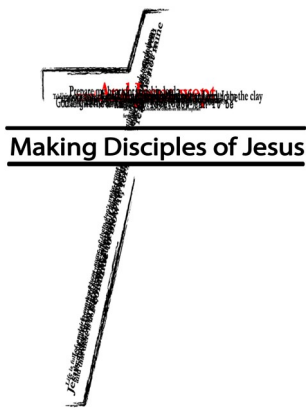


August 2019

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



FIRST PRESS

A segment on CNN from March of this year identifies the most common question from visitors to Brooklyn Museum's Egyptian art galleries: *Why are the statues' noses broken?*

Edward Bleiberg, who oversees the museum's Egyptian art, was surprised the first few times he heard this question. He had taken for granted that the sculptures were simply damaged. Certainly, after thousands of years, an ancient artifact should show wear and tear. But the broken noses led Bleiberg to uncover a widespread pattern of deliberate destruction. He said, "The consistency of the patterns ... of damage found in sculpture suggests that it's purposeful." A protruding nose on a three-dimensional statue is easily broken, he conceded, but the plot thickens when flat reliefs also have smashed noses.

The ancient Egyptians believed that the essence of a deity could inhabit an image of that deity. These campaigns of vandalism were therefore intended to "deactivate an image's strength." The damaged part of the body is no longer able to do its job. Without a nose, the statue-spirit ceases to breathe, so that the vandal is effectively "killing" it. To hammer the ears off a statue of a god would make it unable to hear a prayer. Pharaohs regularly issued decrees with terrible punishments for anyone who would dare threaten their likeness.

Bleiberg noted the skill evidenced by the iconoclasts. They were not vandals recklessly and randomly striking out at works of art. In fact, the targeted precision of their chisels suggests that they were skilled laborers, trained and hired for this exact purpose.

The idols we pursue are obviously different today than in ancient times. Our idols might be career, fitness, adventure, personal pursuits, weekend getaways, home, cars, SUVs.... Of course, none of these are inherently wrong/bad in and of themselves. They become idols when we pursue them at the expense of pursuing God. Though they may provide a short-term, fun distraction, they are powerless to give us what we ultimately desire and hope for. Their noses have been broken. Only in pursuing God can we find true meaning, purpose and peace.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us, *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."*

See you Sunday morning!

Keep the faith, Pastor Tony

FROM THE PASTOR



Newcomers & Inquirers Class

Saturday, August 24th
8am-noon (in the church office)
RSPV: 582-0283



“Out of the Blue . . .”

Several months ago, we received a call from a young lady named “Rose” (not her real name). Rose agreed to make an appointment to come in and talk with us. Overwhelmed by the circumstances in her life, Rose concluded that abortion was the only feasible option – the fastest and easiest way of escape.

Although Rose admitted she didn’t believe in abortion, she was convinced she had no other alternative, despite the other options presented. Although fear held her captive, she asked for prayer to help her “do the right thing.” And so we prayed. At the end of our meeting, Rose remained resolved that abortion was her only option due to the complicated circumstances in her life. She accepted our invitation to have an ultrasound to confirm viability of the baby in her womb before she proceeded with the abortion.

We contacted her several times after our meeting and the last few communications were filled with hopelessness. Her parents told her that if she got pregnant, she would be out of the house and never be welcomed back. She lamented that she had made her decision to abort even though she knew it would also “kill” her.

We told Rose that we cared about her and would continue to pray as she had asked. We reminded her that if her abortion affects her more than she realizes, we’re here to walk that journey with her.

A few months later, “*out of the blue*”, we received the following text message through our Helpline:

“Hi, this is Rose, and I’m not sure if you remember me or not. But I wanted to let you know that I had my baby . . . a healthy baby girl. I hope that you are doing good. Have a good day today.”

If there was ever a text message that made our day, this was IT! Rose had done the right thing. To God be all the glory! While stories like these don’t happen every day, our great God allowed us to witness His divine intervention in Rose’s life and her daughter’s. In His loving kindness, He encourages and reminds us that He hears our prayers and is the active pursuer of hearts long after they leave the Center. Christ is our blessed hope!!!

Kathryn Enloe
Director

Crossroads Pregnancy Center of Kings County is a non-profit Christian organization providing women with alternatives to abortion and a wide range of services, all free of charge and confidential. Please keep Crossroads Pregnancy Center in prayer!

Church DEACONS

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring some non-perishable food on **Aug 4** to feed those in our community who are in need.



The first Sunday of every month the Deacons collect clothing, non-perishable food and many other items for people who under resourced in our community. These donations of clothing, books, kitchen items, etc. are given to La Hermosa's Operation Sharing. Once a month, these items are placed on tables in their parking lot for people in the community to "shop" a gratis. We also give to the Kings Gospel Mission Thrift store, where the items are made available to men and women in their programs or sold at the Thrift store. The food donations are distributed to Salvation Army, which are handed out as needed and to Kings Gospel Mission to help with the preparation of nightly meals, seven days a week.

Since January of this year, you have donated over 27 bags/boxes of clothing, etc. and 16 bags/boxes of food. Each one of these contain many cans of fruit, vegetables, soup, and dry goods.

As your Deacons, we want to acknowledge and thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling the needs of those less fortunate.

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DONATIONS

***"If you have two shirts, give one to the poor.
If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."***
Luke 3:11

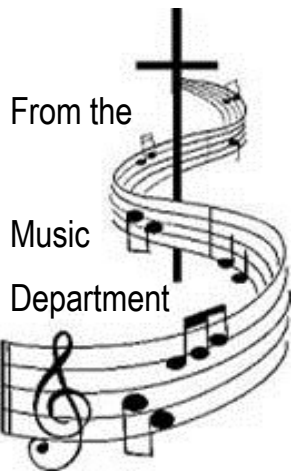
WELCOME ABOARD WITH
Yachts of Appreciation at First Presbyterian Hanford

Join Your Crew in the Galley
August 25 at high noon

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Menu

- **SKEWERED CHICKEN**
- **FLAVORED RICE**
- **CHOICE OF VEGGIE**
- **ISLAND SALAD & ROLL**
- **BEVERAGE—PINEAPPLE JUICE**





From the
Music
Department

We can't begin to thank everyone who helped make our **Encore Music** event so successful. Our desire was to worship and to present the joy of life with Christ through music. All the musicians had

a great time and our audience was more than appreciative and enthusiastic. It truly became an evening of praise as well as a community event. Thank you again to media and musicians for your hard work as well as the excellent program.

- Margie and Tom Fritz

Thank
you
Everyone!



I wish to thank all of you for your prayers, words of encouragement, food and plant, rides to church and Bible Study and from the airport, and cards. I was overwhelmed by your love and care during my time of recovery from my fall. I am now driving short distances and slowly but surely on the mend.

Janet Harader



Church Campout

October 18-20, 2019

Morro Bay State Park

Cost \$85/family

Includes: a campsite to be shared with another family, s'mores Friday & Saturday night, breakfast & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday

Non-refundable deposit of \$15 due when signing up. NEED to have sign-ups soon to

confirm sites together. Optional Friday dinner for \$15/family or \$5/person.

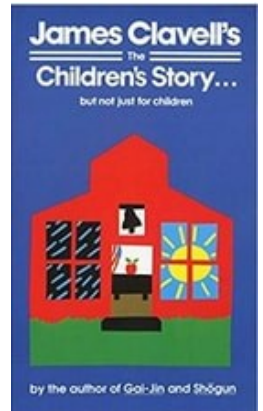
Questions and RSVP to Kevin & Sheryl McCarty 559-707-7357

Don't want to camp? . . . Get a hotel room on your own and join us during the day for activities including the meals at \$30/family and \$15/person

Faith & Fellowship

Many opportunities for you to join with others . . .

Jolly 1's & 2's



We will again be going to the Temple Theatre on August 25 to see the play "A Children's Story. It begins at 2:00 and we should arrive by 1:30 to check in. Please let me or your caller know by August 11 if you wish to go. For those interested in eating together, meet at Asia Garden after church.

Children's Story, by James Clavell, is a cautious tale that takes place in a school room in an American City. It is the morning after the war—war we lost. The new teacher proves to be young, attractive, and carefully prepared in her duties. As the new teacher moves from acceptance to control, she will maneuver her young charges into subversion...what if?



Ladies

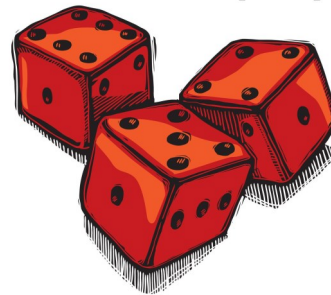
First Friday Coffee and Prayer

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

Friday, Aug. 2

9:00am-10:30am

**Games
& Company**



Aug 2	Carol Speer	1216 Oxford Way
Sep 6	Dorothy Shaw	265 Sycamore
Oct 4	Laurie Essepien	7837 Fargo Pl
Nov 1	Rosemary Clark	1980 Rio Hondo Wy



TruthSeekers

Thursday Afternoons

3:25—5:00pm

220 Dewey St.

(across from the Presbyterian Church parking lot)

Begins August 22nd

5 years—5th Grade

***Newcomers are
Welcome !!!***

*Register at club... there is
NO COST*

*Bring your friends, wear "running"
shoes and join the fun!*

Call for info.

584-7656 Susan Feaver

Our Leadership meeting will be held at the Feaver's home.

11370 Elder Ave. Hanford

Aug. 15th

New volunteers in the morning **9:30—11:00 am**

Returning Leadership in the afternoon **3:30—4:30pm**



Children's Ministry Training

Aug. 24th

9:00 - 11:30am



Refuge
YOUTH NEWS

Questions, Comments, Concerns or
Ideas...contact:
Jaime Christoph 850-776-5234
fpchanford.youth@gmail.com

Youth Event:



Games & Swim

Aug 24th

6:30-8:30pm

at the

Christoph Home

Contact Jaime Christoph at
850.776.5234 for more information.

Guys & Gals



BIBLE STUDY

1st & 3rd Mondays

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August Birthdays & *Anniversaries

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| 1 Bill Baker, Carol Speer | 20 Marjorie Froberg, * Jim & Miriam Webb |
| 3 Davian Cabrera, John-Mark Rodriguez | 24 Cristy Van Hook |
| 4 Debra Revious | 25 Lucus Burch, Luke Christoph, Steven King |
| 6 Lauren Larson | 26 Renee Loewen |
| 7 Beverly Brautigam, Kathryn Longa-
baugh, Jonathan Wrigley | 27 Jeff Jones |
| 10 Doug Porter | 28 Arthur Ramm, * Wes & Dorothy Lehmann |
| 11 Richard Karwowski | |
| 12 Catherine Cohagen | |
| 13 Christopher Rajskup | |
| 14 Jean Bell, Ethan Burch, Charlene For-
sythe | |
| 19 Abigail Dixon, Wilma Humason | |



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