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EPHESIANS 4:3

MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

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I'm celebrating another birthday today. They seem somehow to show up a bit more frequently than they used to, and I confess that in my seventies, I welcome them a bit less eagerly than I did as a kid.

I've had some memorable birthdays. When I was about twelve we marked the day with a helicopter sight-seeing flight over Los Angeles, a trip earned by diligently pursuing new subscriptions for my paper route. I'm not sure if I enjoyed more the views of the landscape from the sky or the white-faced expression of petrified fear on my mother's face as she accompanied me on the trip. There were a couple of Disneyland visits along the way as well. Those were the days when admission and a fifteen ride ticket book cost less than the price of parking today. My sixteenth birthday celebration included a trip to the DMV for my first driver license, a symbolic ticket to independence valued by most teens. And there were plenty of good old-fashioned birthday parties too. Birthdays then were a big deal, and we marked the arrival of the day with a sense of accomplishment and anticipation.

These days I'm more likely to try tiptoeing past a birthday rather than celebrating it with a bang. But the day still comes as a fresh reminder of the faithfulness of God and the recognition that he remains Lord of my years.

In this transitional journey through time where we're constantly living between the already and the not yet, I'm coming to appreciate and value time in a different way than I used to when I celebrated the birthdays of my youth. The only moment we have, after all, is the now. I think I understand better than I used to that those moments are more than a commodity to be exhausted; they are a trust to be enjoyed. The Lord of my years is the Lord of my today as well.

In the transitional journey that defines our experience as a congregation in these days, we do well to lay hold of the same truth. The psalmist was right; our times are in his hands. So in the midst of celebrating what has been and anticipating what will be, don't forget to embrace the present moment. God is at work. Here and now; between the already and the not yet. Embrace what he is doing, and embrace him without tiptoeing too quietly past today. It is, after all, a trust to be enjoyed.

Pastor Malcolm



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*Freely
you have received,
freely give.
Matthew 10:8*



| INCOME | EXPENSES |
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| For March 2018 | For March 2018 |
| \$14,755.66 | \$15,219.84 |
| Through March 2018 | Through March 2018 |
| \$40,948.77 | \$55,296.19 |

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN TUKWILA: THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."



Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

Pray with us. Sponsor an event in your community. Become a volunteer. Order resources to help promote an event in your area. Support the National Day of Prayer financially. Together, we can mobilize unified public prayer for America!

"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people." Dr. Ronnie Floyd

2018 National Prayer for America

Our Dear Heavenly Father, while we come to You in complete humility, we also come to You with boldness in the authoritative name of Your One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus' name, fill us now with Your Holy Spirit and lead us as we pray in Jesus' name for America.

Oh God, we are burdened for our nation today. We turn from the sins that we have committed against your Word and your Name. We turn away from our contentious words and ways toward one another that has led us to division and polarization. We turn away from our disrespect and lack of dignity toward each other, and we turn away from our continual devaluation of all human life from the womb until death in this world. We also turn away from and refuse

to participate in skepticism, criticism, and cynicism in our nation. We turn away from anything that divides us, and we run toward the gospel of Jesus Christ that is the only thing that has the power to unite us together.

Lord, in this critical hour in our nation, we pray for unity in America. Only You can bring unity, harmony, and oneness in America. As your Word calls us in Ephesians 4:3, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace", we ask You to empower us to make every effort to live in unity, to call for unity, and to forward unity in America continually.

We pray for the churches in America to unify in Jesus Christ and to pray as one unified spiritual family for America. May Your Church pray for America passionately, perpetually, privately, and publicly.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | 1 THE LORD'S WATCH 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: FTPC Youth | 2 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila @ Friendz Cafe 7:00 pm: Impact Teams | 3 10:00 am: Prayer NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 11:45 am @ City Hall 6:00 pm: Grief Group 6:30 pm: Young Adults | 4 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth | 5 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship |
| 6 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 2-4 pm: Bday Open House @ the Brewers House 3:30 pm: MACC Worship | 7 10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206.419.4822 | 8 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: FTPC Youth | 9 | 10 Ascension Day 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study | 11 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth | 12 9:00 am: WORLD CONCERN'S "S.O.S." 5K RUN 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship |
| 13 Mothers' Day 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship Aaron McGruder Baby Bottle Campaign Begins 3:30 pm: MACC Worship | 14 7:00 pm: AA | 15 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: FTPC Youth | 16 30 Days of Prayer 11:00 am: KOBA 6:30 pm: Session 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World May 16 - June 14, 2018 | 17 30 Days of Prayer 10:00 am: Prayer 6:00 pm: Grief Group 6:30 pm: Young Adults | 18 30 Days of Prayer 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth | 19 30 Days of Prayer 8:00 am: Men's Fellowship 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship |
| 20 Pentecost 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship Global Day of Prayer Potluck 3:30 pm: MACC Worship | 21 30 Days of Prayer 7:00 pm: AA | 22 30 Days of Prayer 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: FTPC Youth | 23 30 Days of Prayer | 24 30 Days of Prayer 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study | 25 30 Days of Prayer Noon: Retirees & Seniors Luncheon 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth | 26 30 Days of Prayer 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship |
| 27 30 Days of Prayer No CE 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: MACC Worship | 28 30 Days of Prayer 7:00 pm: AA MEMORIAL DAY | 29 30 Days of Prayer 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: FTPC Youth 7:00 pm: Deacons | 30 30 Days of Prayer | 31 30 Days of Prayer 10:00 am: Prayer 6:00 pm: Grief Group | May 2018 Foster-Tukwila Presbyterian Church | |

June 2018 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | 30 Days of Prayer 1 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth | 30 Days of Prayer 2 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship |
| 30 Days of Prayer 3 Summer Schedule Begins: NO CE 9:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 3:30 pm: MACC Worship | 30 Days of Prayer 4 10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 | 30 Days of Prayer 5 THE LORD'S WATCH 6:30 pm: FTPC Youth | 30 Days of Prayer 6 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila @ Friendz Cafe 7:00 pm: Impact Teams | 30 Days of Prayer 7 10:00 am: Prayer | 30 Days of Prayer 8 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth | 30 Days of Prayer 9 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship |
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| Fathers' Day 17 9:30 am: Worship Aaron McGruder Baby Bottle Campaign Ends 3:30 pm: MACC Worship | 18 7:00 pm: AA | 19 6:30 pm: FTPC Youth | 20 11:00 am: KOBA Potluck @ FTPC | 21 10:00 am: Prayer | 22 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women's Prayer BNCCC Youth | 23 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship |
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*Begins Sunday,
June 3, 2018*



Summer Worship Times

Sunday Worship:
9:30 am
No Generations



Men's Fellowship

The 3rd Saturday
of the month

May 16 & June 19, 2018
8:00 am



Potluck LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Immediately following
worship service

Drinks & place settings
provided by
FTPC Deacons



Tuesday, May 29, 2018
7:00 pm, FTPC Library



Session Meets 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 16 and June 14



RETIREES LUNCHEON

Noon, Friday,
May 25, 2018

Share in the fellowship
of our last meeting
before summer break!



THE LORD'S WATCH

May 1 &
June 5, 2018

women's bible study

growing deeper, together

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm
in the lounge - Ends 5/29



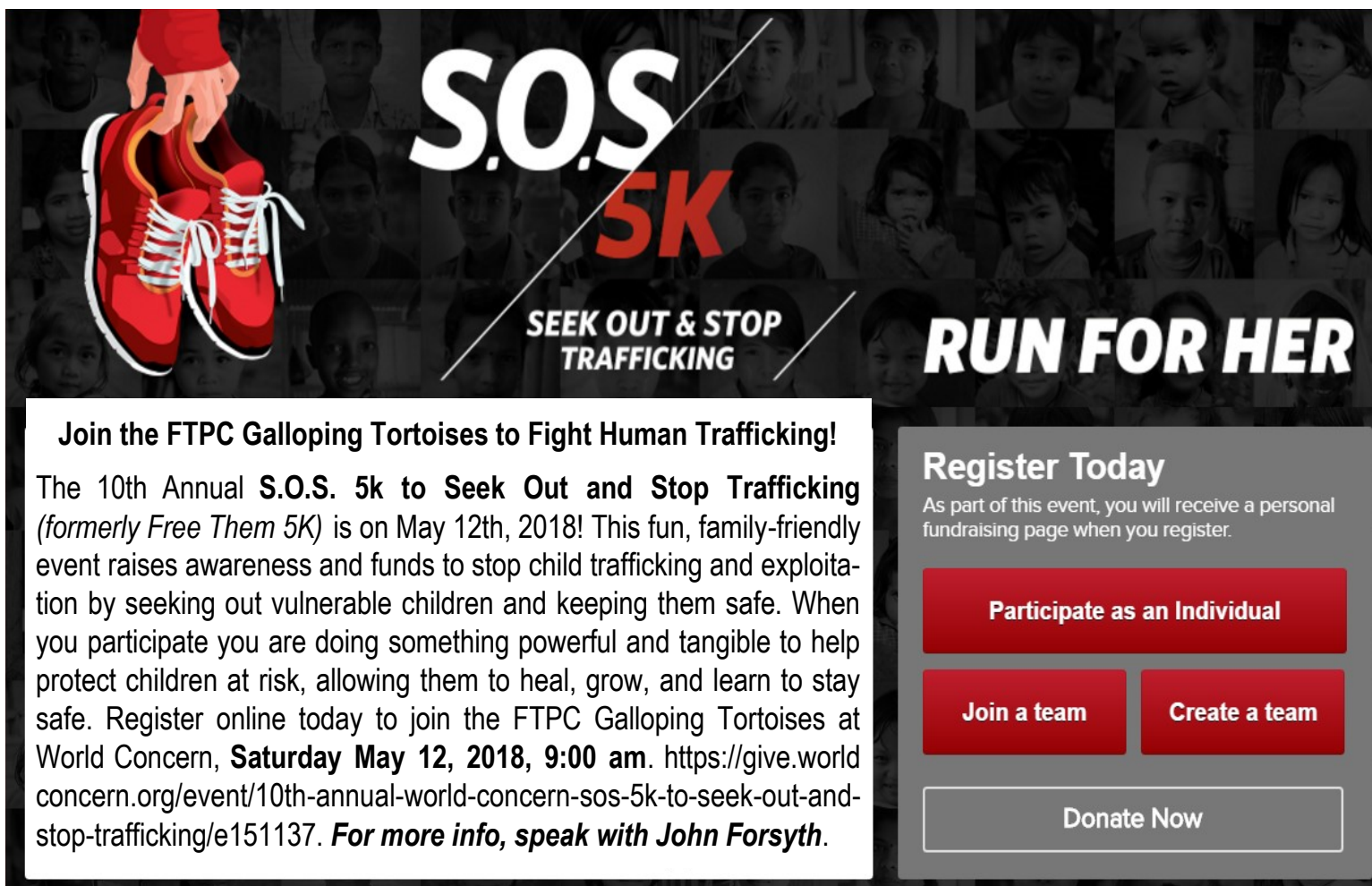
KOBA Circle

II:00 am

May 16 &
June 20, 2018



Sunday, May 6 & June 10, 2018

A promotional poster for the S.O.S. 5K Run for Her event. The background is a collage of children's faces. On the left, a hand holds a pair of red sneakers. The text 'S.O.S. 5K' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'S.O.S.' in white and '5K' in red. Below it, the text 'SEEK OUT & STOP TRAFFICKING' is written in white. To the right, the text 'RUN FOR HER' is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, there is a registration section with a white background and red buttons.

Join the FTPC Galloping Tortoises to Fight Human Trafficking!

The 10th Annual **S.O.S. 5k to Seek Out and Stop Trafficking** (formerly *Free Them 5K*) is on May 12th, 2018! This fun, family-friendly event raises awareness and funds to stop child trafficking and exploitation by seeking out vulnerable children and keeping them safe. When you participate you are doing something powerful and tangible to help protect children at risk, allowing them to heal, grow, and learn to stay safe. Register online today to join the FTPC Galloping Tortoises at World Concern, **Saturday May 12, 2018, 9:00 am**. <https://give.worldconcern.org/event/10th-annual-world-concern-sos-5k-to-seek-out-and-stop-trafficking/e151137>. **For more info, speak with John Forsyth.**

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

Participate as an Individual

Join a team **Create a team**

Donate Now

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We pray for God's power to unify families, workplaces, communities, and cities in America. By Your Spirit, lead us to forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, and unity.

We pray for people of all ethnicities and races in America to come together as one, living in peace and unity together. Oh Lord, because each of us is created in Your image, please give us the courage to stand against all racial and ethnic division, denouncing it as evil and sinful, while simultaneously coming together in unity with all persons knowing this is God's will for us.

We pray in unity for the security of our nation. We ask You to preserve the United States of America from the forces of evil that are threatening our lives and our future. God, please guard all persons in public and private settings from anyone or anything that desires to harm us or take our lives. Our future is in Your hands.

We agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. Oh Lord, wake up Your church spiritually and convict Your people to

agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily until the next Great Spiritual Awakening occurs in our generation.

Oh God, we stand together upon Your words in Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony." Through Jesus' name and by the Holy Spirit's power, we pray for all Americans to unify and to live together in unity.

In the mighty and majestic name of Jesus Christ who is the Only Savior and the Only Hope in this world, we pray. Amen.

Dr. Ronnie Floyd
President, National Day of Prayer Task Force
Senior Pastor, Cross Church

This year's National Day of Prayer in Tukwila gathering will take place at 11:45 am, at the flagpole in front of Tukwila City Hall, 6200 Southcenter Blvd, Tukwila, WA 98188.

For more information about National Day of Prayer, visit the website at nationaldayofprayer.org/about.

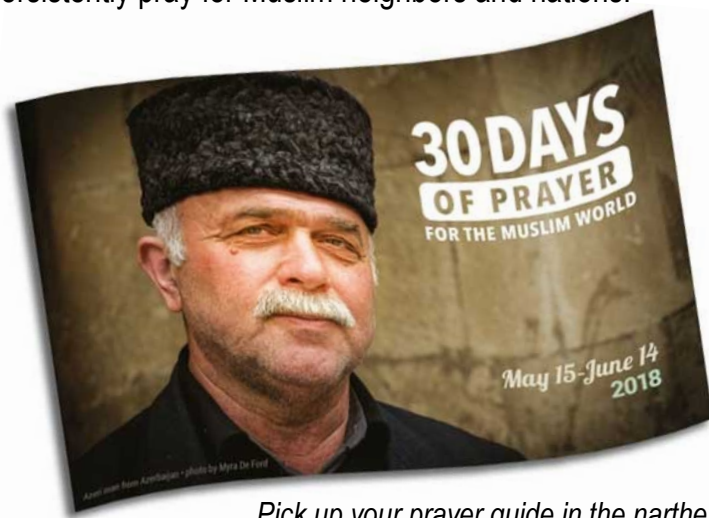
30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD: MAY 15-JUNE 14, 2018

The 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World, is an international movement that began in 1993. It calls the church to make a deliberate but respectful effort to learn about, pray for and reach out to our world's Muslim neighbors. It coincides annually with the important Islamic month of religious observation — Ramadan, a time of the year when Muslims are much more deeply aware of spiritual matters.

While Media sound bites about Islamic extremism can too easily incite anger, fear and even hatred towards Muslims, we seek to resist this temptation to generalize, and instead, resolve to respond and pray with the mind and heart of Christ.

Join the millions of Christians around the world, and churches and ministries from many denominations, who regularly participate in this largest ongoing prayer focus

on the Muslim world. A new full-color prayer guide booklet — available each year in both adult and kids versions — is a proven tool to help Christians to understand and to persistently pray for Muslim neighbors and nations.



Pick up your prayer guide in the narthex

Our Baby Bottle Campaign Begins May 13!

Join with us in support of those in our community facing unplanned pregnancies!



1. Bring a baby bottle home.
2. Fill it with spare **change**, **cash** or a **check**.
3. Return your bottle (full, partially filled or empty) to church by June 17.





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**TUKWILA CITY HALL FLAGPOLE
GATHER AT 11:45 AM**