

On Saturday evening, October 8th a group from Auburn Church went out to Cool and rode about four miles into the sunset and back. About halfway, Pastor Adam Weeks shared a devotional thought to close the Sabbath. After the bike ride, they went to the church for a veggie hot dog roast. It was a fun evening together as a church family!



I found myself acting the loon Biking by the light of the moon The fact that it was almost full Must have explained its pull

I try to appreciate natural things When I think of who created everything It reminds me of God's awesome powers And my appreciation seems to sour

I've found the moon over Lake Tahoe Has its own special moonglow When it lights up Emerald Bay Brighter than the light of day

But the moon over Folsom Lake Is special for goodness sake Even if it's the same old moon That shines in the window in your room

It would seem from what I can tell That it really does compel Depending on where it shines Don't try to draw any lines

So, the next time there's a full moon And you hear that special tune But the person that you're with Does not buy into the myth

Maybe that means that its time To move to a different climb One where the moon doesn't shine The dark side of the moon comes to mind

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# Upcoming Events

**Nov. 6** - Daylight Saving Time Ends

**Nov. 12** - Broadside of a Barn Social at the Porco's

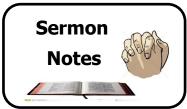
**Nov. 21-25** - PHAA Thanksgiving Break

**Nov. 26** - Thanksgiving Sabbath/Fellowship Lunch

**Dec. 9** –PHAA 7-12 Christmas Program at Auburn Church

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Nov 5: Pastor Mel Nov 12: Pastor Mel Nov 19: Pastor Mel Nov 26: Pastor Mel



Ema Ludwig	Nov 03
Faith Johnson	Nov 04
Mitchell Sim	Nov 05
Rose Kaster	Nov 05
Daulton Teff	Nov 06
Cary Allington	Nov 07
Janet Kahler	Nov 07
Brad Ludwig	Nov 11
Janie Evazkhani	Nov 11
Zachary Allington	Nov 13
Hope Sekulic	Nov 14
Rhonda Rajaofera	Nov 16
Jim Ferolino	Nov 17
Jonathan Crane	Nov 17
Deborah Price	Nov 20
Ava Brown	Nov 21
Phil Evazkhani	Nov 25
Sydney Fanselau	Nov 26



Please remember that friends or family who have experienced the death of a loved one this past year are facing their first holidays without them. Here are a few ways to let them know you care:

1. Send a thought-filled card

2. Drop by a batch of cookies or another favorite dish, just because you care.



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. -2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NIV



### Fresh Fruit Trifle

From Pillsbury Heart Healthy Recipes

#### **Ingredients:**

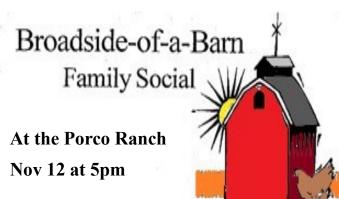
- ◊ 1 Pkg. Pillsbury Angel Food Cake Mix
- ♦ 1-1/4 cups skim milk
- $\diamond$  1/2 cup plain lowfat yogurt
- ♦ 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1-9 0z pkg. vanilla sugar-free instant pudding mix
- 4 cups assorted sliced fresh fruit (strawberries, nectarines, grapes, oranges, and/or pineapple)

#### **Directions:**

Heat oven to 350° F. Prepare and bake cake mix according to directions on package. Cool completely in pan. Tip on side on cooling rack. Remove from pan. Tear into bide-size pieces.

In medium bowl combine milk, yogurt, and orange peel. Blend well. Add pudding mix. Beat until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.

In large serving bowl layer half of cake pieces, 1/3 of fruit, and 1/2 of pudding. Repeat layers. Arrange the rest of the fruit on top. Cover, refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 6 hours. Makes 10 servings.





#### THE GOOD GROUND

My morning devotion had ended and for an unknown reason, my thoughts were drawn to the parable of the sower and the seed. Perhaps it all began with being unable to pass up a bargain —an influence my husband, Norm, had evidently passed on to me. He had two or three of many items, because he could not pass up a bargain. Sometimes he would purchase an item because he might need it someday, and sure enough, if we needed it, he went to his storehouse to procure it. Recently, I was looking to purchase some bibles and books from Christian Bookstore for the children of the clients that come to our Community Services. It was prompted by an email that I had received announcing a great discount on certain books plus free shipping. I selected three or four books that had interesting titles, being careful to order only two or three of each one. One selection was "The Joy of Giving" about the Bernstein Bears. Another was entitled "The Gift of Love"regularly \$16.99 for \$2.99 (a real bargain!). It was a beautifully illustrated book with children doing various children's activities and the child looking at each to see what he was gifted at, to be disappointed—he did not see that he had a gift. It ended with the good news that he had been given the gift of love. I promptly ordered three or four more of this book. Now, the opportunity arose as a shower was being given to the parents of a soon expected birth of a baby boy. What blessing might their child receive in the future in the sharing of this book, "The Gift of Love". Then I was told that the couple were atheists and would probably throw the book away. Perhaps this was subconsciously on my mind this morning as I was impressed to look at the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. Jesus begins the parable, "Behold a sower went forth to sow; And when he had sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up; Some fell upon stony places, where

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and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was come up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up and choked them: But other fell into good ground and brought forth fruit, some hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirty fold."

It seems the sower was sowing in abandon, not caring where the seed landed. It told me, that Christ came to the Jewish nation sowing "the kingdom of God". He went among all the people with varied responses. We might be thinking that the Jewish religious leaders, the wealthy, the educated political leaders, the people who benefited from his miracles of healing would have been the good ground.

They looked like they had all the advantages of good soil. They had the truth passed down from Abraham.

What was the good ground? A prostitute, lowly and uneducated fishermen, tax collectors, centurions, a Samaritan woman with a colored past, lepers, a woman with an issue of blood, a persistent Greek Syrophoenician woman of the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, a deaf man from Decapolis, demon possessed, the thief on the cross.

Very unlikely ground. What does this tell me? Scatter the seed! and remember that the Holy Spirit is the one who knows where a harvest will spring forth and is responsible for its watering and fruit bearing.

The individual's response comes from the work of the Holy Spirit on the receptive heart. This is the glory of God. Atheists, Jewish Rabbis, uneducated, demon possessed, prostitutes, spiritualists, drug addicts, alcoholics, murderers may seem unlikely ground, but the word of God says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts". Zechariah 4:6

## Pastor Appreciation Sabbath & Pine Hills 9-12 Music

On October 30, as October is Pastor Appreciation Month, we celebrated Pastor Mel and Pastor Adam and family with gift baskets of how appreciated we are that they are with us at Auburn. We also had wonderful music by Pine Hills 9-12 Choir and Band.







