

**Felton Presbyterian
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Our Mission:
To bring people
into a lifelong relationship
with Jesus Christ,
to seek 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.

Thanks to Kelly Gibbs
Susan Henrich,
Leslie Nelson,
Bobbie Bond,
Keith Carpenter,
and Jerry Thormann
for their help with the
Redwood Bark production.



THE REDWOOD BARK

MARCH 2015

Our First Family Focus 15 Dinner
Elder Randy Fujishin

The young families were welcomed by 15 Table Hosts from our church. Each host had a creative centerpiece on their table, sparking conversation and hopefully initiating friendships between the hosts and their guests.

Malcolm Mackinnon and Pastor Ed shared uplifting messages of Jesus' love, while Rachel Lockridge led the parents and kids in a fun game of family Bingo. The guests left the Family Dinner with big smiles, full stomachs, and promises to return to future events.

The real victory was the generous and loving way our church family responded to this first Family Focus 15 event. From the moment the Family Dinner was announced, your willingness to support and volunteer to welcome and love young families from our community was the obvious demonstration of the Holy Spirit moving among our congregation. Thanks to Karl Rhoads for his expertise at the grill. The meat was perfectly barbecued. Thanks also to Flora Schweizer, Peggy Winkler, Sandy Pearsall, and Linda Richmond for the delicious side dishes.

There will be another Family Dinner in March for parents with children of high school age and younger. Volunteer sign-up sheets for this second Family Focus 15 event will be available soon.

Praise God for His provision, faithfulness, and love.



**Talent Show and Pie Social
March 7**



Mark your calendars! This coming Saturday at 6:30 pm the talented folks of our congregation will entertain you with singing and dancing. Entertainers include Leslie Nelson, Danny and Jenny, Dave Berkey, June and May Martinez, Sandra and Helen, Xander and Kristen.

Following these entertaining acts your deacons will be serving delicious pies. This is always a fun time. Don't miss it!.

Our Mission Support

Jim Uhey, Founder of the Phoenix Project

Currently there are about 12 organizations in the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Jim heads up and is organizing this program in Santa Cruz County. He works closely with Patsy Gascon of the Santa Cruz Red Cross to prepare our county for disaster relief. Jim does disaster preparedness and relief workshops.

Jim has an office at Shoreline Church and is a disaster relief missionary for the Assemblies of God denomination.

Mission Giving for 2015

Dave Berkey, Mission Chair

Local

Pregnancy Resource Center	\$1500
Valley Churches United	1000
Malcolm Mackinnon	1600
Jim Uhey - Phoenix Project	500
Camperships for Kids	500
Peg Pollard - ISI	1660

US

Marcus and Jen Haeusser-Ywam	600
Urbana -2015	500

Foreign

Ralph/Kim Lewis	2640
Steve/Laurs Bagwell	2640
Phillip/Elizabeth Prasad	1144
Clark Whitney	2640

Reserve

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Testimony

Leslie Nelson

A mind-blowing experience I would like to share!

I've spent the last 9 hours tonight looking at my Bible, listening to Christian radio and reaching deeply into my widely-open heart - open to Jesus!

Suddenly, my true feelings about my faith and Jesus came pouring out! It was an explosion (colorful) of my faith! It was then I realized I AM a true Christian! (a wild one!) - that I should never question my faith. It is as strong as anybody's! And He is right here for me always - if I just open up to Jesus and hand "worries" over to God.

Why would I push Jesus and my faith down! Somehow I felt unworthy of his dying on the cross for me. In times of trouble, I was trying to hide from Jesus - guilt and shame-driven. I didn't want to trouble Him.

Seems my faith waivers in times of trouble - when my Savior always wants to hear from me. He was with me all the time.

Help Needed - Graphic Design

Nancy Maruska

Do you love Graphic Design? Are you interested in putting together some fascinating material to catch the eye of visitors, friends, frequent attenders and church members who need information?

We're looking to create a pamphlet that contains an outline of the groups, activities and opportunities here at FPC.

We need that special individual who is creative, capable and available! If you are that person, please talk with Nancy Maruska - by phone at 706-8284, or email at nancymaruska@outlook.com. Thanks!

Kids' Corner Singing to the Lord

Julie was feeling blue. So what did she do? She started to sing "Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done," she sang. She started to count what the Lord had done for her - a home, clothes, a baby brother, and many other things. Best of all she thought, "I have Jesus as my Friend and Savior and I know that God loves me." Her sadness was gone.

Do you ever feel that nobody likes you? Sing "*Jesus Loves me*," and you will feel better. Do you wish you had more friends? Sing "*What a Friend we have in Jesus*."

Listen to the music in church. Pay attention to the words. When you need encouragement, the words to these songs will help you remember how much God loves you

Adapted from "Little Visits With God"

Kids' Church *Kathleen McNair*

Our director of children's ministry, Malcolm MacKinnon, has some great rotating helpers each Sunday: Donna MacKinnon, Kathleen McNair, Barb Carlisle, Cynthia Hall, Kerri Crandell, Corey Oiesen.

The format for Kids' Church changes slightly from week to week but still largely consists of a Bible story, mixed with games connected to the Bible theme, songs, video clips and practical experiments and demonstrations. Presently Malcolm is teaching a series on "Walking The Narrow Path."

Lunch Bunch *Ken Clause*

Who was the pioneer who came from Europe to Mexican California via Hawaii and Alaska? In what state did he eventually settle? Learn more about this man whose actions in affect us today. On March 4th at noon question answered

Happy Birthday

Lou Tomlin	March 2
Jim Motteler	March 7
Rich Rohde	March 9
Steve Richmond	March 17
Mahin Ebrahimi	March 29
Corey Oiesen	March 30
Laura Slinker	March 30

New Members

Julia Greenwood - 600 Lathian Way, Boulder Creek
Julia is joyous to be in this church family. Already Julia is busy serving as an invaluable member of the Lunch Bunch team. She attends Morning Glories. Prayer has become even more important in her life as a result of classes and fellowship.

She loves the Santa Cruz Mountains and has lived in Boulder Creek since 2005. She lives with her beautiful malamute hybrid named Czar. Her dad was Bob Greenwood - a baseball and basketball player, and a golfer. Julia says that visual arts are of special interest to her.

Eric Oiesen - 555 Park Drive, Ben Lomond

I have lived in Ben Lomond since 1995 with my wife, Corey. We have two kids, Jacob and Audrey. I have been with Cisco in San Jose since 2000 as an engineer and a manager. I like spending time with my family, cooking, and hiking. We have attended FPC since 2006.

Being part of this church family has blessed and enriched our lives. In this environment, my faith has developed and grown. As a member, I look forward to making a positive contribution and in my own small way, playing a part in perpetuating our church. (Eric is on the Friendship Bread-making team)

Rachel Lockridge - PO Box 455, Mount Hermon
Henrique Coura - 32 Kelldon Drive, Felton, CA 95018

2015 Session

John Kegebein	Finance
Chuck Murray	Missions
Randy Fujishin	Youth
Steve Richmond	Membership/Fellowship
Kanda Whaley	Worship and Arts
Kathleen McNair	Children
Ed Austin	Personnel
Kerri Crandell	Adult Ministry

Ed Austin is new to session. He and his wife, Denise, have attended FPC for about 3 years. They live in Ben Lomond. Ed grew up in Los Altos and attended Union Presbyterian Church there. Quoting Ed, "I believe that my introduction to Christ in my parents' home and in Sunday School gave me a great foundation and enabled me to develop a close relationship with God. Though I find Christ alive in many places, it is in the outdoors in natural settings that His glory is most easily discernible to me."

Kerri Crandell is also a first-time elder. She lends her beautiful voice to the worship team and has attended FPC for many years. Norm and Kerri have two sons, Forrest and Henry.

2015 Deacons

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
Santa Cruz	Sandy Thormann
North Scotts Valley	Bobbie Bond
South Scotts Valley	Vicky Fjuishin
Mount Hermon	Barb Carlisle
Zayante	Denice Austin
South Felton	Peggy Winkler
North Felton	Jill McFarlen-Huemoeller
Ben Lomond/Boulder Creek	Nancy Maruska



Treasurer's Report for January

Sandy Thormann, Treasurer

Receipts	\$18,683,24
Expenses	<u>17,826.77</u>
Receipts Above Expenses	856.47

(FYI)The 2015 budget for FPC is \$245,265. To meet this amount our offerings need to total \$20,439 each month.

Thank You to Buildings and Grounds

Thanks to Harold Whaley and his team our water bill last month decreased from \$260/month to \$77.00 (a savings of \$183) If you happened to see Harold in a deep hole near the oak tree, you can appreciate the hard work involved in finding and fixing the water leaks.



A Good Read

"Draw The Circle"

Author: **Mark Batterson**

Joe Saubert

Do you pray as often and as boldly as you want to? There is a way to experience a deeper, more passionate, persistent, and intimate prayer life.

Drawing from forty days of true stories, Mark Batterson applies the principles of his New York Times best selling book, *The Circle Maker*, to teach us a new way to pray. As thousands of readers quickly became many tens of thousands, true stories of miraculous and inspiring answers to prayer began to pour in. As those stories were shared, others were bolstered in their faith to pray with even more boldness.

In *Draw the Circle*, through forty true, faith-building stories of God's answers to prayer, daily scriptures and prayer prompts, Batterson inspires you to pray and keep praying like never before. Begin a lifetime of watching God work. Believe in the God who can do all things.

"All I know is this: God is setting up divine appointments all the time. Only God can make the appointment, but only you can keep the appointment. From: *Draw the Circle*"

Church Sign

Read the Bible
It's user friendly
and we offer tech support here on Sundays

Contributed by Ken Clouse

Editor's Note: Correction to *February Bark* - Renee Selegman has two children: a son (age 16) and a daughter (age 24) She has a BA in communication studies with a minor in health and a minor in Cultural Globalization. She works as a patient advocate.

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Address Correction Requested

From The Pastor's Desk

Now Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Acts 4:29

Dear Family and Friends of Felton Presbyterian Church,

We pray about a lot of things. We pray for our finances, our safety, our health, the physical healing of our family and friends, and for God's blessings and provisions. Of course, we should continue to pray for these things. But do we ever pray that God would give us boldness to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people each day?

One of the very first recorded prayers of the early church is a prayer asking God for boldness to tell others about Jesus. They also asked God to work His wonders in their community so that they would have the opportunity to tell others about Jesus. When we read Paul's letters to the people he shared Jesus with, we always read about how prays for other people. In fact, Paul prayed constantly for the people with whom he was sharing the message of Jesus Christ.

One reason the Christian Church grew in the first century was these prayers for those who had yet to believe in Jesus. How much do we pray for those who have yet to enter into a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? How much do we pray for the parents who send their kids to Kids' Club each week, but are reluctant to attend a worship service on Sunday mornings themselves? How often do you lift up the youth who attend our youth programs each week, but have yet to make a commitment to follow Jesus? How committed are you to praying for our vision to reach families this year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? We may not have the responsibility of proclaiming the Good News about Jesus to those living during the first century, but we do have the responsibility of passing on the Christian faith to the next generation of young people and their families.

EM Bounds, in his book, the *Power of Prayer* writes, "Talking to people for God is a great thing, but talking to God for people is greater still. We will never talk well and with real success to others for God if we have not learned to talk to God on behalf of others."

Therefore, would you join me during this season of Lent in praying bold prayers for our church and for our community? Let us join together and pray daily that God would enable all His servants at Felton Presbyterian Church (that includes you) to tell people about Jesus "with great boldness."

In the Strong Grip of Jesus,
Ed Snedeker, Pastor