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Hello FTFC Family,

In the month of June, we put something on your radar, a discipleship class that is coming up, beginning Sunday, July 16th at 12:30 PM.

WHAT IS THE CLASS?

Each week, we will read a section of a book of the Bible or a section of a supplementary book. We have questions that we can come together and discuss, considering what was useful, life-giving, and true in what we read and exploring how these things are meant to change the way that we live in this present age.

WHAT ARE WE READING AND WHY?

Mark: Everything that we do, the foundation and center of our faith is based on the person of Jesus Christ. And due to this, one essential element of growing as a disciple of Jesus is to read what He has done and stay in communication with him. The Book of Mark is particularly concerned with giving the church what they need to know about Jesus in order to follow him, which is exactly our goal in reading for this class.

John: John is written in some ways as a necessary balance to the synoptic Gospels. While Mark does record Jesus making claims to divinity, the clearest claims that Jesus made were not present in Mark, and are instead preserved in John. Similarly, essential Christian doctrines are pointed to firmly in the Gospel of John, which is necessary for us to read as we explore what we believe and why we believe it.

Romans: A significant focus on this class is to both know what we believe and why we believe it so that we may hold onto the faith with a clear conscience. And perhaps no book is more designed to help the believer do this than the Book of Romans.

James: James is structured as a book of Wisdom, which is to say that it gives insight on how to take the things that Jesus taught and asks of us, and considers what that might actually look like in the life that you live. And this is necessary for a class, for our goal isn't merely to stuff your brain full of facts, but rather to have our lives increasingly conformed to look like the life of Jesus Christ.

In addition to Bible reading, I also thought about what discipleship generally looks like overall, and found three categories. We are invited to grow in theology (*Grow in Knowing Christ*), grow in Sanctification (*Grow in Looking Like Christ*),

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Income	Expenses	Net
<u>For May 2023</u>	<u>For May 2023</u>	<u>For May 2023</u>
\$15,733.17	\$16,920.86	(\$1,187.69)
<u>Thru May 2023</u>	<u>Thru May 2023</u>	<u>Thru May 2023</u>
\$79,069.39	\$74,981.92	\$4,087.47

July Missions: Youth of FTPC - VBS



Get ready for exciting wilderness thrills as you head out to beautiful SonRise National Park!

Kids will be awestruck by snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls, wildflower meadows bursting with color and amazing animals like soaring eagles, friendly huskies and herds of caribou.

As kids explore SonRise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope!

At SonRise National Park, kids will learn to trust Jesus as their all-powerful guide and Savior!

Once again, our High School youth will be teaching VBS this year, in Tukwila (**July 17-24**) at the Ridge Cliff Apartments. For more than three decades, VBS has been a wonderful opportunity to minister to children, as well as an awesome leadership training for our youth, and for the past few years, they have been taking it directly to where the kids live.



Prayer Points for VBS:

- That each team member would be empowered by the Holy Spirit as they minister to children.
- That team members would get adequate rest and eat well to keep up their energy.
- That a spirit of unity and cooperation would bind the team together
- For the safety & health of the VBS team as well as the children who attend.
- That the Lord would prepare the hearts of children to receive the gospel.
- That children would invite their friends and neighbors to come.



- That many would accept Christ and continue growing in Him.

How you can be involved:

If you wish to help through the donation of cookies or by volunteering at the snack table, **text Hallie Michael, 206-931-4921 or Barb Ivanov, 206-920-3385 by July 2, 2023**



July 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 am: Nepali Worship 1:00 pm: Youth ministry at Ridge Cliff Apts
2 10:30 am: Outdoor Worship/ Jr. Church 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Evangelical Church	3 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 1:00 pm: PrayTukwila @ Southcenter Community Baptist 5:30 pm: CE IT	6 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults Bible Study	7	8 10:00 am: Nepali Worship 9:00 am: Church Cleanup
9 10:30 am: Outdoor Worship/ Jr. Church 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Evangelical Church	10 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	11 4:30 pm: Bible Recap	12 6:30 pm: Session	13 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study	14	15 10:00 am: Nepali Worship
16 10:30 am: Outdoor Worship/ Jr. Church 12:30 pm: Discipleship 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Evangelical Church	17 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	18 4:30 pm: Bible Recap	19	20 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults Bible Study	21	22 10:00 am: Nepali Worship
SonRise National Park VBS - July 17-21, 2023 @ Ridgecliff Apartments						
23/30 10:30 am: Outdoor Worship/ Jr. Church 12:30 pm: Discipleship 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Evangelical Church	24/31 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	25 4:30 pm: Bible Recap	26 7:00 pm: Worship Impact Team	27 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study	28	29 10:00 am: Nepali Worship

August 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 10:00 am: Nepali Worship 1:00 pm: Youth ministry at Ridge Cliff Apts		1 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00-8:00 pm: National Night Out @ SCBC*	2 1:00 pm: PrayTukwila @ Southcenter Community Baptist Church	3 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults Bible Study	4	
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13 10:30 am: Worship/Jr. Church 12:30 pm: Deacons 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Evangelical Church	14 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	15 4:30 pm: Bible Recap	16	17 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults Bible Study	18	19 10:00 am: Nepali Worship
F'IPC Youth Retreat @ Tall Timbers, Leavenworth, WA						
20 10:30 am: Worship/Jr. Church 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Evangelical Church	21 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	22 4:30 pm: Bible Recap	23	24 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study	25	26 10:00 am: Nepali Worship
All Church Campout						
27 10:30 am: Worship/Jr. Church Annual Picnic 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Evangelical Church	28 6:00 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	29 4:30 pm: Bible Recap	30 7:00 pm: Worship Impact Team	31		
All Church Campout @ Wilderness NW						

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all church PICNIC

Sunday, August 13, 2023
following worship

*BBQ, drinks, and table settings
provided by the FTPC Deacons
Bring a dish to share*

All Church Campout

August
18-20, 2023

Wilderness NW, Brinnon, WA

PrayTukwila

1:00 pm,
1st Wednesdays

July 5, 2023
August 2, 2023

Contact Jenny McCoy

Thursdays, 10:00 am, FTPC Library

Outdoor Worship

10:30 am - Sundays in July

Thursday
morning
prayer

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Sunday August 13, 2023
12:30 pm in the church library

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and grow in Worship (*Grow in Glorifying God*). Each category had numerous books that might be able to address them, but I chose some of the texts that have been most influential in my own Spiritual Journey.

Theology: *Simply Christian* by N.T. Wright. N.T. Wright is deeply concerned that the church knows all of what it believes. It is an incredible opportunity in particular to discuss the Doctrine of the Trinity and to think about the Kingdom of God, both of which are vital as we seek to know Christ more and more.

Sanctification: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Most of the time, we know what it looks like for us to follow Jesus. But, at the same time, we also frequently get tripped up. There are so many pitfalls that pop up



for us and to avoid them, we need to know of them. There is perhaps no book that is more effective at doing this.

Worship: *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer. This book is essentially split into two parts. The first part is diagnosis: do you feel hurried? The second part invites you to consider what the changes that need to be made in our current world in order to better reflect the Lord of our lives.

I am excited for you to join us in our time together. And it really is better to do this in community, so please set aside the time to join!

Bless you,

Aaron McGruder

August Missions: Steve Hall, IRM

Hi my friends in Jesus,

Thank you very much to those of you who support me through your finances and prayers, as well as those who I partner with in various ministry focuses. I rejoice that we can be part of Christ's kingdom together, in what is a very chaotic/needy time in the world around us.

One special family event to share with you:

I don't normally share things about my close family with you, but I want to invite you to rejoice with us for our daughter's, Elizabeth (Betsy to us), wedding on Saturday June 3rd to Remy. We are very grateful that the Lord brought Remy into Betsy's life several years ago, and for all He has planned for them in the years to come. May the Lord bless and keep them, turn His face toward them and give them His marvelous peace.

Some current ministry focuses:

1. Ongoing prayer groups—I cherish regularly praying with several groups of men and women: (1) Myself and three local pastors began loving each other and praying together every month in the early 90's. Only the Lord knows ALL He has done through our prayers (2) In 2009

or 2010 I began praying Tuesday mornings with some Bellevue pastors. We have prayed for each other (and our families) through so much in the past 13 years; (3) For many years I have longed to see what happened in the Fulton Street Revival (1857-58 in NY City) happen in our region, so I invited people to pray each Wednesday during the noon hour for a revival of the Church (first of all). We're still waiting for the Holy Spirit to be poured out here, but we rejoice in the precious worship and intercession we've been having; (4) I grew up with a strong heritage of prayer and a large number of cousins. A couple years ago, I began a quarterly Zoom prayer time. What a joy it is to see some of these people from across the country who I've loved all my life and now bear some of each other's burdens.

2. Special prayer support for an American CHRIST Awakening. When I read an email from David Bryant in November of 2021 about a two-year (2022-2023) "American CHRIST Awakening" campaign he was planning to launch I thought there should be people across America uniting to worship Christ for all He is and interceding for that CHRIST Awakening to happen. So, I began organizing monthly Zoom prayer gatherings with that focus. Frankly, I envisioned that hundreds of leaders across America

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would join us. The attendance has been much lower, but our times of worshiping Jesus and praying for the Holy Spirit to saturate/consume the Church with the greatness/supremacy of Christ have been good. We are pausing the gatherings during the summer, and plan to renew them in September.

3. Growing in Christ through "CHRIST IS NOW" book--As I've said previously, I have greatly loved getting together through phone (initially) and Zoom (recently) with four other brothers almost every Wednesday morning the past nine years to discuss and pray through hundreds of bullet points about the greatness of Christ that David Bryant has written in His comprehensive "CHRIST IS NOW" book. I think we "Brothers Five" are truly experiencing the "iron sharpens iron" that Solomon wrote about in Proverbs 27. I would love to share about this journey with any small group you're involved with.

4. "Unsearchable Riches of Christ" devotionals--As many of you know, at the beginning of 2023 I began sending out a devotional every three days. Each of them includes a Scripture passage (alternating between the OT and the NT) which is ultimately fulfilled in Christ, and a prayer I've written that attempts to help readers worship Christ for what the passages say about Him and pray for themselves and others to experience the unsearchable, limitless, glorious riches of Christ which His followers have in Him. I absolutely love doing this! Please pray for the Spirit to help me convey at least "a foretaste of (Christ's) glory divine."

5. Serve on boards or committees--I have the privilege of serving on boards or committees of the four areas I'm most involved in ministry: (1) Prayer with pastors: International Renewal Ministries is the primary prayer ministry I've been involved with the past 30 years. We facilitate prayer summits for pastors and other Christian leaders (2) Supremacy of Christ: Proclaim Hope/ChristNow.com is the ministry and comprehensive Christ-focused website that David Bryant leads (3) Leading neighbors to Jesus: The neighborhood I live in in Bellevue, WA has about 280 homes. I've been planting seeds for Jesus the past 37 years. I think the Lord is ready to give me a "next step" soon (4) Building prayer in my home church--The "Prayer Commission" is earnestly praying for God to use us to build a "culture of prayer" within our congregation.

6. A citywide/regional Christian focus--Over the years, there have been a number of emphases in the greater Seattle area to bring the Church together and serve/impact the unsaved for Christ. I participated in a number of them (especially in prayer) for quite a few years, but haven't lately. But, today I talked to a guy (82 years old) who seems to be connecting the leaders of a number of churches and ministries in our area at a very grassroots and comprehensive level. I'm going to attend a meeting he's hosting about this next week. I suggested that what might unite all of us is "To live is Christ."



7. Pastors Roy and Paul in the Philippines - I have very regular communications with these dear brothers. I think they look at me as an older American brother. They do so much ministry with so little. As some of you know, Pastor Roy (who ministers in the very large Manila slum) has bone TB. I did a GoFundMe for his anticipated expenses for the next year, and the whole need was raised. Praise God! Pastor Paul's wife has been very ill in the hospital the past week with an intestinal infection, but is now home. I try to come alongside both brothers however I can.

Finances:

I appreciate so much those who give monthly or annually. I can always use additional resources, but I bow before the Provider for all He provides.

Checks (designated for me) can be sent to:

International Renewal Ministries
1400 NE 136th Ave, Suite #201
Vancouver, WA 98684.

Online donations can be made at:

<https://my.gobluefire.com/App/Form/5572261e-c815-47f9-8fa2-24dc5f39fcf3>. Then, choose "one time" or "recurring," click on "Fund" and choose "Donation to International Renewal Ministries," enter the amount, put my name in "Comments," and "Submit." Whew!

If there is ever anything I can pray for you about, please let me know.

CHRIST IS ALL,

Steve Hall

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*Please remember
the FTPC youth
and their leaders
in your prayers
this July*

Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 24, 2023

*This year the FTPC Youth will
once again minister to the kids
of the Ridgecliff Apartments.*