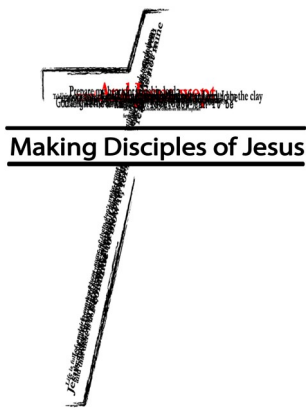


April 2019

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



# FIRST PRESS

In the last 100 years, advances in medicine have added two years to the average life expectancy every decade. But apparently, for many people, this is not enough. There are attempts to accelerate life expectancy especially among the rich and powerful. Here is what some of the world's wealthiest have pursued:

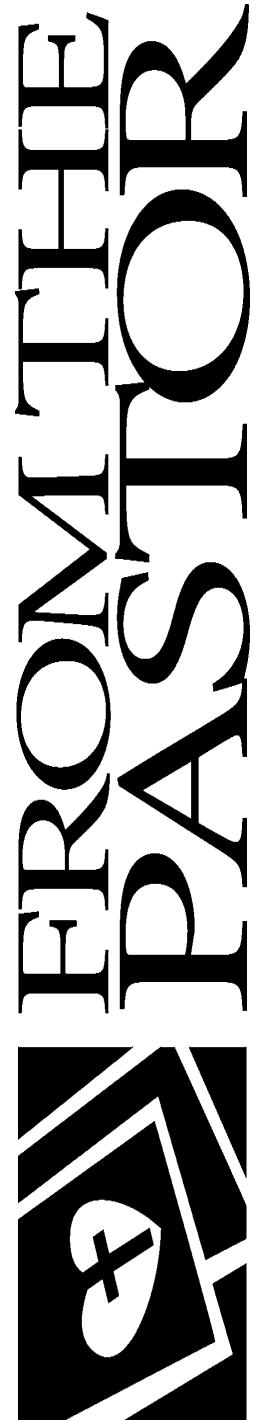
- Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison has spent \$430 million on anti-aging research and spent \$200 million on his cancer institute at the University of Southern California. He has often been quoted as saying “death never made any sense to me.”
- In 2014 Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page announced a \$1.5 billion research center. They launched Calico, a life-extension company focusing on genetic research and the development of pharmaceuticals targeting diseases associated with old age.
- In 2016 Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and other investors gave \$116 million to Unity Biotechnology, whose aim is “targeting cellular mechanisms at the root of age-related diseases.”
- Entrepreneur Dave Asprey, the creator of Bulletproof Coffee, takes about 150 supplements a day to delay cognitive decline. Asprey believes he will live to be 180. His various pioneering treatments on himself have cost him at least \$1 million so far.

The truth is that no amount of money or technology can cure death. It is inevitable. Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. And, the wages of sin is death. However, the gift of God is eternal life through faith in Jesus (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Jesus' death and resurrection assures us of this. Of course, this is the good news of Easter Sunday. God raised Jesus from the dead, conquering death in the process. The Apostle Paul tells us, “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Eternal life through faith in Jesus does not cost a single dollar. Have you made that faith commitment?

Happy Easter!

Pastor Tony





## Living Water World Missions

A Thank You from Phil Mirise, Corresponding Secretary



Living Water World Missions is very appreciative of the support of First Presbyterian Church for this mission which they believe is helping to improve the lives of many people in Central America and the Caribbean through the production of clean drinking water and the presentation of the Gospel.

In January 2019, a team went to a village called San Pedro on the Shore of Lake Atitlan in West-Central Guatemala. The original system was installed there in 2009 and has been one of the most productive installations Living Water World Missions has had to date. It needed up-grading and repairs after so many years of use. Living Water World Missions does not hesitate to revisit former sites that are doing so much good and helping to improve the health and spiritual well-being of the people served by the local church. And in February a team just returned from installing another water filtration system in a small church in the Peten region of northern Guatemala. Living Water World Missions is convinced that by helping improve the health and quality of life for the people of Central America, fewer people will feel compelled to make the dangerous journey to America looking for a better life. Each system that is installed provides two or three jobs for system operators and delivery people working for the church where the system is located. It also creates some income for the local church, which can then be used to better spread the Gospel to their community. Living Water World Missions has installations scheduled for every month in 2019!

In addition, Living Water World Missions education program teaches mothers and children the importance of drinking only clean water, washing their hands and things for which they should and should not be using clean water. Part of the Biblically based curriculum focuses on germs – what they are, how they are spread and the illnesses they can potentially cause. There is plenty of water in Central America – sometimes too much – but it is all contaminated. There is no government infrastructure available to provide mechanisms to clean the water, keep it clean and then deliver it to the people. Even people in the big cities cannot safely drink the tap water.

“This is the mission to which God has called Living Water World Missions and your partnership with us in this mission is helping to alleviate that problem. We cannot thank you enough for your assistance in trying to make the world a better place!”

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
Phil Mirise  
Corresponding Secretary

### First Presbyterian T-Shirts



We still have T-shirts with the FPC logo available for purchase.

The shirts are \$12 each and available in two colors, maroon and indigo blue.

*XXL sizes too!*

Contact Jaime Christoph to get yours. (850) 776-5234  
jaime.christoph@gmail.com



# Church DEACONS

**Reminder!** Deacons hope you can bring some non-perishable food on **Apr. 7** to feed those in our community who are in need.



## What are FPC Deacons?

Have you ever seen someone in need and thought: *I wish was there something I could do?* God may be softening your heart to become a Deacon or help them through donations. The Deacons are 12 elected church members who share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing *compassion* and *care* for our church family and community. Each Deacon serves for a term on three years. When funds are available, they distribute funds to local charities.

## What do Deacons do?

- Monthly visit elderly shut-ins who cannot attend Sunday Worship.
- Prepare the Sacraments for monthly Communion, give cards, baby spoons, flowers or plants to church members in need.
- Prepare and serve food for Memorial Receptions.
- Distribute the food pantry and clothing received to local charities.
- Organize Santa for Seniors and Santa Angels.
- Fund and support these ongoing local programs: Salvation Army, Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen, KCAO Women's Shelter, Kings Gospel Mission, Laundry Love, and Military Mission.
- Newer programs also supported are Safe Families, Hands Reaching Out, Operation Share, and AWANA.
- Also one Deacon participates on the church's annual Nominating Committee.

## How are Deacons funded?

Deacons receive direct funds from individual church members and the loose change offerings on the first Sunday of every even month. They are *not* funded by the General Budget of FPC.

As you can see, our Deacons are *very* active in spreading the Gospel through serving the needs of our church family and the community. We are *blessed* by these opportunities to serve.

## 2019 EPC Askings



The EPC Per-Member “Askings” for 2019 are the same as last year for a total of \$38 per member. The \$38.00 per member “Askings” provides \$23 towards the EPC General Assembly (GA) while \$15 goes to the EPC Pacific Presbytery region. The Per Member “Askings” are voluntary and the primary source of funding for both the GA & Pacific Region’s budgets. Our Session wants to support the EPC and has committed to funding our 102 members for a total amount of \$3,876.

Last year we calculated our “Askings” on 117 members which was a total amount of \$4,446. We had 53 members plus many generous donors who donated \$4,185 or 94.13% of the expense towards the “Askings”, leaving \$261 paid from our operating expense to support EPC’s GA and region. Our goal this year is to raise 100% of the “Askings” which will again help reduce our operating budget expenses for the year.

These “Askings” support: 1. The mission & service of the EPC to pursue God’s vision to make a difference for Christ, the Gospel and the Kingdom of God in our communities, our country and the world; 2. The leadership which funds the committees, boards and special committees enabling them to pro-actively respond to the opportunities & challenges facing our growing denomination; 3. The ministry of the office of GA which serves, resources, connects and encourages EPC leaders, churches and presbyteries.

EPC is focusing this year on 4 strategic opportunities: 1) global movement, 2) transformation (church revitalization), 3) multiplication (church planting), and 4) effective biblical leadership. These exciting kingdom developments could not occur without your prayer and financial support.

The Finance Ministry Team

From the  
Music  
Department



As we take part in this Lenten season, and look forward to Holy Week, we are privileged to have many new songs from our Choir and praise team that we sincerely hope will be uplifting to you, as well as make this a time of reflection and joy. What an awesome God and Savior we serve, and we hope the choir, praise team, instrumentalists, and special music will be an abundant source of blessings. We specially hope you will also feel free to join us in choir for Lent Sundays, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We are always needing additional voices! (Rehearsals – Wednesday evening 6:45 and Sunday morning 8:00). Our children will also be helping us Palm Sunday so we are again excited to be able to include them in this special service. Easter Sunday will include all our groups with additional special instrumentalists and the Handbells. We

always hope to proclaim through our music that “...as children of God, we have received the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; (for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God), ...and now are justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.” Romans 3: 22-24



# EASTER *Lilies*

## Flowers for Easter 2019

What a Beautiful time of year! The warm spring sun and rain bring the trees and plants into a new season with colorful and fragrant flowers.

The Worship Team discussed the past tradition of live Lilies in the Sanctuary for Easter. We have so many people with allergies we are not going to do that again this year. Last year we had a beautiful cross covered with flowers. There are many decorating ideas possible.

Those wishing to donate in honor and memory of a loved one will be able to do that with the Poinsettia's Christmas 2019.

Come and join in the true joy of Easter.  
"Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"



Questions, Comments, Concerns or Ideas...contact:  
Jaime Christoph 850-776-5234  
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### Youth Event:

Game night at the Christoph house!

**April 7th, 5pm-7pm.**

*Bring your favorite game  
and \$5 for dinner*



Hanford Christian School will hold its annual  
**Kindergarten Visitation Day** on  
**April 4 & 5 from 10:30am - Noon.**

Children will join the current class and participate in classroom activities.

Please RSVP to attend by calling HCS at 559-584-9207 or emailing [admissions@hanfordchristian.org](mailto:admissions@hanfordchristian.org)

# Faith & Fellowship

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

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

*Our meeting for April is on the 11th. We will have Sally Smith from Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child as our speaker. We meet at 1:00 and hope to have many of you attend. It should be very interesting and informative. We have participated in Operation Christmas Child for many years, but it is always helpful to hear of how this event is changing lives and touching families.*



*We need a place as well as helpers for our end-of-the-year salad luncheon on May 9. If any of you have a Jolly 1's & 2's May 9th event on your calendar, cross it off. We will be changing that*

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

There has been a change in the date of the Mennonite Men's Chorus performance at the Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church. It has been changed to APRIL 14 at 6:00pm. I hope this will work out for most of you. It was tentatively scheduled for the 7th. The performance on the 7th is in Bakersfield and that is too far to travel. If too many of you cannot go and you know of something else we could go to, let me know. For those who have that date free we will be leaving the church parking lot at 5:00 so we can get a parking place. Parking around the church is limited and there is usually a pretty large attendance for this event.

### **ANOTHER CHANGE:**

We chose May 9 to go to the Gozen Restaurant in Visalia. That is the same day that Agape meets for their end-of-the-year luncheon. I cannot go on the 16th. We can either move the date to a week earlier, May 23, or another day of the week. Feel free to express your preferences to me in the next couple weeks so we can change the date on our calendars and the church calendar.

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If you have questions please contact:  
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*Ladies*

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*

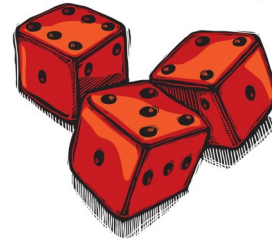
Women of the Church please join us for  
"First Friday Coffee and Prayer."

**Friday, April 5th**

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

**Games  
& Company**

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| <b>Apr 5</b> | Laurie Essepien | 7837 Fargo Pl          |
| <b>May 3</b> | Rosemary Clark  | 1980 Rio Hondo Way     |
| <b>Jun 7</b> | Sue Hensel      | 860 E. Grangeville #59 |
| <b>Jul 5</b> | Sally Gordon    | 1204 Van Ct            |
| <b>Aug 3</b> | Carol Speer     | 1216 Oxford Way        |
| <b>Sep 6</b> | Dorothy Shaw    | 265 Sycamore           |



**SERVE DAY**  
*A Day Of Caring*



First Presbyterian Church will be partnering with Koinonia Church, First Baptist Church, Kings United Way and volunteers to help with service projects all around Kings County on:

**May 4th @ 8am-1pm**

We invite you to join us for this special day of service to make a difference in our community. Watch our church bulletin and website for more information.



"This year I'm prepared with my egg-hunting app."

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## April Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

- 6 \*Thom & Georgina Snyder
- 11 Jaime Christoph, Elaine Kelly, Ed Rasdza, Ernis Radza
- 13 Dorothy Crass
- 15 Teri Hernandez
- 19 Tyler Uhlik
- 22 \*Steven & Michele King
- 25 Allison Burch, Caleb Larson, \*Eddie & Julie Azevedo
- 26 Michael Kinney, Teresa Voyles
- 28 Devin Gonzalez
- 29 Chris Burch, Ernie Kerr, Evelyn Radza
- 30 Caryn Larson, \*Martin & Darlene Keast



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