

# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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

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### “A Message from Tony Winterowd”

I've spoken on this previously, but I believe it bears repeating: We need to be vigilant in preventing our journey of faith from becoming comfortable or convenient.

That is, we must constantly be self-aware and self-reflective regarding our lives, never surrendering to complacency. Yes, we take great solace in knowing we are secure in Christ, but we must always be honest regarding any course correction required. If we refuse (either passively or knowingly), our relationship with Christ becomes transactional, not transformational: “Thank you for saving me, Lord, but please don't ask me to make any significant changes.” We rationalize, telling others, “This is just the way I am. Why don't you focus on the positives?”

We must always be willing to smooth out the rough edges, especially after receiving wise counsel (either solicited or unsolicited). Having said this, I am keenly aware of my own liabilities. Thus, my continuous prayer is, “Lord, convict me toward true, authentic, substantive change.”

May we be encouraged and challenged by the words of Paul, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:2).”

Keep the faith,

Pastor Tony

### Update on Pastor Tim

The FPC Personnel Committee and Session ask that you continue to pray for Pastor Tim and his wife Jen as he seeks medical treatment. Although he is out of communication during this time, he has shared his love for this congregation. If you wish to send him or Jen a correspondence, they may be sent to: **1512 Goshen Ave. Clovis, CA 93611**



## Homebound & Visitation Ministry

The deacons lead a visitation ministry dedicated to serving members of our church family. If someone is in a care home, housebound, or hospitalized and would appreciate a visit, we make it a priority to be there. We recognize that isolation can be difficult, and we want to ensure that no one feels forgotten. Additionally, we can provide transportation to medical appointments, the pharmacy, or the market as needed.

If you know of someone in our congregation who could benefit from this assistance, please inform one of the deacons so they can be added to our visitation list. Our mission is to serve, and through this ministry, we strive to make everyone feel valued and loved. Our goal is to be a church that genuinely reflects God's love to all.

~ Submitted by Virginia Rich



**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.



## September Reading Plan <sup>Page 2</sup>

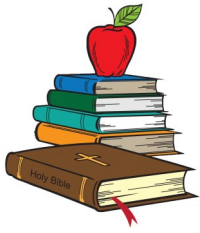


## Daily Bible Reading Program

### *Chronological Plan*

1-Year Plan. These readings are compiled according to recent historical research, taking into account the order in which the recorded events actually occurred. This is a fantastic plan to follow if you wish to add historical context to your reading of the Bible. If the schedule provided is followed, the entire Bible will be read in one calendar year.

1. Matthew 1;  
Luke 2
2. Matthew 2
3. Matthew 3;  
Mark 1; Luke 3
4. Matthew 4;  
Luke 4-5
5. John 2-4
6. Matthew 8;  
Mark 2
7. John 5
8. Matthew 12;  
Mark 3; Luke 6
9. Matthew 5-7
10. Matthew 9; Luke 7
11. Matthew 11
12. Luke 11
13. Matthew 13; Luke 8
14. Mark 4-5
15. Matthew 10
16. Matthew 14;  
Mark 6; Luke 9
17. John 6
18. Matthew 15;  
Mark 7
19. Matthew 16;  
Mark 8
20. Matthew 17;  
Mark 9
21. Matthew 18
22. John 7-8
23. John 9-10
24. Luke 10
25. Luke 12-13
26. Luke 14-15
27. Luke 16-17
28. John 11
29. Luke 18
30. Matthew 19;  
Mark 10



## A Note From:

**Children's and Youth Director**  
**Sheri Winterowd**

Tony, Bryce and I were able to see **The Forge** Movie in late August and meet the writer and director, Alex Kendrick. We were really impressed with the quality of the film—and great acting, really compelling story and positive things to take away from the movie, we highly recommend it. Please make an effort to go and spend your entertainment dollars on this faith-based film. The movie is about a 19-year-old young man, Isaiah Wright who needs to find purpose and meaning in his life and make positive strides as he grows into adulthood. One of our ministry partners, Refuge Armona, bought out one entire theater at Cinemark Movies 8 on 9/14 to make it accessible for youth to attend the movie (the theater is now full). Check movie listings and go see it!



### Our church has several exciting things happening in September!



First, some of our youth group will be going to hear inspiring speaker and Hollywood actor, Jim Caviezel, speak at the **Tulare-Kings Right to Life** pro-life event on **September 5** at Visalia First Assembly. The talk starts at 7 pm and it is a fundraiser for the organization. Please consider joining us! Tickets can be purchased at [tkrl.org](http://tkrl.org).

On **September 15**, the Missions and Christian Education Teams together will be hosting a **Blessing Bag Event**, where individuals and families stay after church, eat a pizza lunch together, pack Ziploc bags full of helpful items for people who are experiencing homelessness, and discuss some best practices for how to bless others with these bags. Participants will be leaving with bags to keep handy (maybe in their cars). There is no cost for this event, and all ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Sheri at 559-281-4163 or [fpchanford.youth@gmail.com](mailto:fpchanford.youth@gmail.com), to let me know if you are able to attend so I know how much pizza to purchase.

**Body Life** begins on **September 18!** Come join the fun and fellowship each Wednesday night as we eat a delicious meal together and then enjoy playing games! The dinner starts at 5:30 pm and the games will be led by Jaime Christoph. In addition to game opportunities, choir will be practicing starting at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend to insure we have the right amount of food. **The cost is \$8 per person or \$20 for a family.**

**September 22** marks the first day of our **Adult Bible Study Class** held at 9:00 am, one hour before church starts. The group will be studying **Experiencing God**, and the class will be led by Jaime Christoph. Jaime asks that all participants purchase a workbook for use in the class. Also at 9 am on September 22, our middle school students will be starting their own designated class, taught by Deborah Pelton. Our high school and college students will continue their class taught by Mary Kinney. We will offer nursery and children's activities during the 9:00 hour. Plan to participate!! It's going to be GREAT!!



# UP COMING



- Sep 1** Communion Sunday
- Sep 2** Labor Day (office closed)
- Sep 3** Staff meeting @ 10am, Church Growth meeting @ 1pm
- Sep 5** Community Enhancement Fund meeting @ 4pm
- Sep 6** Ladies First Friday Prayer Group @ 9am
- Sep 8** Worship meeting @ 11am, 5am, Youth Group @ 5pm
- Sep 9** Finance meeting @ 11am, Deacons meeting @ 2pm, Missions meeting @ 7pm
- Sep 10** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Sep 12** Session Reports Due
- Sep 13** Christian Ed. Meeting @ 1pm
- Sep 15** First Press article due, Blessing Bags Event @ 11:30pm
- Sep 17** Staff meeting @ 10am, Session meeting @ 6:30pm
- Sep 18** BodyLife begins @ 5:30pm
- Sep 22** Fall Bible Study begins at 9am, Youth Group @ 5pm
- Sep 24** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Sep 25** BodyLife @ 5:30pm
- Sep 28** Paint Party @ 10am
- Sep 29** Youth Sunday & 5th Sunday Potluck & Dessert Auction

\* via Zoom



## Summary of Aug 16 (Called) & Aug 20, 2024 Session Meetings

### Called Meeting

- Approved the Personnel Committee recommendation to grant Pastor Tim up to 120 day of leave.

### Deacons

- Reported 70 took communion on Aug. 4 during worship and 6 shut-ins where served

### Clerk's Report

- Reported Members as of July 1, 2024 total—84
- Elder Rajskup presented a report on General Assembly

### Christian Ed

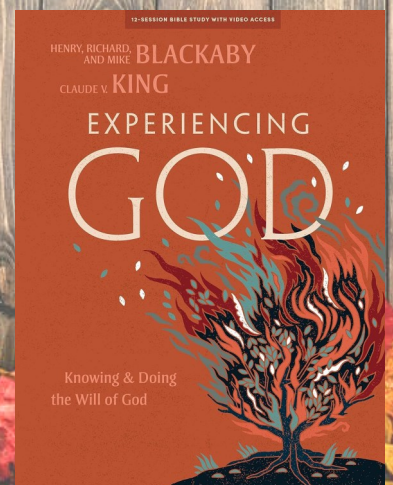
- Approved restart of BodyLife on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm to go through Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

### Finance

- Approved dessert auction on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck to raise funds for EPC Askings
- Approved changes to signers at Mechanics Bank
- Approved moving funds from Savings #2 in checking account to pay for office shelving and laminator cart
- Approved Protocols for construction projects at FPC

# Fall Bible Study

## 9am



### The New City Catechism

52 Questions  
& Answers  
for Our Hearts  
& Minds

Introduction by  
Kathy Keller



**What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?**

*One who is truly human and also truly God.*



**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>—Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**BodyLife Dinner at 5:30pm**

- \$8 Adults
- \$4 Children (5-12 yrs)
- \$20 Family (3 or more)

Join us Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, for a multi-generational meal full of good food and fellowship followed by discussion, games and fun for the whole family.

*We hope to see you there!*

**Join Us ... Singers Wanted!**



**Choir with Open Rehearsals—All ages**  
*Come, Praise the Lord in Song!*

**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm**

In Our Air conditioned

**Outreach Building**

220 Dewey Street

Director- Shirley Lay

*All Ladies Welcome*

*Ladies*

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*

First Friday of each month beginning

**Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am—11:00am**

Ladies are invited for coffee and prayer the first Friday of each month at 9am in the fellowship hall.



**PAINT PARTY**

*Bring-A-Friend and join us*

**September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

Outreach Building - 220 Dewey Street

**No Cost** - All your supplies included

*Limited space available so sign-up right away.*







The Worship Ministry Team is looking for someone willing to share their talents on the piano as a substitute, once in a while, during choir rehearsal. This would be about one Wednesday a month, 6:30-7:30 pm, and is a paid rehearsal. You will be working with Shirley Lay, our new Director, and our great choir. If you are interested, please contact Janice Mills at 559-362-2567 for details.

**Sunday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**



**Please bring the following**  
 Couples & Singles - salads & sides  
 Families - main dish



As part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church family, we are encouraged to share a small portion (1.5%) of our yearly earnings with our local Presbytery (Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest "POPS") and our General Assembly—our national hub. These contributions, known as "Askings," support the mission of our denomination. Both POPS and the EPC generously provide us with aid and resources. This year, our "Askings" amount to an average of \$39 for each member. Many of our members contribute they "Asking" in addition to their tithes, however not all do. To help offset the deficit, the Finance Committee is holding a dessert auction Sunday, Sept. 29th. We hope you will join us after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck and bit on a great dessert.

**Please contact Julie Baker (559) 623-8652 if you would like to help provide a dessert to be auctioned off.**

**Dessert *Auction***

**Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**



# Faith & Fellowship



*Ladies*

*First Friday Coffee and Prayer*

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month @ 9:00am**



## EXERCISE CLASS

The FPC exercise class  
M, W & F mornings @ 9:00am in the  
FPC Outreach Building (220 Dewey Street)



**fpc** *Session*

**3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00pm**

**fpc** Making Disciples of Jesus  
Hanford, California

*Church*  
**DEACONS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month @ 2pm**



**fpc** *Christian Education*

Committee Meeting

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 1pm**



**fpc** **MISSIONS**  
*Ministry*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month @ 7pm**



**fpc** *Church Growth*

Committee Meeting

**1st Monday of each month @ 1pm**

**fpc** Making Disciples of Jesus  
Hanford, California

*Worship*  
Committee Meeting

**2nd Sunday after morning worship**

# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kyle Christoph
- 7 Susan Feaver
- 9 Dominic Caparuolo
- 10 Hope Kinney, \*Tony & Sheri Winterowd
- 11 Kylee Caparuolo
- 13 Dennis Mills
- 14 Paula Salud
- 16 Kailyn Christoph, Nick Elvena
- 20 Gail Forsythe
- 25 Wes Lehmann
- 30 \*Kevin & Stacey Jones

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Church Office Hours: 9:00am—1:00pm (Mon—Fri)

Send prayer requests to [hanfordfpcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:hanfordfpcprayer@gmail.com)  
other information to [office@fpchanford.org](mailto:office@fpchanford.org)



# September

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