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From the Women's Retreat



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"Who *Is* This Person?!?"

There often comes a moment in a marriage when one person does something that utterly shocks the other person. And when that happens, the shocked individual is thrown into a time of confusion and concern. "Did they really just do that?" "Who *is* this person?" "I thought we were on the same page!" "Who did I marry?" Sometimes these moments of shock turn into serious problems that can lead to divorce. Other times, conversations lead to a deeper understanding of different perspectives and a healthy sense of differentiation. Some of our members may have felt that way when they read reports about decisions made at last summer's General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). They may have thought, "Wait. I joined First Pres. because I like this church, but I had no idea about what is happening at the national level of this denomination."

For this reason, we are hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, November 1, immediately after our Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers, which will take place immediately after the worship service. We recognize that many of the issues discussed at GA are "hot button" items. Families have been torn apart over several of these issues; churches have split; and denominations have lost numerous congregations. So, we want to be very careful moving forward.

What is the purpose of this Town Hall Meeting? To inform interested members of the decisions made at GA. To clarify what these decisions are and what they are not. To discuss whether these decisions reflect our understanding of what scripture calls us to be and to do. To give an open forum to share concerns and perspectives on these topics. And, to consider what steps we might take moving forward.

What this Town Hall Meeting is NOT. This meeting is not a congregational meeting. No votes will be taken. No decisions made. This meeting is not a political rally. This meeting is not a place to attack or bully anyone who holds a different point of view. To quote the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, we "can disagree without being disagreeable."

As moderator, I will give some historical background, and then share some of the concerns people raised, and then open the floor. Everyone will have 2 to 3 minutes to speak. Everyone will be asked to wait to speak a second time until everyone else has had an opportunity to speak a first time. Anyone who becomes belligerent or speaks out of turn will be asked to cease; if anyone is unable to maintain decorum, they will be asked to leave.

First Pres. is family. We are called to treat everyone with respect, dignity and love. We can agree to disagree on certain topics. But we remain united in our commitment to Jesus Christ and to God's word. It is my prayer that this meeting will be a time of clarification and openness. I hope our members will feel welcome to come and speak. I pray that our conversation is done in love and respect. And I pray God guides and leads us through this season. It is for Him and for His glory that we do all that we do.

In Christ's Love & Service, I remain yours
Pastor Lance

SUNDAYS- "Treasure Principle

11.01 Consecration Sunday
Sermon Title: ***"Joyful Giving"***
Scripture: Malachi 3:8-12; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Key Passage: *"Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35b)*
Communion: Distribution
Feature: Birthdays and Anniversaries; Consecration Sunday

11.08 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sermon Title: ***"What Are You Thinking About?"***
Scripture: Philippians 4:8
Key Passage: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think on these things." (Phil. 4:8)

11.15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Preaching: Pastor Niki
Sermon Title: **"Our Hope is Christ"**
Scripture: **Ephesians 2**
Communion: Intinction

11.22 Christ the King
Sermon Title: ***"My King"***
Scripture: 1 Samuel 8; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Revelation 19:11-16
Key Passage: *"The Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being King over them.'" (1 Samuel 8:7)*

11.29 1st Sunday in Advent
Sermon Title: ***"The Hopes and Fears of All the Years"***
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18-25; Titus 2:11-14
Key Passage: *"But you, O Bethlehem, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." (Micah 5:2)*
Feature: Advent Candle

DINNERS OF 8

November 14! Sign up for lunch or dinner options on the patio or at fpcgh.org/family

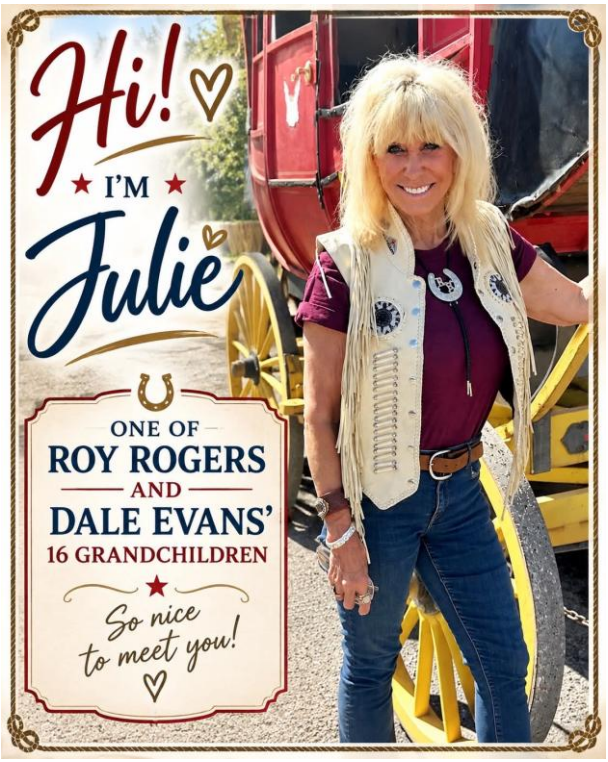
NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you are curious about becoming a member of FPCGH, we are offering New Member Classes. You may choose one weekend; on Friday, we'll have dinner at a local restaurant. Saturday there will be a class at Church from 9-noon, focusing on aspects of the church in general and our Church specifically. Childcare for Saturday is available by reservation only. Finally, the next day, you will be presented at Church as a new member. Options are November 13 and 14 or November 20 and 21. If you are interested, email: connect@fpcgh.org

By coming to the Friday and Saturday portions, there is absolutely no obligation to join the church you are simply exploring the possibilities and enjoying some good food and fellowship along the way. We would be deeply honored if you would consider joining us.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

There will be a Jigsaw exchange on November 22nd. Bring or take a jigsaw puzzle. Table will be on the patio if weather permits or Fellowship Hall. A great way to recycle and be a good steward.



ROY ROGERS & DAYLE EVANS

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, January 24, 2027, the granddaughter of **Roy Rogers & Dayle Evans** will be here to share family stories and behind the scenes photos of life with her grandparents. Invite friends and come learn about these two San Fernando Valley icons! Lunch will be served.

FROM DR. GARY VENTIMIGLIA

In the Gospel of Matthew (20:29-34) there is the story of two blind men who were waiting on the side of a road. One of them was named Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46), we never learn the other blind man's name. They had heard that Jesus of Nazareth was coming to Jericho on the very road they were standing on!
This story is very important to me. What was said by Bartimaeus (and his friend) to get Jesus' attention was, "Lord, have **mercy** on us Son of David (vs 30). Jesus stops to talk with them to see what they want. Jesus ends up healing both men of their blindness; he "opened their eyes" (vs 33). Matthew describes Jesus just before the healing as being, "moved with **compassion**" (vs 34)
Recently I wrote a book entitled, "The Blessed God: Whose chesed (lovingkindness) and splagchnon (compassion) Changes Everything." I wanted to show that God's deep lovingkindness/mercy and heartfelt compassion/kindness was the Lord's way of relating to them.
In the gospel when the two blind men shouted that the Son of David would show mercy to them, they were saying, "Jesus have chesed on us." . When Matthew describes Jesus response as being, "moved with compassion," he uses the Greek word, Splagchnon," that gut level, pain in the heart compassion. This is the only passage in the gospels that both chesed and splagchnon are applied to our Lord Jesus! That's the reality of living with our Savior!

The celebrated writer and poet, Madeleine L'Engle wrote a poem about Blind Bartimaeus in her book of poems, "The Ordering of Love." The poem is entitled, "Song of Blind Bartimaeus after his healing."

All praise to thee, my God, this night
For all I see, both night and day.
All praise for loveliness of things!

During the shadows of un-sight
You kept the raging fears at bay.
All praise to thee my God, this night

For all the blessings of the light
For sand and sun and eagles' wings,
All praise for loveliness of things!

Praise for sandals, garments white,
For children's faces, eyes alight,
All praise to thee, my God, this night.

All praise for butterflies in flight,
For work-worn hands, for golden hay,
The purple shadows evening brings,

For brass and copper polished bright,
For lifting that shows the way,
All praise to thee, my God, this night,
All praise for loveliness of things!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Come help decorate the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 28



Music Ministry

Fall is finally here, and the Music Ministry is getting ready for Christmas!

In order to make sure the music for our many Christmas Celebrations is ready to bring the cheer, parts of the Music Ministry have been rehearsing Christmas music for about a month by this point, and we would love for you to join us!

We have three main ways to get involved in the Christmas season:

Christmas Ring at Aegis – Dec. 5th at 2 PM

Christmas Concert – Dec. 13th at 4 PM

Christmas Caroling – Dec. 20th – at 12 PM

Each of these wonderful traditions allows us to share the Christmas Spirit and the love of Jesus with our members and the local community in Northridge! And you can join us with just a skip in your step and a song in your heart.

The easiest way to help us bring Joy to the neighborhood is to **come caroling with us on December 20th** – no experience necessary! Several of our church members who tune in online every week are home-bound by health or mobility issues, and we like to take the opportunity to visit with them each year for this door-to-door celebration! Everyone we visit gets a call ahead of time, and each home has been full of the joy of connection and sharing stories of Christmases past. It's a great way to feel connected to your extended church family, and little ones get to see the example of lifelong commitment to faith values in their community. We hope you'll come along, if only for the figgy pudding!

One of the best ways to connect with the Music Ministry at Christmas is by singing in the Christmas Choir! Our annual Christmas Concert always fills the Sanctuary with warmth and joy for the holiday, and we'd love to add your voice to the choir. Christmas Choir rehearsals start **this Thursday, November 5th at 7 PM**, so you're just in time! Christmas Choir rehearsals are from 7-8 PM, and then the Cathedral Choir continues rehearsal until 9 to prepare for Sunday morning's anthem. We hope we'll see you there!

Have you got a talent you'd like to share? One great way to share it is to **join our Christmas Ring at Aegis**! Each year, the handbells ring their bells at Aegis Memory Care facility, bringing familiar songs and celebration to the folks there who really benefit from the engagement and the connection, and we also share other talents for a rousing Christmas show! For folks struggling with memory issues, music and laughter can be a lifeline that brings them back to the surface, and seeing them light up while they sing along brings joy to the whole room.

If you have any questions or want more information, please reach out to me at Aaron@FPCGH.org!

Music Ministry

The African Children's Choir is coming back to FPCGH!

Three years ago, we had the distinct privilege of hosting the African Children's Choir here at FPCGH, and they are making a stop in our sanctuary again in 2027! Mark your calendars for March 10th, 2027, and please tell your friends so that everyone can come out and support his wonderful effort that helps support these kids' education!

Like last time, we are putting out the call for help with all the tasks that help make this visit possible, including:

Host families to take 2-3 children & a chaperone home for 2 nights during their stay

2-3 volunteers to help unload/load the bus

2-3 volunteers Merchandise Table before and after the concert

1-2 volunteers at the Sponsorship Table

Several ushers to hand out our offering envelopes at each entrance

2 volunteers to assist with counting the offering

Volunteers to prepare a pre-concert meal **2 hours before the performance**.

Previous host families have relished the opportunity to meet and learn from these amazing children and their journey. Please consider helping out in one or more ways, so that we can make their stop at our church home a gracious and welcoming one!

Reach out to Dr. Rice by email (Aaron@FPCGH.org) with any questions or to volunteer!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Greetings!
October was a lot of fun! We finished our Bible series entitled *Unbound: Experiencing Life & Freedom in Christ* by Matt McDermott and afternoon of CPK and escape rooms went well! It seemed our students had a lot of fun – I can tell you we have such smart students in our youth group. Talk about a lesson in humility for the Youth Director 😊 .

The Screwtape Letters Study

This month, we are continuing our study on *The Screwtape Letters* by the legendary C.S. Lewis! To put it very simply, *The Screwtape Letters* is about an older demon teaching a younger demon (his nephew) how to pull a Christian away from God through everyday temptations, distractions, and doubts. The goal of the study is to become more aware of these tactics so we can recognize them when they happen and not let them pull us away from our walk with Christ.
Each letter can be taken out of context and taught independently, so you can jump in any time and join us!

Thanksgiving Break Video Game Hangout

Monday, November 23/ 10:00am – 2:00pm. Bust those Thanksgiving Break boredom blues and join us in the Youth Room for a "day" of VIDEO GAMES! Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and more! We will serve pizza. And of course, we'll have Shirley Temples!

Winter Camp – sign ups happening!

Friday, January 15 – Sunday, January 17. We are returning to Camp Pondo, per many of our students' request 😊 . The cost is **$299.00** per student. Scholarships are available per request. Please let me know if your student plans to come to be sure we have enough spots. Thank you!

Sunday Meetings

If you're between 6th -12th grade and want to have fun while getting to know Jesus, come join us on Sundays from 11:30am – 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall!
Youth group brings students closer to Jesus (and we praise God for that!), but that's not even all youth group can offer. Regular attendance can give students Bible literacy, leadership and volunteer opportunities (community service hours), communication and listening skills, confidence, spiritual & emotional maturity, critical thinking, spiritual discernment, empathy, supportive friends, and lots more.
In every meeting, we have a snack, Bible study and discussion, and we play a game. Come check us out – we'd love to have you!

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 1/ 11:30am. FPCGH Townhall Meeting / NO ONC MEETING
Monday, November 23/ 10:00am – 2:00pm. Thanksgiving Break Video Game Hangout
Sunday, December 6/ 11:30am – 2:00pm. Christmas Party
Friday, January 15 – Sunday, January 17. Camp Pondo Winter Camp
April 17/1:00pm – 4:00pm. Ping-Pong Tournament (church-wide, hosted by Youth)
"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one…"
Luke 10: 41-42a

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello Church Family, November is the month to give thanks in more ways than one. Here is a helpful calendar of scriptures to guide us through the month.

In the spirit of the month, I thank everyone for their participation in this year's Fall Family Festival. I also thank you for the prayers and words of confidence you prayed with me.



Thanksgiving

EACH DAY THIS MONTH THANK GOD FOR:



1 Our Salvation 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4 1 CHRONICLES 16:35 2 THESSALONIANS 2:13 EPHESIANS 2:8-9	**2** His Blessings! LUKE 17:11-19 JAMES 1:16-18	**3** His Name PSALM 7:17 PSALM 68:4 HEBREWS 13:15	**4** Creation PSALM 148 JOB 38:1-24	**5** Our Life PSALM 139:1-18 ISAIAH 43;16-21	**6** Jesus JOHN 1:1-18 JOHN 14:6-7 HEBREWS 13:8
7 In Prayer COLOSSIANS 4:2 PHILIPPIANS 4:6 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4	**8** Our Father GALATIANS 4:4-6 EPHESIANS 1:3-10 JOHN 10:22-30 MATTHEW 11:25-27	**9** Family EPHESIANS 3:14-19 PSALM 127 PSALM 128	**10** Pastors & Church Leaders HEBREWS 13:7 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-18 EPHESIANS 4:11-16	**11** God's Mighty Deeds EXODUS 15:1-18 PSALM 40:1-5 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-34	**12** Our Trials ROMANS 5:1-5 JAMES 1:2-4 1 PETER 1:3-9
13 God's Protection PSALM 91 PSALM 121:1-2	**14** God's Love 1 JOHN 4:7-12 PSALM 59:17 MICAH 7:18-19	**15** The Holy Spirit EPHESIANS 5:18B-20 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 COLOSSIANS 3:16-17 PSALM 143:10	**16** Spiritual Growth PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11 JOHN 15:1-11 TITUS 2:11-14	**17** God is Good PSALM 34:8 PSALM 52:8-9 MATTHEW 19:17A 1 JOHN 1:5	**18** The Bible PSALM 19:7-11 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 HEBREWS 4:12
19 God's Provision GENESIS 50:20 MATTHEW 6:25-33 ROMANS 8:28-30 PHILIPPIANS 4:19-20	**20** Friends 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3 COLOSSIANS 1:3-4 EPHESIANS 1:15-16	**21** Governments & Nations ROMANS 13:1 1 PETER 2:13-17 PSALM 22:27-28	**22** God's Majesty PSALM 93 LUKE 9:37-43 2 PETER 1:16-18	**23** Our Food MARK 8:1-10 ROMANS 14:6	**24** Help in Temptation HEBREWS 2:14-18 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 MATTHEW 6:9-13

Scouting at FPCGH

Adventure. Leadership. Service. Friendship.

First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills hosts **Cub Scout Pack 307** and **Scouts BSA Troop 307**, offering youth opportunities for adventure, leadership, friendship, and service.

Cub Scout Pack 307 (Elementary Age)

Den Meetings: 2nd & 3rd Mondays, 6:15 PM

Pack Meeting: 4th Monday, 6:15 PM

Contact: Lauri Sherbon

Scouts BSA Troop 307 (Older Youth)

Meetings: Tuesdays, 7:15 PM

Contact: Eric Yamabe

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills

All families are welcome! No Scouting experience necessary.

When You're Not Ready

by Rev. Niki Rodas

I'm not ready to celebrate. Especially a holy day that has been commercialized and bedazzled into something that can often feel loud, bright, overstimulating, and overly cheerful. Don't get me wrong. I love Thanksgiving and Christmas. But some years I wish the season would be quieter and maybe, just maybe a bit smaller, perhaps more…intimate

If you're not ready for the typical razzle dazzle, hyper cheerful celebration that people have come to expect, come to our Blue Christmas service on Sunday, November 29 at 2pm in Hampton Lounge. Whether you have experienced a loss in the past couple of years or life has simply been difficult or if you're just not feeling bluesy, you are welcome to join us for a simple, low key acknowledgement of the sacred birth of our Lord and Savior. And may God bless you in this contemplative time. Please email me (Niki) at niki@fpcgh.org with any questions.



FINANCE

QR Code

We have made online giving, per capita payments, and Special Event payments even easier!

Just scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Once scanned, your browser will be directed to our online giving page.

October Tithes & Offerings:	$ 82,870
Budget:	$100,486
Difference:	- $17,616
YTD Tithes & Offerings:	$1,037,695
Budget:	$1,089,610
Difference:	-$ 51,915
YTD Overall:	$1,188,919
Budget:	$1,377,640
Difference:	- $188,721

MISSION MINISTRY

Thankfulness for a Year of God's Blessings!

As we come to the close of 2026, Mission Ministry gives thanks to our Pastors, Congregation, and several of our Church Ministries for your support to Mission Ministry. HERE is how your support helped our church to follow Jesus' command, "**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and in the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Spirit."** (Mathew 28:19 NIV).

Locally: 3 Missions

We sent donations to help high school and college- age Christian campus ministries in the Valley through InterVarsity and Young Life. Also, we sent donations to Journey Out, a non-profit that protects young women from domestic violence and being trafficked in the Valley.

Internationally: 5 Missions

We sent donations to each of our 5 Missionaries in Africa, Asia, Indonesia, and Central America-- through SIM USA in Kenya and South Sudan; through Interserve in Kazakhstan and Pakistan; through All People's Church in Bali and through CMC in Belize. All these missionaries serve the spiritual needs of local communities bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local people, many of whom are the most marginalized and underserved.

Special Giving:

A special donation was sent to one Pakistan missionary team member who helps create Christian songs in the language of the people. He needed several immunotherapy injections for cancer that were unaffordable. We were able to fund one of his injections.

Mission Trip to Luz Y Vida Church in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico:

Fundraising began at the end of 2025 for this Mission Trip in 2026. Three yard sales were held. Our congregation donated and sold items. We earned $3,000, which was enough to pay for all construction materials for the church. Through other fundraising/individual donations, we were able to fund more church construction and more materials and projects. These included new windows, drapes, sewing machines and supplies for women along with 21st Psalm craft activities for the children. Finally, generous individual donations allowed four young people to join the mission trip with partial scholarships based on need!

Summer 2027

Serve in

HONDURAS



Be a part of the powerful ministries bringing hope to Honduras! The team will serve alongside Union Biblica de Honduras and Iglesia Sala Evangelica: building relationships by engaging in a variety of ministries through the church and supporting the crucial work of Union Biblica in public schools.

MEXICO



Join The Outreach Foundation in more than just a clean water/poverty alleviation project: a relationship-based work movement is happening within communities of subsistence-level farmers. The gospel is being shared through building cisterns and relationships!

ROMANIA



Dive into ministry in Lupeni, Romania! Serve in a variety of ministries bringing the love of Jesus to the Jiu Valley. Brandi is reaching the community at the root level by promoting early age literacy. The team will be involved in running a week long reading camp as well as working at VIATA outdoor adventure camp.

TURKEY



Come serve with Ramazan Arkan in Antalya, Turkey! The team will meet and build relationships with local Turkish Christians. They will do ministry according to team makeup and gifts but possibilities include teaching in mens/womens Bible studies, ministry with local youth, English conversation classes, small group home ministries, physical projects for the church and more!

UGANDA



Begin with exceptional IMPACT Cross Training and then serve along side Care Corps teams in a children's program that utilizes play therapy, art, music, and group and individual counseling for traumatized children of Uganda.

impact-theglobe.org

Applications due February 1, 2027
Trips June 22- Early July 2027

Short-Term Mission Projects Available

The Missions Committee of FPCGH has decided to partner with Impact Missions to provide opportunities for members and friends to go on short-term mission projects throughout the world. These mission trips take place in the early summer. ***See previous page.***

Why Impact Missions? They do all the organizing, planning and communicating with their partners throughout the world. They require focused training before the mission team leaves. And they provide several options for locations and projects, including Turkey, Mexico, Uganda, Honduras, and

Mark your Calendars: On Sunday, January 17th, the Director of Impact Missions, the Rev. Kristy LaBarge, will be in worship and will share some details about Impact. Following the service, the Missions Committee will be hosting a lunch for Kristy to speak more about Impact and to answer any questions.

The Missions Committee is excited to start this partnership with Impact Missions and hopes to be able to support individuals who would like to participate in this incredible ministry.

Go to impact-theglobe.org to learn more.

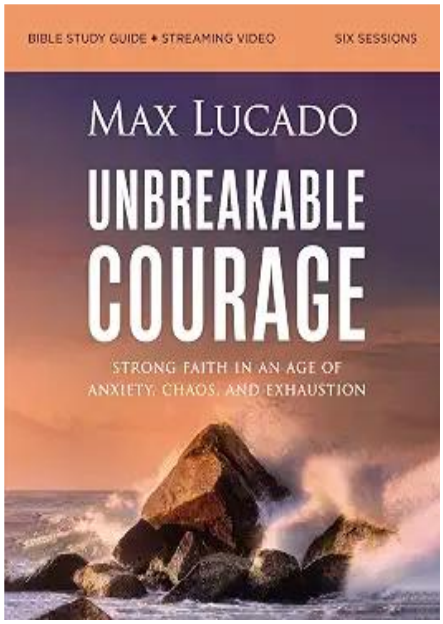
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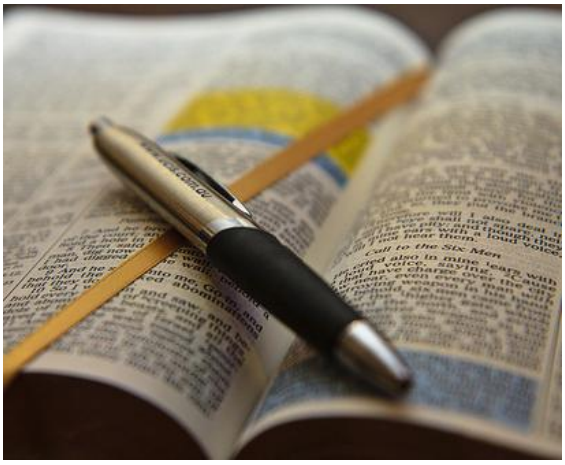
Looking Ahead!

Is it too early to be thinking about Christmas? Maybe.....but it's not too early to think about the Rachel Dunne Adopt-a-Family program! Deacons are again organizing this annual effort to provide gifts for families in our local communities who face a bleak Christmas. Families in need are identified through local schools and we need your help in making their Christmas brighter. Join with others in your small group,fellow workers, family, or other groups to adopt one child or an entire family. If it's easier you can just donate funds and we'll do the shopping. Look for our table on the patio after Sunday services. We'll be taking sign-ups beginning November 1 and will continue through the month of November. We will be receiving gifts through Sunday, December 6. Be a light for Jesus by helping those in need at Christmas time! For further information, contact Mary Lou Pennington at bopsbest!@gmail.com or (818)383-7969.

BIBLE STUDIES







Sundays

Co-ed multi-generational from 11:30-12:30 pm

We meet weekly on Sundays and conduct varied studies, based on majority decisions, for topics. Studies range from 1 week to 8 weeks, depending upon the study format and topic. We meet in the church library. Anyone interested is invited to join us at any time to try us out. Please contact Erik Brannon at 310.806.0284 or by email at brannon@apollointeractive.com if you have any questions.

Women's Sunday morning from 11:30-12:30 pm

We meet in Hampton Lounge to discuss the sermon, and how it applies to our lives today. For additional information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Cindi Treloar at 661.618.7652 or email her at: cindi6906@gmail.com.

Co-ed multi-generational from 11:30 am-1:00 pm

We meet twice a month to gather and learn from the dynamic prophet Elijah. He may be the perfect hero for our times. The struggles he faced are all too familiar: standing firm for God in a world determined to turn away from Him, feeling outnumbered and overwhelmed, and wrestling with moments of loneliness, anxiety, and discouragement. And yet, despite impossible opposition, Elijah chose to trust God when the road ahead looked uncertain.

The six-session **Unbreakable Courage** Bible study invites you to deepen your faith by drawing from Elijah's story of hope and resilience. Each session provides practical application from the highs and lows of his life.

If interested in joining us, please contact Sue O'Connor at: taffie1@verizon.net. We would love to have you!

Mondays

Men's Monday night Bible study at 7:00 pm

Meets in the Church Library. We watch a faith-based video and

provide an opportunity for discussion afterwards. There is no age limit.

For additional information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Rick Spence at 818.419.7780 or email him at: rjspence1@msn.com.

BIBLE STUDIES

Mondays Continued

Professional Adult Small Group & Friends
With Support from Trinity Schoolcraft Classical Academy (BridgesUS) non-profit and Synalima non-profit.

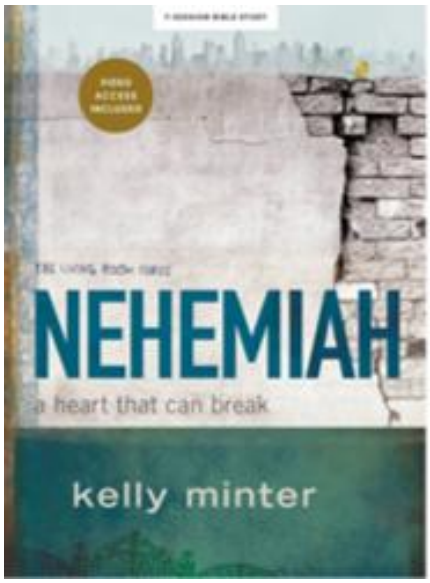
Meets Every Monday| 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM (Virtually on Microsoft Teams)

Study Plan
We will begin our journey with: Over the course of a year read through the New Testament
chronologically, covering a few chapters each week and sharing in group discussion.

Our Purpose
This small group exists to help us grow deeper in our walk with Christ together. Life is busy—between family, work, kids, and responsibilities—but this 1 1/2 hr of fellowship is a chance to pause, study God's Word, and encourage one another as Christians and friends.

Next Steps:
Interested? Email
Diane N Uhri Vashchenko at
dnuhri80@gmail.com

Bring your Bible and a heart ready for prayer, conversation and reflection!



Wednesday

Co-ed Wednesday evening Bible study at 6:00 pm
We will are studying Nehemiah by Kelly Minter.
Questions? Please call or text Carol Morain at 661-373-5875



Thursday

Men's Thursday morning Bible study at 7:00 am
We are on break. For additional information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact
Gary Ventimiglia at:
harvestgv@earthlink.net.

Women's Thursday morning Bible study from 9:00-11:00 am
We are finishing a study on Joshua. We will begin an Advent study on November 19. Please contact Pastor Niki if you are interested in attending and for additional details.

Prayer Requests

In Sympathy:

Barbara McCracken- Prayers and sympathy for her family, her daughter Barbara Doutt, Grandson Jack Doutt, and friends. A memorial will be held on November 7 at 11:00 am.

Joyce Herbst- Prayers for Joyce's husband Lew Herbst, her entire family, and friends.

Diana Oakeson- Prayers for Diana's daughter Lisa Herrier, Granddaughter Samantha Herrier, and brother Tom Jordan. A memorial will be held on November 14 at 1:00 pm.

New Prayer Requests:

Blane Goldwater- Prayers for her surgery today 10/29 and recovery.

Evelyn Sterkle- Prayers for her recover, she is home and recovering from an injury.

Michelle Ventimiglia- Prayers for her recovery from her 2nd knee replacement surgery.



Coffee with Pastor Lance



Have you heard about Pastor Lance's morning devotional on Facebook? Every weekday morning around 8:15 am Pastor Lance gives a brief, live devotional on a passage in Scripture.

That livestream is then posted and available on Facebook.com.

You can also go to fpcgh.org, where a link will be on the homepage.

Ongoing Concerns

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Our weekly devotional written by Vreni Schiess is available at fpcgh.org/blog, and does appear "live" on Mondays on our Church Community Group Page. Her passion for God's "living" Word is infectious and makes for a "fun and invigorating" read, as one pastor recently observed. Feel free to reach out to her at vrenischiess@verizon.net for further conversation.

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