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"You are nuts...!" That was my brother's response to my decision to temporarily un-retire long enough to serve as FTPC's transitional pastor. He reminded me that I am supposed to be retired. In fairness, I had hinted that he, too, might be nuts for taking on the major remodel of his daughter's kitchen and bathroom, using his young granddaughters as demolition "helpers." His response was to tell me that in spite of the hard work, it was fun.

His decision is certainly not the kind of retirement project I would take on; indeed, no daughter in her right mind would let me get anywhere near a project like that. And just as surely, if he were to make my un-retirement decision, it would likely bring no joy to him or anyone else. We are different people with different gifts who find fulfillment and fun in differing activities. And quite honestly, I'm expecting this interim adventure to be fun.

There will, of course, be some ways in which things are a bit different. It has been said that the only things that don't change are either dead or God, and clearly we are neither. In spite of that reality, not many people are in love with the idea of change; even good change can be uncomfortable. But clarifying expectations can help.

Session has defined the transitional pastor role as a two-thirds time position, and I think that's a good thing. It allows me to retain some involvement in other ministries while serving FTPC. It means that there will be occasional Sundays when you don't see me. (It also means that there is a bit of me that hasn't quite given up the idea of being retired.) And it almost certainly means that our elders and office manager will be covering some additional administrative details of FTPC's ministry. I expect to focus the bulk of my time in three areas: preparing and preaching the Word most Sundays, working with leaders, and pastoring the people who are a part of this wonderful congregation.

As we all get acquainted with this new relationship, communication will be key. I don't expect to be spending much time in the church office, but I can usually be reached most easily by email (clanbrewer@gmail.com) or with a phone call or voice mail to our home (206-430-5323). Valerie and I welcome you to stop by for a cup of coffee or tea when you can. (It's wisest to call first to make sure we're home.)

We are embarking on a journey together that involves both some letting go of what was and some taking hold of what will be. Both the letting go and the taking hold can challenge our comfort zones. However, in the midst of that challenge, what doesn't change is the One we serve together, the Lord whose love will last and whose leadership can be trusted. Following Him is never a disappointment. FTPC remains His church, and so I'm thanking God for this interim privilege of being your pastor.

In Christ's service,

Foster-Tukwila Focus

Income

For May 2017

\$13,897.09

Thru May 2017

\$74,478.78

Expenses

For May 2017

\$15,628.88

Thru May 2017

\$84,999.72

Invest In Eternity



*"Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out."
Luke 12:33*

the Kingdom of God

July Missions: Youth of FTPC - GALACTIC STARVEYORS

"Hal-le-lu-jah! ♪♪ I am made by You and I know who I am because of who You are ♪..."

Oh! Hi, there! I was just singing one of our VBS songs! 'Cause you know, Summer's here! Which means.. Vacation Bible School!!

With only a few weeks left 'till VBS, our FTPC Youth Group has been prepping hard for VBS in the parks. The VBS theme this year is on Colossians 1:15-16, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him." As Galactic Starveyors, we will discover the God of the universe, this summer, by searching the visible and discovering the invisible!



2016 "Submerged" VBS in the Joseph Foster Park

This year, the VBS team is made of 11 high school students, and 6 adult leaders. From Pre-K, to Junior High classes, crafts, music, and rec, our students will be pairing up and leading the kids from the community to learn more about God in creative and fun ways! Beginning July 17 - July 21, VBS will be held at Foster Park in Tukwila from 6:30 pm. Then the team will head up to Mattawa in eastern Washington on August 5th, and lead VBS at Hund Park for the Mattawa community, August 7 - Aug 11.

We are always very thankful for the support the entire FTPC congregation gives to Vacation Bible School for the community. From collecting and bringing in needed craft supplies, inviting neighbors and friends to VBS, giving your evening to greeting parents and helping with check-in, to bringing in cookies for the kids to snack on during VBS it is

your prayers, time, and cookies that make our VBS happen. As 1 Corinthians 12:12 says, "...the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." VBS vividly testifies the working of the body each year, as the many members of FTPC, and the church community in Mattawa contribute their part to make VBS happen and glorify God's name. So, we thank you, for being an awesome member of the body! Thank you for your prayers for our youth group, and now in particular for the VBS team and Tukwila community!

We are excited for VBS, and very grateful to God that he uses us to share about his Son—in such fun and exciting ways! We love the blessings God pours out on us each day of VBS through the smiling faces of the kids having fun and learning about God—and look forward to those blessings

because we know he will bless us this summer, too! Yes, we choose to spend our summer and vacation days to serve at VBS, and I can tell you, God is very gracious and loving, and fills us up very abundantly. Thank you, God!

Start counting down because VBS week is coming up soon! Please take this great opportunity to invite your family, friends, or neighbors who do not yet know Jesus! Come join us July 17—21 for VBS at Foster Park! We look forward to meeting and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with many more new smiling faces this year at VBS.

With excitement and hope to God's name being glorified this summer,

SO WON AND THE VBS TEAM

July 2017 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 3:30: MACC Worship	3 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	4 THE LORD'S WATCH INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 6:30 pm: Session	6 6:30 pm: Grief Group	7 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	8 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
9 9:30 am: Worship 3:30: MACC Worship	10 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	11 6:00 pm: Sr Hi	12 6:30 pm: Session	13	14 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	15 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
16 9:30 am: Worship 3:30: MACC Worship	17	18	19	20 6:30 pm: Grief Group	21	22 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
<i>GALACTIC STARVEYORS: 6:00-8:00 pm (Registration 5:30 pm)</i> Lee Phillips Field @ Joseph Foster Memorial Park						
23 9:30 am: Worship Annual Church Picnic 3:30: MACC Worship	24 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	25 6:00 pm: Sr Hi	26 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila @ Sizzler	27	28 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	29 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
30 9:30 am: Worship 3:30: MACC Worship	31 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822					

August 2017 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 THE LORD'S WATCH 6-8 pm: National Night Out Against Crime 6:00 pm: Sr Hi	2	3 6:30 pm: Grief Group	4 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	5 Mattawa Team leaves 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
6 9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION	7 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	8	9 MISSION MATTAWA	10	11 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	12 Mattawa Team returns 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
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Tuesday, August 1, 2017
6-8 pm Prayer Garden

NIGHT OUT
★ 2017 ★

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

All Church Campout

August
25-27, 2017

Wilderness NW, Brinnon, WA

PrayTukwila
Last Wednesday
July 26 & August 30
12:00 pm in Banquet Room

Tuesday, August 29, 2017
7:00 pm in the FTPC Library

**THE LORD'S
WATCH**

1st Tuesday
of the Month

Mattawa VBS Team Shares

Sunday
August 13, 2017

9:30 am
Worship Service

Church Picnic

Sunday,
July 23, 2017
Following Worship
Bring a dish to share

BBQ Meat,
Drinks,
and
Table
Settings
Provided
By

FTPC Deacons

August Missions: Steve Hall, IRM

I'm sending this update about my September, October and November trip to the Philippines to people who have been supporting my ministry through your prayers, finances and encouragement. What a joy it will be to return to the Philippines to speak about Christ (the theme of all my messages will be "Jesus Christ is Lord of all"), and the glorious hope we have in Him. I will be speaking to all the groups of leaders (and future leaders) about the wonders of Christ to awaken/fuel a fire in their hearts/minds of all Christ is, and hunger to live in His matchless greatness the rest of their lives. This email will be similar to one I sent some of you a month or so ago, but with some update. In that email I asked you to pray about three things:

(1) That the Holy Spirit would bring together all of the details involved in each event. The Lord is doing that, and I am especially grateful (and relieved) that He supplied Tom Adelsman to develop an Overall Schedule for me, and to help me think through the types of details that are necessary to nail down with the various Filipino leaders ahead of time. Now that I've firmed up most of the events, Tom will be following through with the Filipino leaders to make sure we plan the events as well as possible, as well as my ground travel, lodging and the handouts I'll take to each event.

Here are the events that are scheduled so far:

September 29 - October 2: A half-day seminar with pastors and other Christian workers in Antipolo. I may also speak again at the seminary in Marikina, and possibly a church on Sunday, Oct. 1.

October 3: An all-day conference in Marikina. The event hosts estimate there will be 100-130 pastors and Christian workers.

October 4 or 5: A half-day seminar hosted by the Bible League Philippines in the Quezon City area.

October 6 - 9: I will travel to the island of Masbate on Octo-

ber 6 for an all-day pastors and Christian workers conference on Saturday, Oct. 7. I will speak at one or two churches on October 8, and return to Manila on Oct. 9.

October 10 and 11: Two or three chapel times at the Baptist Bible College Asia in Pasig City. We're planning that all of the 1,500 students will attend at least one of the chapels. The College is also hosting a pastors' lunch on one of the days.

October 13: An all-day conference in Tiaong with a group of pastors from southern Luzon (the main Philippines island, where Manila is).

October 14: Possibly a half-day seminar in Muntinlupa. If that doesn't happen, I may speak to a group of Christians in that the National Prison there. I have done that the previous two times I've been in the Philippines.

October 15: The morning service of Jesus Our Hope Church in Muntinlupa.

October 16: An all-day seminar at the Second Mile ministry in Tagaytay. Their students and faculty will come, plus some pastors in their community. This is one of the few places I will speak through a translator.

October 17-20: I will be one of the speakers at the annual CGM Pastoral Care Conference. This will be the third time I've spoken there.

October 23-27: I will be doing something with the Compassion International Philippines staff (probably spending a couple days with them at a prayer mountain). Then, I will be facilitating a prayer summit for a couple days for some of the pastors who work with CI.

October 30 or 31: If the September 29 -October 2 timeframe doesn't work for the Antipolo pastors, then I will probably be serving them the end of October. Otherwise, I will probably speak at a half-day seminar with a large group of Christian and Missionary Alliance pastors in central Luzon.



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9 am - 3 pm, Saturday, August 19, 2017 in FTPC Prayer Garden
Proceeds to benefit Doug & Wendy Linscott car fund. Give donations to Amy Heier or Kim Linscott!

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November 1 - 10: I will travel to a number of Luzon jails with the president of Prisoners for Christ and a team of men he is bringing from the Seattle area. They haven't set the schedule yet, but I will do whatever they plan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THESE EVENTS -- FOR ME, FOR THE EVENT HOSTS, AND FOR ALL OF THE ATTENDEES -- MAY WE ALL SEE CHRIST IN A FRESH AND POWERFUL WAY, AND BECOME CONSUMED IN HIM AS LORD OF ALL!

(2) That the Lord would provide me with a male traveling companion (for at least the first three weeks of the trip) to be in communication with all the event leaders once we're in the Philippines, to make sure the handouts we'll be giving to the event participants are ready, to be in constant prayer during the events, to take some photos of the events, and to do anything else at the events that needs to be done. I am envisioning that the partner/companion/collaborer will travel with me the last week in September and stay through the 13th or 14th of October (about three weeks). He will return to Seattle by himself (since I will be staying through roughly November 10). To me, this is a very crucial and exciting role. So far, no one has come forth to fill the role. Would you please keep praying for God to raise up such a brother? I estimate he will need to raise about \$2,000 to \$3,000 for roundtrip airfare, lodging and meals.

(3) That the Lord would provide all the finances for my trip. As I mentioned in my earlier email, I estimated I would need about \$13,000. I have re-estimated that to \$12,000. Here is my breakdown: (1) my airfare, ground transportation, lodging and meals (\$4,000); (2) Printing of 4,000-5,000 copies of a significantly-shortened version of my original names of Christ book, plus several handouts for each of

the events (\$5,000); (3) Providing food, beverages, and facility rental for the six conferences/seminars I have bolded above (average cost of about \$400 apiece, or \$2,400 total); (4) \$600 for unexpected expenses. So far, I have received \$1,750. I really believe that we can make a significant difference in the lives of many Filipinos with this budget. Would you please pray for the budget as a whole, as well as whether the Lord would have you give something towards it? If He says to do so, would you please consider sending it in the near future, so I can be purchasing airfare, reserving a couple hotel rooms, printing the booklets, and so on? If you want a tax-deductible receipt, please either send a check to International Renewal Ministries (IRM) at 1400 NE 136th Ave., Suite 201, Vancouver, WA 98684, OR donate through the IRM website, <https://secure.gobluefire.com/go/form.php?rid=f6b1b93d4070&>, and note that it's for Steve's Philippines trip.

One other thought I've had about funding of the six conferences/seminars is that small groups or congregations here might want to "adopt" a specific group there, by giving \$400 to IRM, then regularly praying for that group (especially on the date of their gathering). I would love to be able to tell the Marikina pastors (as an example) that a small group or congregation, or pastors' group, from this church or city is covering the costs of their conference and is standing with them in prayer.

Thank you so much. If you have any questions about any of this outreach, please let me know.

CHRIST IS ALL,

Steve Hall

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6:00-8:00 pm
(Registration 5:30 pm)

July 17-21, 2017

For more information
Call 206-243-4455

A large version of the Galactic Starveyors logo. It features a red telescope with a blue lens, set against a dark blue background with stars and a galaxy. The text 'GALACTIC STARVEYORS' is written in a stylized, bubbly font. Below the telescope, it says 'DISCOVERING THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE'. At the bottom, 'COLOSSIANS 1:15-16' is written in a smaller font.