

# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

## FIRST PRESS

October 2020



### Summary of September 22, 2020 Session Meeting

#### Clerk's Report

- Dave & Annie Wrigley returned to active FPC membership
- The city of Hanford now requires a permit to hold outdoor worship services. Our Clerk, Chuck Kinney will complete & submit the required forms

#### Deacons:

- Deacons reported donations to Kings Gospel Mission and the Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen
- On Aug. 2nd, 56 took communion

#### Consent Docket:

- Approved removal of Vic & Katie Barger from membership rolls
- Approved Commission on Aging's request to add a resource link on our website

#### Buildings & Grounds:

- Approved funds to slurry coat the asphalt parking lot

#### Church Growth:

- Approved motion to form a "New Pastor Support Committee" to be chaired by Debra Revious

#### Other Session Business:

- Approved Jaime Christoph and Annette Rajskup as commissioners for October 9th Presbytery
- Approved Jeff Jones and Debra Revious as observers for October 9th Presbytery
- Lori Porter reported on plans for Oct. & Nov. to refocus the congregation on our "Year of Prayer"
- Annette Rajskup gave a report as commissioner to General Assembly

# ***Training the Untrained to Reach the Unreached***

## **The Timothy Initiative Expands**



Our missionary Dan S. who has worked with the Global Training Network for the past 13+ years mentioned back in February and March that the Lord had opened an amazing new door of ministry for him to step through with The Timothy Initiative (TTI). The President and Founder of the Global Training Network was enthusiastic about the invitation that Dan received as a GTN missionary to serve TTI's vision as the largest international church planting movement in the world.

The "Mission and Vision" of The Timothy Initiative (TTI) exists to advance Christ's Kingdom by multiplying disciples and disciple making churches around the world. Their "Core Values" are: Kingdom Focused, Spirit Led & Scripture Based, Integrity First, Disciple Making Leads to Church Planting, Prayer is Priority, People Matter, and Faith Driven.

Since February, Dan has now become an "Ambassador" with the TTI and this past month he met with the TTI staff in North Carolina and was equipped, along with a small group of other US leaders to serve on a new TTI ministry team in which he will be involved in three primary areas of ministry.

1. Casting vision with individuals and at churches here on the West Coast to explain what the Vision and Goals and Methods of TTI's ministry are – with the invitation to become involved in both the international and US TTI movement.
2. Giving training to churches to assist them in becoming more effective in equipping their church members to intentionally share their faith with the people in their relational network as mature followers of Jesus.
3. Giving training via Zoom to international pastors with whom he has established strong connections in India and elsewhere over the past 13 years. He is currently training these leaders in how they can implement TTI's New Testament based principles for church planting. This training will equip the international leaders to disciple their new converts to grow into their own lifestyle of sharing their new faith; guide these new believers into their own Christian maturity as followers of Jesus; and establish them as disciple-makers themselves of those they then lead to faith in Him.

*God is definitely on the move; please keep Dan and all those working within the TTI in prayer that our Lord will guide and protect them as they disciple TTI's evangelism/discipleship ministry!*

# Church DEACONS

How exciting and blessed we are as a congregation to be welcoming Tim Hoins and his wife Kristy to be our pastor! I for one, was challenged and touched by Tim's sermon on Sept. 20, 2020. If you have not listened to it, I suggest you do. Tim challenged us to listen to God's instruction to figure out how we are going to do our call, to "Get out of the Boat"

One opportunity could be by becoming a Deacon. As Deacons we serve the church in many capacities. Many of which have been highlighted in the First Pres articles. In the next few weeks the nominating committee may approach you to become a Deacon. Prayerfully consider this request. It could be God's call for you to "Get out of the Boat". If you have any questions about becoming a Deacon, contact any of those that are serving. They would be happy to share their experiences with you.

Remember if you "Get out of the Boat", God has prepared you and He will be there with you!

~ Darlene Keast



The First Presbyterian Church Pastor Search Committee presented Timothy D. Hoins as the pastor candidate at the September 20th congregational meeting. Thank you to all the members who turned out for this meeting at such an early hour!

We are thrilled to share Tim and his Terms of Call were approved at that meeting. In addition, the vote was approved to dissolve the Pastor Search Committee as their work is done. Pending approval from our EPC Presbytery, Tim & Kristy hope to move here by mid to late November.



"Pastor, I realize the motion passed officially -- but would you like to hear the parking lot version?"





# A CALL TO PRAYER

At the beginning of this year Session declared 2020 a Year of Prayer. This Fall we would like to make prayer our focus. We urge everyone involved with First Pres. Hanford to make prayer a priority.

***Please watch for details in the November First Press regarding our upcoming "Call to Prayer."***

## 2020 EPC Askings

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The EPC Per-Member "Askings" for 2020 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 103 members for a total amount of \$3,914.

Our goal this year is to raise 100% of the "Askings" which will again help reduce our operating budget expenses for the year. To date we have received \$1,384 (35.36%) toward our goal.

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





**A Calm in the Storm:** Understanding the Chaotic Times of Jesus. Our world is a troubled place. From the pandemic to unrest in our culture, it can seem chaotic. God sent his Son Jesus into the world in a very chaotic time as well, and in this Bible study series, we will look at how Jesus responded to the chaos of the first century world, and how He calls to us to find peace in Him in the twenty-first century.

*This is a Video Bible Study hosted by Dinuba First Pres. and is available online now.*

Access options:

- visit DPC's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/dinubapres](http://www.facebook.com/dinubapres)
- visit DPC's website at [www.dinubapres.org](http://www.dinubapres.org) and click the Video Bible Study banner or the YouTube link at the bottom of the page
- Direct YouTube link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqzNVwkvj4\\_03x\\_J0iCKeRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqzNVwkvj4_03x_J0iCKeRQ)
- Direct link to the first video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fH2BEDYu1k>

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

Dear FPC Church Family and Friends,

Please be aware that your Giving Statement for the period of January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, was either emailed to those we have email addresses for or mailed (via USPO) in July. If you have not received your statement, please let Gail know either by email [gail@fpchanford.org](mailto:gail@fpchanford.org) or call her at the office 582-0283. The next Giving Statement will be your end of the year statement (12/31/2020) and will be sent out in January, 2021

We are so grateful for you and the way you've provided for and supported FPC during this time. Please continue your support by:

- Sending in your check to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1185, Hanford, Ca 93232,
- Arranging auto-pay with your financial institution,
- On-line giving - GivePlus and GivePlus Mobile.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office, 559-582-0283. Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!!!

Finance Ministry Team

The Lord owns everything and we're the asset managers. Help us to be good stewards of God's funds.  
***The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Psalms 24:1***

<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>\$288,732.92</b>	<b>Needed Monthly</b>	<b>\$ 24,061.08</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	
Income	\$ 25,633.00	*\$164,966.17	
Expenses	\$ 14,991.79	**\$113,732.59	
Net Income/Deficit	\$ 10,641.21	\$ 51,233.58	

\* Year to Date Income includes 6 (six) one-time yearly pledges received.

\*\*Year to Date Expenses include gifts from EPC for Tony's Pastoral Insurance Expense which reduced our monthly expenses.

# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

- Oct 2** Ladies Coffee & Prayer (zoom)
- Oct 4** Communion Sunday
- Oct 9** Presbytery of the Pacific SW
- Oct 12** Columbus Day
- Oct 18** Fellowship Coffee after church
- Oct 25** Compassion International
- Oct 31** Reformation Day
- Nov 1** Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 3** Election Day
- Nov 11** Veterans Day
- Nov 22** Fellowship and praying through the church
- Nov 26** Thanksgiving



## Operation Christmas Child

We have plastic shoeboxes available to pick up before or after each Sunday church service. Please take as many of these “gospel opportunities” as you wish to fill - and take some for other family members and friends to pack as well. Our OCC church packing party is scheduled is November 14th and OCC Dedication Sunday is November 22nd.



We now have the ability to “Build-a-Box” online where you can choose items to place in your box and then pay for it online. (\$25 includes shipping) Follow this link to access FPC’s “build-a-Box website:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/930cfe89-3c84-4804-9753-791f11d792ab>



Operation Christmas Child has made available an adventure app for youth called the “Greatest Journey” that helps explain the most important parts of the

Gospel. It’s available in the App Store or Google Play (no in-app purchases allowed). Check it out for your kids at this link: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/tgj-game-app/>



## Letter & Photo

October



# Faith & Fellowship

fpc Making Disciples of Jesus Hanford, California

zoom **Worship**  
Committee Meeting

1st Monday of each month  
@ 7:00 pm

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zoom **Church**  
**DEACONS**

1st Tuesday of each month  
@ 6:30 pm

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zoom **MISSIONS**  
*Ministry*

Second Tuesday each month  
@ 5:00pm

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zoom **Net-So-Small-Group**

2nd and 4th Sunday  
of each month @ 6:30pm



*Ladies*

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*


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

**Friday, Oct. 2nd**  
**9:00am ZOOM meeting**

*Brothers & Sisters in Christ*

**B·A·S·I·C**

**BASIC will meet Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>h</sup> by ZOOM @ 8pm**



Agape is still struggling to schedule events due to COVID, but we hope to have more information soon.

# OCTOBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kalob Jones, Mary Kinney
- 2 Harper Eshelman
- 3 Chuck Kinney
- 5 Shirley Voyles
- 7 Sarai Cabrera
- 9 Elis Cabrera
- 11 Kevin Jones
- 12 Bob Casterson, Virginia Rich
- 13 Braden Winterowd
- 14 Frances Nicholas, Dan Piper
- 15 Lynette Bowers
- 16 Dylan Gonzalez, Mark Nazarian, \*Bob & Paula Casterson
- 17 \*Dave & Caroline Eshelman
- 19 \*Rodney & Sue Bairstow
- 20 Brooke Winterowd
- 23 Henry Dixon
- 26 Santos Cabrera
- 27 \*Dustin & Lynda Cuzzort
- 28 Robert Curiel, Thom Snyder
- 30 Susan Gonzalez



# October 2020

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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