



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

601 Pine Street
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GROWING DEEPER. REACHING WIDER.

Pastor John's Musings...

"One size fits all"



Virtually every week something is going on at First Pres. that reflects our new tagline: **"Growing deeper and reaching wider."**

From our worship service to our women's and men's groups, from our Emotionally Health Spirituality classes to our Wednesday morning "Good News Club" at Conger elementary school led by Mary Kern. I could easily fill this page of our newsletter with other ways this is taking place.

Growing deeper in Jesus and reaching wider in Jesus is our calling and is to be the lifeblood of our church.

One of the challenges for many Christians is thinking that this applies to only certain parts of our lives. People often think, "I have a sacred or spiritual part of my life which is one hat. I have a secular or nonspiritual part of my life and that is another hat. We might think our career, our work or going to a ball game is secular and attending a church activity is spiritual." It can appear like we have different hats to wear depending on where we find ourselves and what we are doing. I want to take away all that confusion for us.

If we are working on making Jesus Lord of our lives, His lordship rises above or transcends all places. If Jesus' disciple Thomas were here today, he would not understand this separation that people have created. In John 20:28 he says to Jesus, "My Lord and my God." Lord meaning Caesar or king and God meaning God. Thomas is saying there is no sacred or secular separation or dichotomy. For Thomas, it was all one and the same. This means that for the followers of Jesus all of life is sacred. God, in fact, is with us wherever we go and whatever we do. I'm not sure how we could ever have a "God-absent" moment.

I want to invite us to lay aside this nonsense of secular and sacred and know that all of our life is God's. For followers of Jesus all of life is sacred. This means that growing deeper and reaching wider has the possibility of happening every day, no matter where we are or what we are doing.

This also means we only have to wear one hat. It is the follower of Jesus hat. It's a one size fits all sort of hat. I realize that wearing this hat is quite challenging and complicated at times. That is why it is a lifelong pursuit of following our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

May you and I wear His hat well!

Pastor John



Recently at a Beaver's Basketball Game at Oregon State University...

Barb & Charlie Dehlinger were honored for being cancer survivors.

Barbara Dehlinger is a 49-year cervical cancer survivor and OSU Alumni '65 and has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology & Sociology.

Charlie Dehlinger is a 8-year prostate cancer survivor and OSU Alumni '63 and has a Bachelors Degree '65 in Ag engineering - soil & water conservation.

Barb and Charlie have been married for 55 years in March 2019 and are proud of the fact that both of their

children, sons in law and 4 of 6 grandchildren have earned or will earn degrees from OSU. Her family has a total of 10 undergrad degrees, 2 master degrees and will soon have a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. They are avid OSU supporters!

Go BEAVS!

Financial Snapshot

Each month we are going to post FPC's income and expenses. This information will be featured so that we can stay informed of our church's finances. A big "Thank you" to those who have begun giving an additional \$15 a month to help with our deficit budget. If you are able, please join us in contributing \$15 a month beyond what you normally give. It will make all the difference through out the year.

Monthly Snapshot

Mar	Income	Expense	+/-
2018	\$25,092.85	\$32,666.10	(\$7,573.25)
2019	\$39,415.92	\$38,505.14	\$910.78

Yearly Snapshot

Mar	Income	Expense	+/-
2018	\$111,435	\$102,779	\$8,657
2019	\$119,476	\$115,545	\$3,931

Our Memory Verse:

Matt. 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.





Hello! My name is Ryan Finney and I am the co-leader of the First Presbyterian Church Safety Team. Keith Stone, the staff, and I thought it would be a good idea to tell you more about the new Safety Team ministry.

- First of all, in a perfect world with no accidents, threats, or dangers our ministry would be unnecessary, but as we live in an imperfect sin filled world unfortunately it is necessary to make sure that our congregants and especially our children are safe at all times.
 - *That does not mean we are going to exclude people from our church – the love of Jesus and a place in our church are for everyone – but it does mean we have to analyze threats and make hard decisions on how to handle them at times.
- With that, the name “Safety Team” instead of “Security Team” was chosen because we are here to keep people safe in any situation, whether that means jumping in to help with a medical emergency or in the case of a natural disaster.
- You may see some implementations of new safety procedures:
 - * Including locking the doors during service.
 - * Please don’t worry, if anyone is late we’ll absolutely let them in and someone is always in the foyer to open the doors!
 - * Please understand everything we do is for the purpose of loving and protecting the people who enter our building.
 - * If you have any questions, we’ll be doing a Q & A between services soon.
 - * If you would like to serve in this way we can definitely use more on the team!

Thanks,
Ryan Finney



Ryan Finney



Keith Stone

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



Thank you to our "disciples" who participated in the Maundy Thursday service. Many thanks to Reen Stagner for organizing and directing this amazing service. A Living Supper was moving and meaningful!



Maundy Thursday: A Living Supper

**"This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."**





Education/Transformation

Klamath Community College Presents
Eight Students Telling Stories About Succeeding in College IN SPITE OF

Physical and mental disabilities
PTSD in the wake of service in the military
Recovery from substance abuse
Experiences of physical abuse
Being a non-native speaker of English
Attending college as an older student

Two performances

KCC Building Seven, Thursday, May 16, 5 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 601 Pine St., Sunday, May 19, 2 pm

Free of charge

A reception will follow each of the performances

Funded by the **Oregon Arts Commission** and the **Klamath County Cultural Coalition**

FPC RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian is having a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th. This is a great way to clean out the church building and our houses! The proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Child and helping our kids get to church camp this summer. If you have “junk” you want to get rid of, there will be two drop-off times. Our children and youth will be available to help bring in your donated items after the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, May 12th and between 5:30 and 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 15th. If you have items to donate and cannot make either of these drop-off times, please contact Luke Wehr or Mary Kern.

We do need help from a strong crew of adults on Wednesday May 15th to bring things down from the tower. The more people we get, the less they have to carry, and the less time it will take. We will provide pizza after for everyone who helps! If you would like to volunteer to organize or help during the sale on Friday, May 17th, please contact Mary or Luke. The kids will be working the sale on Saturday, May 18th.

We are also excited to reschedule our Soup Supper... with a twist. Instead of having soup, we have decided to have a \$5 BBQ lunch during the rummage sale on Saturday the 18th. There will also be a raffle during this time. Soup Supper tickets will be honored at the BBQ lunch (and we will throw in 6 raffle tickets).

Can't wait to see you there!

Drop-Off Times

- Sunday, May 12th after the 9:00 AM service**
- Wednesday, May 15th between 5:30 and 6:30 PM**

Children and youth will be available to help you bring in all your "junk." Thank you for donating and supporting these causes!

Raffle Tickets

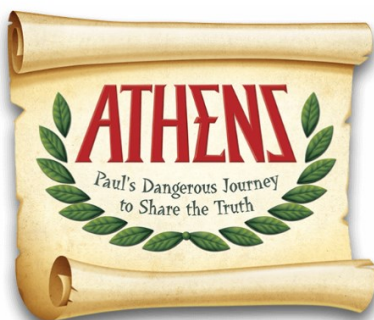
Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Must be present to win. We have amazing baskets and prizes that you won't want to miss.

\$5 BBQ Lunch

Hot dogs and hamburgers grilled on-site!

KidMin News

There are only two more weeks of Good News Club. On Wednesday mornings we have been bringing the gospel message to kids at Conger Elementary. Some of these kids attend church and have asked Jesus into their hearts. More of them are unchurched and have not known the good news of Jesus. By giving out Bibles, encouraging Scripture memory, and providing interesting lessons, these kids are getting to know their Creator. We are praying, singing, laughing, and learning together in a safe and loving environment. This ministry has been a blessing to the kids, family and staff at Conger as well as the volunteers from FPC. Please continue praying for this amazing outreach ministry.



Athens VBS
Coming to FPC soon!
Mon - Thurs, June 17-20
5:00-7:30 Dinner included



Easter Program

The kids entertained us, made us laugh and smile,
and they reminded us what Easter is really about-
Jesus!



The Collective

What's Ahead for The Collective:

- May 8th - 5th Grade "Graduation" Night
*5th graders will be invited to be part of The Collective
- Bowling Night May 10th
*Need adult volunteers
- Rummage Sale fundraiser May 17th & 18th
- Messages for the next few weeks,
 - *5/01 – 33 Things Part One
 - *5/08 – 33 Things Part Two
 - *5/15 – 33 Things Part Three
 - *5/22 – 33 Things Part Four



Prayers to consider:

- Consider becoming a volunteer for The Collective
- Pray for a specific student
- Pray for growth and extended reach
- Pray for changed lives



King's Kids is winding up their super year. May 1st and May 8th will be the last superhero lessons until fall. Thank you to Reen stagner, Shelley Freirich,

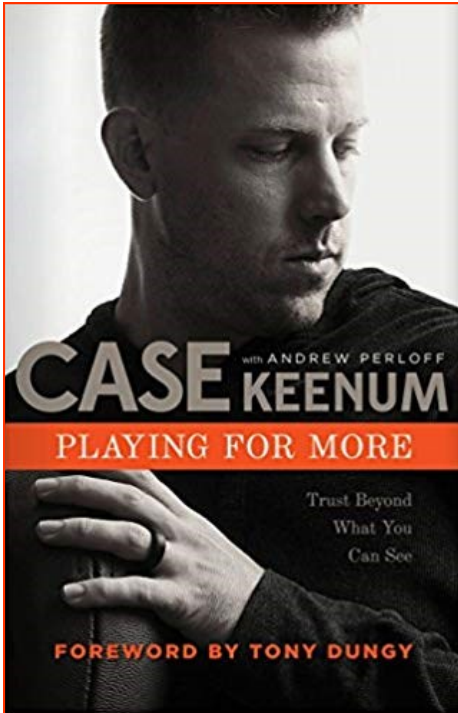
Belinda Scalas, Scott Senter and

Randy Clark who consistently and faithfully served this mid-week program in 2018-2019. We appreciate all the parent and volunteer support that keeps this program thriving. We will return in fall of 2019 with a new fun theme but the same great meals, games, crafts and lessons.

**king's
KIDS**



New at the Library



Case Keenum has traveled one of the most unique paths in the NFL. Recruited by just one college, undrafted, and released three times, Case has overcome every obstacle to become a successful starting quarterback. In 2017, Keenum captured America's imagination by leading the Minnesota Vikings to a 13-3 record and an NFC North title. His game-winning touchdown in the final seconds of their divisional playoff game against the Saints, the "Minneapolis Miracle," made Case part of NFL history.

Keenum shares stories from every stage of his life, starting out as a ball boy for his father's college team in West Texas, going on to win a state title in high school, and rewriting the NCAA record book at the University of Houston. A devastating knee injury almost derailed his football career, but helped him get closer to the woman who would soon become his wife.

Throughout his story, Case will explain how being a Christian helped him navigate the winding path to success. No matter what obstacle has been placed in front of him, Case believes God has a plan for him. That's why he plays football and that's why he's writing this book: To glorify God and to help others who face adversity in their everyday life.

"Am I a football player who happens to be a Christian?" Case writes, "No, I'm a Christian who happens to be a football player. That's my calling. That's my defining characteristic. Once I realized that, everything else fell into place. I became a better football player and, more importantly, a better person." [Amazon.com](#)

**The Library has many other nonfiction and fiction books as well as DVDs.
Stop on by on Sunday morning.**

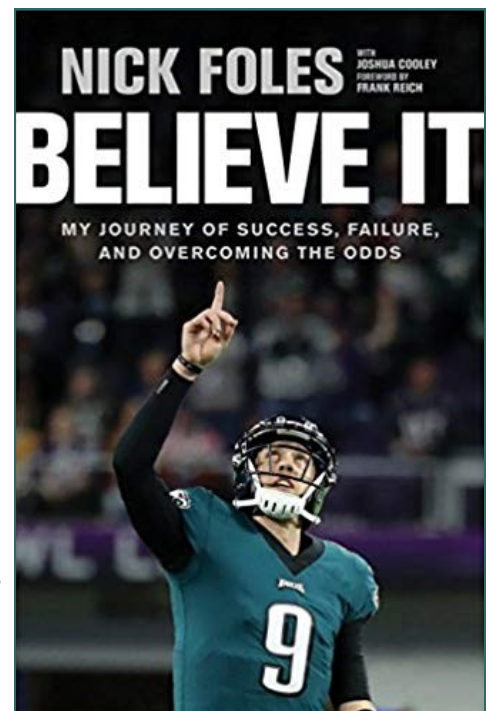
Get ready to defy the odds when everyone's counting you out.

When the Philadelphia Eagles' starting quarterback went down with a torn ACL in week 14 of the 2017 NFL season, many fans—and commentators—assumed the Eagles' season was over.

Instead, Nick Foles came off the bench and, against all odds, led the Eagles to their first Super Bowl victory in history.

How did Nick get it done—winning MVP honors, silencing the critics, and shocking the world? How did the man who was on the verge of retiring just two seasons earlier stay optimistic and rally the team to an astounding win? How did he stay ready despite numerous trades and discouraging injuries, able to step up in the moment and perform at the top of his game?

Believe It offers a behind-the-scenes look at Nick's unlikely path to the Super Bowl, the obstacles that threatened to hold him back, his rediscovery of his love for the game, and the faith that grounded him through it all. Learn from the way Nick handled the trials and tribulations that made him into the man he is today—and discover a path to your own success. [Amazon.com](#)





FPC families!

Come join us at our Heartwood Life Group gathering. Once a month we meet to share a meal, share life, pray for each other and learn more of what God has for our lives.

We love our kids and want them to know each other, so we welcome them at this gathering. After dinner, we will split the kiddos off to do an activity while adults can have adult conversation!

It's a time to be refreshed and belong to a community of believers.

Our gathering on Sunday May 19th, 4:00-6:30, will be at Jon and Jamie Fitch's home, at 2123 Patterson St. Call Jon Fitch at (805) 550-8497 to RSVP or sign up in the church entryway. (under 50 years old)

Senior Fun!

Join the Seniors on the 3rd Monday of May, the 20th, for a potluck and entertainment!

This is the BIG ONE!

(Everyone is invited - there is no age limit)



The local "Kitchen Band" made up of our local Klamath County Retired Educators will be joining us to share their style of fun entertainment. Their instruments are kitchen utensils including spoons and sometimes kalamazoos. The Band has a great time in sharing their program with us, and what an imagination! See you soon! Please bring extra food for our guests.

Barb Dehlinger & Belinda Reno



*Please join us for
our Spring Bell
Choir Concert on
Saturday, June 1st
at 7:00 p.m.*

We are missing two hearing impaired receivers. They only work on a specific frequency in the Sanctuary. They are \$106.00 each to replace and are very helpful to some. Please check your pockets to see if you might have accidentally put one there. They are numbered and we are missing numbers 3 & 5. Thanks for checking!



MATTHEW 11:28

NASB "COME TO ME,

ALL WHO ARE WEARY

AND HEAVY LADEN,

AND I WILL GIVE

YOU REST."



Both remodel projects are currently underway, the kitchen and the upstairs bathrooms. There are no updates at this time.

Session Meeting Summary

4/23/2019

Pastor John opened the meeting with prayer. Elders discussed Chapter 2, "Beginning with Spiritual Transformation" from the book Pursuing God's Will Together.

The following items were discussed and approved as required:

- Jessica from Child Evangelism will present a "Minute for Ministry" in May.
- The safety team is preparing an article for the Newsletter. A member of the safety team will go back with the ushers to deposit the offering in the safe on Sunday mornings. Plans are to have all members of the team first-aid trained.
- Kermit Houser has resigned as president of the FPC Corporation and chair of finance committee. Barb Dehlinger was elected as the new president of the corporation, with Thelma Cox as vice-president. Laura Stewart will chair the finance committee. Craig Rappe' will be vice-chair.
- John will attend Presbytery in Tacoma May 3-4. Steve Van Buren will preach May 5th.
- John is taking vacation time May 10-12th to attend his daughter's graduation. Kent Berry will preach May 12th.
- New church officer training will be held May 18th, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Bathroom remodel is progressing as possible around emptying closets, and removing tiles.
- Kitchen remodel is moving well. Some permits are needed for gas and electrical work. Work will continue as possible.
- Physical Resource vision committee is reviewing recommendations for escape routes.

Reports from the following committees and individuals were received: Lay Pastor, Deacons, Finance, Physical Resources, Worship, Missions, and Children's Ministry. Minutes of these meetings are available on request.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, May 16th 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.

Gay Woods
Clerk of Session

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Craig Rappe`
Belinda Scalas
Andrew Smith
Laura Stewart
Mitch Stokes
Rich Touslee
Gay Woods



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Our time of services are:
9:00 Contemporary
11:00 Traditional

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