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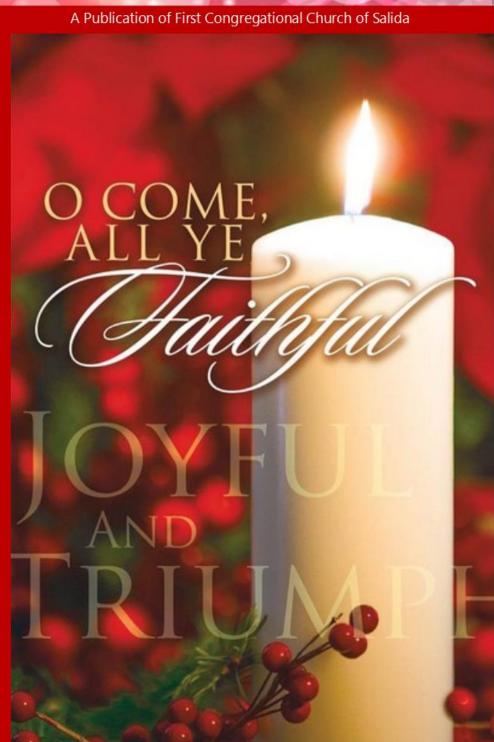
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James Frost, Pastor

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior'" (Luke 1:46-47).

Praise is the spontaneous response of a grateful child of God in His presence.

The person who knows God and experiences Him, intimately sings to the Lord with deepest praise! Mary was overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness to her, and in response, she sang one of the most beautiful and profound songs of praise found in Scripture. Trying to stop the praise of a thankful heart would be like trying to arrest the flow of a mighty waterfall! God created us to praise Him; praise will be our activity when we are gathered around His throne in heaven.

We should never have difficulty thinking of reasons why God deserves our praise. We should enjoy the times we have to praise our Lord, both privately, publicly, and incorporate worship. If our lives are not filled with praise, it may be that we have lost our appreciation for God's merciful activity in our lives. And let us never forget, what God has saved us from. Never take for granted what it means to have the assurance of eternity with God. Do not disregard the spiritual kinship we as believers enjoy with other believers. Take time often to recount the blessings, that He has poured out upon you and your family. As we contemplate the boundless love and mercy God has shown to us, we will want to sing His praises as Mary did. Spontaneous praise, is authentic praise. It is praise that doesn't need to be manipulated or orchestrated, for it is a real and personal expression of a grateful heart and wonder-filled life, which has encountered a holy God!

Lu and I would love to wish all, who in our wonderful church family, a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas, remembering once again the Reason for this Season!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor James





MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

As we are about to end the fourth quarter of 2019, and I would like to thank everyone who has served on a Committee and to all those who have volunteered throughout this past year. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Moderator.

Congratulations and welcome to the new church members of 2019. I would like to encourage all of you to become involved with activities of the church. Our church family has been truly blessed with the leadership of Pastor James and Lu.

May God Bless you and your family during the upcoming holidays and for a Christ centered Christmas.

Lee Unruh, Moderator



Pastor James recognized Veterans during Sunday Service, 10 November

- Darrol Tuggle
- Lee Unruh
- ♦ Roy Wilson
- Ralph Patterson





- 1 Lu Frost
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- 29 Deborah Geletich





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DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY

December 5 - Bill & Dianne Gillette

December 12 - James & Lu Frost

December 22 - Darrol & Sandy Tuggle

December 29 - Rick & Linda Kendall

December 31 - Chuck & Ginny Byrum

February 14 - Lee & JoAnn Unruh



TRUSTEES SNAPSHOT

Kim Beck, Board of Trustees, Chair

Hi Everyone!!! What a wonderful time of year. As I think of Thanksgiving, I think of all that we here at First Congregational church have to be thankful for. We have one of the most loving, giving congregations I have ever been a part of. We truly are the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and in our world-ie Samaritan's Purse boxes for children. Wherever there's a need, we reach out and work towards meeting it. It's an honor to be part of this congregation and to be on your Board of Trustees.

One of the ways we are reaching out is through the Salida Community Christmas Program. It was not going to be able to continue as it has in the past because they needed a non-profit sponsor. The director of it reached out, and after discussion, we felt that it was a perfect way for our church to reach out to our community. We have always participated, but we are taking on a larger role. We had two people step up to help organize it, and soon you will see a barrel in our foyer to collect toys. There will be more information coming out, but I wanted to give you a sneak preview.

Be sure to take a look at the windows on the back side of the Church. They have been replaced and look wonderful, as well as being more energy efficient. We just need to get blinds on the Bible study room windows, and the Sunday school rooms will be in good shape.

As I said it is an honor to be part of this church, and I look forward to seeing all we can accomplish for our Lord during the holiday season!! And as always please keep us in prayer—especially as we start working on the budget for 2020! We want to be wise and follow God's direction as we look forward to another year!!!

Blessings to all!!!!

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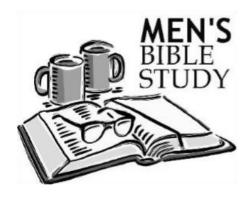
Centerpoint First Baptist Church October 3, 2019











MEN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY AT FCC

Please join us for this informative Study. A light breakfast will also be served.

SATURDAY, JANUAY 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.



Jesus loves the little children of the world.

KARLY KIERNAN

Submitted by Vikki Huckell







TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018 **5:00 p.m.**

Traditional Christmas Eve Service at a time the whole family can enjoy and refocus upon celebrating the true meaning of this precious Holiday. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for this special, reflective service of celebration.





We will once again purchase poinsettias in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10 each.

If you would like to purchase please see Linda Kendall or a Deacon.

Deadline to purchase is Sunday, December 15th.





Women's Bible Study Mark your Calendars!

WOMEN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY AT FCC

Please join us for the next informative Women's Bible Study hosted by Lu Frost.

A light breakfast will also be served.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

KALEY SAVES THE DAY

When Kim Kim Kiernan was experiencing some complications on one Sunday in September, it was daughter, Kaley, who said, "Mom, I think you are having a heart attack... You need to go to the hospital." And, indeed Kim did have a heart attack.

And, to think that this day started out after Coffee Hour with good vibes and laughter about Kim's gravy... Or the lack of being able to make gravy.

So.... Good job, Kaley, in recogning that the symptons of a heart attack. We are all grateful for your quick thinking!







IDAHO TRIP

Elaine Tindle

Idaho trip to visit Ryan, April, Kaitlynn, Christina and Elizabeth.

I left on August 13th with my son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Diane, for Idaho Falls to visit my grandson Ryan and family. We went as far as Elko, Nevada to spend the night. The next day we arrived in Idaho Falls early afternoon.

My daughter Denise and son-in-law Delbert and grandson Nathan also arrived a few hours later.

My granddaughter Jessica, her husband Jesse and son Isaac also arrived about the same time.

So then we all left to go to Island Park where we had rented a 5 bedroom cabin for the next 6 days. It was in a beautiful resort area that had a lovely lake.

The next day after my son-in-law Delbert cooked us all a wonderful breakfast we all let to go to Yellowstone for the day. There were 14 of us. It was about an half our drive to the west entrance of Yellowstone. My what a very busy place, it is an amazing place. Old Faithful did it's amazing thing. It was a good day, but didn't see many animals.

The next few days were filled with shopping in West Yellowstone, fishing, riding dune buggies, going to the lake,

Fun was had by all of us and everyone made it back home safe!

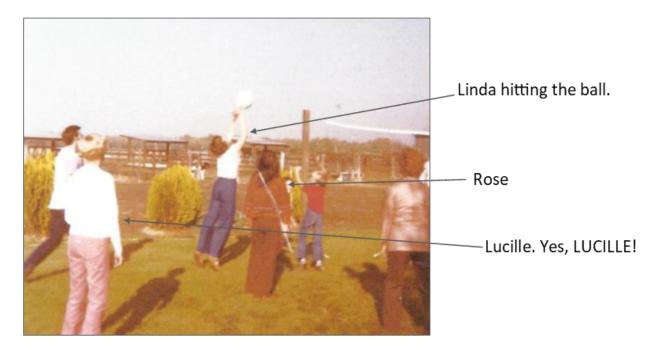


MY FAVORITE THANKSGIVING

Linda Kendall

In 1978 we had Thanksgiving at our new house on Bacon Road (new to us). It was a warm beautiful sunny day. We decided to set up our volleyball net in the back yard. It was the first time and the last time that all of us four Wyeth kids, along with their children got together. We all played volleyball and I mean all of us, even Mom and Dad.

It was so much fun and it is a Thanksgiving I will always remember.







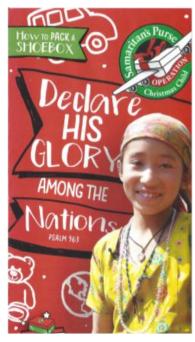




Postage Fees

Thank you to the anonymous donor who covered a portion of the mailing fees for the Shoeboxes. We appreciate your generosity in helping with this annual tradition during the Christmas season.







TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL AND THE JOY OF THE SEASON.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!



HOW MANY SHOEBOXES?
We filled 43 Shoeboxes this year!!
YES, 43!





INTERVIEW WITH JOCELYN FELBER...

Jocelyn Felber is the great granddaughter of Betty and Gene Cheek who were long time members of our church. Jocelyn is the granddaughter of Julie Felber whose father, Louis, was the Cheek's oldest son. Jocelyn's father is Matt.

I thought this would be a fund interview for The Grapevine... Share how a young child wanted to be part of The Shoebox project.

Diane - How old are you Jocelyn? What grade?

Jocelyn - Five years old. In Kingergarten.

D- When your grandmother asked you did you want to do a shoebox for a girl or a boy, what did you say?

J - I said I want to do one for a boy and one for a girl.

D - Why did you want to get things for the shoebox?

J - Because I'm sad that kids don't have what they need.

D - Who did you go shopping with to get things for the shoebox?

J - Grandma Julie.

D - What kinds of things did you get for the shoebox?

J - Slinky, stuffed reindeer, gloves, toothbrushes, Chapstick, toys, pencils, crayons, and all kinds of stuff.

D - What was your favorite thing that you bought for shoebox and why?

J - The Slinky because I never had a Slinky before.

D - Did you have fun?

J - Yes

D - Let's find our a little about Jocelyn... We know you are 5 years old and are in kindergarten. Do you have sisters or brothers?

J - Baby brother names Austin Matthew.

D - What is your favorite thing about Sunday School?

J - The Fruit Loop bracelet. Miss Cindy teaches me about Jesus. And, I really like Miss Cindy!

D - Do you have a favorite color?

J - Purple and pink.

The GRAPEVINE

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D - Do you play on a soccer team, take dance lessons, do gymnastics or anything like that?

J - My mom signed me up for basketball and I take ballet lessons.

D - What do you like best about kindergarten?

J - I got to make my friend Viviane a card. I like to make things.

D - Is there anything else you would like to say, Jocelyn?

J - 4 + 1 = 5

D - Why?

J - I just want everyone to know that.











Jackson School Can Can Girls March 21, 1947

2nd girl from left: Alice Jolliff 4th girl from left: Lucille Wyeth





Jackson School March 21, 1947

1st girl from left: Lucille Wyeth Center young man holding sign: Johnny Velthoen



Recipe submitted by JESSICA HOLLOWAY

CHERRY CHOCOLATE CHUNK COOKIES

Ingredients:

1 cup unsalted butter 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 cup brown sugar 1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 cup granulated sugar 1 tsp. salt

2 eggs

2 tsp. vanilla 1 cup chocolate chunks

1/2 tsp. almond extract 1 cup dried cherries

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, vanilla & almond extract. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Stir in chocolate chunks and cherries. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 in. apart onto baking sheets lightly coated with cooking spray. Bake 10-12 minutes. Cool for 1 minute before removing to a wire rack.

NOTE: Not only is Jessica Holloway an athlete, but she is also an award winning baker. She won first place for her Cherry Chocolate Chip Cookies at the San Joaquin County Fair.

Congratulations, Jessica!

Let's see.. When do we get to try out <u>THOSE</u> cookies, Jessica?





In Memory of

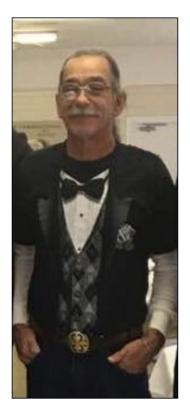
JAMES LOPEZ

October 1957 - February 2019

Remembering James as our sound tech extrodinaire... We miss the welcoming Sunday call to worship bells that James took pride in ringing.

James' legacy is carried on by the family and friends who now attend at First Congregational Church.

James is missed by the congregation and especially his partner, Shirley.



SUBMITTING PHOTOS

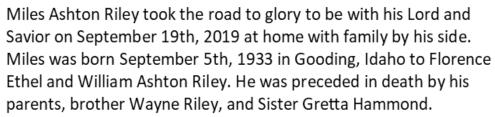
When submitting photos please attach a narrative describing the photos. Readers need to know what the photos are all about. Please include event/activity name, date, and any other pertinent information like the funds raised and for what purpose, etc.





Miles Ashton Riley

September 5, 1933 ~ September 19, 2019





Miles greatest treasures were the times he spent with his family. Miles was also a proud veteran of the United States <u>Army</u>. He served as a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division from 1955-1958. He loved the comradery he shared with other veterans as he wore his 11th Airborne ball cap. He is a member of the Salida Congregational Church and spent years volunteering with the food distribution program. He could be spotted on Mondays loading up his red wagon with groceries to give to the families in need. Miles, who never met a stranger, was an avid mall walker, walking between 5 and 10 miles a day well into his 80's. His smiles and warm greetings brought joy to all. He also enjoyed singing in the choir, golfing, reading western books, and watching John Wayne movies. Miles is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sharon Lee Riley, his children Todd Riley (Robin) of Sacramento and Kelly Espinosa (Steve) of Mission Viejo; Granddaughters Ashley Wirth (Kyle), Caitlin Riley, and Hannah Riley; Great grandson Casey Wirth, sibling Gertrude Marie Smith of Durham, and nephews Mikal and Lance Smith.

A celebration of life to honor Miles immediately followed a 21-gun salute.

IN THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

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

Capt. John & Denise Beynon

Lu's Mom & Dad

MY RUNNING



Diane Suzuki

Carol Hertle said that I should write about my running. So... Here are a few facts about my running escapades.

It all began when I joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program in 2006, to honor my uncle who had passed away from leukemia. I walked my first marathon in San Diego... 26.2 miles! And, a few more after that raising thousands of dollars for the Society.

From that first marathon, it morphed into eventually walking and running almost nine marathons. I have run marathons in Anchorage, Disney World, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Seattle, and, or course, San Diego. I have run in six states plus Washington, D.C.

Half marathons -13.1 miles - have been run in over 20 California cities. I have seen the scenery in Maui, Disney World, and Las Vegas. A run through Stanley Park and other areas of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, has been my only out of the United States half marathon.

All in all, I have run over 70 half marathons, almost nine full marathons, many 10Ks (6.2 miles), a few 15Ks (9.3 miles), and a few 5Ks. The iconic Bay to Breakers 12K in San Francisco has had my feet pound their pavement and up Hayes Hill five time leading to the 100th Anniversary Race in 2011, including tossing tortillas like Frisbees at the start. We semi wore costumes..

My almost marathon was the Inaugural Seattle Marathon. I ran 16 miles when my leg began to say "not fun", so I took the turn to the half course, and crossed the finish line upright! The course started in Tukwila near SEATAC, the airport, and ended at the Seahawks Stadium.

I have run across the Golden Gate Bridge, actually walking across it to take in the scenery. Run through Golden Gate Park... Run in ATT and Oracle parks, River Cats Raley Field, all the parks in Disney World, Disneyland and California Adventure, along The Great Highway in San Francisco. Took the Goofy Challenge in Disney World, running a half marathon on Saturday and a full marathon on Sunday with rain, snowflakes, sleet, and black ice greeting us!

I have run all ten of the Modesto Half Marathons. Am registered for the 11th one in 2020. This is a great community event as it benefits "Teens Run Modesto", a training program for area youth in junior high and high school. Fulfilling their requirements means receiving a pair of running shoes and entry into the half or full marathon, and of course, coaching. There are scholar-ships awarded. A win-win program!

One half marathon stands out... McFarland USA. It was the inaugural event. The 2015 movie, McFarland, USA, was based on the high school's cross country team which won their first State Championship in 1987.

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We ran through the same vineyards, orchards, and through town just as the team had done. The race ended with a run through the high school. I was one of the last runners in and had the distinct honor of being run in by one of the members of that team who won the State Championship, Danny Diaz. As we ran through the school, he pointed out where the bleachers had been as Coach White talked to them during practice, the back of Coach White's house, etc. As we crossed the finish line, Danny grabbed my hand and we crossed the finish line! It was a special moment. And... Unfortunately there was no photographer at the finish to capture the moment.

Free for All Arrival 11/6/19 Discussion 12/11/19 Due date 12/18/19

After You Arrival 12/4/19 Discussion 1/8/20 Due date 1/15/20

In the Lake of the Woods Arrival 1/1/20 Discussion 2/12/20 Due date 2/19/20

The Illusion of Separateness Arrival 2/5/20 Discussion 3/11/20 Due date 3/18/20



The Boys in the Boat Arrival 3/4/20 Discussion 4/8/20 Due date 4/15/20

Leaving Family Behind Arrival 4/1/20 Discussion 5/13/20 Due date 5/20/20

The Woman Arrival 5/6/20 Discussion 6/10/20 Due date 6/17/20 The Rosie Project Arrival 6/3/20 Discussion 7/8/20 Due date 7/15/20

Night Road Arrival 7/1/20 Discussion 8/12/20 Due date 8/19/20

The Samurai's Garden Arrival 8/5/20 Discussion 9/9/20 Due date 9/16/20

Remarkable Creatures Arrival 9/2/20 Discussion 10/14/20 Due date 10/21/20

See Phyllis Agers if you want a book. They're from the library so there are no fees. We meet the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m**.

PHYLLIS AGERS



AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Here is the breakdown for which Sunday and which committee's are in charge of **COFFEE HOUR**.

If you would like to help with food, set-up or clean-up please let the committee chair know.

1st Sunday- Deacons

Deacons: Linda Kendall-Chairperson, Bill Gillette, Dianne Gillette, Christina Perez, Dave Pelucca, Kim Kiernan

2nd Sunday-Trustees

Trustees: Kim Beck- Chairperson, Rick Kendall, Elaine Tindle, Mike Kiernan, Vikki Huckell, Dale Stambaugh

3rd Sunday- Christian Ed

Christian Ed: Kim Kiernan-Chairperson, Ginny Byrum, Lu Frost, Janna Lou Baker, Cindy Beynon

4th Sunday- Outreach

Outreach: Sheila Lamm-Chairperson, Linda Kendall, Kim Kiernan, Elaine Tindle, Shirley Akrish, Anna Deane

5th Sunday- POTLUCK SUNDAY - Everyone bring something to share

SUNDAY GREETERS NEEDED

As a greeter you welcome everybody on Sunday morning as they enter the Sanctuary handing them a bulletin.

Sign up on the calendar in the Fellowship Hall. It is located on the bulletin board just past the Broadway Avenue door.



Sam Jennings is the friend of Bruce Velthoen in the Velthoen Legacy story. He was listed as Ken.

THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE

If you would prefer to read The Grapevine online rather than receiving a hard copy, please let us know by calling the church and letting Elizabeth know, 545-1156.

CELL PHONES AND THE SANCTUARY

When a cell phone rings in the sanctuary, it may seem like a minor interruption, but it does take away from the moment whether it be during words spoken or a moment of silence. It is a distraction in the spirituality of the moment... one's train of thought gets broken... it takes a moment to refocus, and move on.

So... Please kindly remember to SILENCE all electronic devices before entering the sanctuary as a courtesy to everyone.

If you need to have your cellphone on because of an emergency, please set it to vibrate, and take the call outside of the sanctuary.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCC

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month, 1:00 p.m. See article on page 23.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

YOUTH GROUP

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

PRAYER GROUP

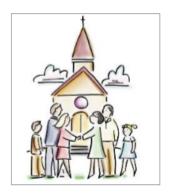
Every Thursday morning, 9:00 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMODITIES

Second Monday of the month, 7:30 a.m. Help assemble grocery bags for community distribution

SUPPER CLUB

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





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209-545-1156

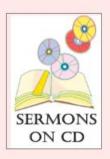
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Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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



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 website at FCCofSalida.org.

PASTOR'S CONTACT INFO

Pastor James Frost is available in the Church Office Sunday through Thursday. For emergencies he is available 7 days a week. He may be reached at:

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Email: fccsalidapastor@sbcglobal.net



GRAPEVINE DEADLINE

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT 2019 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 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.

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

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

All articles submitted should be publication ready: How you submit it, is how it will appear. You may:

- E-mail to fccsalida@sbcglobal.net
- Mail to: First Congregational Church of Salida

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 Hand deliver to the Church Office, "Newsletter" slot behind Flizabeth's desk.