on. We're also thankful for you guys, still remembering us in your prayers, as well as the good time that we could have with you.

3. Japanese people are really difficult to reach with the gospel. The conformist culture and the busyness that comes from careers, education, and club activities keeps the Japanese people running around constantly without much time to think about whether anything has any meaning. It gets even more difficult with the young people, who have many other things competing for their time and attention, so it's hard to get them excited about attending a church-like program.

4. We need more workers. The other teachers are busy with their classes and families, and are often involved with small churches of their own, so it's difficult to get enough people (especially those who "get it" and have the right mindset) to help out. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.



Update to our contact information

Dan is planning to get rid of his US phone number (208-281-3599) within the next couple of months, maybe sooner (it hasn't been working well, missed calls and text constantly). If you still want to be able to call and text us whenever, **please contact us on WhatsApp**, a free messaging/calling app. First, add our Japanese cell phone numbers to your phone's normal contacts (Dan: +819097063615; Simone: +819097063738; the "+" in front is important). Second, install WhatsApp onto your phone. Third, push the button to send text messages, and you will have the option of going through your contacts. If you have added us to your contacts, we should show up there as your contact.

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News of Note

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Donna Church: 1013 S Johns Ave, Emmett ID 83617, Meadow View, room 14 298-477-4231
Ron Ford: Brookdale of Ontario, 1372 SW 8th Ave, Room 45, Ontario, OR 97914

PRAYER CHAIN RECEIPT NOTICE

Reminder for email prayer warriors, please send cherryipovey@yahoo.com a note if you change your email address and want to continue to receive prayer requests via email. If you prefer to texts, contact Pam Davis. If you want to join the warriors just let give your information. Thank you, Cherryi

VISITORS WANTED

Are you willing to do some visiting with shut in or isolated people? John Craig is trying to start ramping up this ministry. Please give him or any member of the Compassionate Care Team your name and contact information.



A Story of Redemption

You may have noticed in the past few updates and prayer requests that we have been praying for a building to home our ministry activities. We have been praying for a center where we can host our business meetings, Bible studies, youth group, community events, movie nights, and so much more! God has been faithful in directing our steps, and he has provided us with a building! Praise Jesus!



We put a literal stake in the ground and had people from the community there to dedicate it!

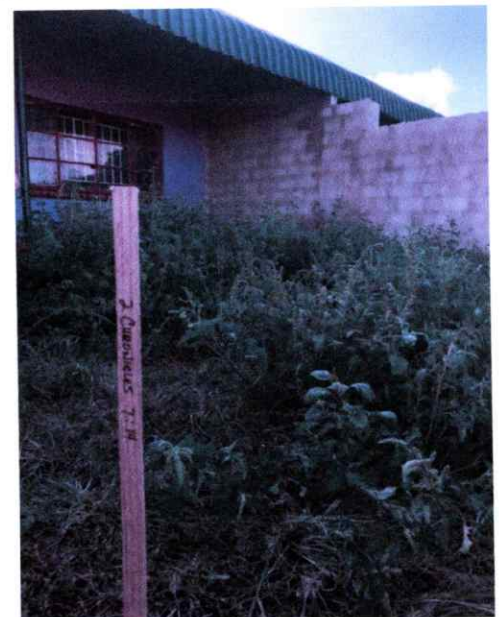
A little backstory on this particular building. This building and property used to be home to a bar called "The Vault". For years, people from the community would come to drink, get drunk, engage in prostitution, and create an atmosphere of noise and disturbance. My teammate, Kristin, remembers coming to minister to prostitutes at The Vault all the way back in 2015. Through many strong prayers, the bar had been closed on a few separate occasions.

When I came in 2021, we heard rumors that The Vault was

going to be reopened as a nightclub. More prayers were prayed, and we started

to feel God nudging us to have a conversation with the owners about selling it.

Through many conversations and countless prayers, the owners started to seriously consider selling to our ministry. The property was evaluated, and they came back to us with an offer. The initial offer was way more than we were willing to spend, and more than we thought the property was worth. We thought that God had closed a



door. When we came back with a counteroffer (one even lower than we were willing to spend), the owners accepted right away. We are now in the final stages of paying, have received the keys, and are ready to start doing some renovations!

This building and property have a complete redemption story. What was once used for darkness, will

now be used to shine the light of Jesus. What was once filled with hopelessness, addiction, sin, and desperation, will now be filled with hope, love, compassion, and a whole lot of joy.



"I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12)

Thank you for praying for this ministry center! Your prayers were heard and answered. God is good!

*Love and Prayers,
Hannah Lingel*



Prayer Requests and Praises

- Praise God for a ministry/community center!
- One of the young women who comes to our Bible study, accepted Jesus! Praise God for another member of the family!
- My parents are coming to visit next month! Pray for safe travels and for a joyful, fulfilling time with them.
- Pray for my leaders as they go on furlough for two months. They leave in May/June.
- We are finishing up our series on Creation Care and Stewardship with the youth. Pray that they would be leaders and lights in their community as they care for the things that Jesus loves.
- My friend Monica, whom I mentor once a week, is trying to start reading her Bible every day. Pray for a fervor and hunger for the Word for her.

UPDATES

THREAT LEVEL MIDNIGHT

All young adults are invited to join this group of fantastic people! They are currently studying the life of King David. Every Sunday is a great adventure. Check them out Sunday morning and join in on their monthly social activity as well!

THE PARENTING CLASS

Right now is an excellent time to join this class taught by Pastor Phil and Kay. They are beginning a new series based on the James Dobson books, "Bringing Up Boys" and "Bringing Up Girls."

Catch up with them on Sunday morning in the Fireplace Room located on the north end of the church basement.

Sunday School Spectacular for Preschool through 6th Grade:

10 am with Mr Charlie and Miss Joyce in the old Sanctuary

Sunday School for all ages:

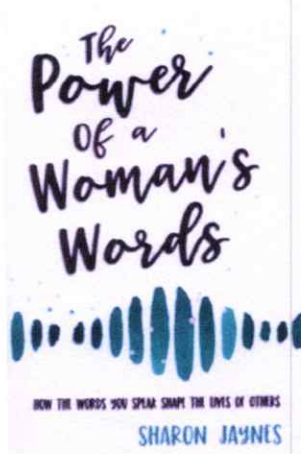
10 am – Some classes have moved rooms, please ask for directions

PARENT PICK-UP FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Is located in the East Foyer of the church – across from the restrooms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – May 2022

We have classes for all ages every Sunday at 10 am



THE WOMENS CLASS

This class is a great support group for ladies of all ages!

They are currently studying "The Power of a Woman's Words." Focusing on what to say and how, when and why to say it. And maybe most importantly, when not to say anything at all. What do you say, are you up for the challenge of growing your faith and stretching yourself? If so, this class would love to have you join them every Sunday in the Daniel Room next to the stage in the church sanctuary!





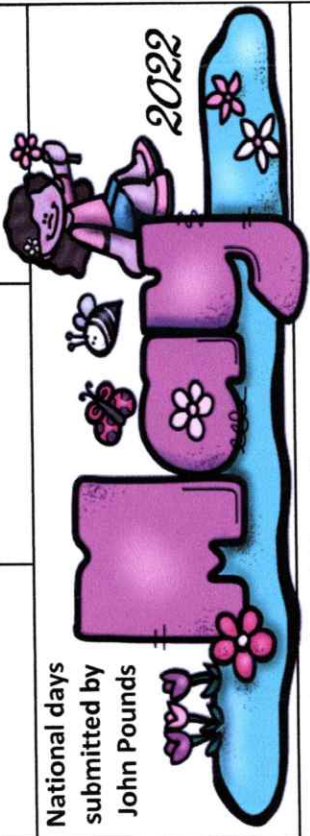
KIDS CLASSES

Babies & Toddlers (0 to 3 years old) - *Rachel Davis* (near west entry door)
Preschool (3 to 5 years old) – *Jessica Jones* (southwest corner of the sanctuary)
Kindergarten & 1st Grade - *Christina Ingalls* (upstairs above the church office)
2nd & 3rd Grade - *Kim Zillner* (upstairs above Pastor Phil's office)
4th-5th-6th Grade – *Dave Knapp* (upstairs above the church office)
Jr High - *Wendi Densley* (Samson room in the Sanctuary)
High School - *Troy Jones* (the Youth House/just north of the church @ 120 Holly)

ADULT CLASSES

Threat Level Midnight – *Cody Kramer* – The Life of David (church office near the entry closest to Elm St)
Family Life – *Pastor Phil & Kay* – Bringing Up Boys/Girls (north room in the basement/fireside room)
The Forum Class – *Bob Zillner & Manny Olivera* – Daniel (the Prodigal Son room in the Sanctuary/church library)
Women – *Kay Jones* – The Power of a Woman's Words (the Daniel Room in the Sanctuary)
Precepts for Women – *Becky Wood* – Amos (the David & Goliath room in the Sanctuary)
Men – *Steve Vantrease* – "The Chosen" Bible Study (the Joseph Room/thru door in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary)
The Old Testament Class - *Ryan Kerby* – The Book of John (thru door in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary, up the stairs to the loft)
The New Testament Class – *Larry Chandler* – The Book of Luke (the Jonah Room/large room next to the kitchen)

For more information or questions please see Pam Davis or call/text:
208-466-4425 (home) / 208-467-4839 (cell)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15-9:00 Breakfast 9:00 1st Service 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 2nd Service	2  #NationalSoleMatesMemorialDay SEEKING SOLE MATES	3 New Study Sermon on the Mount 7:00 Ladies Cell Group REAL	4 HAPPY STARS WARS DAY! MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!	5 BLINGO MAYO	6	7
15 8:15-9:00 Breakfast 9:00 1st Service 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 2nd Service	16 6:00 All Chairs 7:00 All Boards	17 polling place contact Lisa Dickard 208-739-3249 7:00 Ladies Cell Group REAL	18	19	20	21  National Summer Day Learn To Swim MAY 21st www.HillCountryTX.com
22 8:15-9:00 Breakfast 9:00 1st Service 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 2nd Service	23	24 7:00 Ladies Cell Group REAL	25  NATIONAL TAP DANCE DAY MAY 25th	26	27	28 7:00 AM Mens Group Brkfst
29 8:15-9:00 Breakfast 9:00 1st Service 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 2nd Service	30  MEMORIAL DAY	31 7:00 Group REAL	27 National days submitted by John Pounds	 MAY 2022		

Please Note: 11:00 Sunday Services are available on Facebook and Youtube