



The FPC Newsletter



March 2015

Easter is coming!

Once again, we will offer a community-wide service on Easter Sunday at the Ross Ragland Theatre at 9:00 on April 5. This service will feature the exciting music we have come to expect, including our own Stacey Howard singing "Redeemer" made famous by Nicole C. Mullen. You don't want to miss it!

At 11:00 we have a service that is also open to the entire community in our sanctuary. The setting will match the soaring hymns as we will sing in celebration of our Resurrection Sunday.

What a great opportunity to lift up Christ and see his glory in a special way on our great day! Consider who you should invite to resurrection morning. It will be a blessing for them. I promise!

Join FPC

Perhaps you have come to love FPC as your home church. Why not take the next step and declare that you are truly a part of this church? We are offering a new member's class on March 10 from 6:00-8:30pm. We will provide child care if you need it—just let us know. In the class people get to know a little about the pastor, the theology and direction of FPC. Simply write "new members" on your connection card or call the office to let us know you will be there.



New Members Are Joining

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New Women's Bible Study

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross:
Experiencing the
Passion and Power of Easter

This Study begins March 4

This collection of readings, drawn from the writings and sermons of 25 classic and contemporary theologians and Bible teachers, focuses on the wonder of Christ's sacrifice.

In a culture where crosses have become little more than decorative accessories and jewelry, how easy it is for even the most well-intended Christian to rush from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without thoughtfully contemplating the cross and all that it means. Yet we miss out on spiritual riches when we do.

So that we all may linger at the cross during the Lenten season-and stay near it the whole year through-editor Nancy Guthrie has compiled this special anthology. It draws from the works of classic theologians to help readers enter into an experience of Christ's passion and anchor their hope in the power of his resurrection.

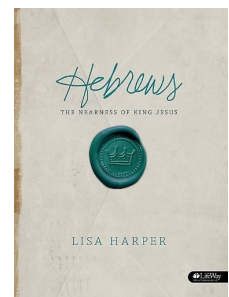
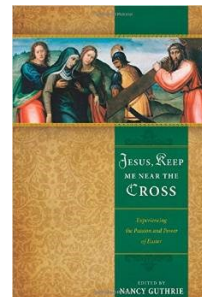
These readings are sure to prepare people's hearts for a fresh experience of the cross each and every Easter season.

Next Women's Bible Study

Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus
By Lisa Harper

This Study begins April 8th

The Book of Hebrews is a rich, dense section of Scripture that can intimidate the most scholarly biblical student. But Lisa Harper makes digging into Hebrews fun and doable, as only she can, without losing an ounce of depth. Hebrews was a sermon for a specific people and culture in the midst of martyrdom and persecution, but is also so relevant for us today, reminding us to continue walking toward Jesus regardless of our culture or our circumstances. Join Lisa as she journeys through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter. Jesus is our accessible King. He is not a faraway God, but an up-close Redeemer who draws near to us. Hebrews helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, but He is also compassionate, empathetic, and loving to no end.



Info regarding PC(USA)

You have probably been wondering what has happened after all that discussion and our church poll regarding staying in or leaving the PC(USA). This week we have received word from the Presbytery that they will meet with us at the end of March to negotiate the financial package that we would be required to pay if we leave the denomination.

As your session, we realize it has been a long time since we talked about these matters as a church. Some of you are clear on your choice. Others might want a "refresher" or further discussion. We have decided to hold two information meetings with the purpose of addressing these questions:

If we change denominations, what, if anything, will change at FPC?
 What are the good points as well as the challenging aspects of the PC(USA)?
 What are our criteria for choosing a new denominational home?

For your convenience we will have the identical meeting at two different times: Sunday, March 15 and Monday, March 16, each at 6:00.

Session and Pastor Stuart

YOUTH R.O.C.K.

We need your help!!!
 Do you know a Junior High or High School student who loves to have fun and wants to go deeper into the word of God?

Come on down and join us!
 Sundays from 6pm-7:30pm
 at the church.

Lot's of Fellowship!

Lot's of the Lord!

Lot's of Community!

Lot's of Fun!



Belize-2015

By Pam Swisher

This is the fourth year that I have gone on the church mission to Belize. Each trip has been wonderful and many things are accomplished but there is a sadness, a feeling that there is still so much to be done. Furthermore, I wonder how they think of us – rushing in and out. The Peace Corps workers have a term for it “parachute mission”. Another phrase I have heard for it is “medical tourism”. However, these trips though short have been yearly since 2004. And this year, I felt a sense of the impact of those years. The Belize mission serves in the two north districts of Belize –



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Corozal district (population 48,000) and Orange Walk district (population 45,000). It is an area of sugarcane fields and many work in the cane fields on a seasonal basis. It is hard work with low pay and if one becomes injured, there are no safety-net programs.

Each year, the surgical team goes to the Orange Walk hospital to do surgeries in the two operating rooms there. There has been no operating rooms in the hospital in the Corozal district. However, this year the Klamath Falls group was treated to a tour of the Corozal Hospital with the Minister of Health of Belize. They have built two operating rooms and a post-surgical area in Corozal Hospital. Although they had hoped to have everything ready for our surgical team, the rooms were not quite finished. This means that next year, we could have two surgical teams go and do surgeries in both districts. For perspective, in Klamath County (population 66,000),

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Sky Lakes Hospital alone has 6 operating rooms and there are the other surgery centers. In addition, there are many more surgeons.

For the Village Medical Team, our first village was Carmelita which we had come to the last 4 years. Usually, the first half hour is spent setting up stations at the hurricane shelter for the village. This year, they had set up tables in our usual places, covered them with tablecloths, and put signs up for Pharmacy and Doctor rooms. Our lunches, which were usually rice and beans with chicken, had fried plantain and mashed potatoes added with fresh squeezed orange juice. This is especially gracious since rice and beans is their usual fair. Also, two of the villages had us in their school with the principal and some of the school teachers assisting with physical needs and translation.



Belize-continued



One school was in session, so all the students had to double up in classes while we used some of their rooms. There was such a sense of the Belizeans accommodating and assisting us as best they could.

Finally, as we were leaving Belize, flights were arriving bringing the next mission team. This team, like us, had surgery, village medical and house building groups but also another group. These were economic development people. They taught two groups, one group as beauticians (and built a beautician add-on to a building) and the second group was taught sewing.

And there are visions of greater things. The director, John Kirby, hopes to sponsor several students to continue their education. Belize only covers education through junior high. Also, there is a Belizean worker who educates diabetics on diet and exercise and helps them start gardens. We may give micro-loans to pay for the gardening supplies.



Children's Ministry

On Good Friday, **April 3rd (from 6pm-9pm)**, we will be hosting a Parent's Night Out Easter Event for the kids. Walk With Jesus is a multisensory event that will guide the kids along Jesus' footsteps during the last days on earth. During this event the kids will: Travel to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday; Sit down for the Last Supper; Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane; Discover the sacrifice of Good Friday; and Celebrate freedom from their sins at the empty tomb.

This event is open to the church. If you would like to help out and experience this event for yourself, please **contact Anne Taylor: ataylor@klamathfpc.com or call (541) 884-7781.**



King's Kids will end May 27th but have no fear, we will have a **summer program** this year! Dates will be announced soon.

Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School!

June 22nd-26th: those in preschool and will complete kindergarten this June.

July 13th-17th: for those who have completed grades 1 through 6th.



Our middle school youth group is going strong! We will continue to meet each **Sunday through May from 6pm-7:30pm**. Please watch for more information about upcoming events. We are planning a day in Medford at Rogue Air Trampoline Park, a day of team building and recreation at the Ganong's Cabin, along with summer BBQ's and other possible trips and events. If you or your middle school aged kid would like to be a part of this, please contact Anne Taylor at 541.884.7781 or by email at: ataylor@klamathfpc.com.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Services 9:00 & 10:30am Pastor Stuart 6-7:30pm Youth Grp. EOD-Don Boyd	2 Visitation Don & Sherrill Boyd-887-2329 6:30pm Men's Group 6:30pm Bell Choir	3 6:00-7:30pm Parents of Young Children	4 8:00 Physical Resource Mtg 9-11:30am Women's Bible Study 12:00 Worship Committee 5:00-7:15pm King's Kids 5:30-7:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Band practice 7:00pm Praise Team Practice 7:15pm Traditional Choir	5 12:00pm Mission Committee 3:30pm Basin Youth for Christ 6:00pm Deacons	6 Library Work Day	7
8 Services 9:00 & 10:30am Pastor Stuart (Belize Service) 6-7:30pm Youth Grp. EOD-Pam Swisher	9 Visitation Lee Woods 892-4925 6:30pm Men's Group 6:30pm Bell Choir	10 MOPS & 9-11am MOMSnext	11 9-11:30am Women's Bible Study 5:00-7:15pm King's Kids 5:30-7:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Band practice 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	12 3:30pm Basin Youth for Christ	13 Library Work Day	14 OMTA Music Teachers workshop 9:00am-12:00pm
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Return Service Requested

The FPC Library recently added to our popular Christian Fiction Section



Heaven by Vanessa Miller.
A book of grace and redemption.



One Glorious Ambition by one of our
favorite authors, Jane Kirkpatrick.
A young woman searches for her
God-given purpose.



Who Brings Forth the Wind
by Lori Wick.
A torn marriage is brought
back together.