

Pelican Bay Church  
Biannual Church Family Meeting  
Sunday, March 1, 2026

Agenda

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Reading & Approval of Minutes from Biannual Church Family Meeting, September 28, 2025

New Business

- Recognizing Lynnette Smith as she steps down as Treasurer
- Item for prayer: Ability for the Elders to fund benevolence from savings on a discretionary and limited basis.

Ministry Reports

- Andrew & Sommer Fitch – High School Youth
- Andy Simonson – Elder Chair & Shepherd over Children's Ministry
- Bill Ross – Elder & Benevolence Ministry
- Jill Lange – Digital content
- Kevin Rider – Facilities Coordinator
- Matt Hildebrandt – Worship Director
- Michael Lange – Men's Ministry, Local & Global Outreach
- Sommer Fitch – Finances
- Rob Foster – Senior Pastor

Closing Prayer

## **PBEFC 2025 Youth Ministry Report**

Sommer and I have served as youth leaders for the high school youth group for 7 years at PBEFC. Serving God by teaching kids about the love of Christ and giving them a place that is safe and fun. We met Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. Throughout the year, we applied teachings from RightNow Media and used fun games to create a safe, engaging environment. Our attendance regularly was about 5 kids. It was a blessing to be in our smaller group this past year, as we had in-depth studies of God's word and we were able to discuss topics on a more personal deeper level than you can with larger groups. We had 2 of our kids graduate from high school.

Unfortunately, we didn't have any kids attend a summer youth camp because they were all either out of town or had conflicting schedules with other events.

At the end of the year, we held a fun Christmas Youth Party with about 8 high school students (all boys). We had a blast with them. Near the end of the year, we purchased a few months of a new curriculum, Answers in Genesis. We want to give it a try and see if we would like to continue with it or try out a different curriculum.

I had two major surgeries and a minor one, in which we unfortunately had to take a break from meeting with the youth. Those are all out of the way now, and we do not anticipate having to take anymore long breaks.

God Bless,

Andrew and Sommer Fitch



## **Elder's Report for the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting March 1,2026**

As you know Pastor Rob has been doing a great job in preaching through the book of Hebrews. I especially enjoyed Hebrews 4:15-16 which says "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." How good it is to be reminded that we have a Savior that can empathize with our weakness and enable us to boldly approach His throne of Grace. It has been another good year at the Pelican Bay Church. We are imperfect yet called to serve and love one another. We do that well here, and it is so good to be part of a church that teaches sound doctrine. As we do we grow.

I think I can speak this on behalf of our elders that we have been so blessed to share the work of the ministry with our entire Church family. God has used the love and witness of you all for Christ to touch many lives.

We have continued to have a very encouraging year at our church, lots of wonderful people have heard about our church and began attending, and we as we learn and grow we are also excited to try new ideas to fulfill our vision of reaching the lost for Christ, teaching new believers and sending out of disciples in obedience to the great Commission. We are in the process of planning some mission trips and are sending some of our leaders on a trip to Japan and Cambodia to learn about the needs of the work of the gospel there and to plan future trips where our own church members can assist our missionaries in the work of the gospel.

We as Elders are currently meeting twice a month to pray for the needs of our congregation and plan and guide the ministry of our Church family.

Most importantly we continue to stand on the Word of God as our guide for all we do. We continue to teach God's word through expository preaching and teaching. We thank our members for their faithfulness to the ministry of the Pelican Bay Evangelical Free Church. We look forward to the coming year to work together to glorify God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Andy Simonson on behalf of the Elders

## Children's Ministry Report for the Congregational Meeting March 1, 2026

This past one of our recent Children's Church lesson was about the faith of Esther. As you know the King's servant Haman, who was an evil man plotted to kill all of the Jews including Queen Esther, out of envy. But she was a woman who trusted God. Through her courage and faith she exposed Haman's evil plot and rather than the Jews being killed Haman was hung on the gallows he intended for the Jews. I love how our lessons continually remind us to trust God no matter what, and He is bigger than all our problems. It has been my privilege to serve again as shepherd of children's ministry. Our mission continues to be to teach our children to love and honor God with their lives, and to trust Him for everything. We as staff are blessed to teach and grow in our faith as well. It has been challenging to lead and keep it staffed week by week, but at the same time very rewarding.

How I thank God for our faithful staff who has served in Children's Church and the Nursery each week and taught the Word of God to our children. What a privilege and joy! I am grateful for new staff also who have recently volunteered to help teach our children.

We again this past September is we had our annual Family Fun Festival. We had good attendance and plenty of volunteers. It was a huge success, we had Child Evangelism Fellowship There and they had a gospel table to reach kids for Christ. It was a lot of fun and made an impact for Christ.

Many from our church are involved in teaching Good News Clubs as we serve together with believers from several other churches at our schools. It has been such a blessing to see many kids hear the gospel for the first time and many have received salvation in Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for our children's ministries and also please consider becoming part of serving and teaching our Children to love the Lord.

Sincerely, Andy Simonson



# PBEFC

## Report of Benevolence Fund Year 2025

During 2025, we received five requests for assistance from our PBEFC Benevolence fund. Four requests were from church members. One request was from a member of the community. All request for assistance were prayerfully discussed by the benevolence committee including an elder in accordance with church by-laws, benevolence policy and subsequently approved.

The January beginning balance was \$4,997.42

Total donations received was \$2,558.00

Total requests expended was \$5,925.36

Ending 2025 Account Balance is \$1,630.06

Bill Ross, Elder

Judy Rowell, Committee Mbr

## Digital Content/Promo Ministry Update

March 1, 2026

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for a fruitful year serving alongside you. It's been a real blessing to me! It is my goal to honor God in all that I do and I'm so thankful to be able to serve in this way.

I like to be able to quantify progress through stats (I'm a little nerdy this way ☺) and here are a few for 2025:

### The Church App Analytics:

- App Downloads: 27
- App launches: 1,151 (the number of times the app was opened)
- App Impressions: 4,552 (the number of times an app page was viewed)

### Sermons/Sunday School messages:

- Website Media Plays: 467
- Website Unique Viewers: up 53% from previous year
- FaceBook Live Videos: 158 average per week

### Online Presence:

- PBC is now on the first page of online searches (previously we were nowhere to be found)

### New Visitors:

- More visitors are finding us online

This year I look forward to assisting all the leaders with their ministries and continue to improve our digital content.

Lastly, I want to thank Karen Rogers for assisting me with the FaceBook page by posting weekly beautiful photos with scripture. I value her contribution greatly! And on that note, if anyone would like to help with the bulletin board in the worship center, let me know.

I'm very excited for this year and look forward to what God has in store for me and for this church!

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Lange

# **Facilities and Property Maintenance**

**February 2026**

**Our goal is to be good stewards of the facilities and properties that God has provided to our church body.**

**I would like to thank everyone that has helped in the past year with projects and repairs to our facility. It has been a great help and very much appreciated.**

**I look forward to what the lord has planned for us in the future**

## **Completed projects**

**Repaired roof leak in sanctuary. (replaced roof cap)**

**Most of the brush has been cut back to the original property line.**

**Block wall completed in front of church.**

**Heater replaced in sanctuary.**

**Cameras have been installed on the sanctuary and are operational.**

## **Large projects for future**

**Reside the youth room.**

**Run conduit and install cameras on Warehouse.**

**Repair or reside the east wall of the garage; the bottom edge is rotting from wood that was stacked against it.**

**Reside and repaint the front of the Warehouse and repaint siding on the sanctuary.**

**Repair, replace or remove back deck.**

**Remove weeds and grass from all overflow parking.**

**Grind lifted concrete on sidewalks.**

**Repair parking lot lighting.**

**Pressure wash curbs and repaint yellow.**

## **Ongoing Projects**

**Mowing, raking, trimming bushes, weeding flower beds, blowing off parking lot and sidewalks weekly...**

**General maintenance due to use ( changing light bulbs, cleaning, general repairs)**

**Sincerely**

**Kevin Rider**



## **Worship 2025 Report**

Church Family,

I continue to be blessed and encouraged by the team of talented people that God has blessed us with in the worship ministry. I hope that you are blessed and encouraged each week as well. I ask that you (continue to) pray for everyone on the team. Remember, they are all volunteers who put in a lot of time (and travel). 2025 saw some new speakers purchased that I believe has improved our overall sound. Kevin and Rex have put in many hours installing equipment and making adjustments and enhancements to our sound system. There are no major purchases planned for this year. We will purchase smaller items that we need, or that need to be replaced, such as, a headset mic, handheld mics, cords, etc. God also directed me to a few new songs that have been great additions to our worship time. In 2026, I will continue to seek the Lord's guidance asking for wisdom, discernment, and strength as I lead, and that God will be honored and glorified by what we offer. I hope to attend a worship conference this year. The ones I have attended in the past have always been a great time of encouragement and refreshment. I also am introduced to many new songs that I can bring home and share. Psalm 96:1

Here are the names of the people who currently serve in worship ministry: Grant Eberly, Tina Green, Gene & Colleen Gurney, Michael Lange, Sadie McGee, Dave Metzler, Kevin & Julie Rider, Rex Rogers, Bill Ross, Judy Rowell, Jim Schultz, Andy Simonson, and Lisa Tripp. I also want to shout out our guest worship leaders who help us out as they are able. Steve & Pam Robinson and Bekah Stout. If you feel led, please pray Colossians 1:9-12 over these folks by inserting their names every time you see the word you. While you are praying, please ask that God would provide another guitar player and bass player. I look forward to another great year of praising our amazing Savior with you all. Psalm 150

Blessings,

Matthew Hildebrandt, Worship Director



## PELICAN BAY CHURCH – MEN’S MINISTRY

### Pelican Bay Church – Men’s Ministry

#### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 was a year of growth for the Men’s Ministry at Pelican Bay Church. We’ve seen great fellowship and engagement between brothers at our Monthly Men’s Breakfasts as we shared God’s Word and individual testimonies that were impactful and character building. Rex Rogers (Karen), Phil Nelson (Linda), Gene Gurney (Colleen), and others have been faithful in donating time and effort into providing great dishes to enjoy too and we are very grateful!

#### LOOKING AHEAD

As we enter into 2026, our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Men’s Ministry, we continue to enjoy rich fellowship and edifying conversation along with great food!

One significant announcement for this year is that we will be hosting our first “Man of God” Men’s Conference this June! We are partnering with First Baptist Church of Fortuna and Fort Dick Bible Church to provide multiple speakers on various topics of what it means to be a Biblical “Man of God”. Stay tuned for more information on dates and times and how you can be involved!

Another goal this year is to encourage volunteers to take the helm in delivering applicable devotionals meant to encourage, embolden, and edify the men of our congregation. Frequently, this breakfast is attended by men outside of our membership who are invited by our church brothers and this is a wonderful testament of the evangelistic mindset God is developing through our men. My prayer is that this ministry continues to grow and that our men mature in their sanctification and their walk in Christ.

God bless our Men and God bless Pelican Bay Church,

Michael Lange

# PELICAN BAY CHURCH – LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH (LAGO)

## Pelican Bay Church – Local & Global Outreach (LAGO)

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW: 2025

In 2025, the LAGO ministry realized great advances in our relations with both local and global partners. Beginning with our partnership with Pregnancy Care Center, the 2025 Bottle Drive in January surpassed donation expectations and resulted in over \$2,500 raised for PCC. After much prayer and diligence by our CEF team, a Good News Club has been implemented at Joe Hamilton Elementary School for which we still need volunteers! Please talk with Andy Simonsen for more information on how you can be a part of this wonderful program. Pelican Bay Church was also blessed by visitations from all but one of our Global partners in 2025. This is amazing since we support mission partners from all over the world! And we added one more local partner in 2025, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). FCA strives to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of high school coaches and athletes. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, please contact Deacon Andrew Fitch for more information. And, it wouldn't be a total success without including Operation Christmas Child and the amazing work they do in providing Gospel "care packages" to distribute globally through Samaritan's Purse during the Christmas season. 2025 saw record numbers of "shoeboxes" generated by Pelican Bay Church and we had an awesome volunteer turnout for this event as well. Please see Luana Penington for more information on how you can be involved with this program.

### LOOKING AHEAD: 2026

As our congregation continues to grow, we hope many more from our church family will want to volunteer in the many opportunities available through our Local and Global Outreach ministry. Here are our goals for 2026:

- Through the efforts of David Trubek and Chosen People Ministries, we will be hosting our first ever "Messiah in the Passover" seder dinner on March 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be an amazing experience to learn first-hand of the Jewish Passover and how Jesus is portrayed in the elements of this event.
- We are exploring the opportunity to make a monthly financial commitment to CEF
- We will be restructuring our Global partnerships by discontinuing our support for International Messengers (Mark and Naomi Hale) in June 2026 and looking to possibly establish new global partnerships
- We are sending a team of Pelican Bay Church members on a "scouting" trip this year to Cambodia in March with the goal in mind of sending a larger, short-term mission team later in 2026 or early 2027.
- We need volunteers to assist in updating the LAGO table and bulletin board ☺!

God bless each of you and thank you for supporting this ministry!

Michael Lange



## Treasurers Report for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

### Income and expenses

General giving:	\$ 270,640.00
General expenses:	\$ 249,188.00
Other credits:	\$ 7,994.00

### Bank balances

#### Main checking:

Balance as of 1/1/2025:	\$ 59,903.00
Balance as of 12/31/2025:	\$ 39,328.00

#### Main saving:

Balance as of 1/1/2025:	\$ 164,962.00
Balance as of 12/31/2025:	\$ 227,818.00*

\* In October the building and grounds CD matured and was closed; the funds (\$12,835.00) were transferred to the main savings account and have been set aside for building and ground projects.

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During the year 2025 the following transactions took place:

- \$6,309.00 was transferred from checking to Missions Savings
- \$ 50,000.00 was transferred from the checking to the main savings
- In May the out of state Grace Walmer CD was closed (\$43,213.44); the funds were put into the GW savings account. In July the local CD matured and \$25,000.00 was transferred from the Grace Walmer savings to the Grace Walmer CD.

## **Pastors Report**

Dear church family –

What a blessing it is to celebrate another year of God's faithfulness! Together with my fellow Elders I am thankful to be part of the ministry God is carrying out through Pelican Bay Church.

As I reflect on this past year, I am grateful for the opportunities God gave us to feed on His Word. In our main service we journeyed through 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and a mini-series from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, then launched our series in Hebrews. What a rich time it's been so far! In Sunday School we've listened to two inspiring lecture series on worship, we've been challenged through a series on confronting false doctrine, and we ended the year by celebrating the great doctrine of our union with Christ.

We've also continued to meet in our weeknight Life Groups, with many of you wrestling with the scripture passage from Sunday morning as you strive to make application to your context. I am also grateful to Andrew and Sommer Fitch as they teach our youth, and to all the leaders and volunteers who minister to our kids (by the way, if you are looking for a place to serve, they sure could use your help in Children's Ministry!)

There are so many other things I could highlight related to my role as your Senior Pastor, such as our fruitful relationship with Fort Dick Bible Church and the annual Reformation Conference that we plan and carry out together. This past year we also held joint services for Good Friday and Christmas Eve, which were both a huge blessing. Another high point was the opportunity I had to travel to Africa once again to train local leaders alongside their Pastor Levi Gill

I am also blessed and encouraged by the annual Leadership Development conference for the EFCA that I attend each year, the quarterly lunches in Trinidad organized by our District leader and attended by other local EFCA Pastors, and the Sound Doctrine Conference in the spring and the Exalting Christ Conference in the fall.

Finally, we are so thankful for our new attenders and new members but also acknowledge the sad season we went through in 2025 when we said goodbye to our faithful friend Mike Warren. Along with Janet we continue to grieve that loss while we celebrate and remember his time with us.

So, what will the Lord have for us in 2026? Whether it's a season of joy or sorrow, comfort or distress, progress or loss, we know that He is faithfully building His church. Let's strive to walk together in unity, believing that God wants to use our simple efforts to advance His Kingdom both here in Del Norte and Curry Counties and around the world.

Brothers and sisters, let's trust Him and depend on His power as we prayerfully seek to reach the lost, teach believers, and send disciples.

Pastor Rob Foster  
Hab 2:14