



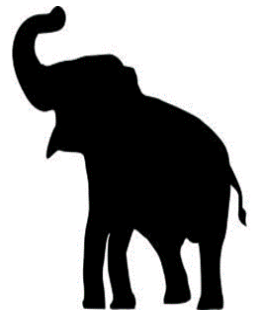
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

601 Pine Street
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June 2019

GROWING DEEPER. REACHING WIDER.

Pastor John's Musings...

There is an elephant in the room. We use that language to describe something evident in the room, but we aren't talking about it. I realize sometimes we need to be given information to notice the elephant or we may not see it at all.



Ephesians 4:15 states: *Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.* God calls us to be truth tellers. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to be people who speak the truth in love. I am working very hard at making this a part of who I am. The goal of speaking truth in love is to grow in maturity as we become more like Jesus.

I want to share some truth that, as we hear it and respond to it, can cause us to grow in maturity and become more like Jesus. The elephant in the room is that First Presbyterian has been struggling the past two months financially. Giving to the general fund is down from what is needed each month to cover the cost of keeping the lights on and our building functioning, of supporting our ministries (both inside and outside of our building), and paying our staff.

I imagine some of you are wondering if the cost of renovating our bathrooms and kitchen is the reason our monthly giving is down. These two projects are covered by other sources, *i.e.*, endowment distributions, a gift from Dorothy Proctor's estate and proceeds from the 2018 capital campaign.

A number of you are giving as you said you would. Thank you so very much. We are blessed by your faithfulness. For those of us who are not in that category, I want to invite you to prayerfully consider giving more to our church. Having said that, my request is with the understanding that you give as you can and not as others do, that you ask God what He thinks about your present giving, and then respond to God with a heart of trust.

We are heading into the summer months when giving normally goes down because people are attending less. Would you please consider giving even if you aren't able to attend? You can do online giving, have your bank send a check for you or use snail mail.

Naming elephants and speaking the truth in love is not always fun, but it leads us to the place where God is calling us - becoming more like Jesus. That is what all of life is really about.

Thanks for listening to my thoughts, my heart and what I believe God is up to. May you and I continue in our journey of following Jesus.

In God's grip, because we are discovering that His is always the strong one,

Pastor John



Annual Church Picnic & BBQ - Sunday, June 30th following our 9:30 a.m. church service

On the menu:
Tri-tip, chicken, & hot dogs

There will be a sign-up sheet to
bring dishes to complement the
BBQ-Picnic.

We would also like to know your
choice of meats so that we can be
sure to have enough. Watch for the
sign-up sheet.

This annual event is always a blast.
Hope to see you at Moore Park at
the top picnic area on June 30th!

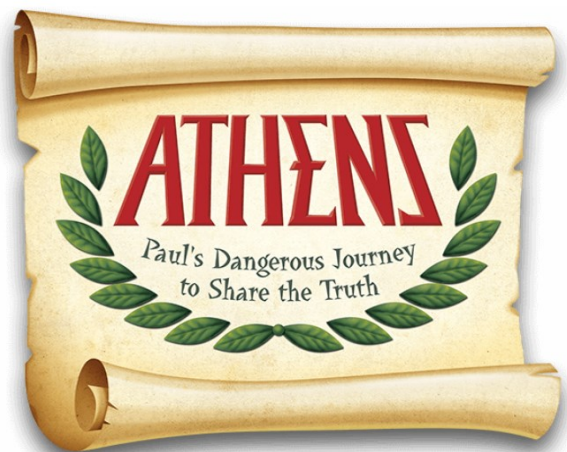


The Good News Club at Conger was amazingly successful! This is how we measure success: Over 20 Bibles were given out. We averaged 29 kids per week. Students were memorizing and reciting Scripture. There was a buzz around the hallways about GNC. Kids were excited to hear about Jesus and the path to salvation. Hands were raised when we asked who wanted to accept Jesus as their savior. It was an awesome experience for everyone who experienced the GNC.



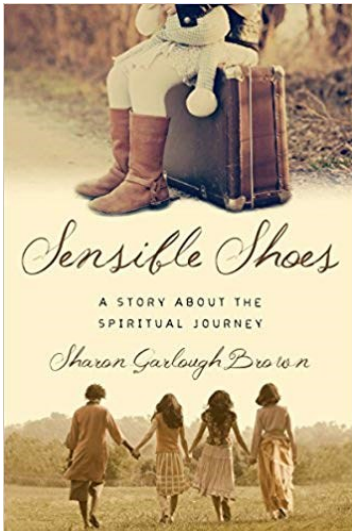
Vacation Bible School (VBS) is just around the corner. This year we will have our VBS the week after school is out again. June 17th through the 20th we will be going to Athens to experience Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth.

Volunteers are always needed for leading games, crafts and lessons. Please contact Mary Kern for more information: childrensministry@klamathfpc.com.



The children and youth of FPC worked hard at an amazing fundraising event for church camp. Our rummage sale brought in \$1300. The next day our church family donated \$1300 more! Now church camp is paid for all the kids who want to attend. Thank you for your donations and financial help!

New at the Library



Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Brown

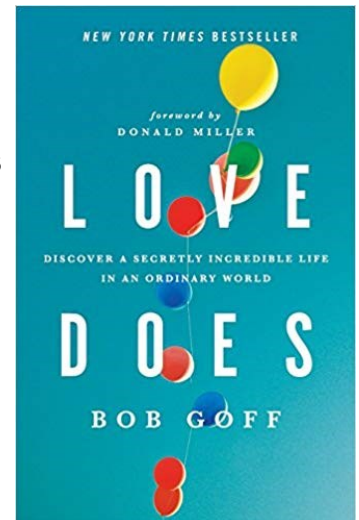
Tells the moving story of four strangers as they embark together on a journey of spiritual formation: Hannah, a pastor who doesn't realize how exhausted she is. Meg, a widow and recent empty-nester who is haunted by her past. Mara, a woman who has experienced a lifetime of rejection and is now trying to navigate a difficult marriage. Charissa, a hard-working graduate student who wants to get things right. You're invited to join these four women as they reluctantly arrive at a retreat center and find themselves drawn out of their separate stories of isolation and struggle and into a collective journey of spiritual practice, mutual support and personal revelation. Along the way, readers will be taken into a new understanding of key spiritual practices and find tangible support for the deeper life with God.

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Love Does by Bob Goff

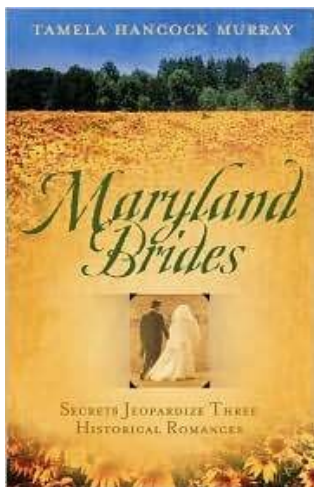
As a college student he spent 16 days in the Pacific Ocean with five guys and a crate of canned meat. As a father he took his kids on a world tour to eat ice cream with heads of state. He made friends in Uganda, and they liked him so much he became the Ugandan consul. He pursued his wife for three years before she agreed to date him. His grades weren't good enough to get into law school, so he sat on a bench outside the Dean's office for seven days until they finally let him enroll.

Bob Goff has become something of a legend, and his friends consider him the world's best-kept secret. Those same friends have long insisted he write a book. What follows are paradigm shifts, musings, and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action. Bob believes *Love Does*.



When *Love Does*, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance that makes faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. And this is one life you don't want to miss.

[Amazon.com](#)



Maryland Brides by Tamela Hancock Murray

Historical Romance: Love isn't always a simple process. All Raleigh Alden wants to do is keep unscrupulous merchants from exploiting his family fortune. When he falls for a seamstress, will he let his reputation get in the way of true love? Katherine Jones's longtime pen pal, Otis Rath is coming to visit her under false pretenses. What will happen when the truth is revealed? Vera Howard sees her friends fall in love and marry, but no one shows any interest in her-until the dashing Byron Gates comes to town. Will Byron's past of flirtations and gambling end any hopes for the couple's future?

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Senior Fun



Every month, usually on the 3rd Monday, our seniors get together for a pot-luck luncheon. In May, we were able to have the Kitchen Band as our guests and entertainment. They sang and used their kitchen utensils as instruments. This group, oh my, they are exuberant, exciting, and very entertaining. This time their presentation was called "Around the World." They gave us songs and history of these songs from different countries from "Around the World." There is no age limit to attend, young at heart or young.

This month, due to Vacation Bible School, we will have our luncheon on the **4th Monday, June 24th** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come and enjoy the fellowship, fun, and food!

Our next guest says: "My name is Shawwna Ottenbacher and I have a story to tell you about how the Gospel Mission has changed my life and is changing the lives of others. I first came to the Gospel Mission in 2006, as the Women's House Supervisor. Like everyone else I participated in the Personal Growth Program which is designed to bring individuals closer to God and help each of us learn how to live a productive, Christian life. I left the Mission, thinking that life was settled for me, but things change, God had other plans.



Tiny Tim aka
Norm Holliday

I came back to the Gospel Mission in January 2018 and started again as the Women's Live-In Supervisor. This has been a wonderful adventure. I am again taking a new and improved Personal Growth and Development Program with the other women who live here. Since then I've also found a Church home at First Presbyterian Church and appreciate the support that they have shown me. Now I have the opportunity to help many other women find their way closer to God. I am also becoming a prayer warrior, I have surrendered myself to God. Come and hear more about my story and more about how the Gospel Mission is changing women's lives. **Join me at the Senior Luncheon on Monday, June 24th at noon** in the Fellowship Hall."

By Barb Dehlinger & Belinda Reno

Renovation Updates

The Kitchen remodel completion is just around the corner

In very short order our kitchen will be ready for use.

- Several people have worked diligently to make this project so successful.
- A special thank you to:
 - Steve Watterberg, who has been the leader in this project.
 - Also thank you to Doug and Connie Bright, Tom Howard, Steve Hamlin and several other men and women from our church.
- We also want to thank the kitchen committee: Belinda Scalas, Katie Mengis, Barb Dehlinger, Steve Hamlin, and Linda Riley.

Please take a moment and peek inside the kitchen. All the new equipment is hooked up and ready to go. There are only a few things left to do.

Women's bathroom and wheelchair accessible bathroom

Thank you for your patience as we continue our work on these two bathrooms.

- They are going to be as spectacular as bathrooms can be.
- For the time being, our women will need to be using the restroom in the children's wing downstairs.
- The completion date will be very soon.

Pastor John

Heartwood Life Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

This month that date is Sunday, June 16th from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.



The meeting place will be at John & Deanna Geiter's home, and the hosts will be Emily & Dustin Mengis. If you have questions, please call Emily Mengis at (541) 591-3609.

(This group is for under 50 years old)

Memory Verse:
Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

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."



The Youth will meet two more times before they take a summer break; June 5th & 12th.

Watch for announcements of summer get togethers!

Men's Group



June 13th
&
June 27th
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Session Meeting Summary 5/16/2019

Pastor John opened the meeting with prayer. Elders discussed Chapter 3, "Leaders Who Are Discerning" from the book Pursuing God's Will Together. It was acknowledged that discerning God's will as leaders requires us to practice continually seeking God's will in each of our lives. The following items were discussed and approved as required:

- Jessica from Child Evangelism Fellowship will present a "Minute for Ministry" in May and Mary Kern (Good News Club at Conger) in June.
- Members of the safety team are active at the worship services. More team members are needed.
- Officer training of new elders and deacons was May 18th.
- As anticipated, there is currently a \$6,000 deficit for the first third of the year. At the current rate we will have an \$18,000 deficit at the end of the year. Restricted funds will be used as necessary to offset the deficit. Options for reducing the deficit are being considered.
- A special gift of roughly \$10,000 has been given to the church to be kept for the use of the church but not put into the general fund or the larger endowment fund. The endowment committee will review possible uses of this money.
- Bathroom remodel is progressing.
- Kitchen remodel is progressing and appears to be coming in under budget.
- A "Policy for Disposal of Church Property" was approved.
- Memorial Day service will be one service at 10:00 a.m.
- Summer worship service will be one service at 9:30 a.m. June 23rd through September 1st.
- A report from Steve Diamond was reviewed regarding FPC sound system and the acoustic properties of the sanctuary. Possibilities for improving the sound system will be considered after the bathroom and kitchen projects have been completed.

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

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, June 26th 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

Monthly 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.

Financial Snapshot

Apr.	Income	Expense	+/-
2018	\$47,595.54	\$33,824.81	\$13,770.73
2019	\$27,537.37	\$37,267.09	(9,729.72)

Yearly Snapshot			
Apr.	Income	Expense	+/-
2018	\$159,031	\$136,603	\$22,427
2019	\$147,013	\$152,812	(\$5,799)

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 9:00 Contemporary
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