



First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others.

FIRST PRESS

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Hope, Renewal and New Beginnings

Spring is a time of renewal. Birds are singing, trees and flowers are blooming, fields are turning from brown to filled with crops. Spring is also when we as believers celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time of hope, of new beginnings, of starting over. This looks different for everyone: some set new goals, some do deep cleaning, some follow the seasons of Lent to do away with something that was consuming their time and energy.

If ever First Presbyterian was in need of a time of hope, renewal, and new beginnings it is now. As a church family we have experienced a lot of grief and upending in the last 18 months. In August 2019 our world was shaken when Pastor Tony suffered a major heart attack. We rallied and prayed, we supported Sheri and the kids, we rejoiced with them when Tony was able to return home and when he took his first steps after that heart attack. But even with all this progress, they felt it was not the right time for Tony to return to the ministry and so we began the process of looking for a new pastor. We were entering a time of renewal.

During this time, the COVID-19 Pandemic hit. Once again, we were faced with unforeseen challenges and once again we came together as a church family. We supported each other with phone calls, texts, cards, prayers and visits on patios. Our elders stepped up to help provide worship services as we pivoted to online, recorded services. Our staff kept the office up and running, answering calls and getting needed information out as quickly and efficiently as possible. Through all of this, you, the congregation, remained faithful in your online presence and attendance, and in your giving. You supported the elders and staff through prayers and help as needed; we showed each other that we truly are a family who cares and loves one another. We were in a time of hope.

In July 2020 we had Pastor Mark Nazarian join us as our interim pastor, to help us continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and all the changes happening in our world. The Pastor Search Team worked diligently and prayed fervently that God would provide us with the candidate He had chosen to lead us into the next chapter of our church's history. Pastor Tim Hoins went through many calls and interviews with the Pastor Search Team and they felt strongly that he would be that person to help us move forward. We were in a time of new beginnings.

Excitement and hope filled the church during the Christmas season. We were celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, and the hope of a new beginning for our church with Pastor Tim leading us. Our plans are not always God plans however, and once again we were faced with unfathomable tragedy as Pastor Tim was killed in a car accident February 2021. Pastor Tim was a man who loved God and wanted to share His good news with everyone. He had just begun his ministry and had so many amazing ideas to help move First Presbyterian Church forward. Much of his ministry with us was done outside, in the parking lot, and he wasn't able to get to know and connect with everyone as well as he would have liked. He talked much about enjoying preaching, and the novelty of doing it outside, but he longed to preach inside where he could look at the congregation God had brought him here to serve. He got that wish; Pastor Tim preached one Sunday service and the Ash Wednesday service inside the sanctuary before God chose to take him home.

Now we as a church once again find ourselves facing the unknown. Once again, we are dealing with tragedy and grief and a lack of understanding. Yet, we know we serve a sovereign God, and that all things happen for a reason: His reason and purpose. As we face this new period in our church's story may we find hope and renewal during this Easter season. May we see the goodness in God's creation around us in the flowers and the trees and the growing of new crops. May we once again rally around each other in prayer and love, for we at First Presbyterian Church are a family.

Blessings, Jaime Christoph

Church DEACONS

Kings Gospel Mission

Kings Gospel Mission is one of our local community ministries which we support through donations of food, clothing and monetary gifts. Kings Gospel Mission has had an amazing impact on our homeless population. Listed below are some of the accomplishments from last year:

- Served 5,596 meals to overnight shelter guests
- Provided a mobile shower unit as an outreach to those living on the streets
- Housed 27 men and 9 women in Room & Board
- Opened a factory to build affordable housing

Kings Gospel Mission continues to operate a thrift store in Hanford and 2 recycling centers (Hanford and Armona). In 2021, the year long discipleship program offered to men, is to be expanded to include women desiring enrollment. Also, by partnering with Kings County, the Kings Gospel Mission broke ground (Jan. 22, 2021) on their South Hanford property to provide 24 factory built 2 bedroom houses in a "pocket courtyard" community setting. This will be an exciting process to watch. Please pray for the many ongoing opportunities that Kings Gospel Mission provides.

To learn more info, go to: www.KingsGospelMission.org

~ Susan Feaver



KINGS GOSPEL MISSION

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring clothing and nonperishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available every Sunday morning during worship service.



JOIN OUR TEAM



FPC is accepting resumes for

**Director of Children
& Youth Ministries**

as well as

Church Bookkeeper

You can see job descriptions on our website:

www.fpchanford.org/open-positions.html

Email resumes to:

fpcHanfordApply@gmail.com

THE TIMOTHY INITIATIVE

From Missionary Dan Smythe



Dear Friends and Partners in the TTI movement:

Through the Timothy Initiative, David Nelms, the Founder and President of TTI, has sent a glimpse into one of the recent areas that **your** partnership with us has enabled. It all has to do with getting a huge shipment of ESV (English Standard Version) Study Bibles to “hungry-to-grow” church planters who are currently being trained by TTI for the expansion of International ministry.

When I saw these photos today my eyes started tearing up immediately because I recall the many times in my former Global Training Network ministry when Debbie and I took ESV Study Bibles just like these to the leaders that we were training ourselves. And now, this is happening all over again through The Timothy Initiative. Your hearts for the nations and your gracious support is all a part of getting these resources to these leaders! Be encouraged — and know that the funds you are investing into TTI ***truly are ‘fueling’*** the ministries of leaders in the neediest places on earth for multiplying the Gospel message to the lost.

And amazingly — all of your gifts are doubled by the matching plan that has been set up to increase the impact of every gift that is given. The Lord is doing an incredible work in these last days. Thank you for your part in it all.

In Him,
Dan Smythe
TTI Ambassador

Partial List of Study Bibles Distributed

- 179 ESV Study Bibles total allocated for West Africa
 - 78 ESV Study Bibles allocated for East Africa
 - 78 Southeast Asia
 - 192 South Asia

Additionally: East Africa has recently seen 84 ***third-generation*** churches planted and 48,797 baptisms [a third generation means Church A plants Church B out of it ... and then Church B plants Church C ***out of it!*** Church C then becomes the third-generation church in the network].

The Nepal TTI office has now mapped 9,338 villages which is 12% of their country—so as to ***strategically guide trainees*** there toward launching the direction as to most quickly getting the Gospel out and the planting of new churches to the unreached areas around them.



Please keep all these leaders in prayer that the Lord will give them protection and guidance as they spread and share the gospel to the unreached! The Lord is doing GREAT things!!!



Summary of March 16, 2021 Session Meeting

Deacons:

- Reported 56 took Communion in March

Moderator's Report

- Session approved paying health insurance premiums for Kristy and dependents for 6 months as a monetary gift.
- Session approved Mark Nazarian serving as Interim Pastor through October 2021
- Session approved selection of Lori Porter, Debra Revious and Julie Baker as volunteers to serve on the Interim Pastor Search Committee.
- Session tabled for further discussion the selection of individuals to serve on a Pastor Search Committee
- Session tabled for further discussion setting a date for a Congregational Meeting to select a Pastor Search Committee

Christian Education

- Reported they are focusing on brainstorming for programs that can be added and prioritizing which programs can start once we are allowed reopen

Church Growth

- Unable to meet in February

Finance:

- Approved purchasing equipment needed for worship

Missions:

- Approved setting Compassion Sunday on October 17, 2021

Worship

- Reported work is being done to correct an electrical issue with the organ

Personnel:

- Reported the job postings and descriptions are being advertised for Director of Youth/Children's Ministry as well as Church Bookkeeper

Pastor's Report

- Session approved March 28, 2021 for baptism on Adelyn Rose King

UP COMING



- Apr 1** Maundy Thursday Service @ 6pm
- Apr 4** Communion Sunday, Easter Sunday, Worship Service @ 10am
*Guys Bible Study @ 7:30pm
- Apr 5** *Worship Meeting @ 6pm
- Apr 6** Staff Meeting @ 10am
*Deacons Meeting @ 6:30
- Apr 7** Church Growth @ 10am
*Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Apr 8** *C.E. Meeting @ 7:30pm
- Apr 11** *Not-So-Small Group @ 6:30pm
*Youth Ladies Bible Study @ 8pm
- Apr 13** Staff Meeting @ 10am
*Mission Meeting @ 5pm
*Finance @ 7pm
*Buildings & Grounds Meeting @ 7pm
- Apr 14** *Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Apr 15** Session Reports Due, 1st Press Articles Due
- Apr 18** *Guys Bible Study @ 7:30pm
- Apr 20** Staff Meeting @ 10am
Session Meeting @ 7pm
- Apr 21** *Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- Apr 25** *Not-So-Small Group @ 6:30pm
*Youth Ladies Bible Study @ 8pm
- Apr 27** Staff Meeting @ 10am
- Apr 28** *Psalms Bible Study @ 6:30pm
- May 1** Labor Day
- May 2** Communion Sunday

* Zoom Meeting

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP



As we, the FPC congregation, continue to mourn the loss of Pastor Tim, we want to remember his faithfulness in all he shared with us! Pastor Tim loved that FPC Hanford was grounded in knowing what work God has us doing here in Hanford, our nation, and the world around us. His challenge for us was to see WHY God had us doing all this. As we seek the WHY, we see you rallying together to make sure we are serving our Lord!


We were excited to see almost 100 people attending the most recent service! Our amazing staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to make sure everything gets done to ensure our worship services and programs continue to run smoothly. Your faithful tithes and offerings allow all this to happen!


We have numerous ways you can support our programs and ministries:

- In person at church
- By mail - make checks payable to FPC and mail to:
First Presbyterian Church of Hanford
PO Box 1185
Hanford, CA 93232-1185
- Online giving through VANCO - check our website, www.fpchanford.org/finance.html and click on the giving link. Quick and easy to set up your monthly tithe!
- Automated giving plan - have your tithe automatically deducted from your checking account each month. Check with your bank on how to do this.
- Long-term Giving Plan - consider giving a bequest in your will for the church. Talk to Nick Kinney if you would like to know more about this!

Praying for you all as you support First Presbyterian Church of Hanford!

Faith & Fellowship

Adult Bible Study
PSALMS
 Wednesdays Nights @ 6:30pm
 With Pastor Tony 



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 Hanford, California


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 *Not-So-Small-Group*

**2nd and 4th Sunday
 of each month @ 6:30pm**

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Praying for COVID restrictions to lift so we
 can resume planning activities.


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Agape presently has no planned events due to
 COVID restrictions.



HELP NEEDED!
Do you love Jesus, Computers and Music?
 Then you are qualified to join our great
F.P.C. Media Team!

We love the sound made through mics and speakers. We love the visuals on the big screen as it moves us through the service. We have shared with those out of the sanctuary by offering "Live- Stream" of the service.

What we need now is a BIGGER Media Team. It is a very enjoyable, creative mission to share your skills making these things possible. We need computer skills to Live-Stream, set up projection and balance the sound. We as a Church Family each need a job to help our church thrive. We need YOU, man, women, teen!

**Please call for more information
 Training available**

Call or text:
**Janice Mills- 559 362-2567 or
 Chuck Kinney- 559-707-9699**

Galatians 6:10- Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



Session Committees

fpc⁺ Making Disciples of Jesus
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zoom **Worship**
Committee Meeting

1st Monday of each month
@ 6pm

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zoom **Church DEACONS**

1st Tuesday of each month
@ 6:30 pm

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zoom **Christian Education**
Committee Meeting

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:30pm



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zoom **MISSIONS Ministry**

2nd Tuesday each month @ 5:00pm



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zoom **Buildings & Grounds**
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm



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zoom **Finance**
Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month
@ 7:00 pm



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zoom **Church Growth**
Committee Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month @ 10:00am



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zoom **Session**

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm





APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 * Thom & Georgina Snyder
- 11 Jaime Christoph
- 13 Dorothy Crass
- 15 Teri Hernandez
- 19 Tyler Uhlik
- 22 *Steven & Michele King
- 25 Caleb Larson
- 26 Michael Kinney, Teresa Voyles
- 28 Devin Gonzalez
- 29 Evelyn Radza
- 30 Morgan Gately, Caryn Larson, *Martin & Darlene Keast

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Church Office Hours: 9:00am—1:00pm (Mon—Fri)

Send prayer requests to hanfordfpcprayer@gmail.com
other information to office@fpchanford.org



Please contact the office with any updates, additions or corrections. We don't want to miss anyone or list your special date incorrectly.