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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"

Syn-chro-nic-i-ty: the simultaneous occurrence of events which appear significantly related but have no discernible causal connection.

Does this definition resonate? You may recall a time when circumstances inexplicably converged, creating an unexpected, but desired outcome. Perhaps this left you in wonderment because at the time you didn't really fret or attempt to exert control. "Things" simply unfolded well.

This was true during my illness in 2019. I can recall a number of specific events that intersected one upon another, only to contribute to and build upon a tapestry that has carried me/us into the present. The first of which was when my daughter, Brooke, heard her mom's phone ringing as I was calling for help. If she hadn't heard and answered, it would have been game, set, match.

Here is where I depart with the above definition. Instead of surrendering to the phrase 'no causal connection,' I believe that behind the tapestry is an Artist weaving the events of our lives into a beautiful mosaic. So, instead of 'synchronicity,' I prefer the phrase 'logistical miracles.' God perfectly orchestrates the events of our lives if we resist the temptation to control or interfere.

Romans 8:28 underscores this truth: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Let us rest peacefully in the assurance that God is sovereign.

Keep the faith,
Pastor Tony

Update on Pastor Tim

Pastor Tim is in a very intense inpatient program and is making great progress!

He is very grateful for the support from our church and asks that we continue to pray for him and Jen. He is looking forward to returning and sharing, very transparently, his journey and experience.

Church DEACONS

Deacons have a variety of tasks they are in charge of. If you have ever received a card when you are ill, the deacons have been informed of this and have responded by sending a get well wish for you. If you have received a card and/or balloon or other gift on your birthday, it means the deacons have taken the time to wish you a special day. These are sent to our older people in the church. If you have ever received a card for your anniversary, it means the deacons have wished to acknowledge another year of marriage.

Cards and plants/flowers are taken to any of our church family who have been hospitalized or had surgery. This is our way of letting you know we care and wish a good outcome. We often pray that God will guide the doctors and surgeons as they use their expertise in and knowledge of medicine to bring you back to full health. Visiting people in the hospital blesses you as the patient as well as blessing the deacon who comes by your side.

We also sometimes send "thinking of you" cards to someone who may be lonely or down on their luck. We want to be there for you when things are not going the way you had hoped. We sometimes call or pray with you in your time of need.

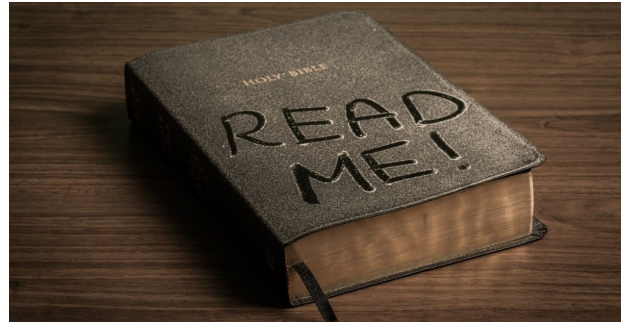
If you are aware of anyone who needs to be lifted up by a card, plant, visit, or call, feel free to inform us of the need. We care, and want to show our love to our congregation.

~ Submitted by Janet Harader

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.



October Reading Plan



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.

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| 1. Matthew 20-21 | 16. Acts 1-3 |
| 2. Luke 19 | 17. Acts 4-6 |
| 3. Mark 11;
John 12 | 18. Acts 7-8 |
| 4. Matthew 22;
Mark 12 | 19. Acts 9-10 |
| 5. Matthew 23;
Luke 20-21 | 20. Acts 11-12 |
| 6. Mark 13 | 21. Acts 13-14 |
| 7. Matthew 24 | 22. James |
| 8. Matthew 25 | 23. Acts 15-16 |
| 9. Matthew 26;
Mark 14 | 24. Galatians 1-3 |
| 10. Luke 22;
John 13 | 25. Galatians 4-6 |
| 11. John 14-17 | 26. Acts 17 |
| 12. Matthew 27;
Mark 15 | 27. 1 & 2 Thessalonians |
| 13. Luke 23;
John 18-19 | 28. Acts 18-19 |
| 14. Matthew 28;
Mark 16 | 29. 1 Corinthians 1-4 |
| 15. Luke 24;
John 20-21 | 30. 1 Corinthians 5-8 |
| | 31. 1 Corinthians 9-11 |



A Note From:

Children's and Youth Director
Sheri Winterowd

I really enjoyed the first two Body Life nights. I find such pleasure in eating delicious meals with my church friends and attending the Bible Study Methods class, led by Mary Kinney. I have stayed on track with my daily Bible reading and learning some new methods for digging deeper into Bible passages is very helpful. I invite any of you who have not yet attended to join this class. There is no cost to attend and free childcare is provided. There are eight more weeks of Body Life! Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to build friendships and spend time with others while enjoying a delicious meal and learning more about studying the Bible. The Choir is practicing following Body Life dinner as well, and it is a fantastic group of people, and such a meaningful time spent singing praise to the Lord. I urge you to try it out if you have even a small interest. When I have participated in the choir, one of my favorite side benefits is having wonderful music running through my head for days!

Our Sunday School Launch on September 22 was a great success! At the 9:00 hour, we now have the adult **Experiencing God** class, led by Jaime Christoph meeting in the Fellowship Hall overflow room. We have the **Kingdom Kids** Class (for children in K-5th) taught by Sandy Mills meeting upstairs. We have **Ignite Middle School** class (6th-8th graders) taught by Deborah Pelton meeting downstairs in the Junior High Room. We have the **Refuge High School & College** class taught by Mary Kinney which meets in the Refuge room downstairs. We have nursery care provided during the Sunday School hour as well! Please come and participate! All are welcome!

Fall Activities bring new opportunities for fun and fellowship! Our Ignite Middle School Group will be having a **Game & S'mores Night** on Friday, October 11 at The Pelton Home from 6:30-9:00 pm. Our High School/College Group will be meeting at The Pelton Home on Saturday, October 26 for **Pizza and Pumpkins** from 4:30 to 9:00 pm. Teens should bring a pumpkin to carve and invite a friend!

Our Fall Festival is coming up soon! Please plan to participate by decorating your car for our trunk or treat, helping with the food preparation and service, or providing goodies for our cake walk. The sign-up opportunities will be offered soon!

What a great blessing to be part of this community of faith. Continue to invite your friends and family to participate with us! To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, Oct 11 – Game Night & S'mores for Middle School Age

Sunday, Oct 13 – Youth Group at church 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday, October 20 – Night of Worship 6:00 pm

Saturday, Oct 26 – Pizza and Pumpkins for High School & College Age

Sunday, Oct 27 – Fall Festival directly following the worship service –
No Youth Group



FPC HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Pumpkins and Pizza Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

4:30PM TO 9:00PM

THE PELTON HOME

1942 W. HUMBOLDT DRIVE, HANFORD

PLEASE BRING A PUMPKIN TO DECORATE OR CARVE,
A SWEATSHIRT, AND A FRIEND!

PAINTS AND CARVING TOOLS
WILL BE PROVIDED

PUMPKIN DECORATING
PIZZA, BONFIRE & SMORES

RSVP TO
DEBORAH PELTON
559.360.6763



UP COMING



- Oct 1** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Oct 2** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Oct 4** First Friday Prayer @ 9am
- Oct 6** *World Communion Day*
- Oct 7** Church Growth mtg @ 1pm, Deacons mtg @ 2pm, *Missions mtg @ 7pm
- Oct 8** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Oct 9** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Oct 10** CE mtg @ 1pm
- Oct 11** Youth Game Night @ 6:30pm
- Oct 11—12** Presbytery mtg (Danville, CA)
- Oct 13** Youth Group @ 5pm
- Oct 14** Finance mtg @ 11am
- Oct 15** *First Press article due*, Staff meeting @ 10am
- Oct 16** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Oct 17** *Session reports due*
- Oct 19** Casterson Memorial @ 11am
- Oct 20** Night of Worship @ 5:30pm
- Oct 22** Staff meeting @ 10am, Session mtg @ 6:30pm
- Oct 23** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Oct 25** The Chosen Bible Study begins @ 7pm
- Oct 26** HS Youth Pizza & Pumpkins Event @ 4:30pm
- Oct 27** Fall Festival @ 12pm, Youth Group @ 5pm
- Oct 29** Staff meeting @ 10am
- Oct 30** BodyLife @ 5:30pm, Bible Study @ 6:30pm

* via Zoom



Summary of September 17, 2024 Session Meeting

Deacons

- Reported 74 took communion on Sept. 1 during worship
- Approved applying for a grant from Adventist Health for funds to purchase an AED unit

Clerk's Report

- Reported Members as of Sept 1, 2024 total—79
- Approved moving Oct Session meeting to Oct 22

Community Enhancement Fund

- Approved recommendations for grant awards

Christian Ed

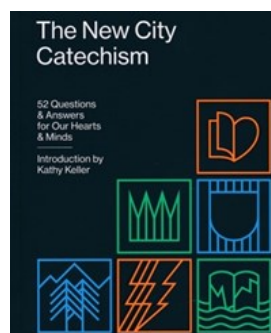
- Approved assigning bookkeeper to manage background checks
- Approved Mary Kinney to lead Bible study after BodyLife
- Approved the Kinney's to lead Bible study "The Chosen" beginning Oct 25 on Fridays @ 7pm

Finance

- Approved making changes to fee schedule for facility use for all General Use, Memorials, and Weddings
- Approved purchase of new laptop for Youth Director

Missions

- Approved Standing Stone Ministries to do presentation on Oct 20 during morning worship
- Approved "Night of Worship" on Oct 20 @ 6pm



Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin.



The Mission Ministry Committee seeks to donate money to organizations that reach both individuals and groups with the gospel. One of these is an organization called "Operation Heal Our Patriots," a project of Samaritan's Purse.

It began more than 10 years ago in response to the epidemic of broken marriages among military families. Since 2012 they have welcomed 1726 couples to Samaritan Lodge Alaska, 725 participants have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, 904 have been baptized in Lake Clark and 858 couples have recommitted their marriages to God.

Franklin Graham says that "each year we get to see God work powerfully in the lives of these couples as they become a part of the Operation Heal Our Patriots family. God has been faithful to restore and transform many lives and marriages devastated by the wounds of war."

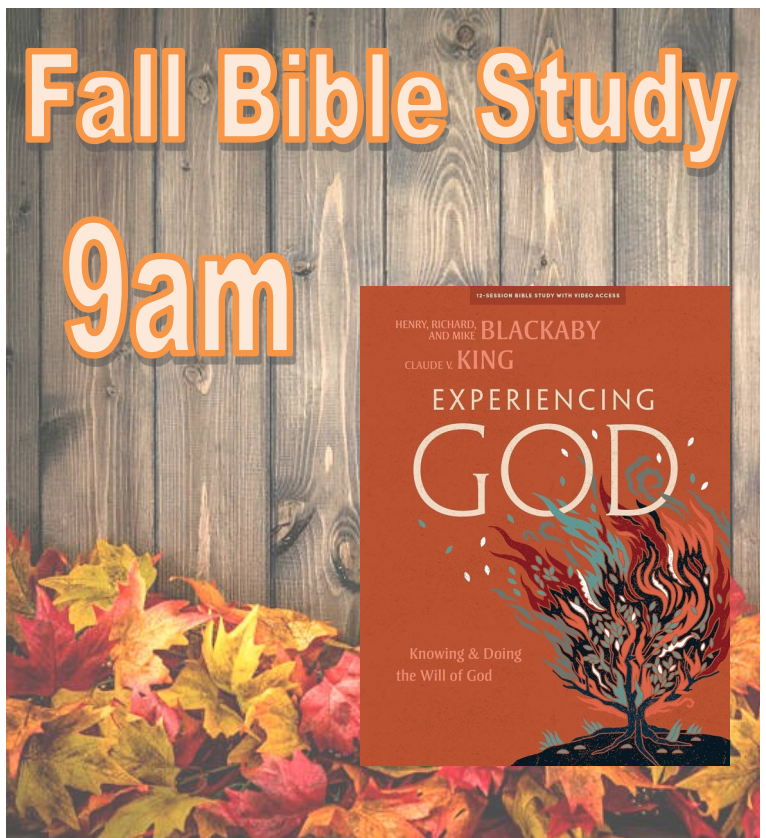
Couples come to Alaska looking for a way to fix what's broken – broken relationships and marriages on the brink. Often they feel far from God. But as they step away from the daily life and distractions, many couples find hope awakening through six days of chaplain-led, Biblically-based enrichment training.

One couple, Army Sergeant James Sizemore and his wife Krystle, arrived at Samaritan Lodge Alaska. Their marriage was falling apart. James felt Operation Heal Our Patriots was "a way to save what we had going." During the week, issues in their relationship were brought to the forefront, and they worked to resolve them through marriage enrichment classes and spending quality time alone together, something they hadn't done in years. Both accepted Christ and found a peace they hadn't had in years.



Other marriages are more difficult to mend. Staff Sergeant Jason Morse only went to satisfy his wife. He was there only for her and the fishing. Despite this, Jason found Christ and gave his life over to Him. They recommitted their marriage and were baptized.

The story doesn't end there. After couples return home they enter the Family Care program. Regional chaplains stay in contact with them and help them connect with local Christian churches. They are invited to Fortify Your Marriage weekends, as well as a biennial Operation Heal Our Patriots Reunion. They are provided the opportunity to join Team Patriot, a program that allows them to serve U.S. homeowners affected by natural disasters.





Giving and Attendance – Each Sunday in our worship bulletin, you see on the back page a box at the bottom which shows our monthly income & expenses along with weekly attendance for the last 4 weeks. Do you check that each week? If you do, you’ll have seen we are having good attendance! But it also shows our expenses exceed our income except for one month. Our ministry committees and staff are working hard to keep costs to a minimum. We pray that God touches your hearts to help meet the financial goals of having been blessed with Pastor Tim full time.

EPC Askings – As part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church family, we are encouraged to share a small portion (1.5% or \$3,418) of our yearly earnings with our local Presbytery (Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest “POPS”) and our General Assembly (GA) – our national hub. This year, our Askings amount to an average of \$40 for each member. Many of our members contribute specifically to Askings in addition to their tithes, however not all do. To help offset the deficit, the Finance Committee held a dessert auction Sunday, Sept. 29th. We also ask you to consider giving specifically to Askings over and above your tithe, please note this on your check or on the online information.

What are Askings and what do they do? Per Member Askings is the primary means for funding the work and ministry of our EPC Presbytery and General Assembly. Some of this budget is used to support churches and pastors through times of difficulty and times of transition. We cannot thank our Presbytery and the GA enough for the financial support our church and our pastors’ families have received over the past five years after Pastor Tony’s heart attack and again after Pastor Tim Hoin’s death. After Pastor Tony’s heart attack, we received funds for Pastor Tony’s health insurance and costs to help with the transition to finding a new pastor. Almost \$40,000 was covered by Askings to move Kristi Hoins back to Nebraska as well as all the funeral expenses to bury Pastor Tim Hoins there. In addition, through Askings our Presbytery and GA continued to cover the medical premiums for Kristi and her sons for a year after his death.

Your Askings helped do all this for our church and have helped many other churches in our Presbytery as well. Askings support our missionaries through World Outreach and pastor candidates through their ordination process. Through our Askings we are part of a huge family that supports, loves and encourages one another. Please help us support the EPC and the work God has done through them.



WORLD **COMMUNION** SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct 8



World Communion Day

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 27 | 12:00—2:00pm

FREE FOOD FUN

- Games
- Trunk or Treat
- Cake Walk
- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting
- Costume Parade
- Candy & Treats...






Faith & Fellowship



Ladies

First Friday Coffee and Prayer

1st 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

1st Monday of each month @ 2pm



fpc Christian Education

Committee Meeting

2nd Thursday of each month @ 1pm



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MISIONS Ministry

2nd 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

OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kalob Jones, Mary Kinney
- 3 Chuck Kinney
- 5 Walker Kopp, Shirley Voyles
- 11 Kevin Jones, *Michael & Amanda Ginn
- 12 Jeanne Rich
- 13 Braden Winterowd
- 14 Dan Piper
- 16 Brooke Winterowd
- 22 Chris & Elizabeth Rajskup
- 24 Claire Christoph, Emily Christoph
- 28 Eric Caparuolo, Thom Snyder



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