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Hello FTPC Family!

My name is Aaron McGruder and I am delighted to be your new pastor! I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me by the Pastoral Nominating Committee and by all of you. I have spent my life working towards this time and I am excited to see what God has in store for us. For the last few years, **Jeremiah 43:19** has held special meaning at Foster. We have sought to perceive the new thing that God is doing, and sought to be a part of it. Points of transition can be very fruitful, but require wisdom to navigate. I am acutely aware of this.

Solomon was called to inherit a flourishing kingdom, following after the example of his mighty father. Somehow, he was supposed to find a way to help this nation thrive and grow in the midst of numerous obstacles. And, at the prompting of God, he did the wisest thing he could have done, he prayed for help.

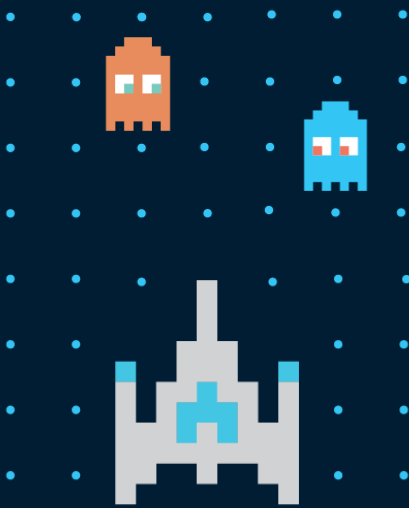
Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 3:7-9 is powerful. He begins in verse 7 saying "And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David". He acknowledges that God placed him in the position he is in. Every good thing in his life is through the blessing of God. Solomon moves to acknowledging his own vulnerability and weakness. He prays "I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in." Solomon acknowledges his comparative lack of wisdom. He freely admits that he is not equal to the task he has been assigned, not to shirk the upcoming assignment, but to place himself in a position of vulnerability. He acknowledges the greatness of the task before him, and finally makes his request. As he asks for an understanding mind, it is telling that he asks not for himself, but for the benefit of the people he has been given charge over.

Solomon provides a model for how to pray in the midst of anxiety. He acknowledges where he is and his lack of ability in the situation. He then reflects that back to the Lord, and trusts in God to make up for his own deficiencies. Solomon asks for guidance and wisdom, which is generously answered. In the same way, we are to constantly seek God's wisdom in prayer; He has promised to provide it (James 1:5).

As the church enters this new stage, a persistent question has been raised: What are we being called to? We are embarking on a new journey and God has a plan for us. We must never forget to wait on the Lord, to seek his guidance at every turn. In this time of transition (and indeed, in every season of life), pray with me that God will give us, as a congregation, wisdom and guidance. Praise God for his unfailing generosity toward his people. And listen and watch for his guidance.

Be blessed!

Pastor Aaron McGruder



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BEHOLD, I WILL
DO A NEW
THING,
NOW IT SHALL
SPRING FORTH.



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Income

For May 2019
\$9,798.36
Thru May 2019
\$64,243.94

Expenses

For May 2019
\$16,890.15
Thru May 2019
\$72,287.76

Invest In Eternity



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

the Kingdom of God

July Missions: Youth of FTPC – VBS

This year 13 FTPC youth and 5 adults will work together to share the love & power of Christ to the children of our local community through the VBS "Power Up: Raise Your Game". Mark your calendars for 6-8 pm, Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12, 2019. Registration begins at 5:30 pm each evening.

Power Up is retro, video game fun for everyone. Themed around some of the fun, 8-bit video games of the 1980s, kids get to dig deep into Bible content that shows them that they can know God. Furthermore, they can know Him through his Word and through His Spirit.

The theme verse is 2 Peter 1:3 "God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life."

Each day, Power UP will explore Bible stories that illustrate God's love, power, and desire for relationship with them.

- First, Day 1 starts with God's call to Abram and the bottom line that God wants us to know Him.
- On Day 2, kids meet King Josiah and discover that we can know God through His Word.
- We focus in on Jesus' baptism on Day 3 as

we learn that God sent Jesus to save us. Next,

- Day 4 brings us face-to-face with the disciples at Pentecost to learn that God sent His Spirit to help us.
- Finally, on Day 5, kids discover the fruit of the Spirit and how the Spirit can empower them to help others know God too!

The FTPC youth will be taking Power Up on the road to Mattawa, WA, July 22-26, 2019. This outreach in cooperation with local Mattawa churches has been going on for over 20 years. Join us at FTPC to give the a good send off with our prayers on Saturday morning, July 20. Time TBA on Sunday July 14 during worship.

People are needed to lift up the team in prayer, volunteer for the registration and snack tables, donate stuffed animals for Mattawa, and to bring LOTS OF COOKIES.

These can be dropped off at the church kitchen on Sunday, July 7 as well as during the week of VBS. Contact So Won Kim, 253-394-3477 or Todd Hutchinson, 206-242-6744 to sign up.



Mattawa kids get stuffed animals and goody bags on last day of VBS



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 203-354-7610	2 THE LORD'S WATCH 6:00 pm: Sr Hi	3 7:00 pm: Impact Teams	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 5:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	6 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship 12:00 pm: Heier/Salo Wedding
7 9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION Pastor Malcolm's Last Sunday 3:30: MACC Worship	8	9	10	11 10:00 am: Prayer	12	13 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
POWER UP: Raise Your Game UBS – July 8–12, 6–8 pm @ FTPC						
14 9:30 am: Worship Pastor Aaron's First Sunday/ Annual Church Picnic 3:30: MACC Worship	15 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 203-354-7610	16 6:00 pm: Sr Hi	17 6:30 pm: Session	18 10:00 am: Prayer	19 5:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	20 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
21 9:30 am: Worship 12:00 pm: Edward McGruder Memorial Service 3:30: MACC Worship	22 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 203-354-7610	23	24	25 10:00 am: Prayer	26 5:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	27 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship 2:00 pm: Ellen Harding Memorial
POWER UP: Raise Your Game UBS – July 22–26 in Mattawa						
28 9:30 am: Worship/ Mattawa Team 3:30: MACC Worship	29 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 203-354-7610	30 6:00 pm: Sr Hi 7:00 pm: Deacons	31			



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				¹ 10:00 am: Prayer 6:30 pm: Grief Group	² 5:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	³ 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
⁴ 9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 3:30: MACC Worship	⁵ 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	⁶ THE LORD'S WATCH 6-8 pm: National Night Out Against Crime	⁷ 12:00 pm PrayTukwila @ Friendz Cafe	⁸ 10:00 am: Prayer	⁹ 5:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth	¹⁰ 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
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Tuesday, August 7, 2019
6-8 pm Prayer Garden



PrayTukwila

1st Wednesday
12 pm, August 7, 2019
Friendz Conference Room



Tuesday, July 30, 2019
7:00 pm in the FTPC Library



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PASTOR MALCOLM'S LAST SUNDAY

July 7, 2019
Worship: 9:30 am
Reception following

**PASTOR AARON'S
FIRST SUNDAY**
July 14, 2019
Worship: 9:30 am
Picnic following



August Missions: Steve Hall, IRM

Hi my friends in the Lord,

Many of you know that Pastor Phil Nelson and I were in the Philippines for much of the month of March this year, doing all-day conferences for pastors and church workers. The theme of the conferences was "Show Me Your Glory." That theme came from the conversation God and Moses had in Exodus 33, and is being fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Moses must have been very confident to lead the people of Israel to the promised land after Jehovah God said His presence would be with them all during their journey! And, that He would continually "show" Himself—His glory—to them, and to all the other nations around them!!

Believers today must understand that the same close relationship God had with Moses, and the same willingness God had to "show His glory" to His people then, are exactly what WE HAVE NOW—in Christ, through the Holy Spirit!

During the conferences, we worshiped the Lord together, spoke much about His greatness (glory), and prayed for the Spirit of Christ to be filling the attendees, their families and all their spheres of

influence with more and more of His glory.

Roughly 1700 pastors and other church workers attended the SMYG conferences. Phil and I prayed that the attendees would freshly "experience" Christ during the this time, and would take a renewed hope/passion in Him back to their families and congregations. We gave them some extensive conference Notes and other handouts to help that focus on Christ continue and grow.

I was privileged to be able to share a snippet of this conference at FTPC in May and then join in fellowship with you

all at the monthly potluck. Now, I'm also doing a re-cap of the conference (a little bit every few days) on a Facebook page called "Knowing More of Christ," [facebook.com/KnowingMoreOfChrist](https://www.facebook.com/KnowingMoreOfChrist). I invite you to join me in a renewed focus on the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

CHRIST IS ALL,

Steve Hall



*Leaders of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches.
They serve 32,000 Filipino churches.*



Five Great Reasons to Skip Reading Your Bible This Summer

1. You're on vacation!

Vacations are for doing fun stuff: road trips, hikes, BBQs, water fights, and yeah, reading. It's not that you don't like the Bible, it's just that after working hard all year, you deserve to relax with something a little, well, lighter...

2. You're out of routine

You had a good work-day Bible time routine going, but now summer's here and all the habits start to slip. The late nights and sleeping in start to stretch, neither of which is conducive to keeping your regular Bible time going.

3. The kids are under your feet all day

It was difficult enough trying to get time and space for Bible reading when the kids were at school all day. But now they're at home. Making noise. And mess. "Quiet" time? No chance.

4. No one will notice

Your small group has wound up for the summer, and you'll miss a couple of Sundays because you're on vacation. For once you can let a whole week pass by without opening the Bible, and no one's going to tell you to feel bad about it. Au revoir, guilt!

5. It's too hot

As God's word itself says, "Our skin has become as hot as an oven" (Lamentation 5 v 10). He doesn't expect you to focus in this heat.



Ok, so none of these are good reasons to stop reading your Bible over the summer. Yet who can honestly say they haven't ever used one of these excuses? Not spoken out loud perhaps, but in our own minds at least. And yes, some of them really do present a genuine challenge to our habit of regular Bible reading and prayer.

Who can honestly say they haven't ever used one of these excuses? But imagine if this summer were different...

Imagine a summer spent savoring the presence of your Savior.

A summer when you slow down and take time to ponder the truths of the gospel - even if it's just fifteen minutes snatched from the chaos.

A summer when, amongst all the fun and the family time, you keep lifting your eyes to thank the Giver of all good gifts.

A summer when you discover something new about the Lord.

A summer when you steal away to read God's word, delighting in the knowledge that no one else will know about it except the One who matters.

A summer of real spiritual growth. A summer when you arrive at the beginning of Fall spiritually refreshed...

So set your mind to make this summer different! Friends, opening up the Bible is a spiritual battle. But it's one worth fighting. Of course, you'll fail sometimes. And that's ok, because you're not saved on the basis of whether or not you read your Bible this morning. You're saved by the one who said, "Come to me, all your who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11 v 28). Don't you want to spend time in his presence?

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2019 Vacation Bible School

July 8-12, 6-8pm

PreK-8th

Music, Dancing

Games, Crafts +

Come learn about God! ■

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Registration begins at 5:30pm

