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Dear FTPC Family,

During most months, we hold a Testimony Sunday, where we have space for people to come forward and share what the Lord has and is doing in our lives. This is an opportunity for the church to be built up alongside one another. And it is important that we do this. But it is also important that we pay attention to what the Lord has done over the course of the whole year. I invite you to reflect with me as we think on some of the ways that Jesus has been glorified in 2023.

Honored in Intentional Discipleship: We are a church that is taking active and intentional steps to grow in our relationship to Jesus. I am constantly grateful at how many of you choose to not only attend church services on Sunday, but also take part in Bible studies, prayer groups, service opportunities, and other small groups as the Lord leads.

Honored in Building Use: With the birth of God Salvation New Living Church (the congregation that meets on Saturdays), and the move for Grace Point Community Church to meet in the building, Jesus is honored in the stewardship of the church building. It is incredible to realize that there is some form of worship, Bible Study, Prayer, or meeting that is regularly scheduled for every day of the week other than Friday. And that is in addition to all of the more informal meetings, fellowship counseling, and prayer that also occurs here.

Honored in Preferring One Another: A charge given to early Christians is that they are called to “outdo one another in showing honor”. We see that here, in our individual interactions with one another and in the different congregations striving to navigate a shared building. This can sound simple, but it is a profound demonstration of the difference that the Gospel makes. Every time that you navigate a disagreement with someone in the church and choose to love, honor, and build peace with them, you are serving as a witness to the power of Jesus.

Honored in Service: I continue to be thankful and grateful for how many people choose to dedicate their gifts, talents, and in some cases, simply dedicate their willing hands to service. As we hold memorials, retreats, cleaning initiatives, and potlucks, you can see the Lord’s pleasure as his people choose to go about doing his work.

Honored in Presence/Worship: And even as we have had the opportunity to actively do things in 2023, it has also been good to see people resolve to simply being with the Lord. This is mostly manifested in ways that are not programmed, as so much of relationship is not programmed. I particularly think of the frequent times that believers steal away to spend time in silent prayer with their Father.

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Easter Tukwila Presbyterian Financials

"Send your resources out over the seas; eventually you will reap a return."
Ecclesiastes 11:1



Income	Expenses	Net
<u>November 2023</u> \$14,440.59	<u>November 2023</u> \$19,153.62	<u>November 2023</u> \$-4,713.03
<u>Year to Date</u> \$172,046.96	<u>Year to Date</u> \$171,546.79	<u>Year to Date</u> \$500.17

January: 2024 ECO National Gathering - Metanoia

ABOUT THE 2024 NATIONAL GATHERING:

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." **Romans 12:1, 2**

Many leaders agree that the church is currently in crisis. We are desperate for transformation but most of us don't know where or how to begin. Yet, we know we can no longer do things the way we have always done them. Metanoia is a powerful Greek word that is often translated as repentance. However, the meaning of metanoia goes so much deeper. It doesn't just mean repentance, but a true change of mind and heart.

Metanoia is a complete transformation that calls us back to the heart of God and inspires us to live lives that are aligned with the life and teachings of Jesus. We are excited to seek out practical ways each of us in our churches can authentically live out God's call on our lives and ministries. Let's embrace metanoia together. It's time for change.

WHEN:

Pre-Conferences: Monday, January 29, 2022

Main Conference: Tuesday, January 30 to Thursday, February 1, 2024

WHERE:

First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



Connect With Others:

The best opportunity we have all year to connect with friends and colleagues! Share stories and spur one another on.

Powerful Worship:

Worship is always an integral part of our time as we enter into the presence of Christ together.

Keynote Speakers:

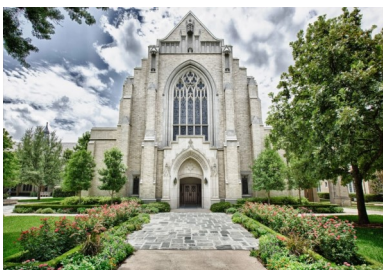
Learn from wise and inspiring speakers from around the world who will encourage you and your team for life and ministry!

Next Step:

Take time to dig deep and uncover your Next Step for ministry in the year ahead!

To register or for more information about the ECO 2024 National Gathering, visit their website:

<https://www.econationalgathering.org/>



January 2024 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
10:30 am: Worship/Jr Church COMMUNION 12:30 pm: Discipleship Class	10 am-12 pm: CEF	6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	1:00 pm: PrayTukwila 5:30 pm: CE IT	10:00 am: Prayer Against Human Trafficking 7:00 pm: Young Adults		1-2:30 pm: Youth Outreach at Ridge Cliff Apartments
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Youth Retreat @ Lakeside Bible Camp: Friday January 12 - Sunday, January 14, 2024						
2024 ECO NATIONAL GATHERING - GREENVILLE, SC: METANOIA						

February 2024 - Easter Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:00 am: Prayer Against Human Trafficking 7:00 pm: Young Adults	2	3 1-2:30 pm: Youth Outreach at Ridge Cliff Apartments
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ETPC Bulletin Board

1ST THURSDAY 10 AM, FTPC
3RD WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM,
BARB IVANOV'S



PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS
 DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
 YA Bible Study
1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7pm
 Young Adults
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 pm
 Men's Bible Study

In case of snow
 visit our FB page or

ftpc.org



for information on
 changes in schedule.

women's
 bible study

growing deeper, together

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1:30 pm
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm



Morning Prayer

Thursdays
 10 am

2024 ECO NATIONAL GATHERING

METANOIA

JAN 29 - FEB 1, 2024
 GREENVILLE, SC



CHURCH LEADERSHIP



IMPACT TEAMS

SANCTITY OF
 HUMAN LIFE

SUNDAY
 JANUARY 21, 2024

Elders:
 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Deacons: TBD

1st Wednesday:
 CE IT, 5:30 pm (bimonthly)

Last Wednesday:
 Worship IT, 7 pm



LAKESIDE BIBLE CAMP

YOUTH RETREAT:
 January 12-14, 2024

The Lord's Table
 1st Sunday
 of the Month



1 pm Wed, January 3
 & February 7, 2024

PrayTukwila
 Southcenter
 Community Baptist






February: The Larkins, Wycliffe Bible Translators

THE PROJECT

The Pano Quechua language community celebrated the completion of their New Testament in 2010 and now these 100,000 people are hungry for God's full revelation! The translation of the Old Testament into their language is underway. Alex Larkin's role is to help guide the Pano Quechua team through the process. He empowers them to engage with the Scriptures in new ways.

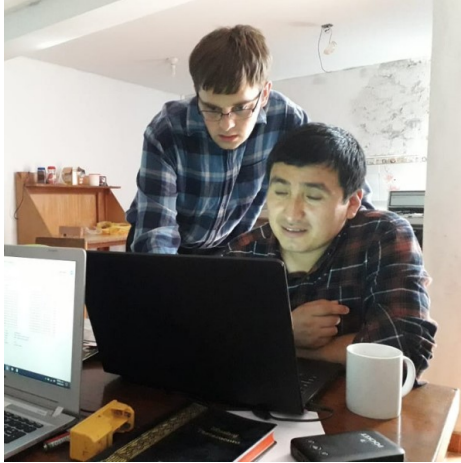
Alex is married to Patricia Arevalo Villegas de Larkin. Patty is studying linguistics to become a Literacy and Education Specialist with SIL, Wycliffe's partner organization. This will allow her to use her gifting in childhood education to further heart transformation through the use of the translated Scriptures.

ABOUT ALEX LARKIN:

Halfway through college I had a crisis and dropped out of school for a year while I went through counseling and sought healing. That year was full of darkness and depression, but my faith kept me alive, kept me going. I anchored myself in the Word, where I was reassured of God's promises to me. I worshiped with others on Sundays and Wednesdays. These songs - based on Scripture- reminded me of God's love for me. He carried me through that year. I came out of the valley with a deeper faith and a newfound resolution to share Christ's hope with those that don't know him yet.

At about that time I had completed six years of intense formal Spanish study, with tutors and immersion experiences. I could now read my Bible in a second language and took pride in the fact that I read it exclusively in Spanish for the better part of a year. But then I realized that even though I was understanding what I read, it was just head knowledge. It wasn't impacting my heart, and it wasn't changing my

life. Rereading the same passages in English -my heart language- took the message from my head to my heart, where it impacted and transformed me.



Later I learned that there are over 7,000 languages in the world, and over 1.5 billion people for whom no complete Bible translation exists. Remembering how my Spanish Bible rarely ever impacted me, I thought about the countless young children who have to drop out of school in the second grade to help the family farm. And them? How will they come to know Jesus? Everyone needs to

know this Man!

I began talking with Wycliffe Bible Translators, as their mission is to translate God's Word so that everyone can hear or read it in a language that speaks to their hearts. I decided to join. Through the generosity of many, God provided for me to get a Master's in Applied Linguistics and Exegesis, graduating in 2016.



Then he provided a Quechua family that adopted me as one of their own in 2017.

God then provided the ministry team and funding I needed to start my Wycliffe Ministry in Peru.

In 2018 I moved to Peru and started language and culture learning. In 2019 I met Patty, the love of my life. We got married in 2021.

ABOUT PATTY LARKIN:

My family is full of teachers and as a girl I came to love books and learning. I also love learning languages. My first language is Spanish, but I also speak English, Portuguese and a bit of Quechua. In 2015 I started visiting the Andes Mountains with my church. The tenacity of the Quechua in the face of limited resources impressed me. Yet as I saw the reality of the Quechua children, I was impacted by the



shortcomings in their school system, their lack of life opportunities, and the barriers they faced in knowing their Creator.

I studied educational psychology at Champagnat University. When the director of a Quechua ministry invited me to do my internship with them, I accepted! God opened all the doors. During my 2019 internship, I was usually pulling out of town in a shared taxi around 5AM to go out to the Quechua villages. I spent half my time working on my internship, helping Quechua children with learning disabilities. This highlighted for me the importance of mother-tongue education. I spent the other half of my village time doing ministry with Quechua children and teens, teaching them about Jesus with the Quechua Scriptures.



It was during this year that I met Alex. I asked him to help me with a part of my thesis. We became friends, fell in love, and got married in 2021.

I am studying linguistics through SIL Curso Fundamental and CanIL to become a Literacy and Education Specialist with SIL, Wycliffe's partner organization. This will allow me to use my gifting in childhood education to further heart transformation through translated Scriptures.

Wycliffe's members rely on church communities and individuals to partner with their Wycliffe ministry through prayer and financial commitments. Please prayerfully consider investing in Bible translation as a prayer and financial partner in Alex's Wycliffe ministry.

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More information can be found at www.alexlarkin.org. Join his prayer team at www.prayvine.org/prayfor/alex.

Opportunities for Community Outreach

Cascade View Elementary School is looking for volunteers to read with children! Several teachers have volunteered interest in having people from church read to students. To be approved to volunteer visit tukwilaschools.org/get-involved/volunteer.

Asylum Seekers at Riverton Park United Methodist are in great need. RUPM has an Amazon Wishlist for donation ideas. They are also in need of volunteers to assist asylum seekers settle into shelter offered by a local hotel. **Contact John or Lisa Forsyth.**

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Honored in Outreach: God is allowing the community to come and meet with us in a wide variety of spaces. From visitors to the church, to people that we meet in the garden or in the parking lot, to people who come and attend things like the Easter Egg Hunt or Trunk O' Treat, we are blessed to meet many people and share the Gospel. And I praise God that He has allowed us to do that. It has also been beautiful to watch as so many have sought to reach and witness outside of our church property lines.

Honored in Healing: Lives are being changed here. There are more souls in the Kingdom of Heaven because

of how God has used this church in 2023. People are being saved here. And lives are being changed. People are coming to experience the freedom (From sin, addiction and physical pain) that was purchased with the blood of Jesus.

As we enter 2024, FTPC is entering its 114th year of organized ministry! Please take time to thank the Lord for what he has done over the years, what he has done last year, and what he will do in this upcoming year.

Bless you,

Pastor Aaron



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