

First Baptist Church

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THE LIFE-LINE

March 2020

Where Faith and Life Collide

We began the year with a Sunday morning message series on the letters of John. As we have worked our way through the first two chapters of 1 John, we have seen John's use of the word "beginning" three times to refer to the time when his audience had an eternity altering encounter with Jesus and became His children. As God's children, we have an obligation to tell others about Jesus and to pray for their souls. This can, at times, be a slow and frustrating task. Often, we see years and decades go by with no results. In fact, sometimes those whom we are praying for become even more entangled in the world's web and seem to grow even further away from God and any hope of salvation.

It is easy for us to become discouraged, and even to give up, thinking, "what's the use?" But, as the following from a sermon delivered on March 9, 1880 by Charles Spurgeon so beautifully illustrates, it is God who does the saving, and as such, no one is beyond His grasp. Our job is to be faithful, in witness and in prayer, and to trust God for the results.

I have read of a woman who prayed long for her husband. She used to attend a certain meeting-house in the north of England, but her husband never went with her. He was a drinking, swearing man, and she had much anguish of heart about him. She never ceased to pray, and yet she never saw any result. She went to the meeting-house quite alone, with this exception, that a dog always went with her, and this faithful animal would curl himself up under the seat and lie quiet during the service.

When she was dead, her husband was still unsaved, but doggie went to the meeting-house. His master wondered whatever the faithful animal did at the service. Curiosity made him follow the good creature. The dog led him down the aisle to his dear old mistress's seat. The man sat on that seat, and the dog curled himself up as usual. God guided the minister that day; the word came with power, and that man wept till he found the Savior.

Never give up your husbands, good women, for the Lord may even use a dog to bring them to Christ when you are dead and gone! Never give up praying, hoping and expecting. Fear not! Believe.

Whose salvation are you praying for?

In Him,

Pastor James



March Calendar of Events

03/01 Sun	Annual business meeting after Church	03/15 Sun	Board meeting	5 p.m.
03/02 Mon	Craft morning 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	03/16 Mon	Craft morning	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
03/02 Mon	Bible study 1 p.m.	03/16 Mon	Bible study	1 p.m.
03/04 Wed	Prayer meeting 10 a.m.	03/18 Wed	Ladies luncheon	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
03/08 Sun	Pastoral Relations meeting after church	03/21 Sat	Church workday	9 a.m.
03/09 Mon	Craft morning 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	03/23 Mon	Craft morning	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
03/09 Mon	Bible study 1 p.m.	03/23 Mon	Bible study	1 p.m.
03/13 Fri	CEF training 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	03/30 Mon	Craft morning	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
03/15 Sun	Mission meeting after church	03/30 Mon	Bible study	1 p.m.
03/15 Sun	St. Patty's day potluck after church			

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

03/04 Linda Kay Burch	03/20 Troy Hoffine
03/08 Curtis Pallin	03/22 Tricia Pruitt
03/10 Laverne Leslie	03/24 Phil Marler
03/18 Rod & Linda Malcomb	03/26 Renee Marler



Monday Morning Craft Time



Join us on Monday's for craft time. If you have a craft or art project you're working on, bring it to the church Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to noon and join a group of like-minded crafty people. It's no-host, and you can come and go as you want. Coffee provided.



Monthly Sunday Fellowship Refreshment Schedule

03/01 Adult Sunday School Class	03/15 Worship Team (vocalists and instrumentalists)
03/08 Christian Education Committee and all Teachers	03/22 Membership Committee
	03/29 Trustees



Moderator **by Fran Worthen**

I'm sending greetings from sunny Anaheim CA and the Stephen Ministry Leadership Conference. Your leadership team is learning how to implement this amazing care ministry among our church family and into our community. It is an exciting adventure, and we will return with clearly established goals and timelines. You will be hearing more about all this in the coming weeks.

Special thanks to my brothers and sisters who have covered my duties in the past month while I was on vacation. Susie Main subbed for my Sunday school class and handled special prayer requests. Your vice moderator, Randy Hoffine, covered the leadership duties.

Please plan to attend our annual business meeting on Sunday, March 1 and celebrate the blessings God has bestowed upon our church in the past year. We will be taking a very important vote on our new constitution and bylaws. Make sure you review these documents available now for your inspection.

Jesus Christ is at the center of all that we do in this church. We recognize His headship and His guidance. Our God gets all the glory!

Vice Moderator/Elder's Note **by Randy Hoffine**



We just finished two months into the New Year. How are you doing on your scripture reading? I hope that you have found a plan and are sticking to it. If you didn't find a plan by January 1, please do not wait 10 more months to begin. You can begin at any time. I have noticed a few different plans put out in the Narthex that you can pick up.

In addition to scripture reading, don't forget about daily prayer. If you are not used to quiet daily prayer, you can start with a stopwatch or timer. If you need to, start with just 1 minute and add 30 seconds each week. Make it a part of your morning routine. It's amazing how much the combination of consistent reading and prayer will do for you and your relationship with Jesus. Commit today.

Randy Hoffine
Vice Moderator/Elder

Finance **by Peggy Ahlgrim**



This year the finance department chose to do a more in-depth audit, using a local church audit guide internal control checklist. The audit committee focused on reviewing the processes and procedures of the church's finances.

I'm pleased to report of the 23 items on the checklist, 17 are solidly in place and one has been added. The others items are either in the process of being developed or can already be implemented from this point forward. A more in-depth report will be given at the annual meeting on March 1.

Thanks!



Worship by Yvonne Woytus

My other job was running a working cattle ranch. I had 30 pairs of moms and babies, with a bull. I had 26 acres of estuary and forest, living in a 100-year house out of Coos Bay.

Several years ago, a fierce storm came into our area, and Catching Slough flooded severely over the pastures and the top of the fences. My neighbor's property had a large herd of yearling Holstein calves, the black and white spotted kind. They were literally going to drown, as their owner was renting the pasture and living in Myrtle Point.

The rain wouldn't stop, and I knew I had to rescue those yearlings even though I didn't have anyone to help me. I went to my barn, got a heavy bale of hay and carried it across my pasture, it was very hard. I also was getting completely soaked. I climbed under the barb wire fence, totally ripping my outback coat down the back. I was on a hill with the intent of reaching the high ground for the calves so they could see me and I could spread out the hay. Carrying the bale across a road, under another barb wire fence, filthy but determined, I reach the high ground for the calves. I saw that a man on the road had seen what I was trying to do, so he came and helped me. The water was increasing in the pasture, since it was still raining hard. The man waded in the water to push the calves to me. The water was up to his chest and up to the calves faces. The calves knew we were helping them, so he was able to slowly herd them through the slough water and over 5 acres to the high ground and safety. The man who helped me and myself were thankful, exhilarated, and totally filthy, but we did it. Oh, did I tell you, I LOVE working in MUD.

Yvonne Woytus Cowgirl, Worship Department



Woman to Woman by Patty Alexander

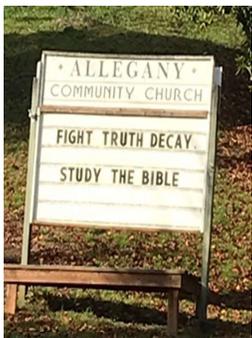
"Falling up to grace, now that's a different concept! I'll have to think about that a bit." This was the response from my best friend as, once again, she fell prey to my ideas and to what God is showing me as I listen to Him. Of course, He had to interrupt a "Martha" moment this morning as I was folding my sheets from the dryer. Once again, He put my life into perspective. You see, grace takes so many forms, but grace is still that unmerited, undeserved favor of God that I definitely don't deserve. God sent His Son "down"

to this earth. And when I am willingly disobedient to Him, my guilt weighs me "down." When God and I are struggling over a specific issue, life isn't very pleasant for my family. I'm miserable, because I sometimes want to hold on to my bitterness, my jealousy, my wrong action. . . my sin. But what did Jesus say? "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." John 12:32 (ESV) Through His death, Jesus was lifted up on the cross. My sins were visibly placed on Him—and the sacrifice for my sins was complete. That unmerited, undeserved favor came into fruition as I looked "up" to the cross to accept this gift of grace. So, I fell up to grace, accepting this unconditional gift of His grace. How about you?

Something to think about, my friends.

Patty Alexander

Monday Afternoon Bible Study Resume on March 2 by Fran Worthen



The Monday Bible study will resume at 1 p.m. on March 2 at the church. The group will be studying the Book of Esther from the Old Testament. This book dates from 483 B.C. to 473 B.C. and relates the historical account of a Jew named Mordecai, and his younger cousin Hadassah (Esther) who he took in as his own daughter after the death of her parents. The story of God's dramatic rescue of the Jewish people is recounted in this book, and it is the basis for the Jewish feast of Purim. There are many powerful truths and applications to draw from this Biblical account. The group will be using John MacArthur's "Ruth & Esther" study guide during the 9 week class. Everyone is welcome to join, and a sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex of the church. Study guides are \$12.

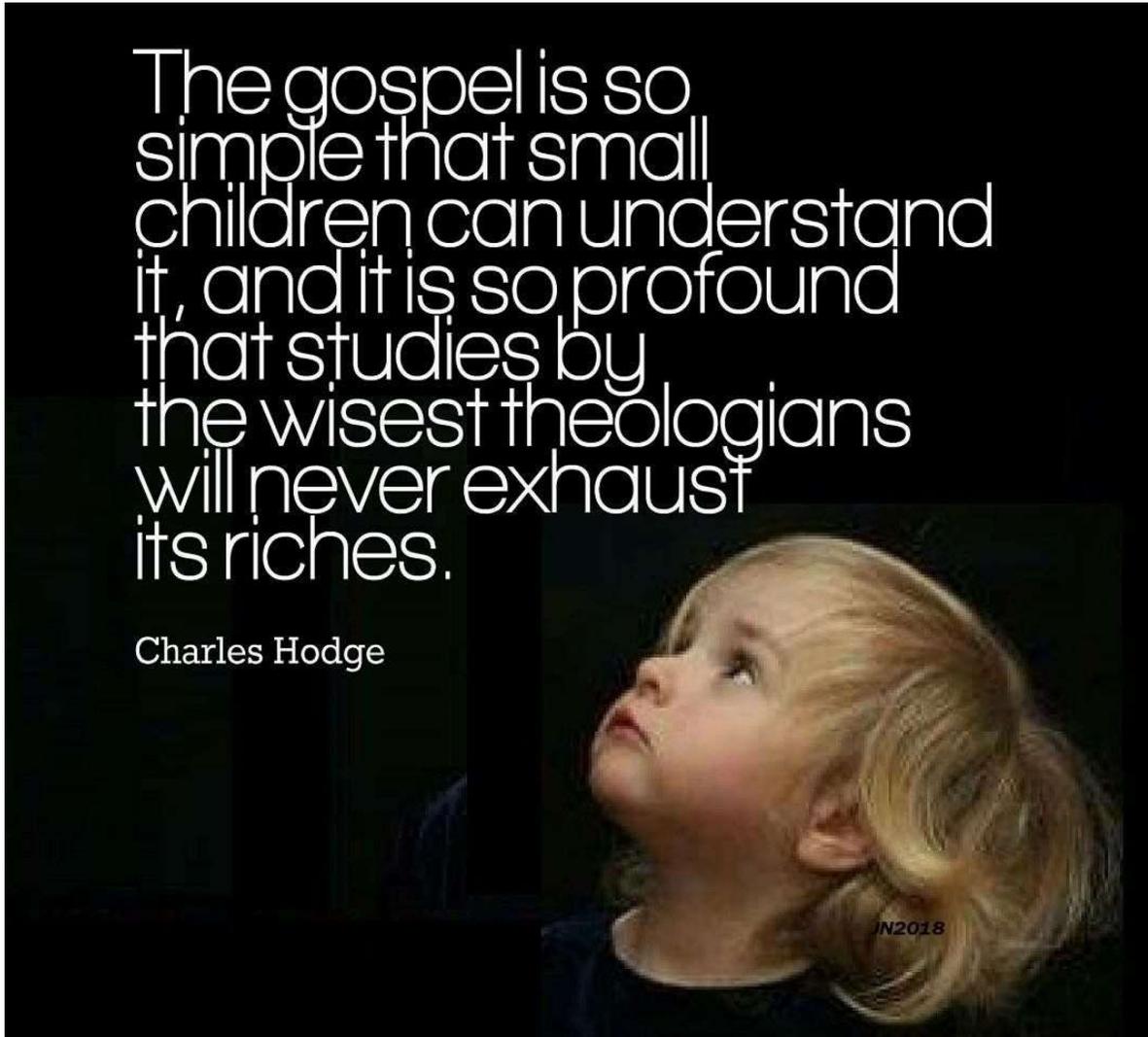


King's Kids
by Howard & Bonnie Kubli

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I found this simple picture today and it spoke volumes to me... I wanted to share with you this sweet simple truth.
Bonnie and Howard

The gospel is so simple that small children can understand it, and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologians will never exhaust its riches.

Charles Hodge



Trustees
by James Batdorff

The Trustees would like to invite the entire congregation to an all church work party Saturday March 21 with light snacks being provided at noon. Please come help the Trustees as we prepare our church building for Resurrection Sunday service April 12.

Thanks,
James



What is the Role of The Membership Department?

by Ted and Penny Noble

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

Just in case you may be wondering what it is that the Membership Department does for God's church we are delighted to share our duties. Keep in mind that after reading this, you may want to join the fun in lending your gifts to help, and we will gladly meet with you to see where we can fit you in.

The Membership Department is one of the largest departments, and that is why we need many hands. Ted and I cannot do this alone. We need you! We have built a team that consists of about 10 volunteers.

Here are the areas/duties in which the Membership Department oversees for our church:

Director – Administers to provide help to the following areas. In conjunction provides written policies and procedures of each area. Writes the monthly newsletter article for the department. Provides a report to each business meeting summarizing decisions, actions and ideas or recommendations of the department.

Church Clerk – This person maintains an accurate record of membership actions, church membership roll, and accurate minutes of business proceedings. Hold meetings with the Pastor, Moderator(s), and director of the Membership Department to confirm the membership list.

Fellowship – Organize all fellowship meals/potlucks. These meals help to generate giving/tithing for our church fellowship funds to possibly help those in need.

Kitchen Duty – Recruiting helpers for the kitchen, cooking, cleaning, set up, break down, etc.

Showers – Membership will sponsor wedding showers and baby showers for members of the church. Please see Penny Noble for more details.

Grief Ministry – Making meals and calls to those in need during difficult times. This may consist of a small team to help reach out to our church family. There are times that one might just need a phone call to check up on them and pray with.

New Member class – The Pastor will conduct a 4-week class. After the course has ended the Membership Department will administer the church covenant with the member and the church congregation will vote them in.

Men's/Women's/Couples group – Bible studies, lunches, breakfasts, craft day, retreats. This is an area that needs growth and with growth we need your help. If you are interested or have ideas, please see Penny or Ted.

Other Ministry groups – Widow's/singles group, widower's/singles group, youth group, family fun night.

Well, that's all we have for now. Please let us know if you know of anyone or you think you might be interested in joining the team.

Blessings to you!



St. Patty's Day Potluck

Please join us for Annual St. Patty's Day Potluck Mach 15, 2020, after service.

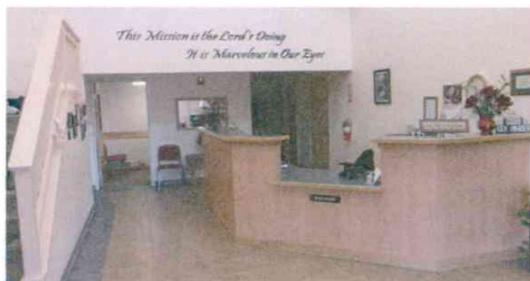
We will be providing corn beef with cabbage, carrots, and red potatoes. Please feel free to bring salads, veggies, or desserts.



February 2020

Message from Jennifer..... Our lobby project has been in the works for 10 months.

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19



Front Desk:
Painted & new sign on back wall.

← Old

New →



Old:
Men's dorm downstairs.

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New:
Women/children upstairs.

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New: Armor of God.



New:
Lobby reading table, with resource lists, msg board, and incoming mail.



Wood carved as a parchment scroll, offset from the wall with back lighting --- it looks like it's floating by supernatural powers, and the light can be seen from across the street at night.

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News & Events

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See What 2nd Chances Can Do

Noah almost had it all: married 18 years with 2 kids, a 3 bdrm house, 3 cars, 3 jobs and \$100,000 income. He and his wife had it all planned out --- to retire early and travel. He enjoyed making her happy.

He did all this with schizophrenia and a brain tumor. Then one day, his wife had a stroke. Within a few days, her body shut down and she was life-flited out. By the time he got to Eugene, it was too late. And, if that wasn't enough, the State took his kids.

At that point, he says, "I totally lost my mind". He stopped taking his meds, and thought he could numb the pain with amphetamines and alcohol. For 2 months, he'd wake up screaming because he'd see his lifeless wife, so he couldn't sleep. Even 2 suicide attempts didn't work.

Noah also tried living in the woods for 5 years, afraid to talk to anyone about his deep sorrows. Here's the saving grace in this story --- his wife told him about Jesus.

Noah first checked in 2 years ago, and then again on 12-13-19. He had tried rehab with no success. Since being here, he's free and sober. He says he "likes the structure here", and "prays every day for guidance". Noah still feels lost because he doesn't know what he's supposed to do.

It's taken him this long to finally accept that God took his wife for a reason. He wants to learn how to be happy again, and, have a purpose. Eventually, he'd like to buy a 5th wheel and live a simple life.

Noah is a quiet & humble man, with a gentle and kind spirit. He asks for nothing, but has volunteered to help cook at the Mission. He has been a huge blessing and appreciated for his outstanding work.

We pray that God will show Noah hope for a new future, and give him the desires of his heart.

P.S. Noah requested his picture be taken beside my Dad's plaque.



Blessings,

Jennifer Palmer

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