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James Frost, Pastor



Hammock? Check. Lemonade? Check. A good book? Check. An afternoon all to yourself? Check. Mix those four ingredients together and you have a recipe for a perfect summer afternoon. So why can't we relax? Why is our mind racing a mile a minute, as usual? What seems to be missing? There is one more secret ingredient needed for this situation and it is often overlooked - a spirit at peace.

For many of us, pushing the pause button is easier said than done, even during the summer months when life should slow down a little, giving us a chance to catch our breath and relax. But just as physical rest is necessary for a healthy body, spiritual rest is important for our spiritual well-being. And the best way to rest your spirit is to rest in the One who created you.

Now the notion of resting is a theme woven throughout Scripture beginning ... well, at the very beginning. "On the seventh day God had finished His work of creation, so He rested from all His work" (Gen. 2:2). Even God took a day to rest after creating the world and it's a lesson He intends for us to follow. So here are six verses you can focus on this summer – verses to remind you to rest in God and lean into Him so you can relax and fully enjoy the season.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength" (Psa. 23: 1-2). In God, the believer has all that we need. No matter what. He knows the "green meadows" and "peaceful streams" that will restore and renew each of us. And He promises to deliver. When we walk with Him, we can count on Him for complete rest and restoration.

"It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat: for God gives rest to His loved ones" (Psa. 127: 2). Even with the best of intentions, we can easily slip back into the habit of counting on ourselves to meet our needs. We honor God with our work, but not when it serves as a cover for our inability to trust in Him. Trusting in Him, while working and resting, is the key to renewal and refreshment.

"Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life ... your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall

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be added to you” (Matt. 6: 25-34). In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that worrying about the future is a waste of time. Instead, He reminds us that our heavenly Father values us above all else and He will care for us just as He does the flowers of the fields and the birds of the air.

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 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” (Matt. 11: 28-29). Responsibilities can be overwhelming, but Jesus promises to help carry the load. And His shoulders are much bigger than ours! While He doesn’t promise a life without hard work and trials, He does promise to be our partner, participating with us and walking with us every step of the way.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4: 6-7). In this passage, Paul provides some great advice – he suggests we turn our worries into prayers. When we stop worrying and start praying, we will be filled with the complete peace and rest that only God can provide.

“I have told you these things so that, in Me, you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). The next time a restless spirit threatens to ruin a perfect summer day, stop and remind yourself that, in Jesus, the victory has already been won! God is in control, our destiny as believers is set, and things won’t fall apart when we pause to enjoy the beauty of the world around us.

Have a great summer!

Pastor James Frost



Birthdays & Anniversaries



MAY 2022

- 6 - Michelle Brunelle
- 12 - Gary Johnson
- 13 - Roy Wilson
- 20 - Kristy Waterman
- 26 - Lee Unruh
- 27 - Beverly Connacher

JUNE 2022

- 6 - Alicea Flores
- 14 - Pastor James Frost
- 22 - Sheila Lamm
- 29 - Dianne Gillette
- 29 - Bella Martinez

JULY 2022

- 10 - Georgette Leach
- 24 - Christina Perez
- 27 - Ethel Eastburn
- 30 - Dan Beynon



ANNIVERSARIES

MAY, JUNE & JULY

- 5/17 - Dan & Cindy Beynon
- 5/20 - Dave & Vicki Pelucca
- 6/02 - Jerry & Vicki Cheek
- 7/09 - Mike & Kim Kiernan
- 7/17 - Hank & Meloday Ireland





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



May 1, 2022 - From left to right: Deacon JoAnn Jennings presenting new member certificates to Mariah Leach, Kristy & Jim Waterman, James & Jean Michener and Geno Moreno.



May 29, 2022
Pastor James presenting new member certificate to Diane Leicham.



Mother's Day Recognition

May 8, 2022



Youngest Mom - Bella Martinez

Oldest Mom - Lorena Horton - 99 years young
And as always she beats out Florence Velthoen by one year.

Most Children - Bev Connacher (4)

Most Grandchildren - Melody Ireland (11)

Most Great Grandchildren - Elaine Tindle (18)
And that is one more than Ethel Eastburn.



And many thanks to **JULIE FELBER** who passed out roses to all the women.



Flower on the Altar

JULIANA ALICE STAAB

Born: March 22, 2022 at 4:07 a.m.

8 lbs. 3 oz.

20 inches long

Parents: Paul and Baylee Staab

Grandparents: Tonny and Tiffany Martinez and

James and Vicki Bardonner

Great Grandparents: LEE & JOANNE UNRUH



Four generations

LIVING CROSS OUR EASTER SUNDAY TRADITION



Cindy Beynon passes out flowers as the congregation arrives.



Vikki Huckell places a flower on the cross.



The Cross on the Church walkway for all to admire as they pass by the Church.



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

After many attempts at finding a way to have our last Sunday of the Month After Church Meal, it has been decided it will be an All Church Potluck.

Our first potluck was held on the last Sunday in May. It turned out to be very successful. There were many delicious choices... A good variety. Thank you to ALL!

Remember, you do not have to be a gourmet cook. There are so many premade choices available at the supermarket... Packaged salads with dressing included, frozen entrees, premade entrees at the Deli Counter, etc. A treasure hunt.

And, folks, remember this a P . O . T . L . U . C . K - a meal to which EACH of the guests contributes a dish... Something to share. And, in our case, NO DESSERTS. Desserts will be taken care of.

And, as Pastor James said at our Annual Meeting, it “takes a congregation”. So, for the potlucks to be successful, it will take everyone to do their part by bringing a dish to share.

Not too hard... Last Sunday of each month, bring a dish to share, be it an entrée, side or salad. Note this is an ongoing happening each month: No vacation breaks like Fellowship Lunch or Supper Club.



IT TAKES A CONGREGATION

From the Editor

Thank you to DAVE AND JANNA LOU BAKER for spear-heading our Annual Corned Beef Fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day. A great success! Thank you to all that assisted them.

Thank you to DAVE PELUCCA for scheduling Sunday Liturgist, he began doing this as a Deacon responsibility, and continued when his term concluded. Now as a Trustee, he remains the scheduler.

Thank you to KAW KAW HKAWNG who faithfully each Sunday, videos our live stream service for all to watch.



Many thanks to DAVE BAKER for his early morning clearing of our gravel parking lot and roping off the parking spots in front of our church prior to the afternoon Celebration of Life for John Leicham.

Thank you to DIANNE GILLETTE who arrives early each Sunday and stays late to open and close the Fellowship Hall. She coordinates all that takes place to get ready for Fellowship Time following our service. And, who gets the coffee ready, Dianne does. Yes, there are others who help out, but Dianne gets everything ready!

Thank you to CINDY AND DAN BEYNON for always getting and putting up palm branches for Palm Sunday.



As always, we appreciate the efforts of VIKKI HUCKELL and CINDY BEYNON for coordinating the Living Cross for Easter Sunday. It is such a wonderful tradition for everyone to add a flower on the cross to start Easter Sunday upon arrival in the sanctuary.

How so very fortunate we are to have MARYELLEN JOHNSON among us as she is able to fill in for Dr. Chan. You are amazing, Maryellen! Thank you for sharing with us. We appreciate it so much.





CHAN-ANG FAMILY MUSIC MINISTRY



How so fortunate are we that our accompanist, Dr. Yan Yan Chan occasionally includes her family in her Music Ministry. We are so blessed.

In March, her son, Marcus, played his cello accompanied by his mom.

On Easter Sunday, her husband and children, played flute, cello, and violins accompanied by Dr. Chan. Their daughters, Charis and Yannis sang accompanied by their brother, Marcus on the piano.

Mother's Day, Dr. John Ang, Yan Yan's husband, delivered the sermon. Before delivering his sermon, their children performed with the girls singing "More Than Enough" accompanied on the piano by Marcus. What a wonderful Mother's Day tribute to Dr. Chan to have her children present a musical piece as well as her hus-



A special Mother's Day for Dr. Chan.

BY
faith



Dr. Ang's message was "Don't Worry, Be Faithful". Is Jesus asleep or active in your life? Am I connected to Jesus? We need to recharge our faith with regular "exercise". Live by faith with an intimate relationship with Jesus.

It was also Communion Sunday. Together Pastor James and Dr. Ang served Communion.



Introducing...

CARSON JOSEPH WEEKS

The 17th Great grandchild of ETHEL EASTBURN

Born: April 13, 2022 at 3:18 pm
 Weight 7 lbs. 7 oz and 18.5 inches
 Mother: Katelyn Dawn Weeks
 Father: Brian Joseph Weeks

Carson is the cutest and chubbiest little boy. He loves to snuggle with mommy and daddy. He enjoys anything that moves, including car rides, swings, rocking in a chair or in your arms. He enjoys being held and makes sure he doesn't miss a meal.



Carson goes out and about with his parents and even takes trips. He went camping for two nights when he was 2 weeks old at Kennedy Meadows. He has been on the boat, to the lake, and even got to see the ocean. Carson is the most easy-going baby and he is able to put a smile on anyone's face he comes in contact with.

Katelyn and Brian Weeks





IN REMEMBRANCE

CHUCK BYRUM

17 December 1927 - 22 July 2022

Joined the church in 1991.



Ralph Patterson

When things are going good and seem to be going in the right direction we tend to forget about who and why we're here. We read about what Jesus went through and the pain he suffered for us, and some of us still don't understand what our job is here on Earth. Our job is to pray for the ones that can't do it for themselves and give them comfort and guide them, as only God through Jesus Christ believers, who are undecided and lost their way. If you believe and love, do all that you can to eliminate hate and accept forgiveness, and if you love and trust in God He will guide you through.

In the name Jesus Christ. Amen.



HAPPY 93RD BIRTHDAY, ROY

ROY WILSON celebrated his
93rd Birthday on 13 May 2022.

Focus On...



Thank you to Phyllis Agers for getting our books to and from the library each month for us to read for Book Club. We really appreciate it.

GINNY BYRUM

Thank you to all who brought me dinner to me while Jim was away. I appreciate it so much.

ROY WILSON

I am thankful for Wade Meier who gives me a ride to church on Sundays. Thank you so much.

ROY WILSON

Grateful



WE'RE BACK MEETING AT CHURCH

1:00 P.M.

2nd Wednesday of each month

See Phyllis Agers or Diane Suzuki for book.

The Women	July 2022
The Samurai's Garden	August 2022
Remarkable Creatures	September 2022
Elsewhere	October 2022
Wisdom of the Last Farmer	November 2022
The Soldier's Wife	December 2022

NOTE: July's discussion will take place on the first Wednesday, 6 July.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT FCC

SATURDAY, July 2, 2022

at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us for the next Informative Study. Breakfast will be provided. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT FCC

SATURDAY, August 6, 2022

at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us for the next informative **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**. We will be providing a lite breakfast followed by a study on the life of a woman from the scripture.

Hope to see you there. Bring a friend, or two!



On behalf of all of us here at Shower and Laundry Shuttle, I want to thank you for your donation! Your generosity makes our mission to **Restore Hope and Dignity To Those In Need** possible. Here's a little more about what we do ...

- Currently, we operate one shower shuttle and one laundry shuttle serving four locations on a weekly basis.

- From our inception in 2016 through April 2022, we've provided 33,425 showers to hurting and disadvantaged men, women, boys and girls and 3420 loads of laundry.

- Along with providing a hot shower, we also freely give a pair of socks, underwear and hygiene kit to every guest that showers with us ... that gift is made possible from people just like you who give financially and through in-kind donations.

- After rolling out our second Shower Shuttle, we were able to hire two of our former guests to help us operate our Shower (and new Laundry Shuttle) effectively increasing the number of people we can serve during the week.

- In early January of this year, we launched our area's first (and only) Laundry Shuttle. It's a laundry service on wheels! Fully self-contained and self-powered, it features 4 washers and 4 dryers, offering our guests the ability to have clean clothes each and every week. This ability leads to enhanced opportunities for school-aged children (imagine going to school with dirty clothes!) as well as parents work clothes, etc. Many of our Laundry guests are not in fact, homeless, but are doing their best to make the paycheck last to the end each and every month.

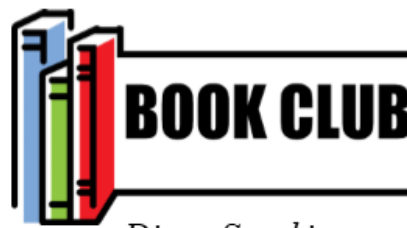
- We can't do this alone (there are just four of us!), so we always need volunteers to help us at our Shower and Laundry Shuttle sites each week. We'd love for you to join us! If you're interested, please send us a message through our website at www.showershuttle.org.

- Finally, we launched a new website for 2020! It's full of great stories from our blog, videos, and more about the positive impact we're having in the lives of the less fortunate here in our community and surrounding communities. Take a moment and check it out at www.showershuttle.org.

Again, thank you for your donation. It means more than you know! If we can answer any questions, provide more information or partner with you in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dean Dodd, Founder
Shower Shuttle/Laundry Shuttle



Diane Suzuki

In its 14th year, our FCC Book Club has read over 150 books and watched movies on some of the books. A variety of genres from mysteries, memoirs, biographies, historical fiction to even young adult novels. A few books have been about local stories - A Sonora family and their son with leukemia and the health care system, a local author from Tuolumne City and his novel about an immigrant family, and a Laotian family in Merced to our own Carol Hertle and her Touchstone novel.

Our book club is a venture of public libraries between Highways 49 and 99. Each month, Phyllis Agers checks out a box with our Month's Selection, brings it to our meeting, collects the books we just read and discussed, and returns them to the Library.

Our book selection discussions have resumed at church since the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise discussed at the previous meeting.

If you would like to see what books we have read over the years, see Phyllis Agers. I have indexed 3x5 cards on each book we have read with book title, author, date read, and short synopsis. They are alphabetically filed in a card box for quick reference.

Join us! We are always looking for new members. And, remember, there are no books to purchase. We read library books. For further information see Phyllis Agers.



MY FAVORITE HYMN

Dan Beynon

Dan's column is on vacation...

Let Dan know your favorite, so it can be featured in a future issue.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCC

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month, 1:00 p.m.
See page 15 for list of books to be read.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every other month. Held first Saturday of month at 9:00 a.m., beginning August 6, 2022.

MENS'S BIBLE STUDY

Every other month. Held first Saturday of month at 9:00 a.m., beginning July 2, 2022.

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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 12:00 p.m. We do not meet June, July & August.

SUPPER CLUB

Every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
We do not meet June, July & August.



THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE

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Our website is updated weekly to include a video of our current and past worship services. You can also find the current issue and all past issues of The Grapevine. Our homepage includes our upcoming scripture and message for those wishing to read the passages before Sunday service.



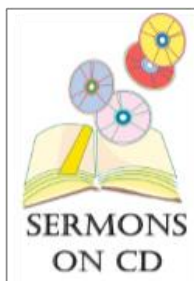
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CD's are available for each Sunday service. Please contact the Church Office to request a copy. You may also listen to sermons on our web-site at FCCofSalida.org.

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GRAPEVINE DEADLINE

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT 2022 ISSUE

To Be Announced

Keep submitting articles & photos so we'll be ready for the next issue

If at all possible, please e-mail your submissions to fccofsalida@yahoo.com. 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.

Keep the articles coming in... We appreciate everyone's efforts. Remember... Without your articles, there would be no Grapevine.

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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