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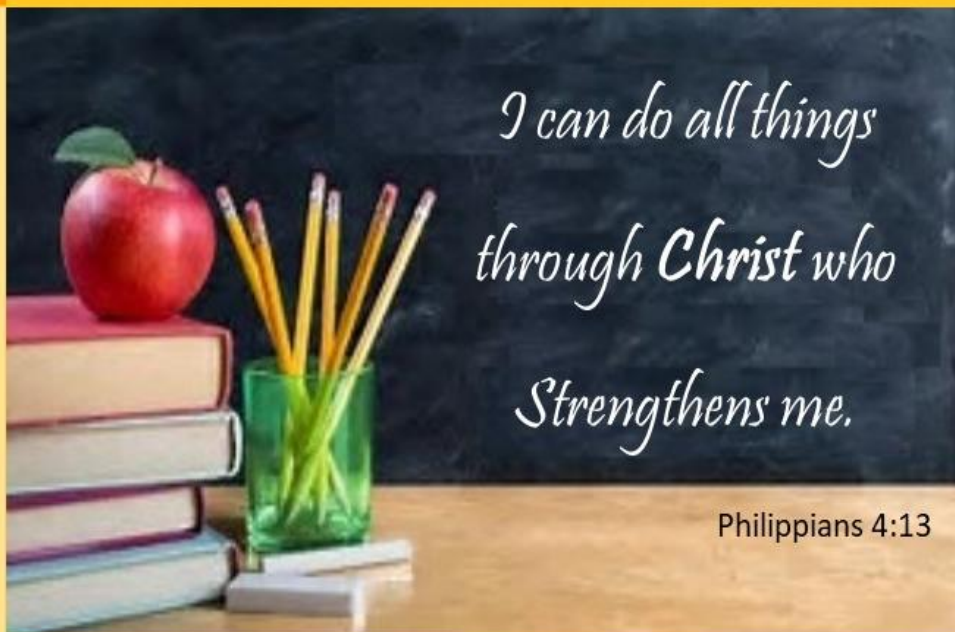
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*I can do all things
through Christ who
Strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13



**FCC
107 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**

**BBQ
Celebration**
**Sunday,
27 August 2017**

After Worship
Church Backyard
Bring you favorite side dish.



Pastor James Frost



One day Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

One of the most important things in the Christian life is prayer, so learning how to pray should be our upmost desire. Prayer is not some great secret, nor is there a set way to pray, but prayer is just a time where we can actually talk, in the most intimate way, with the God that created the world. Isn't that an amazing thought? Prayer is where we learn to talk to Him, understand Him, connect with Him, while learning to understand ourselves. Prayer gives us untapped power, for it unlocks, ignites, heals, transforms, empowers, and brings calm to our hurried lives.

Obviously there are many more, but here are three simple reasons why we should pray.

1) Prayer attracts God: Psalm 66:16---20. When we deal with the sin of our heart, Christ listens to our prayers and acts on our behalf. What things do you need to release to God and His forgiveness?

2) Prayer unlocks us: Psalm 32:1---7. Prayers unlock us, but only when we pray truthfully and acknowledge the issues that are in our lives. We need to come clean to the Lord, for doesn't He already know our situation and heart? Who do we think we are fooling? But we need to do what always improves upon any broken relationship; we need to acknowledge that there is

a problem. When we keep silent, we lose strength and our guilt remains. When we pray honestly, we are energized and God brings us confidence, trust and freedom. Prayer refocuses us by taking our eyes off of us, and on to God. Real power comes from God in prayer. What do you need to pray more honestly about?

3) Prayer transforms others: Job 22:27---30. Praying for others changes the course of their life. They may not even know why, but it's true. Our prayers can give others courage, influence their decision-making, and can change outcomes.

First and foremost, I want you to know that prayer is just simple conversation with God. It is enjoying the pleasure of His company. If you do not know how to pray, ask God, just like the disciples did long ago. Prayer is simply you pouring out your heart to your Father who loves you. He knows you intimately. He cares about the minutia of your life, and He wants to hear all about it. But you have to decide to come away with Him and talk with Him, just like you would any other person you want to spend time with. But you don't have to conjure up some kind of big weighty prayer life. No, just ask God to build you and your prayer life. Let Him do it. And as you ask, He will answer. He will build you a prayer life that is filled with power and glory.

One last question: How devoted have you been in your prayer life every day, and how can you start to pray differently?



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

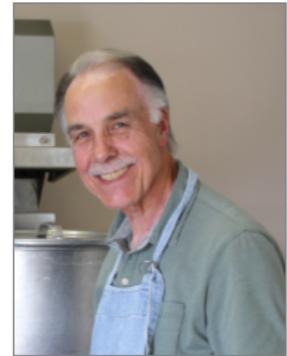
Wow! Here it is almost the end of August. Time really does seem to go by so quickly the older we get.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who serve as a church officer or on a church board or committee. Your participation is so important and appreciated by one and all.

It will soon be time (November church meeting) to approve new and returning officers, board members and committee members for the upcoming year. Many of these positions are defined by term limits while others are more open ended with no term limit. Please refer to the list of officers, board and committees included in this issue of "The Grapevine".

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the next couple of months to nominate individuals for open positions. If you are interested and willing to serve as a church officer, board members or on a committee please contact a Nominating Committee member and let them know. Everyone should have the opportunity and honor to serve. The hope is that all of the committees will be actively involved in shaping the future of our church.

Moderator Wayne Beck



ANNIVERSARIES

3 Aug. - Randy & Sue Klinkefus
23 Aug. - Ivan & Lena Wyeth



9 - Larry Coombs
10 - John Beynon



2 - Linda Kendall
3 - Jerry Cheek
5 - Gilbert Borchardt
Carol Hertle
Lorraine Horton
Miles Riley
13 - Kaley Kiernan
Dale Stambaugh
15 - Ivan Wyeth
27 - Gil Huckell

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2017

SECTION 1: TERM LIMITS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Moderator (1 yr) (Limited to 2 terms)	Wayne Beck	February 2017 - February 2018	2nd term
Deacons: (5-7) (3 yr terms, 2 terms max)	Bill Gillette	February 2017 - February 2020	1st term
	Ethel Eastburn	February 2016 - February 2019	2nd term
	Dan Beynon	February 2016 - February 2019	2nd term
	Dianne Gillette	February 2015 - February 2018	1st term
	Dave Pelucca	February 2015 - February 2018	1st term
	Kim Kiernan	February 2015 - February 2018	1st term
Trustees (6) (3 yr terms, 2 terms max)	Dave Baker	February 2015 - February 2018	2nd term
	Rick Kendall	February 2017 - February 2020	1st term
	Vicki Pelucca	February 2016 - February 2019	2nd term
	Vikki Huckell	February 2016 - February 2019	1st term
	Mike Kiernan	February 2016 - February 2019	1st term
	Kim Beck	February 2015 - February 2018	1st term
Outreach (2 yr terms, 2 terms)	Sharon Riley	February 2017 - February 2019	1st term
	Shirley Akrish	February 2016 - February 2018	2nd term
	Elaine Tindle	February 2017 - February 2019	1st term
	Linda Kendall	February 2017 - February 2019	1st term
	James Lopez	February 2017 - February 2019	1st term
Nominating Committee (5) (1 yr term, limit 2 terms)	Rick Kendall	February 2016 - February 2018	2 nd term
	Dave Baker	February 2016 - February 2018	2 nd term
	Janna Lou Baker	February 2016 - February 2018	1st term
	Kim Beck	February 2016 - February 2018	1st term
	Elaine Tindle	February 2016 - February 2018	1st term
	Vikki Huckell	February 2016 - February 2018	Alt 1st term

SECTION 2: NO TERM LIMITS

VICE-MODERATOR	Lee Unruh	February 2017 - February 2018	1st term
CLERK/HISTORIAN	Cindy Beynon	February 2017 - February 2018	1st term
TREASURER	JoAnne Warner-Unruh	February 2017 - February 2018	7th term
DELEGATE TO NACCC		February 2017 - February 2018	1st term
ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO NACCC		February 2017 - February 2018	1st term
ANNUAL DELEGATE	Phyllis Agers	February 2017 - February 2018	2nd term
MUSIC COMMITTEE	Janna Lou Baker	February 2017 - February 2018	6th term
	Roberta Steen	February 2017 - February 2018	5th term
	Joann Tamura	February 2017 - February 2018	8th term
	Jerry Cheek	February 2017 - February 2018	4th term
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (2 yr terms, no term limit)	Ginny Byrum	February 2017 - February 2018	7th term
	Kim Kiernan	February 2017 - February 2018	7th term
	Vicki Cheek	February 2017 - February 2018	5th term
	Janna Lou Baker	February 2017 - February 2018	2nd term
CHRISTIAN ED TEACHERS	Vikki Huckell	February 2017 - February 2018	7th term
	Cindy Beynon	February 2017 - February 2018	2nd term
PASTORAL RELATIONS	Dave Baker	February 2017 - February 2018	2nd term
	Rick Kendall	February 2017 - February 2018	2nd term
	Kim Beck	February 2017 - February 2018	2nd term
	Elaine Tindle	February 2017 - February 2018	3rd term



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RECAP JULY 9, 2017

Finances

- Roof was redone for \$12,950
- Increase in Budget by \$5,690 due to various updates, repairs and new website.

Pastor's Report

- Detailed busy 6 months with impressive outreach for our church.
- Started Benevolence Fund with Outreach and have already used.
- Gas card program in the works also.

Deacons are trying something new to have members sign up for Coffee Hour on their own. Please check list in Hall and sign up for a Sunday every 3 months or so.

Church Directory updates are available now for pickup.

Spanish Church has approached us for usage of our Church. Motion was approved to enter into contract pending approval with Trustees and Deacons.

CINDY BEYNON
Clerk



Salida Town & Country Parade & Festival

SATURDAY,
16 SEPTEMBER 2017

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for set-up, booth time and our parade entry. Have fun with friends while enjoying the festival. A sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall listing open time slots for the information booth. Please see a member of the Outreach Committee to help in any way. Thank you.



Sharon Riley, Outreach Committee Chair

Comfort Kits were made for children who have been taken from home to be placed in Foster Care. These children are often taken to a holding area with no personal items at all. It can be very scary and unsettling. The Comfort Kits have items in them to make the child feel cared for. They are filled with snacks, toys, a blanket and other items age appropriate. Our church members donated enough items to fill 20 backpacks with several bags of miscellaneous items. We met at the church on Wednesday the 19th of July at 8:00 am. Kim Beck, Ginny Byrum, Sharon Riley, Elaine Tindle, Lu Frost, Anna Deane and James Lopez came together and made these Comfort Kits.

We now have a Mini Food Closet for people who come by the church in need of food. It is kept in the back room in the kitchen. Phyllis Nelson has been kind enough to make a list of products that would be good to have on hand. It was put in the Church Bulletin on August 6. Here is a copy of that list.

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| * Crackers | * Peanut Butter | * Nuts | * Ketchup |
| * Jelly or Jam | * Instant Oatmeal | * Bar Soap | * Laundry Detergent (sm box) |
| * Can Meat | * Can Tuna | * Mustard | * Can Fruit |
| * Beans | * Granola Bars | * Soup | * Protein Bars |
| * Popcorn | * Macaroni & Cheese | * Rice | * Pork and Beans |
| * Spaghetti | * Spaghetti Sauce | * Cereal (any kind) | |
| * Instant Potatoes | * Refried Beans | | |

The Salida Festival will be on Saturday, September 16th. We will again have a booth set up. The details will be discussed at the next Outreach committee meeting on Tuesday, August 8th. Any ideas about what should be done are welcomed. Weekly reports will be given at church starting Sunday, August 13th. There will be a sign up sheet to volunteer time to be there also starting Sunday August 13th also. The booth will be set up from 7:00-9:00am and the parade will start at 10:00am. It will be as exciting and rewarding as our new Pastor has been. He has new and different ideas for it.

BE SURE TO SIGN UP WHEN THE CLIP BOARD IS PASSED AROUND!!!!

We welcome Anna Deane to our committee. If you are interested in helping others please join us on the second Tuesday of each month.



**SUNDAY SERVICE SPOTLIGHTS****16 July**

A plant was placed on the altar, Sunday, 16 July. Pastor James announced that the plant signified the birth of Ivan & Lena Wyeth's first great-grandchild, Carson Blake Boone, born to Chelsey and Roman, on Sunday 16 July, at 1:40 a.m. 8 pounds, 4 ounces 20 inches.

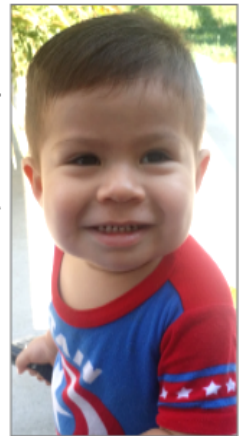
Lena added during Fellowship Time, "And no teeth". Lucky for Chelsey.

23 July

A pink flower was on the altar announcing the birth of a baby... Bev and Larry Con-nacher's granddaughter, Lindsay and her husband, Marcus, had a daughter on 22 July. Savannah Hope weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 inches.

6 August

Elizabeth Lopez, our Church Secretary, was at Sunday Service with her grandson, Jake, and his mother, Amanda, Elizabeth's daughter. Looks like Jake's best buddy is his Uncle Ricky, Elizabeth's son, who recently graduated from Gregori High School, and will attend Modesto Junior College.



THANK YOU!

The paper for this issue of "The Grapevine" was donated by Elaine Tindle. Your generosity is much appreciated!



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR “UNSUNG HERO” **PHYLLIS AGERS**

Taking on one “job” at FCC requires a lot of time and effort, but PHYLLIS AGERS, took on two jobs at the same time coordinating Sunday Coffee Hour and Editor of The *Grapevine*. Both not easy tasks.

Coordinating Coffee Hour entailed setting up a schedule so each Sunday is covered by a church member. Sounds easy enough... Well, sort of. Some of the time, people will volunteer, other times they have to be asked. Not such an easy job. In fact, no one wanted the job when Phyllis decided it was time to “retire”. It now falls upon the Deacons to coordinate Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall, our new method to schedule Coffee Hour. No one person wanted to be in charge of coordination.

It also should be noted that Phyllis also coordinates our “49-99 Book in the Box Club”. She visits the Salida Branch of the Stanislaus County Library each month to pick up our book club selection. She then returns the selection we finished reading. For many of our reads, a video is available. Phyllis checks those out for our viewing pleasure!

Thank you, Phyllis for all that you have done, and continue to do to make FCC such a great place to be part of...



BITS & PIECES

Things heard around FCC that we thought you would want to know....



- ◆ Pastor James' brother, David visited on Sunday 25 June, with his wife, Carolyn, and their son, Mark. They are from the city of Orange.
- ◆ Where does Ross Campbell sit? Right side, Pew No. 7, right aisle seat, Joyce's left of Ross'.
- ◆ What do Pastor James, Kim Beck, Miles Riley, and Haitian Missionaries, Janis and Tad Walton have in common? They all attended BIOLA University.
- ◆ Dotti Wilkinson was in church on Sunday, 16 July, with granddaughter, Jackie Zuniga, and great granddaughter Joslyn. Pastor James commented that he was glad that the air conditioner was working noting that Dotti had once sold tickets to get an air conditioner for the sanctuary.
- ◆ Seen on the Virginia Corridor... Sandy Tuggle walking her dogs, Andy and Petey. Lu Frost walking with her neighbor, Gigi. Diane Suzuki running with her friends. Diane Lane walking with her husband, Alton. This is a popular paved trail for walking, running, and biking in Modesto.
- ◆ Darrol Tuggle and Petey can be seen driving on the alley that parallels The Virginia Corridor. Darrol drives, Petey looks out the window of the pickup from the passenger seat... He's the "navigator". Remember Petey is the homeless dog Sandy found by Woodrow School, took in, tried to find a good home for him... Petey found his home with the Tuggles!
- ◆ It was nice to see Barbara Ishida at Sunday Service on 30 July. During Fellowship Time, Florence reminisced with Barbara about the Supper Club dinners when her mom, Masako, Tosh Kiyoi, and Mako Kiyoi would prepare a big Japanese meal in the Fellowship Hall. Florence especially enjoyed the inarizushi, a fried tofu pouch filled with sushi rice. The pouch is soft, and one would not know it was fried. It looks like a "mini" football.
- ◆ Jackie Zuniga's daughter, Josslyn, drew a picture of our church and gave it to Pastor James... Pretty good likeness.





SPOT-
LIGHT
ON...

LU FROST

I was born and raised in Burma (now called Myanmar). I am the third generation of Christians on my mother's side, and second generation on my fathers. In Burma, only 4% of the population is Christian, and most of them are from the northern hill tribes that are ethnically similar to my people. The other percentages of religions in the country include 82% who are Buddhists, and the rest either follow Hinduism, are Muslim, or the Jewish faith.

A little more background on myself, I am not Burmese, but one of the ethnic groups called Kachin, which is in northern part of Burma (15,000 ft. above sea level, also known as hill people). I was born in that part of the country and lived until I was 8 years old, moved to Rangoon (Yangon), which is the capital of the country. The Burmese Military Dictatorship, which rules the country, often persecutes the Christian ethnic groups. This persecution makes it difficult to live in your own country.

As you might think, I was a typical Asian kid, who was encouraged to study and to do many activities. My studies included an undergraduate degree in Mathematics, while at the same time I studied theology at the local seminary. After I graduated from college and seminary, I worked at a large Kachin church as a children's minister that had more than three hundred children.

I came to the United States on July 28th, 1998, moving to Philadelphia for further study. I studied at the Philadelphia Biblical University in Biblical Studies. After that I moved to Pasadena, California to obtain my Master of Art's degree in Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. During my studies there, I worked at the First Baptist Church of Pasadena in the children's ministry. After I graduated from Fuller, I worked as a social worker, but at the same time I continued to work at the church as a part time children's minister, youth minister, women's minister, and finally became a licensed minister at Oneonta Congregational Church in South Pasadena.

I met James at the courthouse in which he worked as a deputy sheriff and we got married after we dated two years. We got married on December 12th, 2009. For the last five years I worked in the

corporate world, but once again worked along side my husband in ministry as the youth director at Grace Presbyterian Church of Temple City.

James and I are so pleased to be here with our new church family, and are so happy at how you all have so warmly accepted us into your hearts.



Thank you!

We truly appreciate our colorful newsletter and give a great big **THANK YOU** to **CAROL HERTLE** for donating ink cartridges.

Your donation will be used for this issue and the next issue of *The Grapevine*.

All donations for ink are welcomed. Currently, we use HP 951.

“BIRTH IN THE FAMILY” TRADITION

For those of you “new” to FCC, there is a tradition that has been passed on for many years... When there is a birth in your family, you place a rose on the altar to announce that birth. And, of course, you let Pastor James know so he can share it with the congregation during announcements.

This birth announcement is all encompassing - including grandchildren and great grandchildren. And, the flower can be a rose or other flower of choice. Recently a potted plant with blossoms on it was displayed.

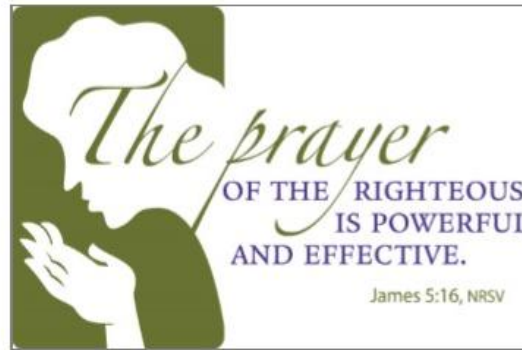


YOUTH & ADULT MOVIE NIGHT

YOUTH GROUP is back! Our first night begins on Wednesday, 6, September. We invite EVERYONE to attend a fun filled movie night right here in our church backyard. Our movie begins at 7:00 p.m. We will be watching “The War Room”, which tells of the importance of prayer in our lives. Snacks will be provided but you are welcome to bring a chair or blanket.

If you have any questions please see Lu Frost. Hope to see you there!





PRAYER CARDS

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As the above verses from Matthew state, it is vital for us to get the message of the gospel out into the world, and especially our individual communities. This is where our prayer cards come in. It may be difficult for some of us to share our faith, but it is easy to pray for someone. Make a list of people that you will commit to pray for, that live within a ten---mile radius of the church. Pray that God gives you opportunity to share your faith with them and invite them to church and our fun activities. You will be amazed at what the Lord can do in your life if you are deliberate in your prayers. Duplicate two index cards by placing the same names on both, keep one of the cards and personally pray, and bring the other to church and the prayer group at Church will pray over them as well. We already have two people that have been affected by this effective tool. In closing scripture says, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous has great power in its working' (James 5:16b). Let us make an impact upon this Salida community for Christ!

PASTOR JAMES



"The Grapevine" is our way of communicating what is happening in our church family... congregationally, and individually as families.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE



I mentioned to Florence that I would not be at church on 9 July, because I was running across the Golden Gate from Sausalito to Aquatic Park in San Francisco. She said she remembers walking across it the day it opened....

So here are our two stories. One that took place in 1937, and the other in 2017... 80 years apart. Mine not as memorable as Florence's but still a first for me.

ACROSS THE BAY

Diane Suzuki

I had never walked or run across The Golden Gate Bridge. So, when the opportunity presented itself... "Across the Bay 12K", I was in!

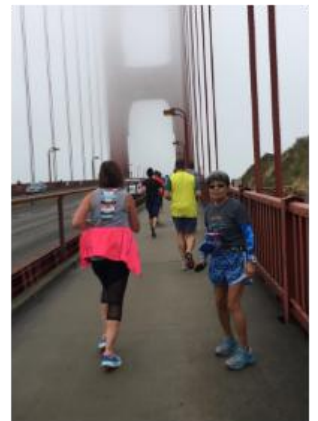
We were shuttled from Aquatic Park in San Francisco to Sausalito. It was a climb up the access to the Bridge. Hoping for a clear day over the Bridge was not... It was cold and windy... And, FOGGY!

We had decided prior to the race that we would take in the scenery. I took my phone so I could take photos. Usually I do not take my phone because it adds weight and bothers my back. But, this was an exception.

Photos, we took so many! The road was wet and slippery. When you stopped, you could feel movement. Looked for whales, but saw none. We saw a container ship and other vessels. There were only runners/walkers on the side we were on... Looking out to the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean. What a sight!

My experience pales in comparison to Florence's, but none the less, was exciting and a bucket list for me! Needless to say, we decided to walk the 7.45 miles, taking in all the sights, smells, and excitement... stopping to take photos, chatting with folks along the way. What a way to spend a Sunday in The City!

We decided this would should be an annual mid-year celebration for just having a good time!



WALKING THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE - MAY 27, 1937

Florence Velthoen

Diane Suzuki mentioned to me recently that she was going to be in a run across the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and I was reminded that I walked across the bridge the day it opened on May 27, 1937. That was a very big day for all the citizens of that city and many surrounding cities

and towns. I was thirteen years old at that time and our schools closed so we could all walk across this magnificent structure. Everyone (most everyone) dressed in Spanish costumes and it was all very colorful. I remember wearing a round black hat with little tassels dangling from the brim.I'm sure I didn't fool any Spaniards! It was such an exciting day.

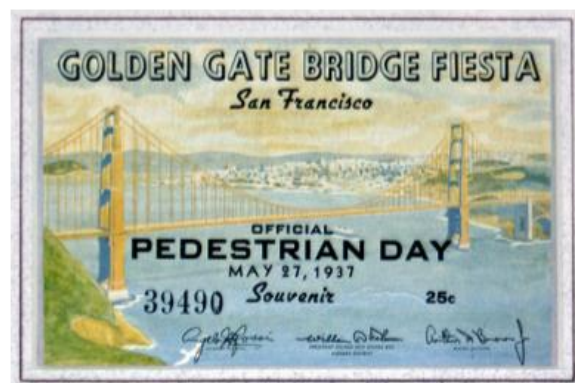
In later years walking across the bridge was a wonderful way for a young girl and her friends to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. We did it frequently and somewhere in my "archives" I have pictures of me with my hair blowing a thousand different ways as the wind blew up there constantly. What fond memories!

One little side thought. John Velthoen also walked across the bridge on opening day. I didn't know him then, but 40 years later I met him in Modesto and married him. Small world, huh?



Width 90 ft. Height 746 ft.
Total length - 8,981 ft. 2.737.4

A hat like Florence wore



Frommer's Travel Guide describes as "possibly the most beautiful, certainly the most photographed bridge in the world"



GOOD LUCK, KELLY KIERNAN

We wish you the very best as you begin your freshman year at Sacramento State University. It just seems like yesterday you were this little girl... Now, look at you... YOU are a young woman ready to challenge the world and make a difference!

We will miss you and look forward to your visits to hear all about college life... God Bless You, Kelly.

THEN



NOW



JACOB STIME

Jacob Stime who has been attending Sunday Services... Always has his Bible. Sits in the second to last pew on the left... Next to the Beynons.

He recently graduated from Modesto Christian, and will be leaving to attend the University of Nevada, Reno.

We wish him the best as he begins this new adventure, and that he stays in touch with us through emails. We look forward to his visits when he is in the area. Remember, Jacob, to check out what is happening at FCC via our website.



May and June were busy months for the Velthoen/Greenlow/Holloway families. Over Memorial Day weekend my daughter Shelby and I flew to Sheridan, Wyoming for the graduation of my grandson, Tyler Holloway. Had a great time and the graduation turned out to be one of the best I've ever attended....Short and sweet! The highlight of the ceremony (besides seeing Tyler graduate) was the wind that blew MADLY immediately following. We could see the cloud coming and were expecting rain, but, no....it was wind and if you have never been in wind in the state of Wyoming you don't know what wind is. Now Tyler is headed for the military and is entering the same program his brother is in.. Three months of basic training and then college for four years after which he will owe Uncle Sam four years of active service.

In June my granddaughter, Eve Greenlow, graduated from Kennedy High School in Sacramento. I wasn't able to attend the ceremony, but did get to see her get her diploma by way of my computer.. Also got to help her celebrate at her graduation party on June 11. It was a fun time and I got to meet a lot of Eve's friends. What a great bunch of kids....Now Eve is headed for Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.

It's hard for me to believe I only have one grandchild left in high school, but it has been such a joy to watch these kids grow up to be such great people. Every grandmother I know will say "Amen" to that.

FLORENCE VELTHOEN



RICHARD AND MARISSA BYRUM

Chuck and Ginny's "Pride" and "Joy", Richard and Marissa own a home in Modesto. Both are RN's and work at a Modesto hospital.

They have a 3 year old daughter Heidi and a 1 year old daughter Emily . Needless to say they are sooo busy with daughters, church, work and life.

GINNY BYRUM


Thanks!

I would like to Thank Pastor James and everyone for the prayers, cards, calls and visits to Chuck.

Prayers do work - he's back on the golf course.

GINNY BYRUM

“LAST” CALIFORNIA VISIT

This was Dotti Wilkinson’s last visit to our area. She flew from Texas by herself... Remember she is 101 years old.

The airlines will no longer permit her to fly unaccompanied. She needs assistance, unfortunately the airlines cannot provide this service.

It was good to see Dotti, and everyone enjoyed her visit. You will have to get “Dotti News” from her granddaughter, Jackie.

Well... now this may not have been the last visit. Jackie was saying during Fellowship Time, that her father and uncle would drive to Texas and bring Dotti to California since she can no longer fly.



OLD FRIENDS BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

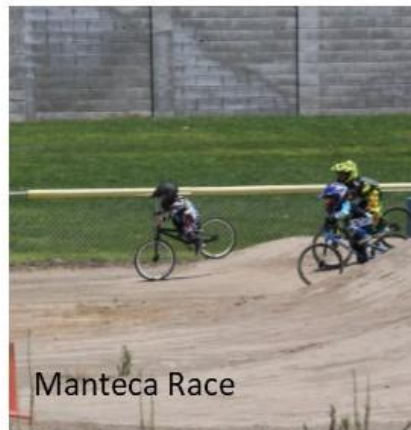
CHASING THE DREAM

ETHEL EASTBURN

Every weekend is a new adventure for brothers Aidyn and Noah who race BMX full time. Mom and dad pack the gear bags, ice chest, snack bag and bikes and they are off! Their latest big adventure was attending a National BMX race in Las Vegas where Noah raced 6 Novice and Aidyn raced 5 and under Novice and both did great! Shortly after arriving home the boys were asked to join a team out of Stockton, CA called Robby's Bike Shop, this will be their newest adventure! Noah is 6 years old who is ranked top 10 where he will race for top 4 in August at the State final. Aidyn is 3 years old and proudly rides with 5 year olds. Aidyn went from racing a strider/balance bike to jumping on a pedal bike shortly after he turned 3. The boys love meeting new people, making new friends and racing weekend after weekend with the goal to come home with a win.



Aidyn in Livermore



Manteca Race



Noah racing

TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO

Wow! It is great to escape 3 digit heat today. Quite a few of us wore shorts while waiting for the bus to pick us up for our journey to the Ferry Building in San Francisco. One person was holding us up to start our journey. We finally left at 8:10 a.m.

When we got to the Ferry Building the weather was perfect. No coats, sweaters or jackets to wear. My friend from Riverbank and I browsed around at the different vendors. We had bought something and had to hurry to the bus to take us to Pier 30. The people crowd got out of hand and it became miserable. I could not find a place to sit. I had to go to Boudin Factory and load up on sourdough bread. After I got my bread I ordered a sandwich for dinner. Then I fought the crowd back at Pier 39 and got something to eat at a fast food diner. Then I got my ice cream for a refreshing dessert. Then it was time to get back to our bus stop. We had to wait for the bus to take us home for at least half an hour. It finally came and we boarded and came home.

JOANN TAMURA



I stopped at Woodrow Avenue to turn around on The Virginia Corridor as it is the end of the paved travel... A guy was just beginning his walk. I recognized him... It was Lorraine Jamison's son, Steven, the youngest of her three sons.

We exchanged pleasantries... Then, walked and ran talking along the way to Roosevelt Park where we parted...

It was fun to remember Lorraine... She was such a good person... quick witted, fun to be around, did not take you know what from anyone... just a "good egg" as they say.

I told Steven how I missed her. He said he certainly did, too. Among the things he missed was their once a month outing to Wienerschnitzel for her favorite hot dog (I think he said it was the 1/3 pounder) and eight fries.

Steven was on his walk to their old house on Hackberry, and pass Enslen School, his elementary School. We talked about his Aunt Donna Scott, and his siblings, Lynn, Dick, and Joanne. He threw in a couple stories about his dad, who I did not know, but they were funny stories about his mom and dad.

The Virginia Corridor is certainly a place to meet old friends. In fact, on this day, I also saw Darrol Tuggle driving down the alley with Petey looking out of the window. No time to stop and chat with them though...

The Virginia Corridor in Modesto gets people out who might not have otherwise walked or rode their bicycles... It is a happening place. Once the Tidewater Southern Railway tracks, the paved trail goes from College Avenue to Woodrow Avenue. There is a pedestrian overcrossing at Briggsmore Avenue providing a hill climb up and over.

I enjoyed my morning run a little more remembering my dear friend, Lorraine, running and walking along side her son, Steven. He was in his "just going for a walk" clothes, but he decided he could run a little with me. He retired last school year after teaching for 39 years! Lorraine would be proud!

DIANE SUZUKI



Please help stock our food pantry! FCC's Food Pantry is a small community outreach program 100% funded by donations. It is designed to meet the emergency needs of the community. Individuals seeking assistance will be given a number of packaged food items and canned goods.

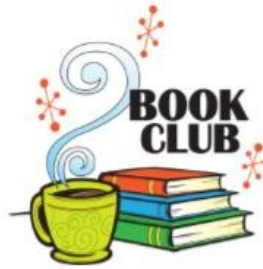
Most Needed Items

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| * Crackers | * Peanut Butter |
| * Jelly or Jam | * Instant Oatmeal |
| * Can Meat | * Can Tuna |
| * Mustard | * Can Fruit |
| * Beans | * Granola Bars |
| * Nuts | * Ketchup |
| * Bar Soap | * Laundry Detergent (sm box) |
| * Soup | * Protein Bars |
| * Popcorn | * Macaroni & Cheese |
| * Rice | * Pork and Beans |
| * Spaghetti | * Spaghetti Sauce |
| * Refried Beans | * Cereal (any kind) |
| | * Instant Potatoes |



Please place your donations in the bin located in the narthex.

Thank you for your support!



You are all welcome. Books are borrowed from the library so there are no fees. We get a new book each month. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1:15.

Sept. 13, - **The Book Thief**: In Nazi Germany as she steals books she finds kindness in unexpected places. by Markus Zusak

Oct. 11, **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**, by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer: in a place of drought & famine, Malawi, William brings electricity and running water.

Nov. 8, **Gone Girl**, by Gillian Flynn; Nick's wife of 5 years disappears. Is he a killer?

Dec. 13, **The Miniaturist**, by Jessie Burton: Nella, a new bride in 1686, hires a miniaturist to furnish the small model of their new home which her husband has given her.

PHYLLIS AGERS

Reminder!



Take photos of Church Activities
and email to church
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCCADULT BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Fellowship time 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month, 1:15 p.m.

See article on page 23.

CHURCH WORK DAY

Second Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Second Tuesday of the month, 12:00 noon
exceptions June, July, and August

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Second Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m., at Salida Kountry Kitchen

PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMODITIES

Second Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m.

Help assemble grocery bags for community distribution

SUPPER CLUB

Fourth Saturday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
exceptions June, July, and August

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Exception July



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8 October	October	22 October
19 November	November - December January - February 2018	3 December

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The Prayer Chain may be started by calling Pastor James, Dianne Gillette, or the Church Office. They will contact each other, and then the first team member to start the prayer requested.



PHONE TREE

If you would like to start the Phone Tree please contact Pastor James or one of the First Contact Leaders listed below.

Pastor James Frost
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First Contact Leaders

Dianne Gillette	Elaine Tindle	Secretary,
529-3488	545-0461	Elizabeth
	or 613-5775	545-1156

The First Contact Leaders will notify each other and Team Captains in the event of an emergency.

IN THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Lifting up in prayer those who cannot be with us for Sunday service.

Priscilla Bowman

Lt. John & Denise Beynon



If you need assistance from the Church Office please contact Elizabeth our Church Secretary at:

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Friday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



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GRAPEVINE DEADLINE

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If at all possible, please e-mail your submissions to fccsalida@sbcglobal.net. By e-mailing, it makes it easier for Elizabeth to format your article into the newsletter. We are always up against the time factor, and e-mailing expedites the process as she can cut and paste rather than retype the entire article.

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