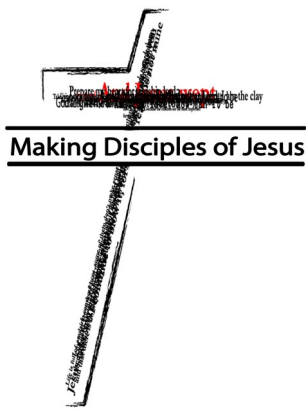


October 2019

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



FIRST PRESS

Dear First Presbyterian Family,

October is commonly known as Pastor Appreciation month. At the time of writing this it has been 30 days since Pastor Tony suffered a massive heart attack and has been fighting to get back to his family and his church ever since.

Pastor Tony has good days and bad days. The recovery will be hard and long, but he is a fighter and we want to show him that we support him and his family for all they have given to us by giving a little back this month. Prayers are appreciated and felt by Sheri during the long days she spends at Tony's side but I would like to offer you some more physical expressions of sharing your appreciation.

1. Handwritten note or letter: Words of encouragement and cards to help decorate his hospital room are an inexpensive way to share your love, thoughts, and prayers with the Winterowd family. You can drop or mail these to the church office and we will collect and deliver them to ease the burden to Sheri.

Pastor Tony Winterowd
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PO Box 1185
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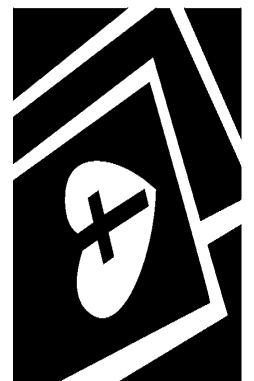
2. Gift cards for goods or services (or doing them yourself): Tony has a long recovery ahead of him, and hospital bills will begin to mount up. A Visa gift card to help with home expenses, a certificate for housecleaning or landscaping, or offering to do these things yourself would be a great help to Sheri at home.
3. Meals: We have set up a care calendar to sign up to take a meal to the Winterowd family (and other ways you can help). Sheri has been spending some evenings at Terry's House across the street from the hospital so meals at the house for the boys would be very appreciative. Log in to the calendar here: <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/winterowd-family>
4. Continue to pray!

We continue to receive updates from Sheri and update our Facebook and Instagram pages with those updates. You can also find a link on our website to take you to the updates. As always, calling the church office is another avenue to garner information and updates on Pastor Tony's condition.

We thank each of you for your prayers and support for the Winterowd family and for First Presbyterian Church.

Blessings,
Jaime Christoph

FROM THE
PASTOR





A Message From Your Missions Ministry Team

Mercy Ships Provides Hope For The Forgotten Poor!

Prayer is an integral part of the “Mission” of Mercy Ships, and before each surgery is performed, a prayer is given over the patient!

Senegal, known as the “Gateway to Africa” and one of the world’s poorest countries, is located in Western Africa bordered by Mauritania in the north, Mali to the east, Guinea to the southeast, and Guinea-Bissau to the southwest. Senegal’s economic and political capital is Dakar. Slightly more than half of all Senegalese live in the countryside, although people continue to migrate to the towns, especially the capital city, Dakar. Many of those migrating to urban environments still consider themselves farmers who go there to do odd jobs to make money to send to their families.

There are numerous villages, each with an average population of a few hundred people. Usually each village has a shaded public gathering place, a mosque, and a water source (a well, a spring, or a small stream). The village is administered by a chief who is either traditionally nominated or appointed by the government. Religious life is directed by a Muslim marabout or other traditional religious leader.

With less than one doctor per thousand people, men, women, and children suffer because they often have no access to reliable healthcare and can’t afford the surgeries they need. They are blind from cataracts, crippled by physical deformities, suffocating from facial tumors, and more.

The Africa Mercy, one of Mercy Ships fleet, is now into their 10-month field service in Senegal, for the first time in over 25 years and there’s a special excitement in the air upon its return after such a long absence. People who have suffered in pain and despair for years – rejoice as Mercy Ships brings their volunteer professional crew who provide life-changing surgeries, medical care, and medical training to those in need.

When Mercy Ships was in Senegal in 1994, they performed more than 300 surgical procedures, provided over 2,000 dental treatments, and fitted dozens of prostheses for the grateful people in this country. Upon this return and long before the Africa Mercy ship docked, teams started searching the country by radio, billboard, or word of mouth – no stone went unturned to make sure they found the patients most urgently in need of help! Thousands of desperate, eager patients are now waiting for their name to be called. Mercy Ships crew is onboard and ready to serve to provide safe, free surgeries along with loving support and care!!!

Please pray for the countries and patients Mercy Ships serve, the volunteers that provide the much-needed medical services, and that opportunities will open to share God’s love and the good news of Jesus Christ!

Church DEACONS

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring some non-perishable food on **Oct. 6** to feed those in our community who are in need.



How does the church function when your Pastor is ill?

As Pastor Tony wrote: **Pray...Pray...Pray!!!**

- Pray for Pastor Tony and his family,
- Pray for wisdom for the Session and Staff and
- Pray for the Deacons.

The Deacons are ready to step in and help with those who have needs. Please help us by calling a Deacon or the church office so that they can contact us with the need. Please do not assume that we are aware of the need....we try but sometimes things slip by.



Fall Body Life

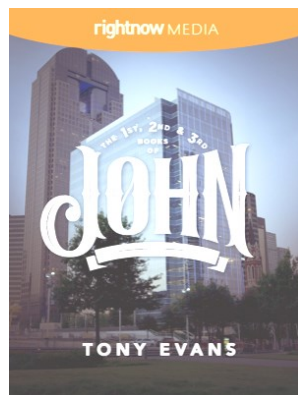
Dinner—6:00pm

- Adults, \$6
- Teens, \$5
- Children (to age 10), \$3
- \$18 (max for family)

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Study:

Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John's three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, and Dr. Evans walks through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love.



Alpaca Box



Will Ewe?



*Operation
Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse
Dedication*

Sunday, November 24

What We at FPC are Doing

Dear First Presbyterian Family,

Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers during this time. Pastor Tony had his heart attack on August 17 and spent 36 days in the ICU ward at Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno. On September 23 he was moved to the 7th floor in a private recovery room. Pastor Tony makes great strides every day, but still has set backs as well. Again, we thank you for all the prayers and support and ask that they continue. To stay up to date on Tony's current condition go to our website or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Your staff, session and deacons are working diligently to continue First Presbyterian ministries and day to day operations in Tony's absence.

- Deacons will continue to visit our shut ins and will also be doing any hospital visitations necessary during this time.
- Session continues to oversee the different ministry teams and their duties. Worship provides the necessary elements for Sunday services, Buildings and Grounds makes sure our facilities are taken care of, Christian Education provides support to our small group leaders and children's ministry leaders, Missions is covering Laundry Love, and Finance is diligently working to manage our financial situation.
- In the case of bereavement or counseling needs we have members in our congregation and the community at large that have offered to be available.
- The staff has done a tremendous job of running the office and administration portions of the church with efficiency and flexibility.
- The session has created a subcommittee comprising of the trustees and head of finance that have the authority to make decisions in an expedited manner in instances where the entire session cannot be convened.
- The Director of Youth and Children's ministries has taken over the various other aspects of Tony's job at church and in the community to include staff meetings, community meetings, calendar coordination for the upcoming holiday season, keeping our social media up to date, and other things as they arise.

We have been able to bring in Pastor Steve Nilmeier as a guest speaker for most Sunday's through the end of the year. Sunday's may look a little different in the coming months but your staff and session are praying about the best way to move forward being ever mindful of our financial situation and the members of our congregation.

We ask for your prayers as we faithfully serve and look to do God's will here at First Presbyterian Hanford.

Blessings,

Jaime Christoph

Church Campout

October 18-20

**Morro Bay
State Park
Campground**

**BREAK
ING** TRADITION

~~ Cost \$85/family

New Location has these amenities: Across street there is a restaurant, kayak rental and museum that has children interactive displays about local animals; adjacent is a golf course

Includes: a campsite to be shared with another family, s'mores Friday night, breakfast & taco dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday

Non-refundable Deposit of \$15 due when signing up

NEED to have sign-ups soon to confirm sites together

Some of the planned activities: meditations and praise time each evening and mornings, Sunday worship, game time, fellowship, fun and much more!!

Don't want to camp? ... Get a hotel room on your own and join us during the day for activities including the meals at \$30/family and \$15/person

RSVP & Questions contact:
Kevin McCarty 559-707-7357
or sherylmccarty@gmail.com

OPTIONAL:

Friday BUILD-YOUR-OWN Sandwich bar dinner served 5:30-7pm Cost \$15/family or \$5/person (reserve & pay in advance)



Oct 4 Laurie Essepian 7837 Fargo Pl
Nov 1 Rosemary Clark 1980 Rio Hondo Wy
Dec 6 Sue Hensel 860 E. Grangeville, #59

Ladies

First Friday Coffee and Prayer

Women of the Church please join us for "First Friday Coffee and Prayer."

Friday, Sept. 6th
9:00am-10:30am

We are creating a new directory!



Lifetouch

Will be here to take pictures

Oct. 24 - 26

Everyone is Welcome, not just church members

Book your session now at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b142x29/>

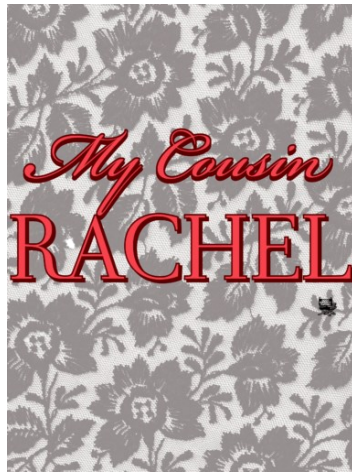
Faith & Fellowship

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Many opportunities for you to join with others . . .

Jolly 1's & 2's

Jolly 1's & 2's will be going to Second Space Theatre on Sunday, October 13. The play we will be seeing is "My Cousin Rachel."



You will need to have your response in to your caller or to Janet by Friday, October 4. I will call for reservations on the 5th. The cost is \$20. If you have not responded before I purchase the tickets, you will need to make your own reservation. They charge a fee of \$3.00 for putting it on your credit card. I was paying for the fee and I don't mind paying it once, but sometimes I was having to absorb the fee several times as they charge the fee for every transaction. I can give you the numbers to call if you decide to go after I have made reservations.

We will leave the church parking lot at 12:30. Please eat some lunch before you go as this not a dinner theatre. We may want to eat together after we return to Hanford as it will probably be around dinnertime when we get back.

- Janet Harader

Women's Society (Agape)

We had a great program in September and hope to see more people in October. We are meeting on the THIRD Thursday, not the second Thursday as there is an event planned that will tie up the entire church facility. October 17 at 1:00 is when we will meet in the social hall. We will have a speaker from CASA to tell us about child advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves in court. I hope to see you there.

Please start bringing items for the auction that will take place November 14. Also, I have placed the evening (6:00) of December 12 for our Christmas program on the calendar. This is a change from our tradition of having it on a Monday. There were too many conflicts with meetings and Christmas caroling, so I chose the 12th for our program.

- Janet Harader





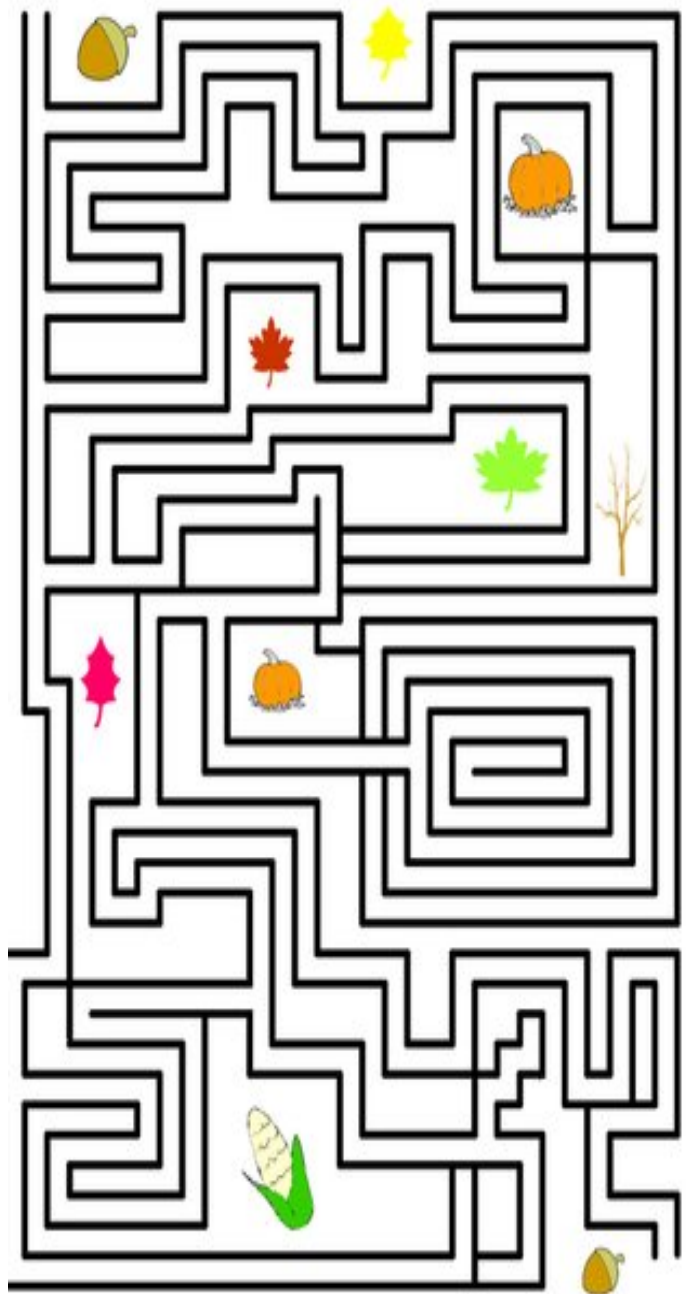
Nov. 3rd

FPC Kids will be selling
Cider for Carlla
between services



Questions, Comments, Concerns or
Ideas...contact:
Jaime Christoph 850-776-5234

AUTUMN MAZE



Guys & Gals



BIBLE STUDY

JR High Girls 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 6:30pm

SR High Girls 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 6:30 pm

Guys 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 6:45pm

Contact Jaime Christoph at
850-776-5234 for more information.

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Gail Forsythe	Bookkeeper
Nancy Roller	Custodian

Send staff emails to
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October Birthdays & *Anniversaries

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| 1. Kalob Jones, Mary Kinney | 16. Dylan Gonzalez, *Bob & Paula Casterson |
| 2. Harper Eshelman | 17. *Dave & Caroline Eshelman |
| 3. Chuck Kinney | 19. *Rodney & Sue Bairstow |
| 5. Shirley Voyles | 20. Brooke Winterowd |
| 7. Sarai Cabrera | 23. Henry Dixon |
| 9. Elis Cabrera | 26. Santos Cabrera |
| 11. Kevin Jones | 27. *Dustin & Lynda Cuzzort |
| 12. Bob Casterson, Virginia Rich | 28. Robert Curiel, Thom Snyder |
| 13. Braden Winterowd | 30. Susan Gonzalez |
| 14. Frances Nicholas, Dan Piper | |
| 15. Lynette Bowers | |



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