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I recently read a book that was seeking to help leaders navigate times of change. It spent a lot of time trying to persuade the reader of what most know, that we live in a time of rapid change. Our understanding of economics is shifting with the rise of cryptocurrency, our understanding of positions of authority is shifting with the rise of influencers. Even standards for good behavior have shifted with the COVID pandemic. It was recently considered an active virtue to come into work sick, it showed dedication and a sense of responsibility. Now, many would say it is irresponsible and inconsiderate. Our world has rapidly been transformed.

How do you navigate times of great change?

Few people who are recorded in the Biblical story navigated as much change as Daniel. Imagine, that you are the cream of the nobility in Judah. You are of the people of Israel, God's chosen people. You are handsome without flaw, knowledgeable and bright. And like a flash, your nation is conquered, you are moved from your home and brought to a foreign land. You are given a foreign name, foreign food and taught to speak a foreign language. Rather than train how to lead the people of Judah, now you will be trained to serve the King of Babylon. And the shifts didn't stop there for Daniel... He serves Nebuchadnezzar and is favored. He served Belshezzar and was seemingly forgotten. He serves Darius and is elevated, then falls out of favor, then is immediately lifted up to prosperity. His life is a roller coaster.

And so, we ask what was Daniel's secret. What was it that enabled him to weather these storms. And three things jump out as particularly characteristic of Daniel.

1. **Consistently Glorifying God**- Daniel's life is truly a life of worship. When he interprets his first dream, he blesses and glorifies God (2:19-23). When he interprets the second dream, he consistently speaks of the Most High (4:24-25). When he interprets for Belshezzar, he points to "the God in whose power is your very breath, and to whom belong all your ways"(5:23).

And this life of worship takes the pressure off of Daniel's work. Because in Daniel's case, it isn't about accruing favor where he can. Instead, it is about seeing God's sovereign rule made visible.

2. **Disciplined in Prayer**- One of the most inspiring things about Daniel is his absolute commitment to prayer, both in difficult and in easy times. When Daniel's head is on the chopping block because no one can interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Daniel invites his friends to pray (2:18). When King Darius disallows prayer to anyone other than him, Daniel does "just as he had done previously". It seems like running 1/3 of an empire would have made it easy to forget to pray, but instead, it just made prayer more necessary.

3. **Covered by the Spirit** – God's guiding hand sings out in the book of Daniel.

- i. "God allowed Daniel to receive favor and compassion" (1:9)

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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>NET</b>
<u>For January 2023</u>	<u>For January 2023</u>	<u>For January 2023</u>
\$15,968.45	\$12,137.57	\$3,830.88
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## March Missions: Marcus Young - Inheritance Fire

### Pioneers Empowering the Rising Generation

We stand in the line of fire for children caught in areas of violence, human trafficking, and slavery. That means going to dark and hard places, rescuing children, and working with perpetrators of injustice. It also means supporting community members and developing them into leaders.

We bring education, provide mentorship, and teach prevention and life skills. We love our enemies with positive prayer, action-filled love, and spiritual blessing. We empower vulnerable communities to uplift cultures for a future where children are free to learn, play, and grow up to become leaders themselves.

### A Family Legacy

With roots going back four generations to the early 1890s, INfire is a Young family legacy we can all participate in. This legacy impacts how we build generationally with leaders, children and our long term perspectives for change. Starting in Burma, now modern day Myanmar, then working in northern Thailand, INfire built deep relationships, trained leaders, established churches, developed sustainability projects, managed a Bible translation, and promoted literacy.

From day one, our work existed with deep value for children. "At that time the disciples [Jesus' key leaders] came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them..." (Matthew 18:1-2)

In the mid 2000's, INfire began expanding its vision to rescue and reform, bringing children's programs from Myanmar and Thailand to into countries like Sri Lanka, Mexico, and Philippines. We have also incorporated more biblical justice



work, developing local leaders who can empower children, lift their cultures out of violence, and love their enemies.

### Protect and Empower Children

INfire represents a community of donors and justice innovators who are passionate about rescuing and empowering children around the world — children trapped in or at high risk of conflict, forced labor, and sexual slavery.

To create lasting change, rescue and prevention must be far-reaching and holistic. We do this by building relationships with communities, local government, insurgent commanders and cartel leaders to gain access to the child combatants in their armies or armed groups. We are often able to negotiate for their release into our educational systems and mentoring programs.

We also train indigenous leaders to identify vulnerable children within their communities and capacitate these leaders to develop economic and social programs that prevent children from becoming victims of injustice in the first place. Our leaders are often the courageous frontline of the church in hard places.

Education is an essential component to prevent children from entering conflict. If a child has received education, they are less likely to be recruited into insurgent armies. If they discover belonging in a soccer team, they are less inclined to need a gang and more likely to go to school.

To get involved with a specific type of work or to support INfire in a specific region visit <https://in-fire.org/your-role/volunteer/>. To donate to the ministry, visit <https://in-fire.org/> and click on the "Donate" button.



# April 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> <i>Seek God</i> 1:00-2:30 pm: Youth Ministry at Ridge Cliff Apts
Palm Sunday <b>2</b> 10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church 12:30: Fill Easter Eggs	<b>3</b> 10 am-12 pm: CEF	<b>4</b> 4:40-5:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	<b>5</b> 1:00 pm: PrayTukwila 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Bible Study	Passover <b>6</b> 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults Bible Study	Good Friday <b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00 pm The Great Tukwila Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday <b>9</b> 10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:40-5:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	<b>12</b> 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: Session	<b>13</b> 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/Women's Bible Studies	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4:40-5:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	<b>19</b> 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: Deacons	<b>20</b> 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>29</b> 10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church						





CE IT, 5:30 pm:

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Worship IT, 7:00 pm:

Wednesday, March 29 & April 26, 2023

Missions Impact Team: TBD

**Thursdays!** 7:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: Young Adults

**CONNECTED**

7:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Women's Study

7:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Men's Bible Study



**FTPC Youth**

6:00 pm: Dinner

6:30 pm: Youth Group/  
Young Adult Bible Study

JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

**THE GREAT TUKWILA  
EASTER EGG HUNT**

Foster-Tukwila  
Presbyterian  
14401 56th Ave S  
Tukwila, WA

Saturday  
April 8, 2023  
12:00 pm

Morning Prayer  
Thursdays  
10 am



**Elders:**

Retreat: 12:30, Sun, March 19, 2023;  
6:30 pm Wednesday, April 12, 2023

**Deacons:**

Retreat: 12:30, Sun, March 12, 2023;  
6:30 pm Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Wom -

Wednesdays,  
1:30-3:30 pm  
Via Zoom.

**PrayTukwila**

March 1 and  
April 5, 2023

1 pm Southcenter  
Community Baptist

SPRING FORWARD

March 12, 2023





## Day of Prayer for Burma - Sunday, March 12, 2023

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- ii. The Lord gave Daniel “wisdom and power” (2:23)
- iii. He was known as one who “is endowed with a “holy, divine spirit” (4:8),
- iv. Daniel was distinguished among all of the Kingdom’s rulers “because an excellent spirit was in him” (6:3)

The beautiful thing about considering how Daniel got through the turmoil that surrounded him, is it replicable. Daniel’s life was one of worship, but we too are invited to do “everything to the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31). Daniel was disciplined in

prayer, consistently seeking the Lord, but we too are asked to “Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication” (Eph. 6:18). And as much as Daniel operated in the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are given the Holy Spirit who guides us into all the truth (John 16:13).

Yes, we live in a time of great change. And for all I know, that change will only accelerate in the coming decade. But, if we abide in Christ as we have been taught, we have the tools to thrive in the midst of this change.

Bless you,  
Aaron McGruder

*Pastor Aaron*





# April Missions: Papilio

One of the new missions that FTFC has begun supporting in 2023 is Papilio, a non-profit organization committed to fighting sex trafficking in Spain. The Papilio leadership team partners with local relief agencies such as the Red Cross as well as other NGOs and both the local and national Spanish Government to provide a unique presence on the frontlines through direct contact with women of all ages who through deception have become trafficking victims.

Papilio exists to bring comfort, humanitarian need, and love to the women on the streets with the hope of providing a means of rescue whenever possible. Team members head out to the streets, rain or shine, late in the evening to regularly build relationships with the women and even the club and brothel owners. On any given night they will interact with dozens of women working in the sex industry, providing offers of clothing, hot chocolate, and hygiene packs. They also bring hugs, comforting words and share resources that most are not aware of or have been scared to accept.

In addition to their frontline work on the streets, Papilio partners with local municipalities to provide anti-trafficking education in local high schools and to promote awareness in the communities. Since 2015 Papilio has rescued over 55 women and children, leading them to safe houses where they can experience healing, restoration, and training for their futures.

Those who serve with Papilio realize that the sex-trafficking issue is much greater than they have the ability to change however their hope and motivation comes in knowing they can and have made a difference in the lives of young women, one at a time.

Papilio means butterfly in Latin, and the name was chosen by the founders as a reminder that all people should have such freedom as the flight of a butterfly and that each young woman has such beautiful potential.

Volunteers with American Friendship Foundation provide their support for the work of Papilio through their fundraising and awareness efforts in the greater Seattle area. Funding is needed to acquire supplies to share with the women to continue making the evening street visits

possible, to facilitate rescues when the opportunity occurs, and to support women in aftercare programs.

Taste of Freedom is an annual gathering that brings together supporters and those interested in learning more about the work of Papilio for an evening of celebration and awareness. Ride for Freedom brings together cyclists who choose to “Pedal for Papilio” by raising funds

from friends and family to sponsor their efforts to partner with Papilio and bring awareness during their self-funded cycling tour in Southern Spain.

To learn more about these opportunities to support Papilio, visit <https://www.papilioua.org/>







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# CELEBRATE EASTER



10:30 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

