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Loving God Well.
Loving ourselves well.
Loving others well.

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Join us Sundays for
worship

Service times are:
June through Sept. 1
9:30am



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

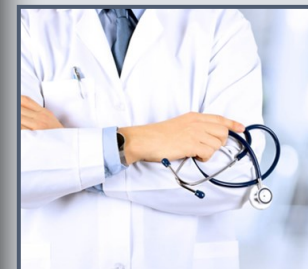
August 1, 2019



**“Discovering, experiencing
and showing the goodness
and love of God”**

GROWING DEEPER. REACHING WIDER.

Pastor John's musings...



A medical study in 2006 revealed that roughly 600,000 people had heart bypass surgery that year. Those that go through bypass surgery are told they must change their lifestyle in terms of smoking, drinking, and diet. They must exercise regularly and work toward reducing stress in their life. In a blunt sort of way, the doctors were saying 'change or die.' You would think that most people would heed the doctor's voice and change their lifestyle. The study discovered that over the next two years, ninety percent of these heart patients made no noticeable changes in their lifestyle.

How does that strike you? Every one of these heart bypass surgery patients knew the truth, yet only 10% did anything about it. Though they knew it had the potential to kill them, ninety percent choose to remain living their status quo.

So...the obvious question to me is, "Am I choosing life though it might require some changes? Are we choosing life though it might require some changes?"

In Deuteronomy 30, Moses is on the eve of his death, and Israel is on the threshold of entering the promised land. He goes to great length to describe for Israel the blessings of following God and the curses of following the gods of their neighbors. Moses concludes his conversation in verse 19, by calling on Israel to "Choose life, so that you and your children may live."

One of the ways (and there are many ways) we choose life with God is to be paying attention to what God is doing in our life. Here are three questions to ponder:

- 1 - How have you noticed God in your life of late?
- 2 - Are you becoming more aware of God's presence or his nudges in your life?
- 3 - What are you doing in response to your noticing God and his nudges?

If you have not taken time to reflect on these questions, it is worth your while to do so. They are not meant to be legalistic in nature or guilt-inducing. I also understand you may have taken the time and reflected and find yourself not knowing how to answer my questions.

My simple hope is that we, as a church, and we, as individuals, will learn to choose life with God by experiencing God in the here and now. Moreover, by this experiencing God, we will be people who love as we have been loved.

May you grow in choosing life with God and may you become acutely aware of his presence and his love for you.

In God's grip, His is the strong one,

Pastor John

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Upcoming Events



Beginning September 15th
Time: 5:30- 7:30 p.m.
Place: FPC - Fireside Room
Led by Steve Van Buren and Pastor John

This nine-week course is designed to:

- Help us slow down our lives in order to develop a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.
- Help us to grow in learning to love God well, love ourselves well and love others well.

We know that:

- An estimated 85% of Christians feel stuck in their relationship with Christ.
- Only 1 in 4 Christians studies the Bible to discover God’s will for their lives.
- Followers of Jesus that are deeply changed will then have a powerful, long-term impact on our world.

So, you are invited to join us in a truly incredible experience that can transform us and then can be taken into our world that is crying out for our Loving God.

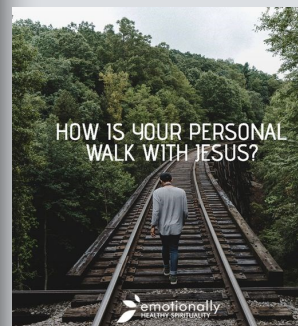
Thank you!

To my dear church family,
What a joy to be part of such a loving, caring church family! Thanks to many for prayers, cards, transportation, shopping, help with the awful support hose, visits, and being with me at medical appointments. You are each appreciated and have been a help during my post-surgery healing.

Anne Weaver



“It’s Impossible to Be Spiritually Mature, While Remaining Emotionally Immature.”
Peter Scazzero



Update From Music Ministry

“Sing unto the Lord a new song” Psalm 96:1. Every week we are called to participate in worship. We pray together, hear the Word together, and sing together. God has equipped and called leaders to play in the Praise Band, sing on the Praise Team, and sing in the Traditional Choir. Has God been calling you?

If you play an instrument and would like to get involved in our Praise Band, we are always looking for musicians to join our group. God has provided talent, exceptional teachers, and a heart for worship to people who attend FPC. If you are not currently serving in music ministry and are interested in bringing your instrument into the group, please contact Mary Kern or anyone on the team.

Expressing our faith through song and lyrics gives us a chance to pray, confess, praise, and give thanks to our Creator. The Creator who gave us mouths to *speak* also wants us to *sing* praises to Him. Your talents are always welcome to the Praise Team, and we have small and large groups that sing monthly. Contact Mary Kern or anyone on the team if you would like to join the Praise Team.

The traditional service is also interested in musicians and singers to serve weekly. Serving as a choir member, you can gain musical experience and education, share your talents, grow in Christ through discipleship, and enjoy fun and fellowship. Contact Susan Scrimsher if you feel called to volunteer in this ministry.



Sing to Him,
sing praises to Him;
Tell of all his wondrous works!
Psalm 105:2
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Missions Update

FPC participates in an amazing mission project every year. It is time again to think about purchasing and donating for Operation Christmas Child. This is a great time to purchase because of the back-to-school sales. By donating, you will be a part of proclaiming the Gospel in more than 100 countries around the world. Each shoebox gift can bring Good News and great joy to a child in need. Bring your donations to the church office during the week or the church library on Sunday mornings. Put any financial donations in the offering plate labeled "OCC."



GIFT SUGGESTIONS



- Doll or stuffed animal
- Soccer ball / kickball and pump
- Comb or hairbrush
- Washcloth
- Colorful Band-Aids
- Blanket
- Pencils and pencil case
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Crayons, pens, markers
- Coloring pads or coloring books
- Picture book or notebook
- Foam ball
- Finger puppets
- Slinky or Etch A Sketch
- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks or Flip-flops
- Hat / scarf / mittens
- Sunglasses or hair bows
- Tote bag / purse
- Foam ball or tennis ball
- Soccer ball / Kickball and pump
- Finger puppets
- Slinky or Etch A Sketch
- Play cars / trucks / boats
- Plastic tools or plastic dinosaurs
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Comb or hairbrush
- Washcloth
- Colorful Band-Aids
- Blanket
- Pencils and pencil case
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Crayons, pens, markers
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Update From the Session

Session Meeting Summary

7/17/2019

The meeting began with reading and meditating on Romans 12:1-2 and prayer from Pastor John. The elders discussed Chapter 5, "Values that Undergird Community" from the book *Pursuing God's Will Together*. The Elders were given the opportunity to respond to the questions: "Where have you noticed God at work in your life in the past month?" and "Where have you noticed God at work in our church in the past month?"

The following items were discussed and approved as required:

We are encouraged to celebrate what God is doing in our lives personally and in FPC as a church.

John will be on vacation July 23-August 5 and August 13-19, and participating in continuing education August 6-12.

Preaching while John is away are: Luke Wehr, Steve Van Buren and Jonna Reader.

The June financial picture is quite positive. The kitchen remodel has come in under budget. The bathroom remodel is over budget because of unforeseen needs. Options for covering this are in existing funds.

Educational opportunities for the congregation are being discussed. The class "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" will be offered again in the fall.

Ways to encourage connections and increasing involvement by all in the church was discussed.

Written reports from the following committees and individuals were received: Deacons, Finance, Physical Resources, Worship, and Missions. Minutes of these meetings are available on request.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, August 29th at 6:45 pm. Meetings are open. If there are items a person would like Session to address, please contact an elder in the week prior.

There are many ways to be involved in the life of FPC:

Send a note to John about moments you see God working in your life or the life of FPC (jgeither@klamathfpc.com)

Volunteer to be a member of the safety team (contact Keith Stone or Ryan Finney)

Participate in selecting materials and opportunities for education (contact Craig Rappe')

Develop opportunities for members of the congregation to connect with and care for each other (contact Gay Woods or Ted Stagner)

Acts 20:28 (NIV)

²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

SAVE THE DATE:
King's Kids starts again on Wednesday Sept 11th!

"They say the happiest place on Earth is Disneyland. They're wrong, It's camp!"

Want to volunteer in a great outreach program? Join the Good News Club!

KidMin News

This summer we sent 14 kids from FPC to camp. Five of our kids went to Camp Latgawa; the other nine attended Mountain Lakes Bible Camp. During their time at camp, the kids learned more about Jesus and explored and deepened their relationships with Him. The crafts, games, and activities generated smiles and laughter and brought kids from neighboring towns together. Youth from FPC made friends with believers from Medford, Ashland, and many other cities in central Oregon. They had experiences that they will never forget.

Mountain Lakes Bible Camp was established in 1960 in an effort to establish a place where people of all ages can experience the beauty of God's creation and learn more about Him. MLBC continues to this day to be a ministry of Bible Baptist Church and continues with the same mission and vision of those who established the camp 59 years ago.



Camp Latgawa is located about 68 miles from Klamath Falls. Taking Hwy 140 toward Medford, you turn off to the south and go 13 miles back into the woods. Camp Latgawa offers activities for all ages, some of the favorites are a natural waterfall slide and swimming hole, hiking and backpacking trails, archery, volleyball, ping pong, basketball, horseshoes, a meditation labyrinth and swimming in the solar heated pool.



Upcoming Event



I Am They
 is a pop-acoustic worship group that has been recording since 2014 and touring since 2015.

The band who brought us *My Feet Are on the Rock* is coming to Malin. I Am They will be performing at the Broadway Theater in Malin on Friday, August 23rd.

Friday, August 23rd at 7 PM, Doors open at 6:15
 2110 Broadway Street, Malin, OR 97632
 Tickets are \$25, order at www.itickets.com

New in the Library - DVD's

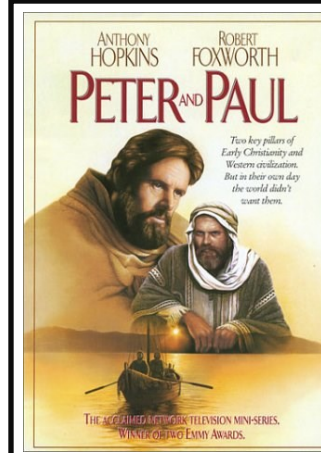
Life With Dog

After losing his wife Alice in a mysterious bike accident, Joe begins a fast descent into the dark abyss of uncertainty. But his salvation arrives when a dog wanders into his garden and won't leave despite Joe's many attempts to get rid of him.

Genres Drama, Kids
 Director Corbin Bernsen
 Starring Corbin Bernsen, Marilu Henner, Chelsey Crisp



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Peter and Paul

Two key pillars of Early Christianity and Western civilization. But in their own day the world didn't want them. The acclaimed Network Television Mini-series. Winner of two Emmy Awards.

Starring Anthony Hopkins, Robert Foxworth

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