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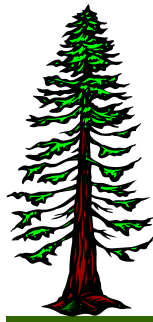
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# The Redwood Bark

October 2011

## Children's Ministry

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Parent Appreciation dinner and Parent's Night Out.

It is that time of year again to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child. Santa Cruz Bible will host a kickoff event on Friday, October 14, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. where Livia Satterfield will share her story of receiving an OCC shoebox as a child in Romania and the impact it has had on her life. Bring a shoebox item to donate. You can be involved in OCC by packing your own shoebox (details to come), donating items for the 35 boxes our Snack Time kids will pack or making

a donation (include a note or write Operation Christmas Child in check memo) to help cover the shipping cost (\$245) for the Snack Time boxes.

The kids are learning songs in Sunday school and Snack Time. For those who desire to sing, we will share a song each month as a choir on Sunday mornings at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. In October the children will be singing on the 16th. A CD with the songs for the year is available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

—Amy McFeely

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Photos from Felton Presbyterian's annual church camp out, September 2011.

## Straight Talk About Wills

If you pass away without a will or other such document, the state will decide how to disburse your estate. And if you have minor children, the state will decide who will raise them. If you want to leave certain assets to specific persons or make charitable gifts to various causes, without a will, the state will follow its own agenda and disregard yours.

Most states have their own written policies for distributing estates. A portion of your assets will go here and another portion there – persons and places you may not want to provide for. The state will assign someone to oversee the probating of your estate. It will all be done “by the book.” No special gifts to people outside your family. No special gifts to churches, foundations or other ministries you would want to honor. No concern for your thoughts and desires.

In effect, the state says, “You did not create a will while you were living and now it’s too late. We will take over and make our own fair and just decisions.”

Just imagine the difficulties this may cause for your

family or friends. Imagine this added expense for an additional layer of oversight. Imagine people you never knew making decisions about your most personal items.

There are many reasons people never create a will: fear of death; uncertainty about estate distribution; family conflicts; difficulty doing an estate inventory; inconvenience; expense; procrastination; no lawyer; etc. However, the plain fact is, no excuse is justified if it allows you to die without a will.

You don’t need all the answers to get a will started. You can begin with what you know and make changes and/or additions as you progress. Better to have something workable in place than nothing at all.

Felton Presbyterian Church feels strongly about this and would like to help you create or update your will, on behalf of your local church. To learn more about this ministry, please visit [www.feltonpresbyterianlegacy.org/pg](http://www.feltonpresbyterianlegacy.org/pg). We do hope that you will find this service a help and a blessing to you and your family.



Felton Presbyterian Church camp out September, 2011.

## News from International Students International

### *How to Make God Happy*

Instead of focusing on perfecting our own religious practices, the Bible says what God really wants from us are acts of love, service and kindness to our family, neighbors and strangers, **giving food, housing clothing (or furniture?) comforting those in need, rescuing those imprisoned unjustly...**

Amazingly, we just did ALL of that this month in ISI! God is using us in dramatic ways. One PhD student was robbed of his passport just before he was about to fly here from China. Another PhD student was, apparently falsely, accused of a crime here and spent a week in jail, then, suddenly released to freedom in answer to our prayers.

But mostly what we do is to offer small doses of Christian friendship to these influential visitors. Then they pay forward this love from God to their countries. Contact ISI staff Peggy Pollard, or your church ISI liaison to find for dates of next orientation meeting for new ISI volunteers.

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## Brazil Team Flea Market Oct. 8th, 8:00-3:00

Please join the Brazil Mission Team for some great bargains and fun fellowship at our final Flea Market of the 2011 season. Spaces are available for \$15 each and can be reserved once payment is received through the church office.



100% of the proceeds will go directly toward our building projects in Brazil, which include work at Camp Jovens da Verdade and housing for the poor. Refreshments and baked goods will also be available for sale.

**Call 335-6905 for recorded information.**

***We hope to see you there!***

### October Birthdays

1 James McKeever	17 Myles Williams
4 Hendry Crandell	20 Cari Wade
8 Jonathan Bates	20 Katelyn Deeble
8 Emilee Harris	23 Bob Weston
10 Glendean Luttrell	25 Leslie Nelson
10 Abbey McFeely	27 Ashley Rohde
11 Randi Weston	28 Justine Khoury
12 Joan Maruska	30 Wylma Molino
13 Marguerite Horton	30 Peggy Winkler
13 Tyler Fujishin	30 Jennifer Williams
15 Eg Long	

### Adult Ministry

New adult Sunday school classes started September 18th.

They are a Bible class, taught by Pastor Ed and Flora Schweizer,



and a class on handling your Personal Finances - God's Way, with Cari Wade and Sean McFeely as teachers. Come and be a part of one of these classes at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

*-Chuck Latourette*



### *Coming next month...*

Felton Presbyterian Church welcomes its new Youth Director, Jeff Williams.



### Upcoming Activities at Felton Presbyterian

- Oct. 8: Flea Market—Brazil Team
- Oct. 13: Sign Language Class with Sandy Thormann, 3–4 p.m.
- Oct. 15: Church work day, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 16: Children’s Choir sings during services
- Oct. 27: Sign Language Class with Sandy Thormann, 3–4 p.m.
- Oct. 29: SLV Chamber of Commerce Job Faire

*See full calendar of events at [www.feltonpresbyterian.org](http://www.feltonpresbyterian.org)*

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