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## September Beginnings

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#### Our Mission:

To bring people into a lifelong a  
relationship with Jesus Christ,  
to know Jesus Christ more deeply,  
to grow in His likeness  
and to show His love  
and truth to each other  
and to our community.

#### Redwood Bark Team

Kelly Gibbs,  
Leslie Nelson, Bobbie Bond,  
Keith Carpenter

#### Women's Association – September 10 at 10am.

Our first get-together of the new Season. All women of the community are invited to join together for fellowship and a delicious luncheon.

#### Morning Glories -

Fridays at 9am – Join the women of the church as they study “*Becoming a Woman of Freedom*” by Cynthia Heald. See Kanda Whaley or Dorothy Holmes for further information.

#### Lunch Bunch –

September 30 at noon. Join the bunch at noon for an hour - lunch (\$3.00) and a half hour program of games, videos, or guest speakers.

#### Stewardship Team Potluck – Sept. 26 at 5pm

Remember when we all wrote down activities that we would like to have Felton Pres help us with? Some members asked “Could there be a session taught on budgeting.”

#### It's Happening!!

Bring your favorite food to a potluck dinner. Then learn how to budget from Dave and Tom, our investment Counselors from Thrivent Financial! They are also ready and willing to answer any financial questions you may have.

**Youth** Here comes the fall and here we go into another year of ministry with FPC youth! Matt and I are so excited for what this next year holds.

**New for fall! CONNECT for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades** began August 26. CONNECT is a bridge from children to youth ministry. It offers age appropriate curriculum, games, snacks and projects. We are off to a great start with 8 students joining us the first week.

**Crossover youth groups** begin the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>.  
High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) grades) Tuesdays – 8:00 - 8:30pm  
Middle school (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades) Wednesdays – 5:00-6:15pm

**Vacation Bible Adventure**  
**Malcolm Mackinnon**

In mid-July, the Children's Ministry team ran this year's Vacation Bible Adventure, "Journey off the Map." Between 50 and 60 children attended as each day we learned about what it means to take God's great adventure by not only becoming a Christian but also by staying on the right path. Using the stories of Daniel, we were reminded to not take diverting paths to the right or left, but instead to stay on God's track and to trust in His deliverance.

The love of God was not just shared through the teaching, but through the games, crafts, snacks, videos and interactive worship times. Except for a few, we knew everyone who attended. It was wonderful to see the growing relationship between the older youth teens and the younger children that they were nurturing. I was overwhelmed by the quality of the entire team, how well they worked together and how willingly everyone took on their assignments.

**Getting To Know You - Barbara Bond**

*Leslie Nelson*

Barbara, known as Bobbie, was born, raised, married, and had her first (Debbie) of four children in New Orleans. She began to work immediately after high school in a dress shop. After classes in typing and retail, she began work as a receptionist. Other jobs – dental assistant and 12 years in the Santa Cruz court system.

Bobbie met her husband in high school and was married for 58 years. In 1953 they moved to California. They bought a house by cashing in their life insurance (something unheard of in those days.)

Her hobbies are gardening, canning vegetables and jam for her family. Her favorite Christian songs are *Holy, Holy, Holy* and *Onward Christian Soldiers*. She has two cats and six grandchildren. She loves sweets and seafood and the San Francisco Giants.

After hearing from her sister, Beth Godat, about a wonderful church, (Felton Presbyterian), Bobbie joined our church family and thinks it is loving and caring. She attends Lunch Bunch faithfully and has been active as a deacon, helping in the office on Friday mornings, and folding and addressing the Redwood Bark.

**Reasons**

Some go to church to take a walk;  
 Some go there to laugh and talk;  
 Some go there to meet a friend;  
 Some go there their time to spend;  
 Some go there to meet a lover;  
 Some go there a fault to cover;  
 Some go there for speculation;  
 Some go there for observation;  
 Some go there to doze and nod;  
 The wise go there to worship God.

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*Happy  
 Birthday!*

Mary Eklof	September 1
Dave Berkey	September 1
Hilda Murray	September 3
David Wade	September 4
Betty Clouse	September 7
Annette Tjeerdema	September 9
Dixie McNeil	September 11
Keith Swedlund	September 11
Sarean Payne	September 12
Connie Trombetta	September 13
Michael McNeil	September 23
Linda Richmond	September 25
Charles Johnson	September 25

**Treasurer's Report**

*Sandra Thormann, Treasurer*

Receipts in August	\$150,749.96
August Expenses	<u>154,478.60</u>
Expenses <u>above</u> Receipts	\$ 3,728.64
New Beginnings Fund	\$16,250.00
New Beginnings Payment	15,000.00
Amount Still Owed to San Jose Presbytery	65,000.00



**Guess Who??**

Loves the SF Giants, singing country Christian songs, his Alaskan dog, barbequing, the 49ers, golf

**The Beatitudes**  
**Matthew 5:3-10**

1. Blessed are the meek.....
  2. Blessed are the pure in heart.....
  3. Blessed are the peacemakers.....
  4. Blessed are they that mourn.....
  5. Blessed are poor in spirit.....
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1. for they will inherit the earth
  2. for they will see God
  3. for they will be called sons of God
  4. for they will be comforted
  5. for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven



People are like tea bags. You have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

Jerry Thormann

## Youth (Continued From Page 1)

Middle School begins with dinner and homework (\$3 pizza with program following) 6:30 – 8pm.

Sunday Connection (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades is offered every Sunday at 10:00. We meet upstairs for the first half of the worship service then leave after *Time with Children* to get coffee in town, connect with each other and learn about the Christian life.

### September Events

Saturday, 9/12 – ADVENTURE NIGHT: Meet at church at 10am with sack lunch, dressed to hike, bring sweatshirt. Join us on a sweet adventure with plenty of opportunity to make friends and memories. \$5 gas

Sunday 9/20 SENIOR NIGHT! If you are in 12<sup>th</sup> grade, this is the event for you! We meet once a month at Matt and Rachel's house for dinner and discussion about life after high school. 5:00-7:00; \$3 dinner

Saturday 9/26 FOOTBALL AND PIZZA! Middle and high school students are invited to come support the SLV football team. Game begins at 2:00pm. Pizza after the game! Bring \$5 for pizza.

## Camp Scholarships

The scholarship account is used up. Camp generally costs \$400/week. Our goal is to send 10 students to camp in 2016. Please prayerfully consider a donation of half of this cost for one student.

## Operation Christmas Child

Youth will again be packing 50 boxes this year. We have plenty of supplies, but you can help by donating \$7/box for shipping costs.

*Please continue to support our youth with your prayers!*

*Rachel Lockridge*

## Missions Ministry

### Dave Berkey

This ministry team supports the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) each year. This is a Santa Cruz ministry that gives pregnant women options that do not include abortions.

Each year they sponsor a walk to raise money to support their ministry. For 2015 this is scheduled for September 26. Registration is at 9:30 AM, Walk (2 miles) 10:30. So most can do it. It starts at Shrine of St. Joseph, 544 West Cliff Drive. For more details go to [prcwalk.org](http://prcwalk.org) or [santacruzorc.org/donations](http://santacruzorc.org/donations)

You can register in advance, and there are several ways contributions can be made.

## Quote from Caitlyn Wade (After mission trip to Mexico)

*I want to thank you for helping me gain so many lessons. ....It's not about how much of your monthly income you donate, but how many people you can share love and kindness with through your actions.*

## Building and Grounds Ministry Request

Harold and Kanda Whaley

You have most likely heard the familiar saying, "One person's junk is another's treasure." Those of us who enjoy shopping at antique stores or flea markets might completely agree with that. But have you ever said to yourself, "I really want that, but I don't have ANY room in my house for it."

Well that's true for FPC as well. There have been many times throughout the years when generous-hearted folks have donated items to the church, but unfortunately, that puts some folks in the awkward situation of trying to figure out where the donation should go or even if it's something we can use. Then of course there are those who are not associated with FPC who simply drive by and decide leaving something at the church is easier and cheaper than making a trip to the dump. That often ends up with people from the church having to make a trip to the dump and paying the fees themselves.

How can you help?

That's a great question because we're continuing the process of downsizing our church belongings (some we've been able to sell) and at the same time, updating and refreshing some of the décor. We're aiming for less clutter, an overall cleaner appearance, and a safe facility.

Here are three requests from our team:

1. Before considering a donation to the church, ask yourself why you're getting rid of it. If you no longer want or need it, does the church?
2. Check with the Building and Grounds Ministry team before making any donation of large or bulky items unless you've already received a go-ahead from the appropriate staff member or ministry team chairperson.
3. If you're part of a team/group hosting an event or meeting, please ensure everything is put away neatly afterwards. Be sure cabinets, doors and windows are securely locked. Check the copy room (or elsewhere) for any times that might have been placed there related to the event/meeting and remove them in a timely manner.

Thanks for your help in caring for our church and for making our facility neater.

## Welcome To Our New WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Matt Bradberry has just joined our amazing staff at FPC! He comes to us with extensive experience in leading worship, enjoys playing the guitar and trumpet and is a song writer.

He's also a genuinely nice guy who easily shares his love of the Lord with others. There's no doubt his smart and talented wife, Kyleen, will be a blessing to us as well. One of his favorite things to do is tuck his three children (Grace - 6, Eden - 4, and James - 1) into bed each night by singing hymns together.

Please be sure and greet Matt soon and introduce yourselves. He can't wait to get to know his new church family.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Love is what matters in life. Love is what God asks of us. It is the purpose of our lives. It is the measure of our humanity. This is why Paul, writing to a troubled church in the first century, breaks off from his instructions and corrections to write these amazing words – *“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”* (1 Cor. 13:1-3).

No matter how gifted, successful, healthy, popular, or secure I am, if I do everything I do without love, I will have nothing of value from my life when I stand before God. On the other hand, even the smallest gift, acts of service, kindest word, or most gentle touch when done with genuine love is of immense value to Jesus. So love should guide everything we do.

Love should be the primary objective of our lives. All throughout God's Word we are instructed to love. Here are a few examples: *“Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a fragrant offering to God”* (Eph. 5:2). *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.”* (Rom. 13:8) *“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit.”* (1 Cor. 14:1). Based on these Scriptures, I would say that our aim as a church should be to grow a community of loving people. That would be my hope of our church.

According to the Apostle Paul the key to grow in love is to be rooted in God's love. He writes, *“I pray that you being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”*

When a tree is rooted in soil, it is getting nurtured and fed all the time by the nutrients in the soil. In the same way, we should be rooted (in thoughts, feelings, and actions) all the time in the love of God. We often say, *it is easy for me to love this person, but it is hard for me to love that person.* Can you imagine Jesus saying something like that? Jesus didn't see love as something we should turn on and off like a faucet depending on who we happen to be with. Jesus wants us to become loving persons like him; people who are naturally oriented toward the good of whomever comes into our lives regardless of who that person is or how they feel about us. I imagine we can all grow in this area of love.

I hope you will be a part of our  
at love. It is, after all, what matters

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