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*¹⁷"Whatever you do in word or deed,
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks through Him
to God the Father."*

Colossians 3:17

H A P P Y
Thanksgiving





Pastor James Frost



My childhood autumns in Lakewood California hold precious memories—unpacking warmer clothing, hot cocoa, harvest moons, fires in the fireplace, a well---stocked pantry, and best of all—LOS ANGELES KINGS HOCKEY! I loved it.

The autumn of life is a strange mixture of nostalgia, blessings, and potential. It yields the harvest of seeds we've sown throughout life and braces us for colder days to come.

When life's autumn arrives, we look back and better understand the way God led us; but we still have work to do—the best and fullest. It's a good transition time.

"Autumn" only occurs once in the Bible. In Jude 1:12, false teachers are compared to "autumn trees without fruit," implying that autumn should be a fruitful season, the most abundant of the year. How can we take advantage of the "autumn of life"?

The seasons come and go, so focus on the God who remains unchanged and unchanging. "LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psalm 90:1---2).

There's a lot of unwelcome changes in our world. Moral and societal changes bother us most when we turn on our television or glance at the magazines. We're painfully aware our kids are growing up in a world far different from the one we knew as children.

And personal changes—children leaving home, the passing of dear friends, and the slow, steady decline in our vitality and health. Sometimes we feel outdated at work.

But amid all the changes, one thing, one person, never changes—our eternal God. Remember this verse from the hymn "Abide with Me"?

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me. -----Henry F. Lyte

J. I. Packer points out that God does not change. His life is always the same. His character is always dependable. His truth, ways, and purposes do not change. Christ does not change. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

His children will enjoy His fellowship a million years from now. The world may fade, the stars may fall, the seasons may change, and winter may come. But the God who has been our help in ages past is our hope for years to come, and for those who call Him Savior and Lord, we have permanence, stability, joy unshakable, and life unending.

The autumn of life is a great time to focus on God's wonderful blessings—family, friends, strength, shelter, provision, guidance, care, fruitful ministry, opportunities to serve, more time to pray and study His Word, and eternal life still to come.

During life's autumn, we have a richer perspective and can count more blessings than ever before. Additionally, Autumn is a good time to focus on your commitment to God. Some of the saddest words in the Bible are in Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." If you've never made a commitment to Jesus Christ, do it now, while there is still time.

If you are a follower of Christ, remember to remain close to Him during the shifting seasons of life. During autumn, we all know that winter lies ahead, but if winter comes, can spring be far behind?



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

On November 19th following our church service, we will be holding our 3rd congregational church meeting of the year. At this time we will be electing new board and committee members. Also, at this meeting, we will vote on proposed amendments to the church's bylaws. The proposed bylaw changes will be given out prior to this meeting for members' review. Please plan on attending and taking part in this important meeting.

It's great to see new members joining our church, as well as more children attending. One of the classrooms has been cleaned and repainted-(thanks, Hannah and Lu). We will soon be looking at the other classrooms, as well as the meeting room and see what we can do to make them more functional. New chairs and tables are a real possibility, but we will need your help. Stay tuned!

This has been a great year in so many ways. Let's keep praying for our church and what lies ahead, as well as for each other and the world we live in!

Moderator Wayne Beck





Sharon Riley, Outreach Committee Chair

The Salida Old Western Festival was a huge success. Balloons were given out, ice popsicles were enjoyed by the young, Miles and James led the parade with a banner of the church and Lorraine and Dennis Horton rode in her old fashioned hot rod.

We ordered 48 calendars to be sold and only have 8 left. If you want one be sure to see Sharon. When they are gone THEY ARE GONE!!

The Good Samaritan Christmas Boxes will be a project we will participate in again this year. Boxes will be in the church to pick up and fill. These boxes will be delivered to children in underdeveloped areas such as Africa, Central America and Europe. They are to be filled with toys, hygiene items, games, underwear, and candies. Plus any other item you think is necessary. Nothing liquid, dangerous, medicinal or sharp is allowed. Items can be collected for children from babies, toddlers, infants. School age and adolescents. Boy or girl must be designated also. Last year we made up over 30. This year we hope to match that. They have to be turned in by November 17th. So grab your box, go to the Dollar Store and fill it up. Or if you prefer you can give Sharon a donation and she'll take care of it for you. Also, include a check made out to the church for \$9.00 to cover postage.

Thanks again to all of you who so generously donate to our causes.

SHARON RILEY
Chairperson



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Saturday, October 28th
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
4825 Broadway Avenue, Salida
Donation Only



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2017

Election of board and committee members.

Vote on proposed amendments to church by-laws



Whose lips are these on
Paul Anka's cheek?
Think you know...
see page 9



ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 6 - Larry & Beverly Connacher
Oct. 16 - John & Denise Beynon
Nov. 16 - Dave & Janna Lou Baker



1 - Josh Baker Jr.
7 - Kelly Kiernan
8 - Darrol Tuggle
14 - Rick Kendall
20- Cindy Beynon
 Kyle Huckell
23 - Phyllis Agers
 James Lopez
29 - Sharon Riley
30 - Carmen Luna



5 - Emily Zuniga
17 - Ann Coombs
25 - Vicki Pelucca
27 - Kim Beck
30 - Anna Coffey

THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD

Ever wonder who changes the bulletin board in The Narthex? Wonder no more. **LINDA KENDALL** is the person who changes the “scenes”... Holiday themes, Bible verses, quotes and familiar sayings, and the list goes on.

So... next time you are in The Narthex, and you like what you see on the bulletin board, thank Linda, for a job well done!



We want to express our sincere appreciation for partnering with us in ministry with the Haitian church and people of Gonaives and Eben-Ezer Mission.

Your personal commitment towards this cause, primarily to equip and train the Haitian people in life skills, vocational training, Christian education, and organizational management, as well as providing for material needs, is not only generous, but helps with actual feet on the ground work that is vital to the Haitian church. **THANK YOU!**



Tad and Janis Walton



SUNDAY SERVICE SPOTLIGHTS NEW MEMBERS



CHRIS STRAIN JACKIE ZUNIGA

Jackie Zuniga was baptized on August 27, 2017, and her and Chris were welcomed into the Church.



ROBERT LOTT MICHELLE BRUNELLE

Michelle Brunelle was baptized and her and Robert were welcomed into the Church on September 17, 2017.



Enjoy The Grapevine in full color?

Consider donating an ink cartridge for the printing of The Grapevine...

This issue is color on selected articles due to the limited quantity of ink available.

Our printer uses HP 951 colored ink cartridge.



The Grapevine can be read online at FCCofSalida.org

So, let your relatives and friends know they can catch all the latest happenings going on at Salida First Congregational Church online.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. I saw this saying on a card, and thought it most appropriate to honor Pastor James...

"The way your life shines for His Glory is a blessing to all.
Thanking God for you!"

It is truly a blessing to have Pastor James and Lu leading our spiritual life at FCC. They are the answer to our prayers... So many things have evolved since the Frosts arrived.

Pastor James' sermons are thought provoking. He is so organized that his sermon topic can be posted on Monday on our sign board for Sunday's Service. This says a lot about his commitment to become part of FCC.

Have you ever seen them sit together during Coffee Hour and other social functions? They each mingle with the congregation, chatting with everyone, making each feel truly welcome at FCC.

And, how about Supper Club's (Super Club to Pastor James) September Gathering... They opened their home, actually backyard, to host the gathering providing delicious cheeseburgers with Pastor James at the grill. Lu prepared the English muffins, arugula, caramelized onions and her SPECIAL SAUCE! That special sauce was the piece de resistance!

I can think of only one other occasion as a member when our congregation was invited to the home of our pastor. That being a Christmas Open House at Pastor Lori and Lloyd Wiley's home. And, she was our Interim Pastor.

Let's not forget Coffee Hour. Lu has prepared her breakfast potato casserole and bread pudding.

Look around, there are positive signs of rejuvenation at FCC. The Alleluia Circle is getting so large that some people are really scrunched together. People who have not been, are now coming back. We have new members. And, there are children. FCC is truly "A Family of God: planted by faith, rooted in love, growing in grace".

So with this 2017 Pastor Appreciation Month we truly have something to be appreciative of... PASTOR JAMES AND LU FROST. We are blessed, and the grace of God is all around us. And for me, I can truly say it is nice to be "home again".

**OUR GRANDDAUGHTER**

Sandy & Darrol Tuggle

Hayley Tuggle graduated California State University, Chico, a couple of years ago. Since then she has been working and saving money so she could go back to school to earn her Master's.

Our son, Todd, daughter-in-law, Amy, and Hayley boarded the plane on August 22, 2017, and departed for Cork, Ireland. She plans to earn her Master's degree in Museum Studies.

So far, so good. She's in a dorm with 11 other girls and seems to be very happy. Says she's making new friends, loves the university, and says the country is beautiful.

We wish her well.

**NewsFlash!**

Crooner Paul Anka was at The Gallo Center on Sunday afternoon, 8 October 2017. A couple of FCC members experienced special moments with Mr. Anka!

JOANNE TAMURA got to dance with Paul. He walked into the audience... Grabbed Jo Anne's hand, held her in his arms, and danced in the aisle. His comment to Jo Anne was "what luck to have picked someone as short as him." Whoa, Jo Anne! You got to dance with Paul Anka! Your lucky stars must have been all in alignment that afternoon. Surely an afternoon to remember.

Then, there was KIM BECK. Well, Paul gave Kim a kiss on the cheek. And, she returned his kiss with a kiss on his cheek. Guess your lucky stars were all in alignment, too, Kim.

What an afternoon! Too bad, there is a "no photo policy" at The Gallo. At least, we have The Grapevine and our imaginations to capture these moments!

What is your magnetic attraction to musicians, Jo Anne? Not only did Paul Anka pick you out of a crowd to dance with, but John Tesh did the same thing at his concert. And, Frankie Avalon sang to you when he came down to the audience. Enquiring minds need to know your secret!!



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



- Pastor James said he felt like it was back to the days when he was a Traffic Officer on Sunday, 13 August, as he directed street parking in front of our church. It was the Sunday when Holy Family Catholic Church had their annual fiesta in Salida Park.
- On Sunday, 13 August, John and Denise Beynon attended Sunday Service with Cindy, Dan, and David. They are now stationed in Tennessee. Everyone enjoyed their visits with them during Fellowship Time. It is always great to see them!
- On Sunday, 27 August, Lu Frost's family visited: Her father and mother, La Aung Hparaw and Hkwan Tsin from Burma; and her sister and brother-in-law, Natalie and Daryyl Grunke from Wisconsin. Natalie is with child due in December.
- Julie Felber, Betty and Gene Cheek's granddaughter, was at Sunday Service on 10 September. Her father was Louie, the Cheek's oldest son. Many know her from Salida Kountry Kitchen.
- On September 24, 2017, Dale Stambaugh's mother, Bess, visited. She said her mother-in-law brought her to FCC in 1940.
- Kelly Kiernan was home from Sacramento State University on Sunday, 8 October 2017. College life obviously agrees with Kelly because she looks AWESOME!!
- On Sunday, October 8, 2017, Ethel Eastburn announced she was going to be a great grandmother for the tenth time. This time... it is a girl!



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR !**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

A VISIT FROM PASTOR JAMES CHILDREN

Pastor James' oldest daughter, Tricia, celebrated her 30th Birthday on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Her brother, Christian, and sister, Mallory, were here from Southern California to help her celebrate.

They attended Sunday service.

How nice it is that in the few months Pastor James has been at FCC, we have now met one of his brothers and his family, and now with Christian and Mallory, his three children. Tricia has been here several times as she lives in Oakland.



Thank you!

We truly appreciate color ink cartridge donations for The Grapevine.

For this issue we give a great big **THANK YOU** to **CAROL HERTLE**.



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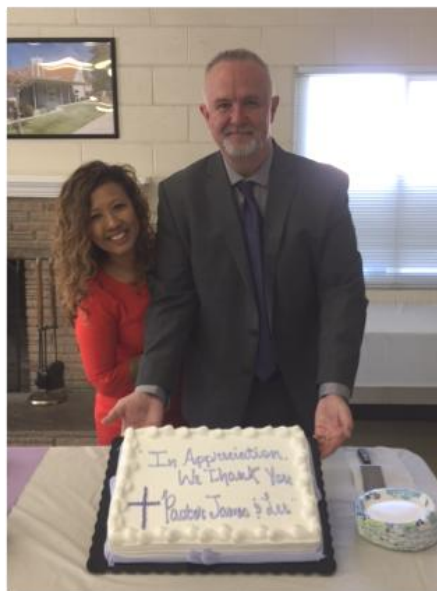
Your generosity is much appreciated!



In recognition of Pastor Appreciation Sunday, 8 October 2017, we had the pleasure of honoring Pastor James and Lu Frost during Coffee Hour.

There was a cake and lots of food... Sandwiches and salads.

Side note: Pastor James is still wondering what flavor the cake was... He did not get to taste it. And, we know how he loves desserts! How did that happen?



Saturday, November 18th

6:00 PM

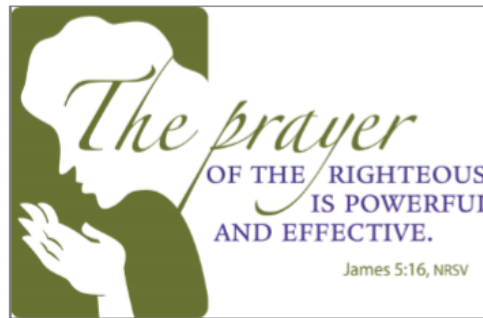
Donations will be accepted

Come share a Thanksgiving Dinner with your Church Family.

The Outreach committee will be donating the turkey and we are asking all who come to bring a side dish to share.

There will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those wanting to donate a side dish. Everything from rolls to cranberry sauce, potatoes, green beans, ambrosia and candied yams is needed.

So please mark it on your calendars and come.



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.

2017 SUMMER OF FUN



A Modesto summer tradition... Moband concerts at Graceada Park.



FCC CELEBRATES 107... WHO CELEBRATED 67 YEARS AS A MEMBER?

JO ANN TAMURA has been a member of First Congregational Church of Salida since March 1950. She holds the distinction of being the member with the most years.

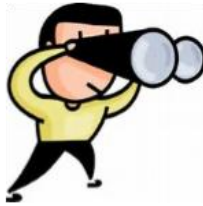
Jo Anne's mother, Hideko Tamura, was a member from 1950 until her death in 1965. During her years as a member, she was Secretary, Treasurer, and Sunday School Superintendent. Jo Anne's mother's brothers and their families were members as well: George and Masako Kiyoi and Jack Kiyoi. Jack's wife, Toshiko, lives in Southern California, where she relocated from Modesto to live near family.

In case you did not know, and in some cases you do know, here are a few things about Jo Anne...

- She graduated from Modesto High School with Sandy and Darroll Tuggle
- She retired from Stanislaus County.
- During World War II , as an American of Japanese ancestry, she was interned at Amache, Colorado, near Granada.
- I am sure many of you have seen her at The Gallo Center for the Arts where she volunteers as an usher. But maybe you don't know she has been an usher since it opened ten years ago.
- And, from all the articles she posts in The Grapevine, we know she likes to travel!
- She participates in the Modesto Junior College Modesto Institute for Continued Learning.
- She is a member of The Modesto Garden Club.
- She has probably logged the most miles of anyone in our church with Modesto Area Express (MAX) our public transportation system since it has been her basic means of getting around town. She used the bus to get to work, too.
- She rides Amtrak to visit relatives in Southern California: The Kiyois who were members of our church for many years.

As we celebrate our 107th Anniversary, we honor JoAnne Tamura as the individual with the most years as a member. Congratulations, Jo Anne! "Well done, good and faithful servant!"





WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Diane Suzuki

I was talking to Jenny Byrum one Sunday during Fellowship Time. I asked her how her twin grandsons were doing. They were preschool age boys the last time I saw them.

Jenny said they are now 14 years old. 14!! Living in Texas. I asked her if she could write an article with photos, so we could see what they look like today.

Well, this spurred Jenrry to further ponder this... She came up with the idea that if you were wondering about people who once attended FCC... Would like to know that they are up to today... Seek out someone who knows, and have them submit an article. Of course, with photos.



Titus Arthur Woodbridge was born August 26th to Justin and Amanda Woodbridge, weighing 8 lbs 9 oz. Titus is the first great-grandchild for Joanne Woodbridge. Amanda suffered a life threatening infection after the caesarean birth.

Thank you to Pastor James, Dianne Gillette, and everyone on the prayer chain for upholding the family in prayer.

JOANNE WOODBRIDGE



GOD MADE OUR FAMILY

Kim Kiernan

I've been asked to write an article about our family, my favorite subject...

Mike and I were married in 1976. After 8 years of marriage Mike asked me, "Don't you think we should try to have a family?" So we started. 3 attempts with help from the Dr. brought us a miscarriage and a decision to stop trying. We were not going to church at the time and we were not handling the losses well. Time went on, and God finally got my attention and saved me from a very dark time in my life. I started back to church with my mom again. We lived in Columbia, worked in Modesto. Mike at the City, myself at Modesto Steam. Mike started taking me 40 minutes to church on Sundays. He waited for me and brought me home where we almost always spent the time talking about the service at church. He took me for about a year, then our Pastor came to visit and she was leaving she prayed holding hands. The Holy Spirit was present, and after that visit Mike started going into church with me. I figured God had another plan for us, No kids for me! We could just share His love. Well, eventually after a couple of years our church asked us to be Youth Leaders. We loved that and lived it for 4-5 years. On a camping trip to Yosemite Lakes we were next to a family (older parents) with many "little ones". They told us they were a family made through Family Connections Adoption Agency.

Well... That was God continuing us down the path He planned for us. The day we got home from that camping trip we had messages to call a family member. We were told we had a relative with special circumstances, could it possible this was really happening. There was a BABY. We prayed and felt like it was God's blessing to go and eventually bring the baby home. The baby had just got there that evening and as soon as we got there they handed it to me. Wow!! Thank you God we were both so happy. There were many blessings and lots of growing for both Mike and I. We had never been apart and I was 12 hours away with a baby. Mike came for 4 day weekends every other weekend. Well, sadly (then) it didn't work out. After 8 weeks of having the baby in a small apartment we had to give it back. Closer family decided they couldn't relinquish it. They had changed their mind when it started getting serious about bringing it home. I WAS DONE!!!! I had a few weeks of deep depression and then decided God didn't want me to dwell on this "kid thing" anymore. He was not going to grant this for us. We had each other; we were the "fun" Uncle and Aunt.

Mike would not leave me alone, "call Family connections: while I'm at work. When we were doing Youth Group. (I quit working after 21 years.) He kept after me until I got very angry one day and called for a packet. I was so hurt I couldn't take the pain anymore I wanted Mike to leave me alone about it. We filled out the packet and went to an information meeting. I was not getting excited. That was the beginning of Nov. 2000. That night I couldn't sleep. I told God what did He want from me? We spent 15 or so years at different times trying to have a baby, miscarriage, got a baby had to give it back. Had to be nice about it, had to live with all the

The “I told you so’s”. However I knew we had many many blessings while taking care of my baby, and made new relationships that will never be broken. Still... How much more hurt can I take I asked God. He said, pointing me to the right place in the Bible. Haggai 2:5 “My spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear! ‘And 2:7-9 “I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is Mine, and the is Mine; declares the Lord of hosts. The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former: ‘and in this place I shall give peace’ declares the Lord of hosts. I couldn’t sleep and it jumped out at me. A peace (the Holy Spirit) came over me. I knew I could do anything God asked me to do. I STILL forget sometimes... but, I know it’s true. Let Him do His plan and it will be perfect. We have witnessed this many times in our married life. After that we got with our paperwork and all that goes with it done at a very quick pace. In Dec. we started adoption classes; we finished in the spring of 2001. There we were sitting in front of three very thick books and full of pages and pages of children. We both took a book and started looking, and waiting and reading. All the classes had said with prayer and following our heart there would be no mistake when we found our ‘child’. About halfway through his book Mike saw 2 little girls. Both in blue dresses, separate pictures and biographies at separate foster home but on the same page because they were birth sisters. Both smiling beautifully at us from that page. “Write them down” We kept looking but, kept going back to the 2 girls in blue dresses. We asked for our “home study” to be sent to their social worker. We found out our social worker had already done just that it was already on the right desk. Another God thing. Also, I didn’t know, but my mom had dreamed of 2 little brown girls running through a park with blue dresses. God definitely let us know who was supposed to me home with us.

It was 2001 now and we had been married 25 years in July. We were at Yosemite Lakes again and in the motorhome and on our anniversary we got a knock on our door. The girl’s social worker wanted to meet with us. It’s the only social worker and children we were interviewed by. Family Connections kept telling us ‘these kids and yourselves had been prayed over so much, we would know when we found out.’ “Just listen to your heart”, they told us. It was true we went from camping 2 days later to meet the social worker. She accepted us on the spot. We started visiting on a Saturday. First Kaley then Kelly. On the next day visit, Kelly was laying in my arms and said, “Will you be my mommy?” It was a beautiful day and we hated to leave each one. They lived in separate foster homes because Kaley had to be in a medical licensed home. She had a very hard beginning. Kelly and Kaley are 11 months apart. We visited daily (Mike on his days off) until finally after almost a month we got to bring them home. Oh, what fun two littles one were all at once? Kelly was 2, Kay was 1. We enjoyed and loved each day as we all 4 grew together. On Feb. 1, 2002, I got a call on a Friday afternoon. Karly was not supposed to live but in 5 days had completely turned around and she had the same social worker as the girls. God had saved her for us. She weighed 4.5 pounds when we picked her up. They had to get her out of Davis that day! All kinds of rules were broken but, in a snowstorm that night about 11:45 p.m. we were at the hospital picking up our baby.. The next morning my sister brought the girls back to us and to meet their new baby sister. I always call her the frosting on the cake. God gave her to all of



us to complete our family. The girls felt the bonding love they had missed, by all of us loving and taking care of the new baby. Something we all fell into together learning to make our family.

I really had given up, but when God showed me the scripture and took that pain away I knew He was in control and all would be well. Now here we are Kelly 19 a freshman in college, Kaley a senior 18, and Karly a sophomore turning 16 in December. It's so hard to believe, sometimes I still pinch myself and say 'thank you God'. How He has made me so happy. I have the most loving husband and 3 beautiful daughters. There has been sadness and sickness and all the things that come with raising a family. God has been right here the whole time. We couldn't have done it without Him. There is not one thing in my life that I would erase; I see every bit of our life as an adventure to get here, we wouldn't be us without each and every experience. There is not one thing that He doesn't show His Blessings in. Thank you also, to ALL of you who are always there showing our family such loving kindness. Church Family!



11 November 2017
We Honor our Veterans



Our website address is:
FCCoFSALIDA.ORG



FCC Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 2, 2017 11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hall

We will be hosting a Christmas Tea to usher in the Christmas season. Hostesses are the heart and soul of this event. We need your help! During the Tea, there will be a guest speaker. Each Hostess will be responsible for one table and will need to pro-

1-2 Tea Pot(s)
8 tea cups and saucers (or mugs)
8 dessert plates
8 teaspoons, dessert forks and spreading knives
8 napkins (cloth or paper)
8 water glasses
Pitcher for Water
Sugar Dish and Spoon
Creamer
1 Table Centerpiece
1-2 Dessert Serving Trays for the table
1 Serving Tray for your Butler
Paper towels (for clean-up afterwards)

Optional

Place Cards
Favors for your guests
Special treats or candy for your table
Colorful tablecloth, mats, etc.
Small thank you gift for your Butler
Sugar Cubes

OUR CHURCH WILL PROVIDE:

Tea
Granulated Sugar
Cream
White tablecloths

A table can be hosted by one individual or by two or more ladies. Invite your sister or best friend to co-host. Be creative! Whether you bring fine china, delicate tea cups, holiday mugs, or even paper plates, it is up to you! Many hostesses have a Christmas themed table, but you are welcome to have any colors or theme at your table. One of the highlights of the tea will be checking out each unique table! Each hostess is responsible for filling at least 2-6 seats at their table (including yourself). Invite your church friends, relatives, neighbors, or co-workers. Please register your guests by sending an e-mail to ChristmasTea.FCC@att.net. If you are unable to email call or text Lu Frost at 626-993-5107. Remember, you do not need to fill all seats at your table. There will be church or community members who register to attend the tea as guests who will need to be assigned to a table.

SET UP - Tables can be set up on Friday morning between 8 AM to 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses can also set up on Saturday morning between 9 AM and 10 AM. Guests will start arriving at 10:30 AM, so tables must be completely set up by 10 AM.

Please bring paper towels, plastic bags, a squirt bottle and other items for a quick clean up. The Christmas Tea is a large event, you will not have a chance to wash dishes in the Fellowship Hall kitchen after the event.

FOOD - Everyone attending will be asked to bring one plate of treats to the tea to be shared. The food served at a high tea generally includes light snacks and desserts – basically, anything that can be held between the finger and thumb. Examples are fruit tarts, mini cream puffs, breads, cookies or cupcakes and finger sandwiches (i.e. Watercress, Chicken or Egg Salad Tea Sandwiches). Tea will be provided by our Church. Teapots must be provided by the hostess.

Want to be a hostess? Call or text, Lu Frost, 626-993-5107. Deadline to reserve your spot as a hostess is Sunday, November 19.

TRIP TO THE BAY

Jo Anne Tamura

On 9-16-17 MJC Community Group went to the bay area to see the peninsula (bay). The Docent led us on the boat, We saw Alameda Island which use to be part of the peninsula. In 1902 the navy took over the island. We saw houseboats which had regular houses on it. We went thru four bridges. There were lots of businesses and homes along the way. Then came back to Yerber Berma/Treasure Island where the Worlds Fair was held in 1939. Treasure is the flat part of the island. The hilly part of the island is Yerber Berma. Rocks are placed on the edges of the island to protect it from erosion. There was a lighthouse built in the 1800s. The waves started getting rough. I thought I would puke. I was glad when we arrived back to shore and come home.



STOCKTON HEAT HOCKEY GAME

Stockton Arena

Stockton Heat vs. Ontario Reign

Friday, January 19, 2018

Game starts at 7:00 p.m.



Tickets are now available!!

\$20.00 each

We have an added bonus this year... If we sell 30 tickets we can take a group photo on the ice! Please see Lee or JoAnne Unruh to buy your ticket.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU to Kim and Wayne Beck for inviting our Book Club to their home to watch "Book Thief", the movie based on our August Book Selection. The audience not only included Book Club members but a few others interested in the movie.

And, since it was movie time, "the hostess with the mostest" Kim had popcorn and candy ready for us... No refreshment line waiting. Some even had their popcorn and candy delivered to them. Of course, the popcorn was in red and white striped popcorn bags.

For those not familiar with "Book Thief", it is the story of a young girl and her brother on their way to live with a foster family. Along the way, her brother dies. During his burial, Liesel, the girl, finds a book, "The Gravedigger's Handbook". Although she cannot read, she picks up the book. She learns to read with her foster papa during Hitler's reign, developing a love for reading and words. Her papa is saved by a man during WWI, and he promises to return the favor. The Jewish man's son, Max appears at their home seeking asylum from the Nazis as the Jews are being rounded up. Liesel and Max become a "family".

It is Liesel's love of reading and words that ultimately saves her after their town is bombed, killing her "parents" and best friend, Rudy.

This book is written by Markus Zusak and is narrated by "Death". It is a book worth checking out.



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.

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.

Jan. 10, **Beautiful Ruins**

Feb. 14, **The Story of Edgar Sawtelle**

March 14, **Endless Love**

April 11, **The Big Burn**

May 9, **101 Influential People...**

June 13, **The Girl Who Played With Fire**

PHYLLIS AGERS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCC

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINE	COVERING MONTHS	DISTRIBUTION DATE
19 November	November - December January - February 2018	3 December

UPCOMING 3 DECEMBER ISSUE

PLEASE NOTE included in this issue should be:

- Advent and Christmas activities
- Activities events happening in December through February 2018, as the next issue of The Grapevine will not be until March due to the Annual Meeting in February and the preparation of Annual Reports.

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



Articles will be printed as submitted.
The only item(s) changed will be spelling
as "spell check" is used.



SHELLY BORT PRAISE BAND

College Avenue Congregational Church
1341 College Avenue, Modesto

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday
6:00 PM

Everyone is welcome!



PRAAYER CHAIN

Pastor James Frost Dianne Gillette
626-320-2361 529-3488
Church Office
545-1156

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
626-320-2361

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:

209-545-1156

Email:

fccsalida@sbcglobal.net

Office Hours:

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.

PASTOR'S CONTACT INFO

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GRAPEVINE DEADLINE

Issue No. 5, Volume 7, for 2017, will be distributed Sunday, December 3, 2017. Information submitted for this issue should include events and activities for the months of December through February 2018.

**DEADLINE FOR 3 DECEMBER, 2017 ISSUE IS
SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2017, 4:00 p.m.**

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

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

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Salida, CA 95368
- Hand deliver to the Church Office, "Newsletter" slot behind Elizabeth's desk.