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"Builder Or A Wrecker?"



Have you ever been given a nickname? A nickname is a substitute for the proper name of a person, place, or thing. It is commonly used to express affection, amusement, or a character trait. A nickname can be used to defame someone as well. In Acts 4, we read about a man named Joseph, but the apostles gave him a nickname. They referred to Joseph as "Barnabas" which meant "son of encouragement." Joseph had distinguished himself as one who would walk into the lives of others and offer encouragement. What a great nickname and character trait to have. We learn in Acts that Barnabas was instrumental in the Apostle Paul's life. He was also significant in the life of Mark.

To encourage and believe in others could be one of the most precious gifts we could give. It is extremely easy to see people for their past mistakes or their flaws. It is not difficult observe another's weaknesses and imperfections. Our world desperately needs more people like Barnabas...people who can look beyond the surface of others and see the beauty within. We need people who can see our potential and not our pasts. Barnabas helped to lift the lid on other's lives by simply encouraging them. Barnabas was a builder of people. This reminds me of the following poem:

"A Builder Or A Wrecker"

Charles Franklin Benvegar

As I watched them tear a building down
A gang of men in a busy town
With a ho-heave-ho, and a lusty yell
They swung a beam and the side wall fell
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,
And the men you'd hire if you wanted to build?"
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed,
Just common labor is all I need."
"I can easily wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken years to do."

And I thought to myself, as I went my way
Which of these roles have I tried to play'
Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by rule and square?
Am I shaping my work to a well-made plan
Patiently doing the best I can'
Or am I a wrecker who walks to town
Content with the labor of tearing down?
"O Lord let my life and my labors be
That which will build for eternity!"

Who can you encourage today? Perhaps you can write a note, send an email, or a text message, or make a phone call. Today...right now...take the time to be a Barnabas!

Church DEACONS

Soup Kitchen

Your First Presbyterian Church Deacons have provided monthly financial support for the Soup Kitchen at Episcopal Church of the Saviour in Hanford for a great many years.



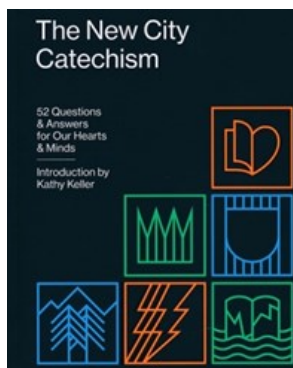
For 37 years, the Soup Kitchen has provided a daily meal for anyone who has had the need for it. From hungry children on school break, the working poor, and the homeless to the elderly who cannot prepare meals any more, everyone is welcome to eat at the kitchen without qualification or questions. In addition to providing sustenance for the body, the Soup Kitchen also provides a sense of community and often hosts community services to help support those who are being fed. The soup kitchen feeds between 80-127 people a day (2,413 -3,831 people a month) at \$4.86 per meal or an average monthly overhead of \$13,917.00. This "overhead" is the cost of ensuring the soup kitchen can operate with minimal staff necessary, maintain the property, ensure the dining room and kitchen are clean and compliant with Health Department Food Service regulations, purchase necessary supplies to prepare and serve food, and pay the bills for insurance and utilities. The average monthly income from grants and donations is \$4,745.00, leaving a \$9,172.00 monthly deficit.

Soup Kitchen cont.

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The Soup Kitchen is in desperate need of financial support in order to keep their doors open and continue to provide daily meals to the needy in our community. There is a regular ongoing need for volunteers to cook and serve the meals and for donations of food and supplies. The current need is for corporations, organizations, families and other groups of 6 or more individuals to be the "Guest Chef" for the day - where a group sponsors the cost of the soup kitchen for one day at \$300.00. The Soup Kitchen volunteers will help the "Guest Chef" volunteer group prepare and serve the meal and experience the story and community you helped support. Sponsorship can be arranged with Michelle at soup@ecsaviour.org. Your tax deductible one-time or recurring donations of any size may be made by using the soup kitchen giving link found at www.ecsaviour.org or sending a check to the **Soup Kitchen at Episcopal Church of the Saviour, 519 Douty Street, Hanford, CA 93230**. Maybe you could get 5 friends together and each chip in \$50 to be the Guest Chefs for the day! Or maybe you could ask your employer or organization if they can provide the \$300 and you and your work mates could be Guest Chef. Pray about if the Lord would like you to help in this way and do as Isaiah 58:7 says: "Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless."

~ Submitted by Carley Watson

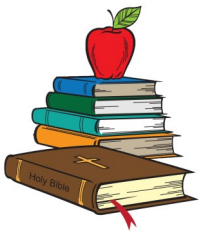


**What does God
require in the
first, second and third
commandments?**

First, that we know God as the only true God.

Second, that we avoid all idolatry.

*Third, that we treat God's name with fear
and reverence.*



A Note From:

Children's and Youth Director
Sheri Winterowd



It has been said that the only constant in life is change. Indeed, it seems at this time of year, when students are heading 'back to school' that many things have changed for them: their grade level, their classroom, their teacher(s), their schedule, their activities and friend groups. Many students are changing to an entirely different school - those who have moved or are entering kindergarten or middle school or high school or college, for example. What a comfort to know that even in the midst of our nerves and jitters about the changes we are facing, our great God promises to never leave us and never forsake us. He faithfully walks with us through all of the seasons of our lives, and as we are faithful to walk with Him, we will reap the benefits of a life of faith: peace, joy, love, purpose and meaning.

Last week I flew to Philadelphia with our oldest son, Bryce to help him get settled in the studio apartment he had rented, sight unseen, in preparation for starting his first year at Villanova Law. Understandably he was nervous and uncertain about the move across the country, so far from family and friends, with so many things in his life changing. He brought three suitcases full of clothes with him and we had ordered an airbed, a foam mattress and water purifying pitcher from Amazon to be delivered to his new place. We picked up the keys and had quite a time figuring out how to get into the building (I prayed A LOT!) so we could stay in his very old, unfurnished apartment. Over the next several days we made trips to Costco and Walmart for groceries and household supplies, we were blessed with gifts from friends in the area who contributed many helpful items to him, and we got quite a lot of free or very affordable furniture from different sources. By the time I left, we both felt that he was in a good position to flourish in his new area and I am happy to report that he has already made a few friends and is excited about the academic and personal journey ahead.

Whatever changes you may be facing at this time in your life, I pray that you will lean into the Lord and trust his goodness and his gracious love for you. He is indeed a good, good Father and he will be with us through all the hills and valleys in our lives. Think of this good news: the God of the universe knows you by name, cares for you more deeply than you can fathom and has good plans for you. This promise has been given to us: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). "He himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you" (Heb. 13:5). Place your whole trust in Him and know that he will walk with you (or carry you, if need be) through the changes ahead.

~ Sheri Winterowd



fpc
Youth Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00am
(6th - 12th grades)

"Powerhouse"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Church
(ages K—5th)
SUNDAY MORNINGS
@ 10:30 am
(children attend church, then are released to their classes)

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
at 5:00pm

YOUTH GROUP
grades 6th — 12th

UP COMING



- Sept 3** Communion Sunday
Sept 4 Labor Day (office closed)
Sept 5 Church Growth meeting @ 1pm
Sept 6 Choir practice @ 6:30pm
Sept 7 *Bible Study @ 7pm
Sept 10 Youth Sunday & Missions Bake Sale, B&G mtg @ 11:10am, Worship mtg @ 11:15am, Youth Group @ 5pm
Sept 11 Finance mtg @ 1pm, *Missions mgt @ 7pm
Sept 13 BodyLife begins @ 5:30pm
Sept 14 Session Reports Due, C.E. mtg @ 1:30pm, *Bible Study @ 7pm
Sept 15 1st Press articles due
Sept 19 Joint Session & Deacons mtg @ 6pm
Sept 20 BodyLife @ 5:30pm
Sept 21 *Bible Study @ 7pm
Sept 24 Youth Group @ 5pm
Sept 27 BodyLife @ 5:30pm
Sept 28 *Bible Study @ 7pm
Oct 1 World Wide Communion Sunday
Oct 2 Church Growth @ 1pm
Oct 3 Deacon's mtg @ 6:30pm
Oct 5-8 Emmaus Men's Retreat
Oct 8 B&G mtg @ 11:10am, Worship mtg @ 11:15am, Youth Group @ 5pm
Oct 9 Finance mtg @ 11am, *Missions mtg @ 7pm
Oct 12-15 Emmaus Women's Retreat
Oct 17 Session mtg @ 6pm

* via Zoom



Summary of Aug 15, 2023 Session Meeting

Deacons

- Reported 77 and 6 homebound took communion in Aug
- \$300 to Soup Kitchen, \$50 to Laundry Love, \$50 to Refuge Armona
- Baby Spoon given to Walls family

Clerk's Report

- Reported Active Members as of August 1, 2023 total—81
- Elected Gail Forsythe & Janice Mills as elders to the Nominating Committee

Pastor's Report

- Lead a devotional "Builder or Wrecker?"
- Approved transfer of membership back to FPC Hanford for Mike & Jaime Christoph
- Approved purchase of two LED screens for the sanctuary from "facilities Endowment Fund #2175"
- Reported preparing to offer a New Members Class

Buildings & Grounds

- Awaiting bid for exterior stucco and paint
- Still waiting on parts to repair glass doors in church office

Christian Education

- Reported Overnight Beach Trip for Youth went well
- Reported Youth Sunday rescheduled to Sept. 10th
- Reported will be working with Church Growth to plan a Fall outreach event for children and families

Finance

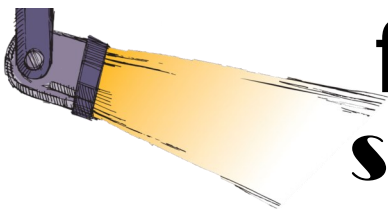
- Reported on church's 501(c)3 status as confirmed with EPC
- Reported fund in #2125 "All Saints Carnival" can be used for FPC Fall Outreach events
- Approved a dessert auction fundraiser, date TBD
- Approved funds of \$12,000 for Community Enhancement grants

Missions

- Approved sales of baked goods to raise money for Cameroon trip on Sept. 10th

Worship

- Choir rehearsals will begin on Sept. 6th at 6:30pm



fpc Family Spotlight



Ken & Laurie Tazelaar

We moved to Visalia in July 2021 on one of the hottest days of the year after living in Waukegan, Illinois for 33 years. We get asked all the time, "Why did you move here?" For us it was easy since there were 18+ family members *waiting* for us Central and Northern California: Laurie's mom, and Ken's eldest son and wife, 3 grandchildren and their spouses, and 9 great grandchildren.

Ken retired from the US Navy in 1992 after 22+ years and Laurie served in the US Navy for 10 years. We met in New Orleans in 1985 thanks to the Navy training schedule and were married later that year. Ken transferred to NAS Glenview and Laurie transferred to Great Lakes Naval Station in 1987. After getting out of the Navy, we decided to stay in the Midwest since Ken's family was scattered throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana.

Laurie is originally from Sacramento and she ultimately got used to the **Midwest** winters (lots of snow and ice!). Her 3 major careers consisted of being an insurance claims adjuster, Navy Yeoman/Recruiter, and a paralegal with the local real estate association for 27 years. Laurie retired from being a "super commuter" (110 miles round trip a day!) at the end of 2020.

Ken was born and raised in Chicago (Cicero/Berwyn) and is a diehard Cubs fan. One bit of trivia for Ken: his uncle used to deliver newspapers to Al Capone's brother's house. One bit of trivia for Laurie: she's a distant relative to Louisa May Alcott.

Ken has 4 adult children, 6 grandchildren, and soon to have 10 great grandchildren. Laurie has "furry" children, an older sister, two nieces, 3 great nieces/nephew and a 95-year-old mother.

Tazelaar cont.

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Prior to moving to the Central Valley, we searched for our new church home and "discovered" the First Presbyterian Church website. We liked the music and the sermons. We made our first visit to FPC in May 2021. The minute we walked into the sanctuary it felt like home. We're ever so grateful to the welcoming and loving members of our church that greeted us so warmly and made our transition so wonderful.



Monday, Sept. 4th

The Church Office will be closed for Labor Day to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers.



Because International

“The Shoes that Grow”

In 2022, with your donations, we were able to pack and send 55 pairs of The Shoe That Grows in 55 of our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!!!! Thank you!!!

Please help us again this year. Our Shoe That Grows kickoff will begin on Sunday, Sept. 3. Forms will be provided in our weekly Sunday Worship Bulletins. We will accept paid orders through Sunday, October 1.

The Shoe That Grows has 5x the impact of an ordinary shoe because it expands 5 sizes and lasts for years.

Over 105 billion people suffer from soil transmitted diseases worldwide. Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to diseases and parasites that can cause illness and even death. Children who get sick miss school, can't help their families and suffer needlessly. And since children's feet grow so quickly, they often out-grow donated shoes within a year, leaving them once again exposed to illness and disease.

The idea of The Shoe That Grows was founded by a gentleman named Kenton Lee who had traveled to Nairobi, Kenya after graduating from college. He lived and worked at a small orphanage with some incredible kids. One Day, he was walking down a dusty road with the kids and noticed the little girl next to him had on shoes that were way too small, the toes of the shoes cut out and her toes were sticking out. And the idea for The Shoe That Grows was born.

The nonprofit organization Because International was started to serve as the structure to get The Shoe That Grows to as many kids as possible who are in desperate need of footwear to protect their feet.

In 2022, over 35,000 pairs of The Shoe That Grows were distributed in 36 countries around the world and many jobs were created in Mombasa, Kenya as a result of shoe production.



PUZZLE: ARE THEY IN THE BIBLE? Page 5

Directions: Circle the names of 50 people who appear in the Bible. Answers below.

Aaron, Abram, Aesop, Ahab, Ahasuerus, Ambrose, Amenhotep, Antigone, Apollos, Arius, Arminius, Aslan, Ashurbanipal, Athanasius, Anthony, Attila, Augustine, Baal, Bacchus, Bathsheba, Belshazzar, Benjamin, Brutus, Bryon, Buffy, Cain, Caligula, Charlemagne, Constance, Constantine, Copernicus, Coriolanus, Cornelius, Cyrus, Danielle, Darius, Deborah, Delilah, Delia, Dharma, Elvis, Esther, Felix, Ferdinand, Festus, Gabriel, Gauss, Gomer, Gregory, Gutenberg, Hadrian, Hagar, Ham, Hammurabi, Helena, Heracles, Herod, Immanuel, Ishtar, Issachar, Jerome, Jezebel, Joan of Arc, Job, Jonah, Josephus, Joshua, Julius Caesar, Justin Martyr, Kal-El, King James, Lazarus, Leonardo, Levi, Lot, Luke, Luther, Martha, Maximus, Melchior, Melchizedek, Methuselah, Michael, Mohammed, Moroni, Nebuchadnezzar, Nero, Nestorius, Nicodemus, Nostradamus, Odin, Origen, Pan, Pelagius, Pharaoh, Pius, Pontius Pilate, Prometheus, Queen of Sheba, Sapphira, Sennacherib, Seti, Silas, Stephen, Suess, Shulgi, Tarkin, Terabithia, Thalia, Thomas, Tiberius, Titus, Tutankhamun, Uhura, Zeus, Zacchaeus, Zantex.

Stephen, Thomas, Tiberius, Titus, Zacchaeus.
Nicodemus, Pharaoh, Pontius Pilate, Queen of Sheba, Sapphira, Sennacherib, Silas,
rus, Levi, Lot, Luke, Martha, Melchizedek, Methuselah, Michael, Nebuchadnezzar,
Gomer, Hagar, Ham, Herod, Immanuel, Issachar, Jezebel, Job, Jonah, Joshua, Laza-
Cain, Cornelius, Cyrus, Darius, Deborah, Delilah, Esther, Felix, Festus, Gabriel,
Aaron, Abram, Ahab, Ahasuerus, Apollos, Baal, Bathsheba, Belshazzar, Benjamin,



“We’re looking for a church with a vibrant, active congregation...
that we can quietly observe from the back pew.”

Faith & Fellowship

Jolly 1's & 2's

On September 24 Jolly 1's & 2's will travel to Fresno to see the play "Arsenic and Old Lace" at the Second Space Theatre. The play starts at 2:00. Doors open at 1:30. Cost is \$22. We will leave the church parking lot at 12:30. Be sure to eat something beforehand as there is no food at the theatre except for snacks at the break offered at a minimal cost. We can eat after the play if anyone is interested.

The play is about a drama critic Mortimer Brewster, whose engagement is upended when he discovers a corpse in his elderly aunt's window seat. A comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison family.

Please let Janet Harader know by September 17 if you wish to go. (583-8817 or 367-5658)

Exercise class

The FPC exercise class
M, W & F mornings @ 9:00am in the
FPC Outreach Building (220 Dewey Street)



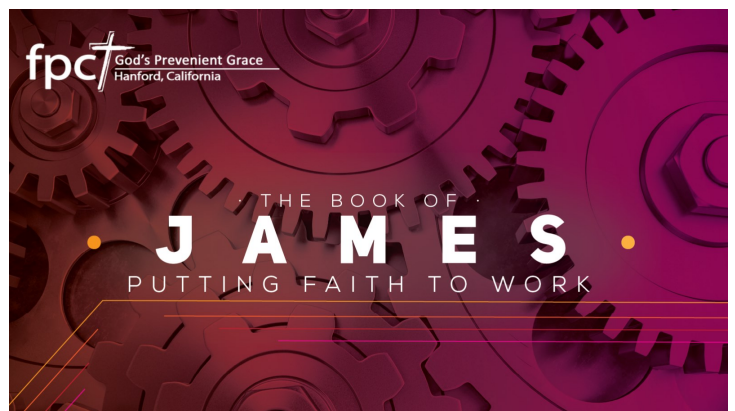
BodyLife Dinner

Dinner at 5:30pm

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

Our midweek BodyLife Ministry starts Sept 13th and will run through Nov 15th. We invite you to join us for a meal and then stay for Bible Study. Pastor Tim will lead us through the Book of James as we learn about "Putting Faith to Work"

Bible Study at 6:15pm



If you need childcare, please contact Sheri (582-6040)

Reminder! Deacons hope you can bring clothing and nonperishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available in the church hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kyle Christoph
- 7 Susan Feaver
- 9 Dominic Caparuolo
- 10 Hope Kinney, *Tony & Sheri Winterowd
- 13 Delaney Cuzzort
- 16 Kailyn Christoph, Nick Elvena
- 20 Gail Forsythe
- 25 Wes Lehmann
- 30 *Kevin & Stacey Jones

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