

PASTOR:
Aaron McGruder

WORSHIP COORDINATOR:
Micah Linscott

YOUTH DIRECTOR
Hallie Michael

**OFFICE MANAGER &
NEWSLETTER EDITOR**
Jenny McCoy

CUSTODIAN:
Adriana Cribb



January-February 2023

Volume XXIII, Number I



Bless you FTPC!

In Jeremiah 18, the Lord tells Jeremiah to go to the Potter's house so that the Lord might continue to speak to him. When Jeremiah arrives, he finds a potter working at the wheel. And apparently, the Potter was shaping and sculpting a vessel, like a bowl, something intended for a particular use. As Jeremiah watches, the shape of the vessel becomes corrupted, it no longer matches the vision that the Potter has in his head.

In this moment, the potter makes a subjective decision, and reworks the vessel. This likely results in the vessel that was being formed being turned back into a lump of clay, and then raised once again. It is a "back to basics" moment, where the clay has all of its seeming progress undone.

The Lord's point in this visual parable is that Israel is like the clay. God, like a potter, has an intention for his people. But if they become misshapen, if they no longer actively fulfill the design that God has for it, it is well within God's rights to smash Israel down in order to reshape it.

Later, when the Apostle Paul reflects on this same situation, he uses it to explain why the Lord can righteously and justly have mercy on some and not on others (Romans 9:20-21). In virtually every circumstance, the image of the Potter is one that highlights God's ability and right to independently decide how he will treat his creation.

It is a huge thing to acknowledge to the Lord that He is the Potter and we are the clay. It is a statement that if God wants to take away all that I think I have and all that I think I am, He is within his rights as a just God. It also acknowledges that God can fashion me for the use that He chooses, rather than the use that I choose.

As we enter 2023, I invite you to consider what it means to be formed by God. "And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18)". As long as you live on this Earth, you are being shaped and prodded, and moved. You are being formed into something. And if we belong to Jesus, we are being pressed into his shape. The image in the mind of the Potter for what is to come of us, is that the church might be the Body of Jesus. That we might act like, minister like, worship like we were Jesus. And that might involve some smashing of the clay, but we rejoice that it eventually leads to the Lord's glory.

"Take me and mold me, use me, fill me

I give my life to the Potter's hand

Call me, You guide me, lead me, walk beside me

I give my life to the Potter's hand"

Pastor Aaron

- *The Potter's Hand* by Hillsong

Inside this Issue

Pastor's Pen	1
FTPC Financials	2
January Missions:	2
January Calendar	3
February Calendar	4
FTPC Bulletin Board	5
February Missions	6
Seek God for the City	7
Annual Meeting	8

Foster Tukwila Presbyterian Financials

“Send your resources out over the seas; eventually you will reap a return.”

Ecclesiastes 11:1 CJB



Income	Expenses	Net
<u>November 2022</u> \$14,310.83	<u>November 2023</u> \$16,453.16	<u>November 2023</u> \$-2,142.33
<u>Year to Date</u> \$164,113.88	<u>Year to Date</u> \$170,334.04	<u>Year to Date</u> \$-6,220.16

January Missions: 2023 Wendy Finsett, South Africa

We had a lovely end-of-year function for Ethembeni! We were thanking the Lord for all His faithfulness through this year!

We celebrated Thanksgiving with our cell group. It was wonderful being together and looking back on the year and seeing how the Lord answered prayers throughout the year. My Mom and our good friend Esme joined us this year too. Along with our cell group, these two ladies have been such a great support to both Nikolai and me this year!

Another friend was helping me for a few Fridays this term to do the sewing class on the Ethembeni Fun Fridays, so I got to teach the cooking class. It was rather fun! The students started compiling recipe books. (I started one when I was a teenager and I have had a number of them through the years. A place to collect all my favourite recipes!) We will see if I continue to teach the cooking class next year! It is all about being flexible!



I must say, it is a very different use of my brain, and way of thinking. I have realised how the Lord has given me the skills for it, though, with Covenant Players and working as a Care Giver for years as well. We have had some wonderful times, during our training sessions talking about the Lord and doing some prayer ministry, so I am excited about how the Lord is going to work through this new window/ministry opportunity. It has been amazing to see the Lord use a skills building course bring people to Him! Don't you love how the Lord works!

Nikolai and I have retired our well loved and 'used by the Lord' Subaru and now have a Ford Kuga. We are both enjoying it and getting used to it at the same time. It has space and a good reputation as a safe car too. Thanks for your prayers!

Praise:

- For Doug's life!
- Thank you Lord Jesus for being so evident at every turn during this year!
- Holidays and time with my brother and his family for Christmas
- Nikolai finished grade 10!

Prayer requests:

- Nikolai and my communication with each other
- The politics in South Africa
- The folks in Ukraine

Thank you so much for your love and prayers in particular this year!!!! We have felt that love and those prayers tangibly! We would love to hear from you so we can know how to be praying for you! May 2023 be filled with Jesus moments for you!

Wendy & Nik



I have been asking the Lord, "what next" and He has brought me to a place where I am helping train a Caregivers course. I started about a month ago. It runs for two weeks at a time, (four days a week) from 8:00 am - noon. It fits my schedule so well! I can still be around for Nikolai in the afternoon and help Ethembeni with donation pick-up on Wednesday and the sewing and cooking class on Friday afternoons. It is operated by a local NGO, called Love Howick. The dream Centre is an umbrella under that which particularly focuses on giving people skills for employment. I have been co-facilitating as I learn the ropes.

In January that will be different as the other facility, that opened in Mpophomeni, will be running full time and the lady I co-facilitate with will be busy running another course.

January 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30 am: Worship/Jr Church COMMUNION	2 10 am-12 pm: CEF	3 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	4 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 7:00 pm: Making Disciples	5 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults	6 1-2:30 pm: Youth Outreach at Ridge Cliff Apartments	7
8 10:30 am: Worship/Jr Church	9	9 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	11 1:00 pm: PrayTukwila 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 6:30 pm: Session	12 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/Women's Bible Studies	13	14
15 10:30 am: Worship/Jr Church	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S BDAY OBSERVED	17 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	18 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 6:30 pm: Deacons	19 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults	20	21
22 10:30 am: Worship/Jr Church SOHLS ANNUAL MEETING	23	24 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	25 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 7:00 pm: Worship IT	26 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/Women's Bible Studies	27	28
29 10:30 am: Worship/Jr Church	30	31 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study				

**Youth Retreat @ Tall Timbers:
Friday January 13 - Sunday, January 15, 2023**

February 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1 pm: PrayTukwila 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 6 pm: CE IT 7 pm: MDIT	2 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults	3	4 1-2:30 pm: Youth Outreach at Ridge Cliff Apartments
2023 ECO NATIONAL GATHERING - NEWPORT BEACH, CA: DWELL						
5 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION	6 10 am-12 pm: CEF	7 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	8 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 6:30 pm: Session	9 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/ Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 10:30 am: Worship	13	14 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	15 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 6:30 pm: Deacons	16 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults	17	18
19 10:30 am: Worship	20 PRESIDENTS' DAY	21 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	22 1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Study 7:00 pm: Worship IT	23 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/ Women's Bible Study	24	25
26 10:30 am: Worship	27	28 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study				



ETPC Bulletin Board




Tuesdays
4:30-5:30 pm
on
Google Meet

THE BIBLE RECAP
A ONE-YEAR GUIDE
TO READING AND UNDERSTANDING
THE ENTIRE BIBLE

THE BIBLE RECAP
BY D. GROUP

WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE
Old + New Testaments

Contact Sandee:
sdlium@hotmail.com
206.669.1157



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

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Morning Prayer

Thursdays
10 am



2023 ECO National Gathering
January 30 - February 1, 2023

Dwell
econationalgathering.org

Ephesians 3:16-18
St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Newport Beach, CA



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

IMPACT TEAMS

SANCTITY OF
HUMAN LIFE

SUNDAY
JANUARY 22, 2023

Elders:
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Deacons:
3rd Wednesday, 6:30 pm

1st Wednesday:

- CE IT, 6:00 pm (bimonthly)
- MDIT, 7:00 pm

Last Wednesday: Worship IT, 7:00 pm

WINTER RETREAT



The Lord's Table
1st Sunday
of the Month



Wed, January 11 &
February 1, 2022

PrayTukwila
Venue TBA





February Missions: Dick & Donna Andrews, OMF Ministry Coaches

Dear friends,

Sometimes we chuckle as we see how our Lord has a sense of humor. It's a joy being part of our church (one block from our home). As students in our Sunday discipleship class, we're studying *Romans and The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World!* by John Mark Comer, who writes with wit and cultural understanding.

If we were tempted to join over-scheduled or frantically rushed holidays, the first two snowfalls of December following our "first-in-2-years common colds, with fever." (Not COVID; not flu!) This health pause and then the beautiful icy streets kept us indoors with time to read, rest and practice *eliminating hurry*.

Dick polished a final December message from the Gospel of John for a Chinese church in Bellevue where he works in tandem with a gifted Mandarin translator. As in many Chinese churches, which are part of the historic "Chinese Diaspora", many attendees are here on work visas, some settled citizens. Each time Dick preaches there he meets visitors from Asia, come to see family or explore universities. This Sunday could be God's divine encounter, an opportunity to hear the clear Gospel of Jesus in a bilingual church.

It is a privilege to encourage our friends Pastor Johnny and SunKoo, (on right below), as they work with local Chinese through the MCCH team (Mentoring for Christ Centered Homes). Glad to move on from Zoom connections, we joined a December planning meeting as part of their advisory board.



It's a great joy to continue mentoring and growing in discipleship with young couples we know through the

Chinese Church network. In January we resume discussions based on the books *Power of a Praying Parent* by Stormie Omartian and *Whisper: Hearing the Voice of God* by Mark Batterson.

Family joys: We're blest by adult children who are walking with the Lord, active in their own churches, and being loving parents to their teen and preteen children. Nate and Heather, living in north Seattle, welcome us into the lives and sports events for their homeschooled sons. We shared November birthdays and Thanksgiving with them (and a dozen of their friends' families). Simple Christmas dinner at our Tukwila home this year!!



Hooray! We snagged frugal air tickets for a January visit to Joel in Southern California to hang out with both high school kids and cheer some freshman and JV basketball action. For additional photos and grandparents' bragging about our gifted and growing younger generation, go to Donna J. Andrews page on Facebook.

To you our FTPC family we send hearty gratitude for your loyal partnership in ministry, prayer, and financial gifts to OMF International which help us continue as "part-time, retired and volunteering" members of the mission. We draw Social Security and extra ministry expenses come from gifts to our "work account". We are well supplied. May you also enjoy the Lord's comfort and abundant goodness in the New Year.

Be blessed!

Dick and Donna Andrews





Seek God for the City - February 22 to April 2, 2023

Once again this year we encourage you to use this excellent prayer guide to lift up our city during the 40 Days of Lent. Please join us in seeking God for Tukwila. Prayer guides can be purchased at waymakers.org or you can download them at your iPhone or Android app store.

Grow your hope in God's great promises Seek God for the City 2023

Daily Topic of Hope:

Each day helps you focus on a single topic of hope arising from scripture.

Promise from the Prophets:

An Old Testament passage, with a freshly-worded prayer, helping you pray with passion and purpose.

Ways to Pray for Everyone:

Day by day, focus on the different groups of people which comprise any community, such as orphans, police, pastors, gangs, military, university students, business people, the homeless, elderly people and many more. Practical menus and pertinent scriptures help you pray with insight.

Prayerwalking Ideas:

A practical idea for the many different needs, places and people of your community. A simple way to take steps toward a prayed-for city.

SEEK GOD
...for every people group to hear the gospel

Day 23
THURSDAY
MARCH 24

*Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Proclaim good tidings
of His salvation from day to day.
Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds
among all the peoples...
And let them say among the nations,
"The LORD reigns."
- 1 Chronicles 16:23-24*

May the word of Your coming kingdom be announced with such winsome clarity that all the peoples of the earth will hear of Your salvation. You have brought people from distant nations to the cities of our land, but many still are far from You. Send Your word out like a song, so that the sweet reality of Your love seeps into the souls of those who hear. May Your love be told as an epic story so that people are amazed by the beauty of Your reign among all nations. Let Your story be told again and again, until every people on earth and every group of our city has heard the hope Your glory.

*"Return to your house and describe
what great things God has done for you."
So he went away,
proclaiming throughout the whole city
what great things
Jesus had done for him.
- Luke 8:39*

One man told his family all about the great things You had done for him. Then the news spread beyond his household so that the whole city heard. Do the same thing yet again in our city. May one person relay the gospel to another, and then throughout their households. Make Your word resound through neighborhoods and networks of friends. Fill our entire community with fresh tellings of the gospel. And from our city, send the message to many peoples and places across the face of the earth. *Pray:*

- For miracles great and small to be celebrated among friends and families.
- For the glory and greatness of the gospel to be conveyed in heart-stirring music.
- That gospel movements would surge throughout whole cities.

Seek God on behalf of **Health Care Workers**

That God will equip health care workers of every kind to serve others with loving hearts; that God will bless them with perseverance and joy; that the pressure of their professions will not crush their families and friendships; that many will follow Christ.

PRAYERWALK: Pray on or near the grounds of a hospital or clinic.

*Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble. The LORD will protect him and preserve his life; He will bless him in the land.
- Psalm 41:1-2 (NIV)*

Seek God on behalf of **Africa**
Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Réunion

27

Weekly Themes of Hope:

Each day's promise builds toward a weekly theme. It's all about seeking God.

- LIFE** to revive the church
- LIGHT** to awaken the lost
- GLORY** evangelizing all peoples
- RIGHTEOUSNESS** in our communities
- PEACE** among all peoples
- VISITATION** of Christ the King

Hope in Christ:

A word and a prayer from the Gospels lifts your vision to Christ's life transforming your community. Newly-selected passages and prayers in this edition.

Pray for the World:

Another continent each week. Each day lists a few countries. At the end of forty days, you'll have mentioned every country.

FORTY DAYS TO PALM SUNDAY February 22 to April 2, 2023



Easter-Tukwila Presbyterian
PO Box 88576
Tukwila, WA 98138

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Seattle, WA
PERMIT NO. 821



Web: www.ftpc.org
206-243-4455

"To Know Christ & to Make Him Known"

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

