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James Frost, Pastor



THE BODY OF CHRIST

Churches in America are losing ground in their own backyards, while there are many places to find fault. We can blame it on secular culture. We can blame it on the godless politics of our nation. We can even blame it on the churches, the hypocritical members, and the uncaring pastors.

But I am proposing that we who are church members (and we all need to be) need to look in the mirror. I am suggesting that congregations across America are weak because many of us church members have lost the biblical understanding of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ.

God did not give us local churches to become country clubs where membership means we have privileges and perks. He placed us in churches to serve, to care for others, to pray for leaders, to learn, to teach, to give, and, in some cases, to die for the sake of the gospel, but are we?

So what does the Bible say about church membership? We are all necessary parts of the whole. There are a number of places in the New Testament where we can see a clear picture of church membership. One of the more voluminous sections is 1 Corinthians 12 to 14. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul explains the metaphor of the church being a body with many members. In 1 Corinthians 13, he established love as the central attitude and action that all members should have. And in 1 Corinthians 14, he returns to the messed-up church at Corinth that has the concept of membership all wrong.

Some church leaders and members view membership as a modern business or organizational concept, so they reject the label as unbiblical. Membership, to the contrary, is very biblical. The Bible explains “members” differently than secular culture. For example, look at the term in 1 Corinthians 12:27–28: “Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. And God has placed these in the church.” Do you get the difference? Members of a church comprise the whole and are essential parts of it. The apostle Paul would carry the body metaphor further and explain that members are individual parts of the body. Some are eyes; others are ears. Some are feet; still others are hands. That is why he concludes: “For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:12).

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So we are different, but we are all supposed to work together. With a country club membership you pay others to do the work for you. With church membership, everyone has a role or function. That is why some are hands, feet, ears, or eyes. We are all different, but we are necessary parts of the whole. Each part, therefore, has to do its work, or the whole body suffers. And this is a very important point that people who just attend church do not understand. Each part must participate so that the local body remains healthy. It's like in our own bodies, if there are parts that are not working, it affects its health. But there is a beautiful diversity in the midst of unity in church membership. The Bible makes it clear that if one part does not do its job, the whole body does not function well. But if one part does its job well, the whole body rejoices and is stronger: "So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Everything we say and do is based on a biblical foundation of love, and where most Bible readers will speak glowingly of 1 Corinthians 13, commonly known as "the love chapter" it is preached to demonstrate a fuller meaning of agape or unconditional love. It is read at weddings. It is used for a husband to declare his love for a wife or vice versa, and while there is nothing wrong with using the love chapter in these contexts, its original meaning was to demonstrate how church members relate one to another. Can you imagine 1 Corinthians 13 being read at an acrimonious church meeting? In its full biblical context that might be the best place to read it. If we could just abide by the principles of the love chapter, we would have completely healthy churches. It would be a revolution! Just look at some of the relational principles of 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs" (vv. 4–5). The principles of these two verses alone are sufficient to cause a revival in most churches!

We are not to love fellow church members just because they are lovable. We are to love the unlovable as well. And we can do this when our love is focused on God. We are not to pray for and encourage our pastors just when they are doing things we like. We are to pray for and encourage them when they do things we don't like. We are not to serve the church only when others are joining in. We are to serve the church even if we are alone in doing so. So Church membership is founded on love; authentic, biblical, unconditional, sacrificial love.

So why be a church member? Why not just be able to go and participate? I think the answer is that you should be a church member. But that's not even a clear word—what does "member" mean? What I mean by "member" is somebody who, whether by a signature, or a word of commitment, or promise, says, "I'm committed to a people, a people who hear the word of God preached, a people who perform the ordinances that Jesus gave to his church (baptism and the Lord's Supper), and a people who commit to the 'one another' commandments (love each other, exhort each other, admonish each other, hold each other accountable)." Those commitments are what membership is. And I think something is wrong if you resist putting your name on the line for that.

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If you want to say, "OK, I believe the New Testament says, 'Be a part of a community, give yourself to ministering there and receiving ministry there, and advancing the cause of the gospel there, and upholding the name of Jesus there, and doing mission there,' and I'm a part of that," then to resist putting your name on the line for that is probably not a biblical conviction. It's probably an American, independent, give-me-elbow-room, don't-get-in-my-face-too-often conviction, which I don't think is too biblical.

The reason for even using the word "member" is because of 1 Corinthians 12-14, where Paul uses the word "member" its we have already seen in his body analogy. The local church—not just the global church, but the local church too—is a body. The reason we know it's local and not just global is because, while in Ephesians 1 and Colossians he talks about Christ as the head of the body, in 1 Corinthians 12 he's talking about a head with eyes and ears that are members of the body. So the body analogy has one global meaning, and it has one local meaning. There's global membership in the body universal, and there's local membership in the body where I'm a finger or an eye or an ear or a foot. And everybody is a member. So the word "member" in 1 Corinthians 12-14 means you're part of a local organism. And where the finger belongs, it should care about what happens to the eye, and the eye what happens to the finger. And it should function in a way that has some organic coherence to it.

So for all these reasons, even though there's no sentence in the Bible that says, "There is such a thing as church membership, and thou shalt be a church member," I think it's implied in the nature of the church and of Christian discipleship that everybody should, by a covenant commitment of some kind, put their name on the line saying, "I'm here; and while I'm in this place, and until God leads me otherwise, these are my people and I'm committed here." So let us begin to take our membership in this local church serious, for it takes all of our gifts, talents and attendance to make our body healthy.





Dave Baker, Rick Kendall, Georgette Leach, Vikki Huckell and Sam Jennings.



Back row: Gilbert Romero and Wade Meier.

Center row: Christina Perez, Anna Deane, Linda Kendall, JoAnn Jennings.

Front: Sheila Lamm



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RECAP OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Diane Suzuki, Clerk

Recap of meeting held Sunday, 20 June 2021.

- CHURCH BUILDING ROOF.
Approval to replace building roof.
Will use same roofer who did sanctuary re-roofing.
- Josh Baker will handle related construction at cost.
- NACCC MEMBERSHIP.
Thought is to become independent with no Congregational affiliation. Consider what benefits we are receiving from our \$816 annual membership dues. Vote at Annual Meeting.



FCC celebrated its 111th Birthday on August 31, 2021.



SUNDAY HERE AND THERE...

SUNDAY, 14 AUGUST

Melody Ireland was liturgist on Sunday, 14 August. As she began, there was some quacking to be heard. Who knew there were ducks in the sanctuary.

Melody replied, "Who let in the Aflac duck?" She looked around, and didn't see any woman checking their purses, So... Looks like it was a male duck.

For those of you who do not know, Melody and Hank are Aflac agents.

MANY SUNDAYS

Ever wonder why Maryellen Johnson always "runs" over to Florence Velthoen no matter where she is seated before we sing Alleluia. Well... Wonder no more.

When the Johnsons first joined FCC, and Florence and Maryellen were in the circle next to each other, Florence said to Maryellen that she has a hard time remembering the words. From that day forth, Maryellen always comes to Florence's rescue, in case she forgets the words. What a friend!

SUNDAY, 14 AUGUST

Maryellen Johnson had an encore performance as accompanist on Sunday, 14 August.

Gary invited their son, Mike and his family, wife, Shelly, and son Parker, to hear Melody play.

SUNDAY, 8 AUGUST

Hank Ireland introduced his son and family on Sunday, 8 August. Jim, Julie, and Sarah from Hawaii.

Rather appropriate that the monitor "Welcome" looked like a Hawaiian theme.



SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST

When I said "Oh, a new welcomer as Hank held the Fellowship Hall door open. His reply was that he was the unwelcome since everyone was exiting. He commented that this was his new job as he had "retired" from Wal-Mart as greeter.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



1-Maryellen Johnson
9-Larry Coombs
10-John Beynon
14-Larry Richison
29-Rob Pethtel



2-Linda Kendall
3-Jerry Cheek
5-Carol Hertle
5-Lorena Horton
10-Melody Ireland
13-Dale Stambaugh
13-Kaley Kiernan
17-Hank Ireland
27-Gil Huckell



5-Larry McDonald
7-Kelly Kiernan
7-Julie Felber
8-Darrol Tuggle
8-Gilbert Romero
14-Rick Kendall
20-Cindy Beynon
23-Phyllis Agers



AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



9/20-Larry & Debra McDonald
9/23-Gary & Maryellen Johnson
9/28-Roberta & Richard Steen
10/6-Beverly & Larry Connacher
10/16 John & Denise Beynon



*Happy 99th Birthday
to
Lorena Horton
September 5th*



*Happy 90th Birthday
to
Carol Hertle
September 5th*



Sunday, 25 July
BOAZ ELI BLOCHER
Born: July 19, 2021
8 lb., 11 oz.

Parents: Spencer & Kayla Blocher
Grandparents: Nicki and Lamoine Blocher
Great Grandparents: Janna Lou & Dave Baker

Sunday, 5 September
AVERLY PRAISE SCHANTZ
Born: September 3, 2021
6lb., 11 oz. - 19"

Great Grandparents: Melody & Hank Ireland

Baby Dedication

AARON BAILEY PETHTEL

Dedicated August 29, 2021

Parents are Rob and Meagan Pethtel



Baptism



ROB PETHTEL - August 29, 2021





**SPECIAL SHOUT OUT
TO
LINDA KENDALL**

Diane Suzuki

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to LINDA KENDALL for the delicious baked goods she has so generously provided us at Coffee Hour these past Sundays. ALL HOMEMADE, of course!

On one Sunday, we had zucchini muffins. Most delicious! Linda's recipe, but made by one of her granddaughters, Jessica Holloway. Great job, Jessica.

Another Sunday, she made peanut butter cookies. Again, very good. In fact, I went for a second one. And, commented how good they were, that Florence asked to get her one.

Then, for our church's 111th Birthday, Linda made the cake. It was a tall layer cake. And, wow! was it ever so delicious! Not just your everyday box cake.

It is so nice that you share your baking talents with our congregation.

Thank you, Linda!





What JESUS CHRIST Means to Me

Ralph Patterson

I know not what he really looks like. All I have is pictures statues in my imagination to go by made by others. The Bible describes him in pictures as a tall and handsome man, but to me in my thoughts and when I pray to him I see no face. He has no eyes but he sees all, he has no mouth but his soft and gentle voice can soften our hearts he has no ears, but he hears and answers every prayer. I know you can feel the warm and gentle touch to let you know he is always there with you, in good times or bad. If you believe and trust in him you will feel it in your heart, as he has given us another start and it is up to us to pass on to others GODS WORD. As he gives and presents to us each day. Our FAITH in GOD through JESUS CHRIST is our only path.



THE GARDENING CREW



Dave Baker, Gilbert Romero, Sam Jennings, and Dave Pelucca



I want to extend my deepest heartfelt thanks for all the support I have received from my church family. Each time a card, a letter, a phone call, or a Facebook post comes in, it cheers me up and confirms in me the love I feel for all of you too. I also want to thank you for all your many, many prayers. A couple of notes on how to reach me:

My phone number will now be my cell phone: (209) 613-5775

My mailing address will now be: 1905 Rodeo Circle, Modesto CA, 95356.

I hope to see you all soon in person!

*With love and prayers,
Elaine*



We want to say a special Thank You to everyone at Salida FCC. You are the best Church Family anyone could have. Don't know what we would have done without all of your prayers, texts, calls, cards and support while Jim was in the hospital and Dianne was having surgery.

We are blessed to call you "family"

*Love,
Georgette & Jim Leach and Dianne Gillette*

This is a very heartfelt thank you for everyone who prayed for my daughter-in-law, Jessica, after her accident at the horse ranch in early August. Jessica was riding her horse when it became spooked for an unknown reason and reared back and fell on her, breaking her right femur (which now has a titanium rod).

Thanks to all the prayers and an excellent doctor, Jessica is doing well, getting around with a walker, and has been assured she will make a complete recovery.

*Thank You,
Joanne Woodbridge*





TAD & JANIS WALTON in Gonaives, Haiti

MINISTRY UPDATE

EARTHQUAKE 2021 Tad and I woke up to some serious shaking on Saturday, August 24th at 8:30 a.m. Although we were not affected, our ministry focus changed in those few moments. Within two hours our Eben-Ezer Mission team met and came up with a plan. Pastor Cornet is from the south, where the quake was centered. He immediately began receiving requests for help. Being Haitian led, our ministry is in a unique position. We put our plan immediately into action, sending Pastor Cornet and Pastor Josue to the south to assess the situation. As people sent donations we immediately put them to good use. Because we already have 350 churches planted across the country and "Committees of Initiative" in all ten departments of Haiti, our indigenous leadership was prepared to move. Dr. Claire began receiving calls from family members and serious injuries. Janis and Claire worked together to communicate between injured, family members, and American led emergency services. Many people were helped and life flighted out through their efforts. Relief efforts are ongoing.

WHEN HELP GETS PERSONAL

Claire received a call to help this little girl with a broken femur. Her aunt was sending out a meme with no contact information. She was suffering greatly. Many in the missionary medical community were trying to find them but had given up. Janis and Claire were able to track down her aunt and to eventually help get 49 severely injured life flighted to various hospitals. This little one is recovering well. We were told later that if she had not received help, she probably would not have made it. Many had open wounds and fevers, with infections setting in. They were rescued 5 days after the earthquake. There is much suffering here



Janis continues to direct music. Her current group is Une Seule Voix, a small vocal ensemble. They have been booked to sing at The Sun Valley Jazz Festival this October and in churches in OK, CA and ID. Unfortunately, due to Covid this event was cancelled just today. Please pray for us as we regroup and seek what God has for us. We have a few options available. We are seeking His wisdom. One option is to do a partial tour and then spend two weeks in ministry in The Dominican Republic. Listen to them at www.uneseulevoix.com



CURRENT MINISTRY

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CREATING MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS

The non-profit community in Haiti is recognizing our unique position within the country. No one is doing what our ministry is doing, mobilizing, local leaders for not only emergency aid, but long term recovery. Eben-Ezer Mission has a two year plan to rebuild businesses and to offer aid with dignity, which distributes food while creating jobs. Able-bodied community members work to rebuild their own villages as they receive the help they need. We use our own leadership in area churches, schools and co-operative credit unions to lead these programs as we partner with churches, Lions and other organizations. At the end of this month Second Chance Global Mission will be partnering with us to offer mobile emergency health clinics in Torbeck, Maseline and Chantal. Tad has been preaching in different churches throughout and beyond Gonaives. We have been astounded at the number of churches and are encouraged by them and their hunger for the word. He has also been working with Pastor Josue in planning a ministry school for pastors and continues his ministry with students and computer repair.



SOCCER & MUSIC FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Eben-Ezer is carrying their vision nationwide, to reach youth with Christian training through music and sports. Esteemed soccer players such as international player, Noel Miller and Olympic gold medal winner Staci Wilson, are partnering with us to start a nationwide soccer program. Each of these after school clubs, music and soccer, will reach 300 schools to start and will be expanded into the Caribbean. We are blessed to have a small part in this exciting vision to reach and train the youth of Haiti to minister in their own country and to offer them a

hope and a future apart from poverty.

NEW MINISTRY

We have two exciting new ministry opportunities. The first is offering music education to students, teachers and worship leaders. Janis is heading this program up. Targeting teachers is key to improving the musicianship of students. Most teachers are individuals with talent, who have been placed in a school as a music teacher, but have very little formal training. This has its challenges. We have formed a National Association of Music Teachers and are offering a certificate in music education, basic courses to help equip teachers in the classroom and also to help worship leaders and church musicians. 100 hours of teaching time, in 10 classes, with a pass or fail test in each, equals a certificate. Teachers who are working on a certificate will be the first classrooms who receive instruments, curriculum and sheet music. Music education is difficult to find in Haiti and there is a huge response to this program. Classes will be offered online and we are recording them as we go. Janis is currently teaching a choral methods course. Her good friend Kaci Rigney will be teaching a music fundamentals class next. Soon music clubs for students



SupperClub

FOOD & FRIENDS

**Rick & Linda Kendall's Home
August 20, 2021**





SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH



Kudos to Janna Lou Baker for hosting our first Post-Covid Fellowship Lunch!

As has been the tradition for the first Fellowship Lunch of the year, Janna Lou served Sloppy Joes to celebrate September and the start of school which traditionally begin after Labor Day. We all have our memories of those cafeteria lunches of sloppy joes, and Janna Lou's sloppy joes brings us all back to those lunches.

Fellowship Lunch began with Janna Lou welcoming everyone after all these months, and Pastor James blessing our food and those who prepared it.

There were almost 30 people joining hands during the blessing. WOW! Great showing for our first lunch... Eating and sharing in fellowship ~our Congregational Way!

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will start across the country, with a beginning target of 300, using our certified teachers to offer musical excellence in Haiti to youth. These are also linked to Christian leadership training.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We had a scare with our sweet little Darcy. Praise God that this kid is resilient and recovered from complications of a GI test. He ended up in the hospital for about 2 weeks. This was a challenge for Greg and Brenna and the family as Greg started a new job and had to keep it all together while Brenna stayed with Darcy. Now they all have Covid. Pray for them as it seems to be one thing after another!
- Tad and I have been back and forth to Haiti fairly regularly, due to the ongoing crisis situation here. 85% of missionaries have now left the mission field because it is increasingly becoming more dangerous. Armed gang members have increased kidnappings and violence on the highway and in the city. Some missionaries have switched their headquarters to the states or are planning to. Yesterday, a warning came from the embassy which was quite concerning. Pray for wisdom and safety. We have received quite a bit of encouragement from other missionaries to make plans to go to the states soon, before the upcoming presidential election after Christmas. The earthquake has put some of this on pause. But the country seems to be holding their breath before it all starts up again.
- Speaking of Christmas, we have taken trips here and there to the states, but always with work in mind. This year we are headed home for the holidays to spend them with our children and grand-children. This will be the first time we been home for the holidays together in 8 years!



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By MAIL: Bellevue Community Church P.O. Box 406 Bellevue, ID 83313

Make checks payable to the church and write "Walton" on the memo line

VENMO: Janis K @Janisk

PRAY FOR FAMILY Greg and Brenna, Reese, Evie and Darcy in AZ

PRAY FOR SAFETY AND DECISION PRAY FOR UPCOMING MINISTRY PRAY FOR HAITI: Pray for the victims in the south, ministry finances to help them, peace in the country, a Godly president, pray against poverty; physically and spiritually MAKING REGARDING IT

*"I thank my God every time I remember you,
In all my prayers for all of you. I always pray with joy."*

Phil. 1:-4

A VISIT FROM THE ZUNIGA FAMILY

On Sunday, 18 July 2021, Josslyn and Emily Zuniga visited us. They were vacationing in Modesto with their mother, Jackie.

There must something in the air Oregon because look how tall they are now. Josslyn said she is 5 feet tall. She will be in the 4th grade this year. Emily will start kindergarten.

Jackie said her grandmother, Dotti Wilkinson is 105, and living in Texas.

Everyone had a great visit catching up with Jackie and her girls.



NEW WHEELS FOR PASTOR JAMES

Sunday, 20 June

Pastor James with the aid of his birthday walker rang his walker bell as he made his way to the pulpit. At now the age of 60, Pastor James seemed to be having some memory issues~ He was quite tongue tied, January became July and a few other miscues. Welcome to the life of a sexagenarian ~ someone between 60-69 years of age!



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AGFEST 2021

Hi, I am Jessica Hollloway. I'm 12 years old and I show goats at my local fair, Agfest. This year fair was a lot different due to the coronavirus. For instance, instead of showing my goats throughout the week, I had to show both of them in one day. I started showing around 10:00 am. My first class was showmanship, I placed in 3rd out of 17. My second class was at about 12:30 pm, it was my breeding class where I showed my doe, (female goat) Dixie. I placed 2nd and go reserve champion. Then, later on in the day I showed my market goat, Angus. I placed 3rd in my market class with him. And just like that, I was done showing for a while.

That whole week I hung out with my friends and enjoyed being at the fair. There were a lot of contests and games to play and friends to watch show. Pretty soon it was sale day.

On sale day I watched a lot of people selling their livestock. Beef sold first, then sheep, and after that goats sold. I made total profit of about \$2500 when I sold my goat. I cannot wait till next year!





FROM THE ARCHIVES

Speech by Mrs. Kiyoi regarding evacuation 1942

Margie Sisk, whose parents were Raymond and Margaret Sisk were long time members of our church, found this article among her mother's things. It was written by Masaki Kiyoi and given as a talk to Kouples Klub, now Supper Club.

Masako and George Kiyoi were also long time members of our church. They were JoAnn Tamura's uncle and aunt.

Margie sent the article to Dianne Lane whose mother was Alta Gaudreau, yet another long time member of our church, and Dianne wanted to share it.

Executive Order 9066 was issued on 19 February 1942, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, authorizing the evacuation of all person deemed a threat to the national security from the West Coast to relocation centers inland. This was directed toward "all persons of Japanese Ancestry", whether aliens or citizens.

EVACUATION-WORLD WAR II

May 1942, the US Government issued evacuation order of both American citizens and Aliens, any with Japanese blood to leave the West Coast.

We were given 2 weeks to put our property in storage or sell what we had. We were allowed to take 1 suitcase per person and taken by bus to the Merced Fairgrounds to live in tar-papered barracks sharing common bathroom facilities. We are in mess halls. We were assigned to very cramped quarters. 5 of us were in 1 small room. It was in the 100 degrees in May and we often slept on the cooler cement floors for heat relief. One of the first restrictions after Pearl Harbor was that we were confiscated of all knives, radios, cameras and guns. We never recovered them.

While we were confined in the Merced Assemble Center, we were not allowed to leave the grounds but friends could come and visit us. We did have many Caucasian friends that came to see us.

Patti, who was 2 years old was not very healthy in camp, became sick with pneumonia and spent a lot of time in the hospital on the grounds served by the Japanese doctors in camp. In Oct. 1942 we were moved to southern Colorado where the Amache Internment camp was built. It was wired and guards with guns watched from their tower post like we were criminals. They didn't want us to escape. One man was shot while trying to get out of the fenced areas to pick mushrooms.

In the winter, it was cold with a lot of snow, in the summer we had rattlesnakes around us. Although we were not mistreated if we stayed inside the fenced in camp, we dare not try to walk out. We were all assigned to various jobs, working. The administration was hired from the outside, but all the camp work was done by the internees at \$8.-\$12. per month.

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Patti found this cold weather too much for her health and succumbed to double pneumonia. She was allowed extra food such as supplement of milk and oranges. That was a blessing. Schools were established and the Japanese with college education were allowed to teach. My older sister graduated University of California so she was able to teach.

My older brother was drafted before Pearl Harbor and was serving in the army. He suffered much humiliation, relieved of his gun, put into army barracks when important government people would go to his campgrounds. This was in Arkansas, I believe. The President went there while he was there, but he was not able to see him.

The US government adopted a policy to form a combat division comprised of Japanese men who passed a loyalty oath. This was instigated by the Japanese-Americans in the detention camps. My brother served with honors in the 442nd division. In France and Italy, Europe. After we were interned for several months, the Colorado sugar beet farmers requested men willing to work harvesting the sugar beets. George, his brothers, father and several others went to work in the freezing cold, harvesting in the snow. They worked a month and made \$100. Tosh was the cook.*

After we were allowed to leave the camp, receiving clearance from the government, we went to Boulder Colorado to work with the Navy Japanese Language school at the University of Colorado. We enjoyed being out of the internment camp, being free again, with good food since George worked in the kitchen, feeding the Navy boys.

I worked in the laundry pressing the navy men's white pants. Patti attended nursery school. I also worked doing housework for the Director of the Japanese language school who was a Caucasian woman raised in Japan, daughter of a missionary. Patti talked Japanese to the people there. Both of my sons were born on the East Coast. Mike was born in Washington D.C. and Terry was born in Seabrook, New Jersey.

The feeling of the eastern people was fine, they were not suspicious, were not discriminating, and they wanted to know why we were taken from our home in California and shipped out. They treated us like normal humans, the stores where we went to shop, treated us well.

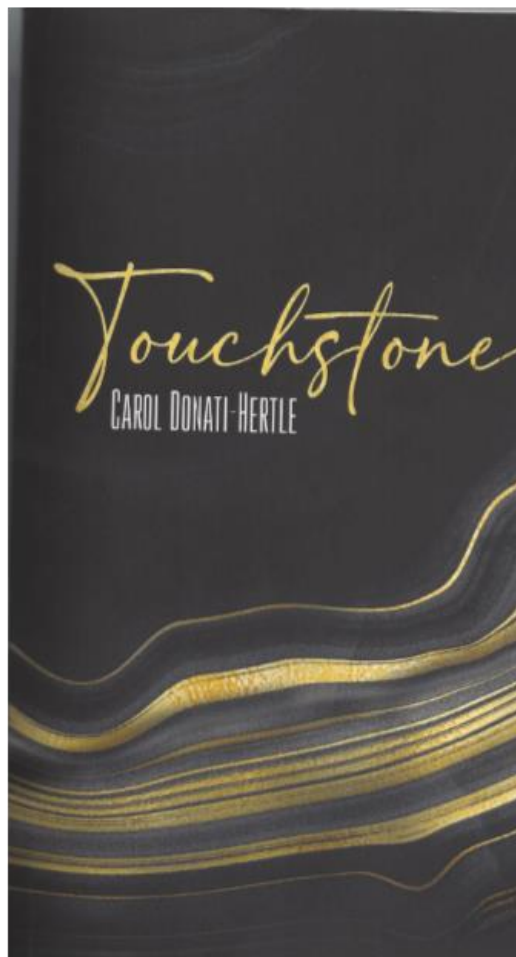
We returned to California in December 1945, back to the farm. We left our farm when strawberries were being harvested, and we were growing row crops. When we returned the farms was turned into a dairy, so we bought cows and kept the dairy for 10 years. It was a struggling start all over again, but we were glad to be back.

*Tosh being Tosh Kiyoi. Jack and Tosh Kiyoi were also long time members of FCC.

CAROL'S BOOK*Phyllis Agers*

Carol Hertle is a published author. Her novel written about 40 years ago is a real page-turner. If you haven't read it, give it a try. For her 90th birthday, Carol's daughter, Karlene Bert and her siblings had her book published. I had read the manuscript a long time ago... and it is good. You can get it on Amazon for \$20.00. It's a big one, paperback, big, 600 pages, but worth it. Cry, laugh, learn, etc.

I'm sure if you ask nicely Carol will even sign your book for you.



In this breathtaking novel, based on a true story, Rosa Dante takes you with her on the journey of a lifetime. Facing insurmountable constraints, abandoned, Rosa taps into the core of the human spirit- profound resilience. Born at a time when women were not seen as independent, into a life with every odd stacked against her, Rosa fights to hang on to her dream. As the pages unfold, you will find yourself laughing, crying, loving, and cheering her on as she refuses to give up.



Author Carol DeMaria Donati Hertle was born September 5th, 1931, in San Francisco, California. Her parents, John and Margarita Donati, were Italian immigrants. Carol is a first-generation "born in America" Italian who is very proud of her heritage. Raised in San Francisco and North Beach, she immersed herself in the lifestyle of the Italian immigrants. As an empty nester, Carol wrote this fictional novel based on a true story almost 40 years prior to publishing. The writing of this book brought her peace through some tough times and is guaranteed to inspire.

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WHAT A STUDENT!

Diane Suzuki

One Sunday when I was chatting with KawKaw about school... Would it be online or in person classes, what classes she would be taking, East Campus or West Campus. She was taking chemistry, and the class was on West Campus. When I had chemistry at MJC, it was on East Campus, and, or course, there was only one campus. The conversation went on...

Our next chat on another Sunday, she said classes would be online. How were labs done? On ZOOM of course. One watched the professor, then reported on what you observed. KawKaw said that she would be on campus though because she had an on campus job. Her job was tutoring English.

I asked how she got the job. Her English professor recommended her. Wow! I said.

Now, here is the part of that “story” that I find so amazing, and says volumes about what kind of student KawKaw is... English is her “third” language. She speaks her ethnic language, Kachin, and Burmese. She tutors students some of whom I am sure are older, and English is their first and only language. Such irony . Makes one chuckle.

So, to you, KawKaw, I say...

Keep up the good work! I know Lu and Pastor James are proud of you and your academic accomplishments. So, are we, at FCC!



Set-up: Thursday, September 30th &
Friday, October 1st at 9:00 AM

Hall Sale: Saturday, October 2nd
Begins at 8:00AM

Donations are now being accepted. If you need your donation picked up, please call the office.

Thank you!



I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to our office volunteers.

Thank you to **DIANE SUZUKI** and **GILBERT ROMERO**. Both of these amazing volunteers recently spent many days in the office organizing, cutting and assembling directories for our newest members. Sometimes this job can take months, but with Diane's quick organizational abilities and Gilbert's fast cutting skills, they completed the task in three weeks time!

I also want to thank **ELAINE TINDLE** who volunteered previously to help me create directories. She has also helped by folding bulletins, arranging office files, and so much more. For those of you who may not know Elaine has volunteered in the office every week for many years. She has been a wonderful "co-worker" and I truly appreciate all the time and energy she has given to me and FCC.

Diane also volunteers as our newsletter editor. As many of you know she works tirelessly bringing us the latest "news" in our church. She has a great eye and keeps *The Grapevine* going.

I would also like to give a shout out to **PHYLLIS AGERS** who also spent many years as our newsletter editor.

I'm sorry If I have missed someone that has helped in the office, but please know every volunteer is truly appreciated. Thank you!

*Elizabeth,
Church Office*



IN THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

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

Major John & Denise Beynon

Lu Frost's Dad



MY FAVORITE HYMN

Dan Beynon

"Holy, Holy, Holy" was written by Reginald Heber (1783~1826), an Oxford educated poet and hymn-writer. The hymn was first published posthumously in 1827 in *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Parish Church of Banbur*. It is one of nearly 300 hymns written by Heber, and they remain popular today in many Christian congregations. Heber was widely traveled going to Scandinavia, Russia, Crimea, and Eastern Europe. Upon his return to England, he became a parson, serving 16 years in the church at Hodnet, Shropshire. It was during this time that he wrote many poems and most of his hymns. Heber was then offered the position as Bishop of Calcutta, India. Remember that during this time, India was part of the British Empire and subject to the Church of England. Heber was in India for only three years when he collapsed and died from "arduous duties and a hostile climate". He was 43 years old.

The hymn was written specially for use on Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost in the common liturgical calendar. It draws from Isaiah 6:3, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." And also from Revelation 4: 8 "Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come." Heber expanded on these two passages, referencing humans, saints, angels and all living creatures. He also brings in the concept of the Trinity with the line, "God in three persons, blessed trinity."

The tune behind "Holy, Holy, Holy" was written by John Bacchus Dykes. The music was published in the first edition of *"Hymns Ancient and Modern in 1861"*. The tune is titled "*Nicaea*" to honor the council of Nicaea held in 325 by the emperor Constantine. It was during this council the idea that the Trinity was formalized. So the name of tune complements and builds upon the words of the hymn.

Let Dan or the office know your favorite hymn and Dan may feature it in the next issue.





If you have a change for the Church Directory, such as a new address, phone number, or email update, please submit your changes to the office at fccofsalida@yahoo.com. We will include this information in every future issue of The Grapevine. Thank you!

Please update your directory with these changes:

Dianne Gillette	New Cell #: 209-493-0232 & No home number
Wade Meier	New Cell #: 618-964-3058 & No home number
Phyllis Agers	New Email: p.agers23@yahoo.com
Elaine Tindle	New Address: 1905 Rodeo Circle, Modesto 95356 No home number. Cell number: 209-613-5775

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By Ralph Patterson

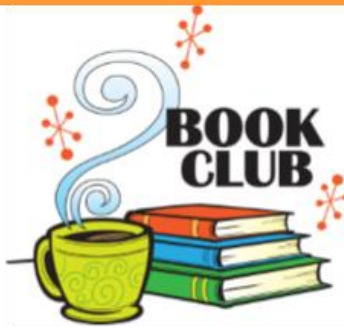
I recently had someone very close to me say something that numbed my heart, and almost brought me to my knees. The person said, "I would laugh out loud if everybody found out that the Bible was a hoax. And what would they do then?" I wanted to respond, but I couldn't even speak.

But what I wanted to say to this person was this. "Believing in God through His Son Jesus Christ, and teaching from the Bible is for a lot of people. This is basis for the foundation of our faith, and secures our God given ability to believe and trust in Him, while it is also used to guide us through prayer and teachings through His Word. THIS IS OUR WAY OF LIFE, and why would you want to tear that down and try to destroy our foundation."

But the sad thing, to my shame, I said nothing. After the words that he said, the room was completely quiet. And I was disappointed, because this is not what God's Word has shown, or taught us to do. But this was a test, and as we all know, when it is the time to speak, sometimes we fail. But I also know that there are more tests to come, and are we up for it?

God bless everyone. Amen.





See Phyllis Agers if you want a book. They're from the library so there are no fees.

PHYLLIS AGERS

Leaving Family Behind	November 2021
Endless Love	December 2021
Lost Wife	January 2022
Book Lust	February 2022
Vampire High	March 2022
A Man Called Ove	April 2022

Mark your Calendars!

WOMEN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY AT FCC

SATURDAY, November 6th
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!





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

When your group - Trustees, Deacons, Outreach, Christian Education, Supper Club, Fellowship Lunch, etc. - has a special activity that should be highlighted in The Grapevine, please designate someone from your group to take photos and write an article. This also includes meetings updates on church business, etc.

For example, if it is an activity where donations are taken, it would be appropriate to have an article about how much money was raised, and if for a cause, the cause. List the names of those responsible for the activity.

When something special happens during Sunday Service like recognizing people for specific "awards", please have someone designated from your group to take photos and write an article.

Unfortunately the secretary nor the editor have time to write articles for the photographs submitted without words to go with them.

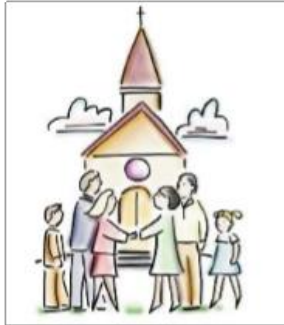
Remember The Grapevine is our way to let everyone know what is happening at FCC. Others besides our members do check out our website to see what our church has to offer them. We have a lot, so let's share it with our community! It is an inviting way to attract new people to FCC.



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





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCC

Activities suspended until further notice due to COVID-19
with the exception of Salvation Army Commodities,
Fellowship Lunch, Bible Study & Prayer Group

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every other month. Held first Saturday of
month at 9:00 a.m.

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

THE GRAPEVINE ONLINE



You can read *The Grapevine* on our website at FCCofSalida.org. Choose
"Publications" from the top row menu and scroll down to view the current issue.

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.

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, 209-545-1156.



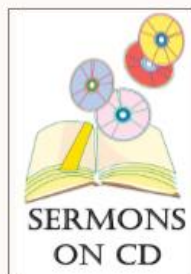
If you need assistance from the Church Office please contact Elizabeth our Church Secretary at:

209-545-1156

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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. 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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Cell: 626-320-2361

Email: jtfrost61@yahoo.com



GRAPEVINE DEADLINE

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT 2020 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

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
P.O. Box 1039
Salida, CA 95368
- Hand deliver to the Church Office, "Newsletter" slot behind Elizabeth's desk.