



First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

FIRST PRESS

March 2021

Remembering Pastor Tim Hoins



It is with the heaviest of hearts that we must announce that Pastor Tim Hoins was killed in an auto accident the afternoon of Friday, February 19, 2021. Please continue to pray for Tim's wife Kristy and their three sons, Nick, Connor and Josh.

For those of us associated with First Presbyterian Church, Hanford (CA), the news of the past couple of days regarding the tragic, unexpected passing of Tim Hoins, the newly installed and highly gifted pastor, is beyond comprehension and understanding. I'm sure that it felt like a gut punch for all of us upon first hearing the news. Of course, our first response is to ask, "Why?" How could something like this occur in light of Tim recently accomplishing so much toward his goal of becoming a pastor and his arrival in Hanford (with his bride, Kristy) only a few short months ago? It makes absolutely no sense!

So, how do we wrap our minds around this? We have to realize that there will be no answer forthcoming to the question "Why?" This is a tension that we all will have to wrestle with on this side of eternity. When Job asked God the "Why" question, God did not answer. He simply told Job, "Do not question my ways. I'm God. You are not." Job then realized God's presence was enough for him (Job 41:1-6). It is enough for us as well...his grace, mercy, forgiveness and love.

In processing all of this, we can be consoled with the knowledge that God is sovereign. He is in control of all things through his infinite knowledge, presence and power. Nothing takes him by surprise. Absolutely nothing! We can be consoled with the assurance of the end game...God defeats evil (in all of its forms) and will put all things to right (as NT Wright puts it).

One final thought: God can handle our honest questions and deep emotions (even anger...though we can't ultimately stay in a place of anger). Let us pour out our hearts to him in prayer, even as we ask him to sustain and protect the Hoins family through this deep, deep valley.

Let us also be buoyed by Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." God can and will bring redemption out of this as we trust and obey him.

Keep the faith,
Pastor Tony

Church

DEACONS

Military Care Packages

First Pres Hanford is blessed to have so many military families attending our church. We currently have four men who are deployed:



Dave Wrigley, Dave Gately, Mike Kapanka, & Taylor Rives. In the past the Deacons have provided Individual Military Care Packages to our deployed service men. It has been suggested that we send a group package with additional bags of items to be distributed to other service people. This allows FPC to show our appreciation and love to other service members while they are away. During February, Kristy Hoins graciously organized a sign up to purchase specific items needed for the care packages. The plan is to have a packing party, assemble the items, and get them shipped by mid-March.

We want to thank all those who have contributed to these care packages. We would also ask anyone interested in writing an encouraging note or letter to our deployed men and for the additional packages would be greatly appreciated and should be returned by March 7th. Some ideas are scripture verses that would be an encouragement or a thank you for service to our country. Together we can make sure our courageous service people know how much we appreciate their sacrifice and their bravery. Let us not forget that because of their courage, commitment and sacrifice, our flag continues to fly proudly over our nation.

~ Julie Baker

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring clothing and nonperishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available every Sunday morning during worship service.



UP COMING



- Mar 1** *Worship Meeting @ 7pm
- Mar 2** Staff Meeting @ 10am
*Deacons Meeting @ 6:30
- Mar 3** Church Growth @ 10am
*Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Mar 4** *C.E. Meeting @ 7:30pm
- Mar 7** *Communion Sunday*
*Guys Bible Study @ 7:30pm
- Mar 9** Staff Meeting @ 10am
*Mission Meeting @ 5pm
*Finance @ 7pm
*Buildings & Grounds Meeting @ 7pm
- Mar 10** *Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Mar 11** Session Reports Due
- Mar 14** *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
*Not-So-Small Group @ 6:30pm
*Youth Ladies Bible Study @ 8pm
- Mar 16** Staff Meeting @ 10am
Session Meeting @ 7pm
- Mar 17** *St. Patrick's Day*
*Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Mar 21** *Guys Bible Study @ 7:30pm
- Mar 23** Staff Meeting @ 10am
- Mar 24** *Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Mar 27** *Inquirers/New Members Class, 9am—noon
- Mar 28** *Palm Sunday*
*Not-So-Small Group @ 6:30pm
*Youth Ladies Bible Study @ 8pm
- Mar 30** Staff Meeting @ 10am
- Mar 31** *Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm

* Zoom Meeting



First Presbyterian Church of Hanford 2021 Mission Ministry

Outreach Locations through Missionary Families

The Timothy Initiative
Romania
Muslim Outreach Central Asia & UK

International Outreach Projects

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse – Operation Heal Our Patriots
Compassion International
Living Waters World Missions
Mercy Ships

Local Community Outreach Projects

Crossroads Pregnancy Center
Kings Gospel Mission

Please pray for our Missionaries both local and International!

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20



Summary of February 16, 2021 Session Meeting

Clerk's Report:

- Accepted the transfer of Dave & Caroline Eshelman to the First Baptist Church of Belle Chasse, LA
- Accepted the resignation of Elders D. Crass and G. Connelly with regrets effective 2/16/21

Deacons:

- Reported 64 took Communion in February
- Reported the Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen, Kings Gospel Mission and the Salvation Army were each given \$75 in January

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Tim reported he is still working with Darlene to restart mid-week meals ministry
- Reported on January's Presbytery meeting and asked Elders to consider serving as commissioners to May's Presbytery as well as GA in June
- Pastor Tim reported that after Easter he will begin a Bible Study on the "Women of the Bible"
- Session approved donation to Theology Matters of \$35

Christian Education

- Reported working to open Children's Programs

Church Growth

- Approved starting a Movie Night

Finance:

- Approved giving Finance Chair access to Schwab account information
- Approved updated language to Designated Fund Accounts

Missions:

- Approved participation in "Serve Day 2021"

Worship

- Approved moving Communion to April 11th

Personnel:

- Approved defining Paid Holidays to include Part-Time employees
- Approved adding Finance Chair (Debra Revious) to Personnel Committee
- Approved updates to Job Descriptions for FPC's Bookkeeper and Director of Children's and Youth Ministry



Summary of February 23, 2021 "Called" Session Meeting

Purpose of "Called Meeting":

- Session Declared a state of Emergency
- Appointed Chuck Kinney as Moderator Pro Tem of Session
- Approved Mark Nazarian as Interim Pastor / Pulpit Supply through Easter

Information Items

- Approved Pastor Tony to assume leadership of Wednesday nights Psalms Bible Study
- Approved Jaime Christoph to lead an Inquirer's class
- Approved Nursery Care for instructors' children when Sunday School classes resume
- Approved Palm Sunday 10am Worship service, Maundy Thursday evening service at 6pm and one Easter Sunday service @ 10am
- Tabled for further discussion addressing future needs for the Hoins Family

First Presbyterian Church wishes to say THANK YOU



**to everyone for your kind
and supportive gifts,
cards, calls, emails and
social media posts**



Hello First Pres Family!

We would like to do something special for our Children's ministry to bring a smile to their faces. Usually we would have an Easter celebration here at the church. This year, we will bring the celebration door to door.

What I could use some help with is donations of filled plastic eggs. We need a total of 360 to make sure we are able to get everyone. If you would like to help us out please let Jaime know how many filled plastic eggs you can donate. Please have all eggs to the church office by Sunday, March 21. You can drop them off during the week or bring them on Sunday morning.

Thank you for helping bring joy and love to the children of our church.

Blessings,

Jaime

He Is Risen!



Inquirer's Class



Learn
More About
Our Church

Saturday
March 27th
9am—noon

If you are interested in becoming a member or want to learn more about our church, please sign-up to attend our Inquirers Class by contacting Annette in the church office by phone at 582-0283 or email your information to office@fpchanford.org no later than March 24th.

Daylight Savings Time

Begins March 14th



*Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead Saturday night or
you'll be late for church.*



QUIK QUIZ!

Our readings this quarter have taken us through the Pentateuch, or first five books of the Old Testament. Test your comprehension by arranging these biblical characters **chronologically**.

- ___ Joseph
- ___ Noah
- ___ Abraham
- 1 Adam
- ___ Joshua
- ___ Moses
- ___ Pharaoh
- ___ Cain
- ___ Rachel
- ___ Ishmael

THE COMPLETE ALPHABET

Use **all** 26 letters of the alphabet to complete the following 11 words, but use each letter only once. Keep track of the letters you use by crossing off the letters in the alphabet below:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

1. __ a __ z
2. __ u i __
3. __ u __ c a
4. e __ __ m p l e
5. __ i o __ __ n
6. __ a __ __ f u l
7. __ r o __ __
8. __ e __ __ a t
9. __ __ a l a
10. __ o l a __
11. __ o r c __ p i n e

Try to Figure This OUT!

All answers end with OUT. Using the clues provided, fill in the spaces. Solution below.

		O	U	T				
			O	U	T			
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CLUES (from top row to bottom row):

- ▶ Water can opening
- ▶ Arrangement
- ▶ Rescue from financial ruin
- ▶ Brief fainting spell
- ▶ Reversal

ANSWERS: Quik Quiz — 7,3,4,1,10,9,8,2,6,5; **The Complete Alphabet** — 1. jazz, 2. quit, 3. yucca, 4. example, 5. violin, 6. bashful, 7. grown, 8. defeat, 9. koala, 10. molar, 11. Porcupine. **Try to Figure This OUT!** — spout, layout, bailout, blackout, turnabout.

“Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”

—Psalm 30:5 NIV

Faith & Fellowship

Adult Bible Study
PSALMS
 Wednesdays Nights @ 6:30pm
 With Pastor Tony 



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 **zoom** **Worship**
 Committee Meeting
 1st Monday of each month
 @ 6pm

Jolly
1's & 2's

Praying for COVID restrictions to lift so we can resume planning activities.

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 **zoom** **Church**
DEACONS
 1st Tuesday of each month
 @ 6:30 pm

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 **zoom** 
Not-So-Small-Group
 2nd and 4th Sunday
 of each month @ 6:30pm

agapè

Agape presently has no planned events due to COVID restrictions.

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 **zoom** 
MISSIONS
 Ministry
 Second Tuesday each month
 @ 5:00pm

MARCH

Birthdays & *Anniversaries

- 2 Ellen Matsubara, Kelly Voyles,
Annie Wrigley
- 5 Dorothy Shaw
- 6 Rosemary Clark, Sandra Kerr
- 9 Jim Rajskup
- 14 Heidi Koppenhaver
- 16 Sally Gordon
- 20 Jack Longabaugh
- 23 Lexie Garcia
- 28 *Don & Janice Mills



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

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