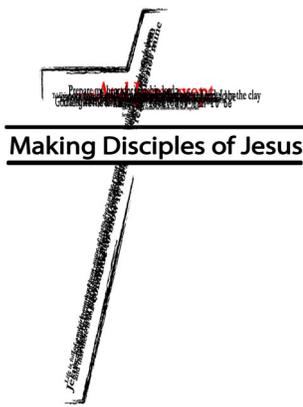


January 2019

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others.*



# FIRST PRESS

The New Year is upon us. As a result, many of us will likely make resolutions. Webster defines resolution as being "marked by firm determination." In his book *A Journey to Bethlehem*, Jason Soroski offers the following definitions of a resolution:

- To the musician, a "resolution" is a harmony line moving from a dissonant tone (one that does not fit the melody) to a consonant tone (one that fits). Harmonies can dance and amaze us with varied complexities for a while, but they must eventually resolve.
- To the writer, a resolution is the end of a story, the final element of a twisting plot wrought with conflict, finally resolved to an ending where all is well.
- To the chemist, it is the separation of a chemical compound back into its constituents, or simplest parts.
- To the statesman, it is an expression of the determined will of an elected body.
- To the graphic artist, it is the sharpness of the pixel count on a screen, and the quality of the image produced.

By any definition, a Resolution is characterized by a return to simplicity, a focus on sharp definition and determination, broken down to its simplest, most harmonious parts. Without resolution, art, science, government, and life in general all fall into chaos. Without resolution, there is no foundation on which to stand.

What about applying resolution to our faith? Hebrews 12:2 assists us, *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning it shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Shall we resolve to focus with greater intensity on our relationship with Jesus in 2019?

Keep the faith,

Pastor Tony





## Where Did Your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Go?



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AND THANK YOU FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE 2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MISSION!

First Presbyterian Missions Ministry Team oversaw the Operation Christmas Child project for 2018 and Jeff and Dottie Crass, who spearheaded the mission, took the code off the prepaid labels that the FPC Mission Ministry Team provided for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and found that the 174 shoeboxes delivered from our church were shipped to the Philippines on Friday, Nov 30th. The Philippines has 104 million people and is located in Southeast Asia. 33% of the population is 14 years old or younger. Besides our church, Samaritan's Purse will deliver shoebox gifts collected in 2018 to hundreds of thousands of children in the Philippines.

Jeff says, "How exciting for each of our kids and adults to know where the box they personally packed is going to. Each of us is able to directly touch another child in our world with Christ's love, hear His Good News and actually have an opportunity to receive a copy of scripture in their own language through Operation Christmas Child's Greatest Journey program. I don't know a more realistic and practical way for our congregation to be part of a one-to-one interaction in the sharing of the Gospel. This certainly is a valuable and rewarding investment on the part of our Missions Ministry Team. Please continue to pray that each of our shoeboxes will be used by God to have His Will make an individual and unique impact in each child and their family through his omnipotent sovereignty."

From the Missions Ministry Team – Thank you to all First Presbyterian folks who helped to make this Mission so successful! May God Bless You and Happy New Year!



### LIBRARY UPDATE:

The carpet is in and the shelves have been moved back into the library. Thanks to the Not-So-Small Group the shelves have been secured and the books are back on the shelves. Feel free to check out books.



Check out the library to see what it has to offer you and your children.

# Church DEACONS

**Reminder!** Deacons hope you can bring some non-perishable food on **Jan 6** to feed those in our community who are in need.



The Board of Deacons is sometimes described as the caring arm of the church. Our Deacons have certainly shown love and cared for others this year through visits to shut-ins, food delivered to those in need, donations to community organizations, preparing communion, and many other acts of compassion. January will see three of our current Deacons completing their three year terms. We would like to thank Rowena Curiel, Lori Porter, and Sally Gordon for their dedicated work as Deacons. We would also like to welcome new Deacons, Alison Burch, Laurie Essepian, Ginnie Herleman and Rowena Curiel. Yes, Rowena will be back, as well as Ginnie who has also served previously as a Deacon. Thank you to all the Deacons for your dedication to our church family as well as the community.



## Childcare Coordinator

**The Childcare Coordinator position is now open here at First Presbyterian Church.**

This is a paid, quarter-time position. The Childcare Coordinator will oversee the scheduling of adequate childcare for the Nursery and Toddler ages as needed for Sunday mornings, and other church events and ministries; recruit volunteers. With the assistance of the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, verify proper Red Cross certification for care providers and conduct an annual In-Service training to all care givers.

Please submit resumes to the church office at 415 N. Redington St. or send to [office@fpchanford.org](mailto:office@fpchanford.org). For more information, please contact Jaime Christoph at [jaime.christoph@gmail.com](mailto:jaime.christoph@gmail.com).

# **SAVE the DATE:**

**WHAT?** An eight session, video-driven small group series to help parents raise their children from a biblical foundation.

**WHO?** Parents with children of all ages; anyone willing to invest time and effort in their parenting approach will benefit.

**WHEN?** March 22-24; Friday 6-9pm, Saturday 8:30am-5pm and Sunday after church to 2pm

**WHERE?** Church

**CONTACT:** Kevin & Sheryl McCarty 559-707-7357

More info to come, watch bulletin & webpage



*Congratulations*

**Angelika Loewen!**



Angelika graduated from College of the Sequoias with a double major.

AA in Psychology & Communication.

She'll be attending California State University Monterey Bay starting in the spring pursuing her BA in Psychology.



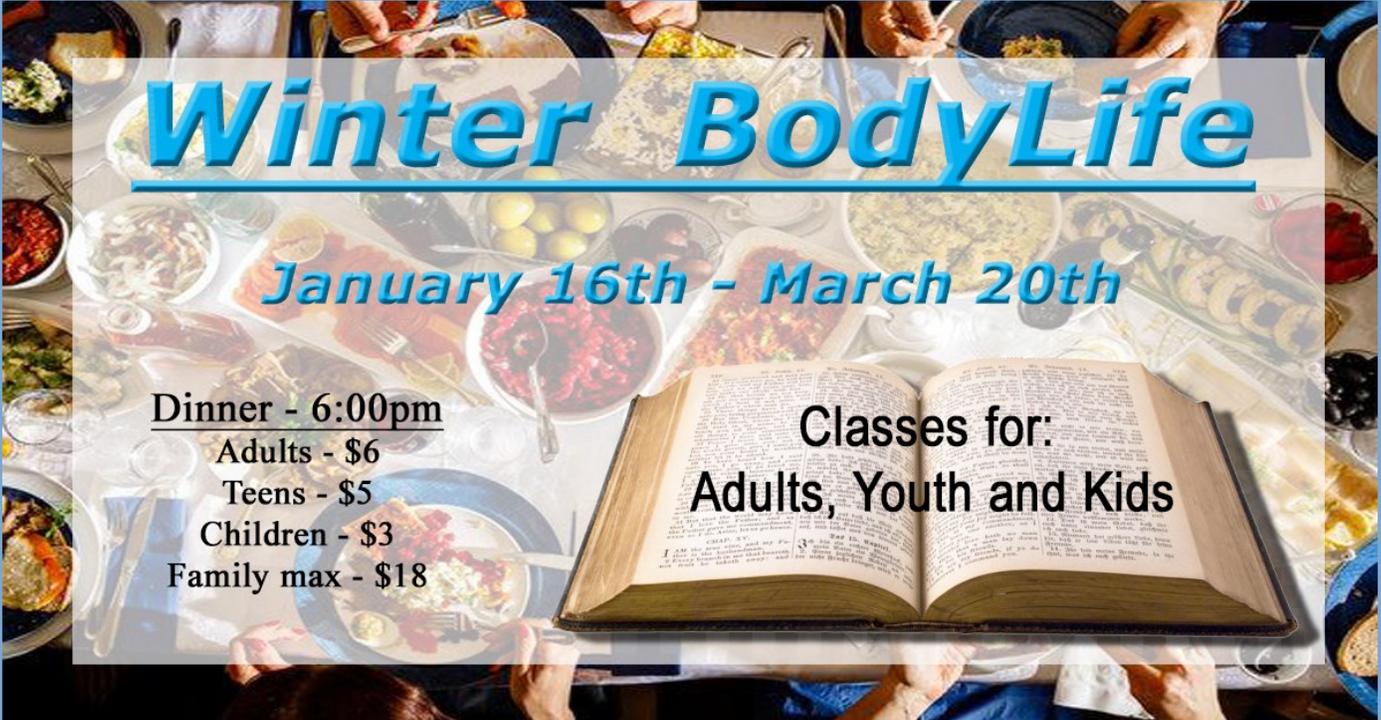
**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**When:** Sunday, January 27

**Time:** one-service at 10:30 a.m.

**Purpose:** To praise God for all that has happened this past year and to review the already approved budget for 2019.

**Please plan to stay for a Potluck lunch after our Annual Meeting! Thanks!!!**



**Winter BodyLife**

**January 16th - March 20th**

**Dinner - 6:00pm**

Adults - \$6

Teens - \$5

Children - \$3

Family max - \$18

**Classes for:  
Adults, Youth and Kids**

**Do you have pictures of church events?**

If so, please email them to [fpcmedia@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmedia@gmail.com)  
We would like to include them in our Annual Meeting slide show on January 27th. Please title them a "Year in Review". Thank You!



# Faith & Fellowship

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**Many opportunities for you to join with others . . .**

## **Women's Society (Agape)**

*There are too many people to remember to thank for the success of our Christmas program and I don't want to forget anyone. We had a reading of the Christmas story, another reading about Christmas (Peter Marshall sermon), musical presentations (Tony & Sheri, Kevin), group singing, and much conversation. Thanks to all who brought desserts and snacks. What a great variety on the beautifully decorated tables. Thanks also to those who set up the table decorations and food display.*

*We will continue our Agape programs with a meeting on January 8 at 1:00. We still have a couple openings for programs in March and April. If you would like to participate or have ideas on who we could invite to speak, please let Janet Harader know.*

*Our yearly auction was a great success. Bring your ideas for organizations or projects that this money can be used for. We will be discussing and voting on how to spend the money at our January meeting. Thanks go to those who brought in items and those who purchased them.*

## **Jolly 1's & 2's**

We had a great Christmas party on December 8. Thanks all of you who brought food and ornaments. Thanks to Darlene for cooking the ham, potatoes and green beans. Our potluck was excellent and enjoyed by those who attended.

Our next meeting has not been set, but I hope to again reserve the room at Round Table Pizza on January 12. I will keep you updated by placing information in the bulletin and having our callers let you know what the date, place, and time will be. At that time we will decide our activities for the next year. Bring your ideas and any dates of activities you wish our group to attend.



**Ladies**

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*

Women of the Church please join us for  
"First Friday Coffee and Prayer."

**Friday, Jan. 4th**

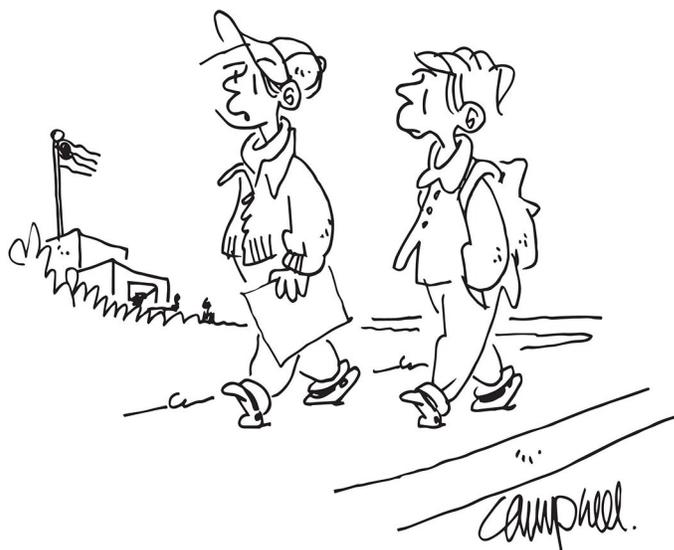
**9:00am-10:30am**



Questions, Comments, Concerns or Ideas...contact:  
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fpchanford.youth@gmail.com

**Youth Meet Downstairs Sunday  
Mornings at 9:00am**

**BodyLife begins January 16th at  
6:00pm**



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli.  
If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."



Awana TruthSeekers have been busy having fun on the game square and learning lessons from the Bible. The clubbers are excited to "connect the dots" between the Old & New Testaments! The following children have earned Study Bibles... Ally Bea, Benicio, David, Ethan, Kailyn, Malachi, Titus and Weston.

We would like to welcome our newest members are Alex and Sam Dartez. Great Job. Kids! Club will resume January 17th. See you there!

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## January Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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- 11 Annie Jackson, Paula Murray
- 14 Adele Vonderheide
- 15 Don Mills
- 16 Grace Kinney
- 17 \*Charles & Susan Feaver
- 18 Meg Connelly
- 19 Michael Christoph, Alysha Rajskup
- 22 Dane Gonzalez, Steve Wortman
- 24 Carley Watson
- 26 \*Kelly & Teresa Voyles



**Please contact the office with any updates, additions or corrections.  
We don't want to miss anyone or list your special date incorrectly.**