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FIRST PRESS

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Dearest FPC Hanford,

It has been a whirlwind in this past month. I am grateful that I am able to serve at First Presbyterian Church Hanford. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Your kindness has been amazing. Jasmine and I truly love you all! I am excited to be leading a Wednesday evening Bible study after BodyLife dinner as well as the Men's Bible Study every other Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church Office conference room. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful time in the life of the church. God is with you!

Pastor Joe Mazzela <><



Wednesday Bible Study



Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind

Begins January 30th

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every other Thursday @ 6:30pm

Church DEACONS

You may have noticed a large metal box mounted on the wall as you approach the Fellowship Hall and wondered “What can that be”? It is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). CPR combined with the use of an AED provides the best chance of saving a life following a cardiac arrest. An AED is designed to be used by lay people until emergency service personnel arrive to assume care and transfer the patient to the hospital. In the event of a cardiac emergency, a call should be placed to 911, CPR initiated if indicated, and the AED should be retrieved and brought to the patient. Once the AED is turned on, the machine will give verbal prompts to follow until trained personnel arrive. The Deacons were able to purchase the AED thanks to a grant from Adventist Health here in Hanford. We are grateful for their assistance in obtaining this valuable life-saving tool.

~ Submitted by Teresa Voyles



Reminder! The Deacons would like to remind you to bring clothing and non-perishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available in the church hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.



Summary of February 18, 2025 Session & February 23 Congregational Meetings

Deacons

- Reported 76 took communion on Feb. 2nd., during worship and 5 shut-In's

Clerk's Report

- Reported Members as of Feb. 1, 2025 total—75
- Approved Jaime Christoph & Sue Kinney as Elders assigned to the Nominating Committee

Pastor's Report

- Approved Mike Griffin from EPC to teach a Nehemiah Workshop on Refocus & Grief March 14 & 15.

Buildings & Grounds

- Approved purchase of three storage racks for the downstairs storage room
- Approved continued use of facilities for Community Bible Study on Wednesdays (7:45am—12:30pm) Sept. 2025 thru May 2026
- Approved purchase of a locking Prayer Request box to be mounted in the narthex
- Approved purchase and installation of three metal exterior doors

Finance

- Approved upgrade of our QuickBooks software

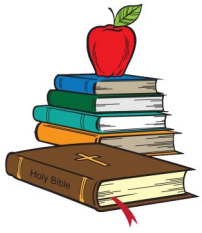
Missions

- Approved April 27 as Compassion Sunday
- Approved May 11—June 15 the joint fundraiser “Changing Babies” with Crossroad Pregnancy Center
- Approved May 18 for a Compassion International “Letter Writing Day”
- Approved Nov. 9 as Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Personnel Committee

- Approved a job description for a Co-Director for Children and Youth Ministries
- Approved an Honorarium gift to Sheri Winterowd of \$1000
- Approved a Farewell Reception for Tony & Sheri Winterowd on April 6

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A Note From:

Children's and Youth Director
Sheri Winterowd

It is time to purchase tickets for our Tri Tip Fundraiser! PLEASE help our youth raise funds for that will be used to send kids to camp and other trips and opportunities. This is our big fundraiser and we really appreciate your support. The Tri Tip Lunch is on March 30 after church.

In all of our lives, there are seasons...seasons of the year, sports seasons, school seasons. College life, First job, Marriage, Kids, Middle Age, and Retirement are examples of other seasons. For me, I am nearing the end of my season at First Presbyterian Church. My husband Tony turned 65 last year, and in April, we are moving to Huntington Beach in Orange County to live in the house where he grew up. I have greatly enjoyed the three years I have served here as Director of Children and Youth Ministries. I feel blessed by the relationships, events, ministry and moments we have shared.

Tony and I moved to Hanford in March 2004, so this month marks 21 years of our relationship with First Presbyterian Church. Tony was the pastor here for 16 years and after he resigned, I continued to worship here. I will always hold a great love in my heart for you all and will continue to pray for God's will to be done here. I know He has great plans for our church and though I will not be here for the next chapter, I will rejoice with you as those plans unfold. I will always be your friend and am so grateful for all the love and support you have given to my family and me. My last day on staff will be March 31. Our daughter Brooke will not be moving with us but plans to live with my mom, Carley Watson, and will continue to attend First Presbyterian.

I will always care about you and be available to you. You can call or text or email me, FaceTime me, or message me on Instagram and Facebook, and I do plan to visit! Please pray for us as this move is a great opportunity to downsize so many decisions must be made, and many things given away. I plan to get a job after we relocate, so I would appreciate your prayers for the Lord's guidance in my career path.

As believers in Christ, we have such blessings being part of the family of God together. It is my prayer for all of us that we continue to grow in wisdom, faith and love for our Great and Faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. To God be the glory, great things He has done! Philippians 1:3 expresses how I feel: "I thank my God every time I remember you"

Upcoming Events:

- March 30: *Save the Date* -
Youth Tri Tip Fundraiser Lunch

Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser
First Presbyterian Church Youth Fundraiser



Sunday, March 30th
 Dine-In or Takeout
 11:30 am — 1:00 pm

Tri-Tip
Portuguese Beans
Salad and Rolls

Baked goods for purchase

UP COMING



- Mar 2** Communion Sunday, Church Growth meeting @ 11:20am, New Members Class at 11:30am
- Mar 3** Deacon's meeting @ 1pm
- Mar 4** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Mar 5** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6pm
- Mar 7** Ladies First Friday Prayer at 9am, "The Chosen" study @ 7pm
- Mar 9** Worship meeting @ 11:15am, Youth Group @ 5pm
- Mar 10** *Missions meeting @ 7pm
- Mar 11** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Mar 12** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6pm
- Mar 13** Session Reports due, C.E. meeting @ 1pm, Men's Bible Study Group @ 6:30pm
- Mar 14** Mike Griffin Workshop @ 6:30pm
- Mar 15** First Press Articles due, Mike Griffin Workshop @ 8:30am
- Mar 18** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Mar 19** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6pm
- Mar 21** "The Chosen" study @ 7pm
- Mar 23** Youth Group @ 5pm
- Mar 25** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Mar 26** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6pm
- Mar 27** Men's Bible Study Group @ 6:30pm
- Mar 28** "The Chosen" study @ 7pm
- Mar 30** 5th Sunday, Tri-Tip Fundraiser @ noon

* via Zoom



Continued Summary of February 18, 2025 Session & February 23 Congregational Meetings

Personnel Committee

- Approved a job description for a Co-Director for Children and Youth Ministries

VBS

- Approved "VBS Kick-Off" scheduled for March 2nd
- Approved Wednesdays in May as "VBS Decorating Days" in the Fellowship Hall
- Approved asking the congregation for monetary and purchased items from the Amazon "Wish List"
- Approved VBS Training luncheon for June 20
- Approved "Rice Bowls" Ministry as mission project for VBS 2025

Congregational Meeting

Purpose: The election of a Pastor Search Committee

Approved

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| • Julie Baker | • Darlene Keast |
| • Jaime Christoph | • Chuck Kinney |
| • Marj Froberg | |



The New City Catechism

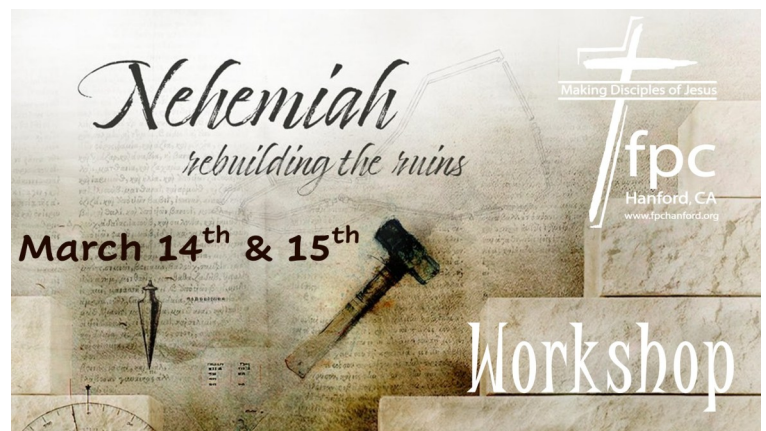
52 Questions & Answers for Our Hearts & Minds

Introduction by Kathy Keller



Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith.





LIVING WATER WORLD MISSIONS

Living Water World Missions is a Mission organization that our First Presbyterian Church helps to support. It is a 501 c3 non-profit ministry that exists to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the context of installing sustainable water purification systems to people throughout the world. The home church for Living Water World Missions (LWWM) is Gateway Church in Visalia, California. The founding member and leader of the first water installation in Guatemala in 2007 is Mark Vanciel, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Living Water World Missions seeks to share the gift of the gospel of Jesus Christ and clean water with communities in need and water purification systems are typically installed at churches, schools, and orphanages. Their systems produce up to 300 gallons of clean drinking water per hour, enough to supply a community with clean water for a generation.

An essential part of the installation process is the health and hygiene education program that teaches about germ theory, proper hygiene, appropriate uses of clean water, but most importantly the priority in their teaching is:

The message of Jesus Christ as the Living Water!

As of January 2024, LWWM has installed 103 water systems in Guatemala. In addition, LWWM has led other mission teams in installations in Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Haiti, and Cuba.

An installation trip to Guatemala will typically be one week in length, from Saturday to Saturday and may cost up to \$1,500.00 per person (including airfare). Prices vary based on the accommodations and the cost of travel at the time the trips are booked.

Families are welcome as well as people of all ages to participate in a mission trip. The ages of past team participants range from two years to eighty-five years of age. No previous experience is necessary. The most important qualifications are a willing heart, the ability to smile, and a desire to serve Christ by serving others.

A 10-member Board of Directors oversees LWWM and the Board meets monthly to decide upon new installation destinations; they operate under a set of by-laws and board policy statements that clarify and give parameters to their Mission.

Please continue to pray for Living Water World Missions and the important work that they provide for in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!



LIVING WATER WORLD MISSIONS

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly Bible version, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.



DAY 1
Genesis 3:15

DAY 2
Isaiah 7:14

DAY 3
Matthew 1:20-21

DAY 4
Luke 2:11

DAY 5
Luke 2:52

DAY 6
Mark 1:9-11

DAY 7
Matthew 4:10

DAY 8
Matthew 4:18-20

DAY 9
Luke 6:27-31

DAY 10
Matthew 11:28-30

DAY 11
Luke 4:40-41

DAY 12
Luke 8:24-25

DAY 13
Matthew 12:8

DAY 14
Mark 6:41-42

DAY 15
Luke 9:20-22

DAY 16
John 3:16-17

DAY 17
John 6:35

DAY 18
John 8:12

DAY 19
John 10:14-15

DAY 20
Mark 10:13-16

DAY 21
Mark 9:2-3

DAY 22
Matthew 20:17-19

DAY 23
Luke 19:9-10

DAY 24
Matthew 14:25-27

DAY 25
Luke 10:36-37

DAY 26
John 11:25-27, 43

DAY 27
John 12:3

DAY 28
Matthew 21:8-9

DAY 29
Mark 11:15-16

DAY 30
John 17:17-19

DAY 31
Luke 22:3-6

DAY 32
Mark 14:22-24

DAY 33
John 13:3-5

DAY 34
Matthew 26:39

DAY 35
Luke 22:63-65

DAY 36
Mark 15:22-26

DAY 37
Matthew 27:50-54

DAY 38
John 19:40-42

DAY 39
Luke 24:1-8

DAY 40
Matthew 28:19-20

Faith & Fellowship



Jolly 1's & 2's



Kings Players is presenting the play titled "Ghost of a Chance." We are planning to attend Sunday, March 23. The play starts at 2:00pm. Janet will be checking the cost of the tickets and will inform the congregation when she receives an answer. It generally runs about \$15-\$18.

The play is about a person named Bethany who has brought her fiancée to her cabin – the site of a hunting accident that killed her husband, Chance. His ghost is still there and is trying to prevent her from remarrying. An old woman and a kooky psycho get involved for family friendly laughs and fun.

Anyone in church may attend. Let Janet Harader know if you'd like her to purchase your tickets. She needs to know by March 5. Phone number: 559-583-8817.

The Kings Symphony's spring concert is on March 17 @ 4:00 at the Fox Theatre. You may purchase your own tickets. They are available at the door the day of the concert or you may check at the box office. If anyone needs a ride, Janet can pick you up.



Please join us for a

Farewell Reception

HONORING

*Tony & Sheri
Winterowd*

AS THEY

START A NEW JOURNEY

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

11:30AM

FPC FELLOWSHIP HALL



Ladies

First Friday Coffee and Prayer

First Friday of each month @ 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

MARCH

Birthdays & *Anniversaries

- 2 Ellen Matsubara, Kelly Voyles
- 5 *Randy Edwards & Diane Sharp
- 6 Rosemary Clark, Cora Kopp,
Avery Mills
- 9 Jim Rajskup
- 16 Sally Gordon, Emmett Montoya
- 18 Faye Kopp
- 19 Brian Pelton
- 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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