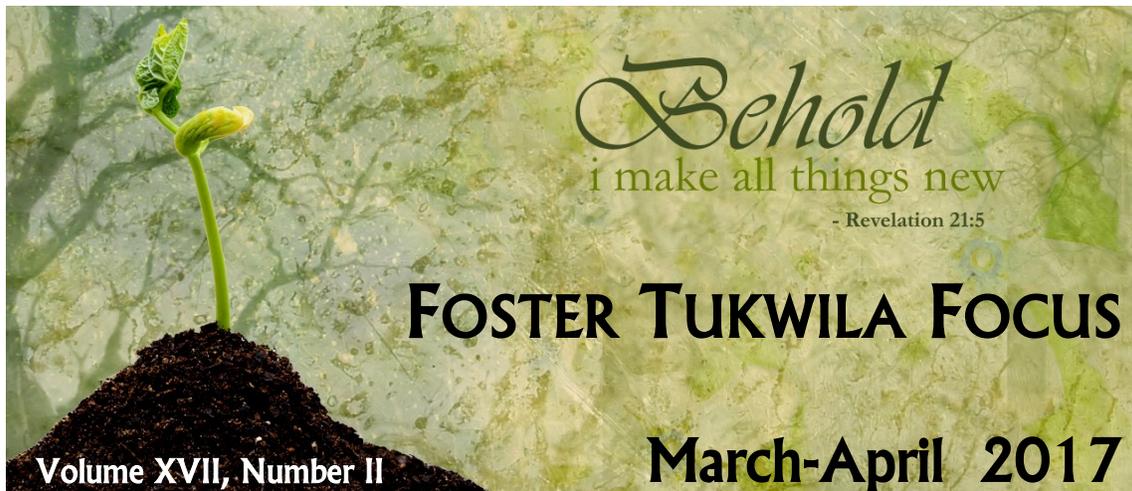


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Retire: put new wheels on a bicycle that has lost them. Well, maybe that is not what retire really means. But I am about to find out. After an extended time of prayer with Jeanette I announced to session on Feb. 15 and to the congregation in a letter a week later that my time as pastor at FTPC will come to an end this June. In one sense this is not a surprise. I turned 68 last October and for several years our leadership has begun making plans for a pastoral transition. But in another sense it is a surprise because until now I, and others, weren't focused on a certain date.

Some years ago, on our return from one of our Colorado family reunion trips, we were heading west on I-90 in Montana. Approaching the town of Manhattan (west of Bozeman), we decided to take that exit. Our purpose: to drive by Manhattan Presbyterian Church. Back in the summer of 1978 both Manhattan Presbyterian Church as well as FTPC extended invitations for me to be their pastor. After some agonizing prayer, Jeanette and I sensed God's leading us to Foster PC. Having exited from I-90 on that day we drove through the quiet city streets until we reached Manhattan PC and I found my mind going into "wondering" mode. I wondered – if I had taken their invitation to be pastor would my pastorate have been as long? Would I have become involved with PRMI if at Manhattan? Would my hay-fever have been triggered during mowing and harvest season? And so forth.... I will never know these answers. But what I do know is this: I have not looked back with regret that I said "yes" to FTPC's invitation. Rather, I look back with thankfulness. The years here at FTFC, by God's grace, have been incredibly wonderful for myself and the family. We have been loved and prayed for and in return we have loved the folks at FTFC and have prayed for them – and will continue to do so.

As I said in my letter to the congregation we are excited about the future of FTFC and its continuing pivotal place in advancing God's kingdom locally and around the world. Leaving this ministry will not be easy for us – or for many of the FTFC'ers. Still, the Head of the Church is Jesus Christ and by His grace we all move into the next season. He goes before us. So, in the words of Paul in **I Corinthians 15:58**, "Therefore....stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

In the service of our Lord Jesus Christ,



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INCOME		EXPENSES	
<u>For January 2017</u>		<u>For January 2017</u>	
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March Missions: Marcus Young, Divine Inheritance

We exist as a multigenerational mission whose lives are devoted to reaching those in need with the love of Christ. Our work spans 4 generations with a 125 year presence throughout SE Asia and has covered bible translation and literacy work, community development and sustainability, church planting and leadership training, orphans and the rescue of child soldiers from rebel armies. Our heart is to develop the leaders of tomorrow by equipping children at high risk with skills and a moral backbone so they can be children who grow in influence like Daniel and Esther to walk in their God given destiny and to impact their own people for good. In short: we are nurturing nation changers.

Our mandate has been to go to the dark and hard places and open up a space for others. We are trailblazers in the modern mission movement. We believe that justice is a highlighted facet of God's character in the world right now and there is a generation that wants to see God's kingdom in action, and if they do, they will give everything to join the ranks.

As we see many hard things in our world today, earthquakes, tsunamis, super typhoons and nations destabilizing into sects and tribal wars, we believe that there is a kingdom whose rule is of peace and whose justice is motivated by the extreme value of human life. We are here to do our small but important part to demonstrate that amazing kingdom, often called the good news. Our cry is for His Kingdom, His Kingdom to come.

Some of our keynote work has been with child soldiers and children in armed conflict. Our purpose is to call forth their true identity in Christ, not to condemn those who do wrong to these children but to show them their amazing purpose in justice and goodness. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order

that the world might be saved through Him, John 3:17.

Our primary initiatives include church planting, bible translation, leadership training, sustainable agriculture and micro enterprises. Each of these is focused on advocating for the "least of these." Children, especially children at risk, are insignificant to most of the world because they lack power. But that makes them a powerful place for God to work as His power is more evident in weak places. Most of our work is with child soldiers because these children come from some of the worst situations on earth.

Our active work includes 5 operating children's homes and 2 schools representing over 200 children in the Upper Mekong Basin, sometimes known as the Golden Triangle. Our local partners actively plant churches and do evangelistic work in some of the most difficult parts of Southeast Asia. Our service to children in these areas opens up a space for the church to engage in tangible ways. Please consider joining our mission by supporting one of the following projects!

SUPPORT A STUDENT

We have hand-picked young ethnic students from our rescue programs in Myanmar that need your help to study in the Philippines. The costs of this includes airfare, legalities like visas, tuition, and room and board at \$550 a month. These young adults will be trained as top notch teachers, doctors, and business administrators and will return to jobs in their own region once their degrees are complete. We also offer sponsorships for our local high school graduates to attend university or trade school in Myanmar. Their costs are about \$150 monthly or \$1,800 annually. Please consider helping us create permanent,

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>† † †</p> <p><i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 5 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION/ CLEANSING PRAYER 3:30 pm: MACC</p>	<p>6 10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822</p>	<p>7 THE LORD'S WATCH 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth</p>	<p><i>Ash Wednesday</i> 1 7:00 am: Prayer SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY BEGINS</p>	<p>2 6:30 pm: Grief Group</p>	<p>3 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth</p>	<p>4 Session Retreat: 8:30-4:00 pm 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship</p>
<p><i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 12 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship GDOP FOR BURMA 3:30 pm: MACC <i>Daylight Saving Time</i></p>	<p>13 7:00 pm: AA</p>	<p>14 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth</p>	<p>15 7:00 am: Prayer 11:00 am: KOBA</p>	<p>16 6:30 pm: Grief Group</p>	<p>17 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth</p>	<p>18 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship</p>
<p><i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 19 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship POTLUCK 3:30 pm: MACC</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm: AA</p>	<p>21 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth</p>	<p>22 7:00 am: Prayer</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>24 12:00 pm: Retirees & Seniors 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth</p>	<p>25 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship</p>
<p><i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 26 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 12:00 pm: Called Congregational Meeting 3:30 pm: MACC</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm: AA</p>	<p>28 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth 7:00 pm: Deacons</p>	<p>29 7:00 am: Prayer 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila</p>	<p>30 6:30 pm: Grief Group</p>		

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
2 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: MACC	3 10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822	4 THE LORD'S WATCH 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth	5 7:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Impact Teams	6 6:30 pm: Grief Group	7 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	8 8:00 am: Men's Fellowship 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship POTLUCK 3:30 pm: MACC	10 7:00 pm: AA	11 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth	12 7:00 am: Prayer 6:30 pm: Session	13 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study	14 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth 7:30 pm: Good Friday Service	15 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
16 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: MACC THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	17 7:00 pm: AA	18 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth	19 7:00 am: Prayer 11:00 am: KOBA	20 6:30 pm: Grief Group	21 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth	22 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
23 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: MACC 6:30 pm: The River	24 7:00 pm: AA	25 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth	26 7:00 am: Prayer 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila	27 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study	28 12:00 pm: Retirees & Seniors 4:00 pm: BNCCC Prayer 5:00 pm: BNCCC Youth 6:00-9:00 pm: SnackPack Auction @ Tuk Com Cntr	29 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
30 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: MACC						



S.O.S 5K

**SEEK OUT & STOP
TRAFFICKING**

RUN FOR HER

Join the Foster Pres Tukkies to Fight Human Trafficking!

The 9th Annual S.O.S. 5k to Seek Out and Stop Trafficking (formerly Free Them 5K) is on May 13th, 2017! Last year's event drew 1,600 participants. Together, they helped protect 4,375 children from becoming victims of human trafficking. Visit give.worldconcern.org/ and select Foster Pres Tukkies from the scroll-down menu to register for this event. The early bird price is \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth, so register as soon as possible. You will receive a personal web page to help raise support.

Register Today

As part of this event, you will receive a personal fundraising page when you register.

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KOBA Circle
 II:00 am
 March 15 &
 April 19, 2017

women's
 bible study

growing deeper, together

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm
 in the church parlor.

THE LORD'S WATCH

1st Tuesday
 of the Month

APRIL 14, 7:30 PM

**GOOD
 FRIDAY**
 service

**RETIRES &
 SENIORS LUNCHEON**

Noon, Fridays
 March 24 &
 April 28, 2017

March: What kind of pets
 did you have as a child?

April: Unusual stories your
 parents or grandparents told.

SPRING FORWARD

March 12



Global Day of Prayer for Burma

Sunday, March 12, 2017



Still Waters

Tukwila Weekend SnackPack First Annual Auction Dinner



Friday, April 28, 2017

Tukwila Community Center
12424 42nd Ave S
Tukwila, WA 98168

Silent Auction: 6:00 pm
Live Auction/Dinner: 7:00 pm

Let no child go hungry in Tukwila!



EARLYBIRD discount tickets on sale!
snackpackauction.site

April 23, 2017, 6:30 pm



Come and S.O.A.K. in
The River

PSALMS OF

ASCENT

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00 PM

2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS

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peaceful change in this conflict region through the next generation of educated, professional leaders.

BUILD A RECREATION AREA

Our children's home in Myanmar is focused on kids at high risk of trafficking. About half of the children are former child soldiers. With your generous help, we would like to create an outdoor cement pad for the children to play sports like volley ball, basketball, badminton and takraw (rattan ball). Simple sports training can actually keep children out of front line military training. All skills count when it comes to protecting children. The total cost for this project is \$11,000.

SUPPORT A TEACHER

\$150 will support one teacher, for one month in our Myanmar schools. Why is this important? Giving children an education doesn't just prepare a child for the future - an education gives a child value in the eyes of society and as a result helps keep them out of military training. Each one of our teachers deeply impacts the lives of at least 30 children during a given month.

If you wish to support the ministry of Divine Inheritance, make a check out to FTPC, and earmark it for Marcus Young in the memo line. You can also give an online donation at <http://www.divineinheritance.com/donate/>

April Missions: Tukwila Weekend SnackPack Program

It hardly seems possible that the launch of Tukwila Weekend SnackPack Program was only two years ago. In response to the distressing news that 11.5% of our students in Tukwila met the McKinney-Vento Act criteria for homelessness, an ad hoc committee was formed by PrayTukwila to seek the Lord on first steps to address this growing trend.

He indeed gave us first steps, and many, many more as well. From an initial pilot program at our hardest hit school, Thorndyke Elementary, where we served weekend food sacks to 68 students a week, we have now grown to serving McKinney-Vento students at all three elementary schools, and are working on an off-site distribution center for secondary students at the new KCLS Foster Library, when it opens this spring.

So many, many milestones, blessings, and oodles of noodles! Here's a list of significant developments over our two-plus years of operation:

- Southcenter Baptist gave us space in their annex as a storehouse, as well as access to their activity center to assemble SnackPacks.
- Tukwila Weekend SnackPack incorporated under **Still Waters: Services for Families in Transition** in March 2016.
- Mary Ann Derr, Mary Fertakis' mother, donated a van with a hydraulic lift to pick up and deliver food. This pristine 1991 Ford Econoline had a little more than 20,000 miles at the time of donation! Tukwila Reporter covered the christening ceremony in their November 2016 issue.
- In the spirit of "**Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**", our first "**Stuff the Bus**" food drive was held at Target, November 2016. Since then, two other drives have taken place, totaling over 4,800 lbs of food and nearly \$1,000.00 in cash donations. Our next drive is tentatively scheduled for April 15. Stay tuned!
- With our incorporation as a non-profit, the vision of this community outreach is expanding, and with that there is a need to increase operating capital. **The Tukwila Weekend SnackPack 1st Annual Dinner Auction** will be taking place on Friday, April 28, from 6:00-9:00 pm at Tukwila Community Center. The 10% discount for early bird registration ends March 28, 2017. Tickets can be purchased



online at snackpackauction.site. (See ad on page 6 for more details.)

- **The Still Waters Board of Directors** has been discussing ways to address summer hunger. It is hoped that either this summer or next, we will launch a summer mobile lunch program to get food to children who are not attending summer school. Please pray for the many pieces that need to come together to make this happen.
- I've been invited to present at a number of venues: Macy's Bag Hunger Food Drive launch, Tukwila Kids' Festival, Renton School District's "The Homestretch" film screening and community resource fair, to mention a few. Please pray for me as I seek the Lord on what to respond to, so that I don't overextend myself.

• In addition to providing food sacks for the weekend through our SnackPack program, Still Waters has been able to assist families at risk with funds for utilities, travel expenses for an out-of-state volley-ball tournament, and provide a holiday shopping trip and gift wrapping party. These acts of benevolence portend the future shape of this outreach.

Initially, we envisioned SnackPack as an outreach of the churches to underprivileged children. In reality, it has become an opportunity to partner shoulder to shoulder with people of faith and people of good will whose hearts are touched by the need of our kiddos. Talk about getting out of the salt shaker! Local businesses as well as community members, and city employees are lining up to get in the act.

Continue to pray for us as we seek the Lord regarding the future of Still Waters. Pray that we will not be misguided in our desire to help and end up hurting those we wish to serve. I believe that we have discovered the "sweet spot" of God's blessing - pure religion, undefiled before the Lord (*James 1:27*).

Yours in community partnership,

Jennifer J. McCoy
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P.S. If you would like to donate to Still Waters: Services for Families in Transition, visit <http://stillwaters.kindbase.com/>



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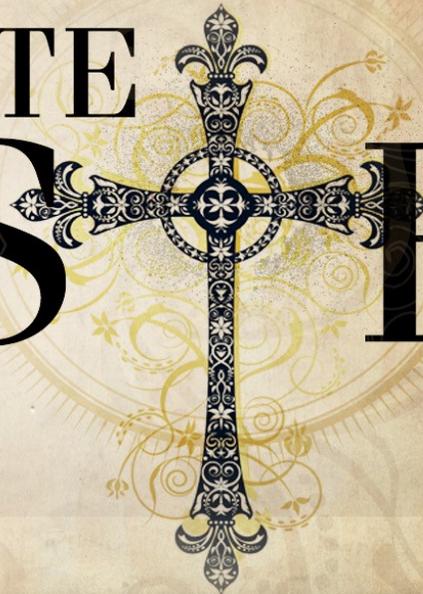
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