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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.

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THE REDWOOD BARK

JULY 2016

Dear Family and Friends of Felton Presbyterian Church,

I remember when I first learned about Jesus. I was in my late teens. Several church leaders shared with me about the love of Jesus Christ. It was the very first thing I learned about Jesus and it was enough to help me receive Christ as Savior.

Then I started reading the Gospels, going to church, and attending Bible studies. I started learning a lot more about Jesus, my Savior. I learned that Jesus calls me to follow Him as Lord. I discovered that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who can lead me perfectly where He knows I should be. I learned that Jesus is the True Vine and that I need to keep my life connected to His if I want to live a productive life for Him.

In time I came to accept that Jesus really is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). And the more I have learned about Jesus over the years the more my faith in Him has grown.

In relationships, it is much easier to love, trust, and follow someone that you know well. Would you say that you know Jesus Christ well? Do you understand more and more who Jesus is and what Jesus seeks to do in your life? One of the main goals of Felton Presbyterian Church is that everyone would come to know Jesus in a deeper way. This is why we have spent the last couple of months looking at the many names of Jesus - names that reveal to us the nature, character, and mission of the one we call Lord and Savior.

I would challenge all of us to continue to spend time alone with Jesus each day, to read the Gospels over and over again, and to talk to others about Jesus on a regular basis. In this way we will eventually come to the place in life where we echo these words from Paul the Apostle,

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things" (Philippians 3:7-8). May knowing Jesus be our passion and our joy!

In His Service,

Ed Snedeker, Pastor

Partial Schedule for Brazil Team

July 1st - Elm Street Mission, Santa Cruz, dinner included

July 2nd - Church Workday - Painting downstairs, youth room construction

July 3rd - Help with Sunday School, finish work downstairs

July 4th - Parade and pancakes in Boulder Creek, fireworks in SV

July 5th - 8th - Inner City mission work with YWAM in San Francisco

(This work in SF is supported in a small way by FPC)

July 9th and 10th - Whisper Canyon (Mount Hermon campground)

July 11th - 15th - Mount Hermon work projects

Home to Brazil on July 15th

A "New" Face in the Office

Not really a new face! Nancy Maruska is now job sharing with Kelly Gibbs. Nancy began attending FPC in 1967. She will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Kelly is in her 14th year as office manager. Always pleasant, welcoming and helpful, she has been an important part of the ministry of this church.

Dave and Pauline Vogel

Word received from Sutherlin, Oregon, that long-time friend and former member of FPC, Dave Vogel has gone to be with the Lord. Dave passed away on June 18. His wife, Pauline, died a few weeks before Dave.

Dave and Pauline were founding members of the Covenant Group, *The Rusty Anchors*. They were dear friends of Laura and Vern Slinker.



Bible Study at FPC

The Adult Bible Study that has been meeting on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening will take a break for July and August. We enjoyed the walk through the Bible and covered some fabulous parts of the Old Testament from the creation, to Moses and from Elijah and Elisha to Esther and Mordecai. The Holy Spirit – greatest Author past and present!! Teachers: Nancy Maruska, Charles Lewis and Pastor Ed.

Recently we enjoyed a visit from a couple who has a cabin in Mt. Hermon. They told us a story. About 30 years ago, they were not yet believers and had never attended church. Their daughter became very ill and a neighbor offered to take her to the hospital but on the way there, the girl died.

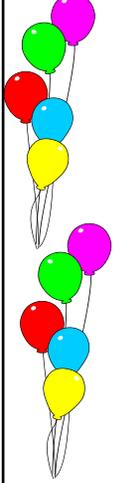
The doctors were able to revive her, though she was in a coma. They told her parents that if she survived she would have severe brain damage. They sent them home that night and told them to return the following day.

The next morning their daughter was sitting upright on the bed with a huge smile on her face. She spoke, "Guess where I have been? I went to visit Jesus! He told me to tell my dad that he would become a child of God."

Before long all of the members of this family accepted Christ as their personal Savior and have long enjoyed a close relationship with Him. Today, this miracle of God is a nurse and a mother of three children!

Please plan to join us in September! Know that God will work through the time you spend in His Word.

July Birthdays



Bobbie Bond	July 3
Linda Broesamle	July 5
Blake Snedeker	July 7
Guy Grable	July 10
Joe Carlisle	July 14
Betty Faulkner	July 15
Don Broesamle	July 15
Kerri Crandell	July 17
Sandy Lawler	July 19
John Winkler	July 19
Joy Rohde	July 19
Phyllis Basher	July 23
Linda Johnson	July 30
Frank Tozer	July 31
Ridge Rawle	July 31

Do You Know?

Who drew the picture of the church and oak tree that is often on the cover of the bulletin?

Who loves rocks and carried hundreds to place around the gardens of the church?

Who contributed numerous rose bushes growing at FPC?

Who loves California poppies and is largely responsible for those growing around the front of the church?

Answers below

Amazon Smile Reminder

Do you shop online at Amazon? If so remember to select FPC to receive a donation with each purchase. Five percent of your purchase price will be donated to our church. For details about how to sign up, see smile.amazon.com

Have you noticed the church sign facing Highway 9?

Attached to the wooden sign there is a smaller sign saying

ECO

The name ECO is not an acronym. It reinforces our passion for strengthening the ecosystems of local churches. We believe the church is a living organism that needs life-giving resources to help it grow, thrive, and multiply.

ECO: a Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians speaks to our core commitments.

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Bob Johnson - Leslie Nelson - Bobbie Bond - Flora Schweizer

Why Does God Allow Suffering

Adapted from an Article by Nicky Gumbel

The issue of suffering is the most frequently raised objection to the Christian faith. People are constantly confronted by suffering. It is random and unfair.

First, we see suffering on a global scale: earthquakes, famines, floods. Wars are raging around the world.

Second, we see community tragedies. Plane crashes, mass shootings - such as in Florida, Southern California, Colorado, and many other spots around the US.

Third, individual suffering - bereavement, disabilities, broken relationships, unhappy marriages, poverty persecution, rejection, unemployment, illness.

Not all religions have a problem with suffering. Christians believe God is both good and all powerful. However no one has come up with a simple solution.

Suffering began when man rebelled against God. God gave man the freedom to choose to love and obey - or not!

Not all suffering is the direct result of our own sin. Remember the story of Job. His friends thought he suffered because of his sin. They were wrong.

Some suffering is the result of our own sin. Sometimes it is because of the sin of others.

Sometime suffering is used by God to draw us to Christ. God sometimes uses suffering to bring Christians to maturity. Hebrews 5:8 and Hebrews 12:11 confirm this.

*Great faith is the product of great fights. Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests. Great triumphs can only come after great trials.....*Smith Wigglesworth

Vacation Bible Adventure

Elder Kathleen McNair

VBA was a blessing to many. We had approximately thirty five kids in attendance. I've been a part of various VBS's in the past and this one seemed especially Christ-centered and the kids, teens and adults alike really listened and seemed genuinely interested in understanding God's word and His teachings. This is due in large part to Malcolm's daily teachings and group prayers and also to the dedication, love and patience shown by each of the fifteen adult volunteers. Another blessing was the fourteen teen leaders that came each day full of joy and excited to be there.

Parents were surprised by the level of excitement and dedication their children expressed about being a part of VBA. One woman couldn't believe it when she walked into the sanctuary and her grandson was on stage singing and dancing. She explained that this special needs boy usually doesn't like to participate in things and is shy and easily overwhelmed. But he feels at home here at FPC.. I heard from mothers that kids were eager to be at VBS when usually they have to be dragged out of bed.

The kids came and joined friends (old and new) and were a part of something wonderful and they liked it. What a true blessing it was for us all.

I feel so blessed to be a part of this amazing body of believers, bringing glory to God through our actions. Thank you to all who prayed for this VBA. It made the difference.

Finance Report from the Stewardship Team

Elder John Kegebein

After many months of reorganizing the finances of FPC, we are finally getting to the point where we are starting to feel comfortable with the financial report. It is exciting to know that through member donations and the remainder of the Girardi Fund bequest we will be able to pay for the roof repair. The sad news is that it was the only reserve funds the church had. Roof work will start soon. There is still time to contribute to the roof fund.

The New Beginnings Fund has enough money to make the 2016 payment to PCUSA. The Stewardship Team is creating a plan to raise money to pay off the remaining money owed. Donations continue to be accepted and put into a restricted account.

Overall gifts to Christ are down for the year. The staff recognizes this and has held costs down. Just a reminder that summer is upon us and even if we go on vacation, God's work continues at Felton Presbyterian Church.

Free Lunch Tuesday

Ellen Maruska

Every Tuesday we serve lunch to 25-35 folks from the community. This ministry to the poor includes fellowship, often a "sermonette," lunch, showers, gifts of socks and T-shirts, occasionally live music. Thanks to Danny Bell, Dorothy Holmes, and Lou Tomlin for their donations. Special thanks to Vicky Fujishin who faithfully launders the shower towels. (Would you like to volunteer to do this once a month??? See Joan Maruska)

When we gather for lunch on Tuesday, we gather as God's children doing God's work. Those lunching with us include some people who are homeless, some who are not and some who have lovely homes and loving families. Some are friends of the church that "met" FPC and its members at flea markets, community dinners and the Alpha Evangelism Course.

God has blessed this ministry in many ways. We have joy, and friendship. Those who worship the one true God are able to show we have the peace that passes understanding because we can come along side those in need and have a good time doing so.

Quote from Mere Christianity

C. S. Lewis

It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird. It would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while still an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go indefinitely being just an ordinary egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

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The Discipleship Ministry Team Announcements **Elder Randy Fujishin**

Free Wednesday Night Movies This Summer

Free Christian movies will be shown at our church this summer - the first and third Wednesdays of July and August from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Free Christian movie, popcorn, and water for all. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Thanks to Lee Williams for facilitating this program.

The Survey of the Bible Class held its final meetings of the season Sunday 6/26 and Wednesday 6/29. The classes will resume Sunday, September 11, and Wednesday, September 14, at the same times and locations. Further information on page 2.

Sunday Prayer Time will continue to meet during the summer months---Sundays from 9:15-9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room downstairs. All are invited to be a part of this important ministry praying for our church and community.

Congratulations Elder Steve Richmond

Our very own Steve Richmond was inducted into the National Police Track and Field Olympics Hall of Fame in San Diego.

Steve is the first firefighter ever to be honored with a National Hall of Fame Award.

