

# Foster-Tukwila Focus

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Phanatik showed a young Aaron what theological depth in modern language could look like.

Jon Steinberg wrote and sang the anthems of my youth.

Audrey Assaud sang my children to sleep every night.

In many ways, we learn theology as much from the songs that we sing than from the sermons we hear. And they wrote the songs that I sung. And, in 2024, they do not claim the name of Christ.<sup>1</sup>

What is surprising in these circumstances, was my own heart's reactions, each time. Each time an artist came out and said "I no longer believe" I was swept with two emotions and a concern.

1. Grief is to be expected. When the fall of a believer hits us hard, it reveals something. It reveals that we had made space in our hearts for that person. We allowed them to move from the faceless mass of humanity that we call a population, and become real and defined to us. Their voice, face, or the contours of their mind had become familiar to us. And when that happens, their eternal fate matters to us. Because we care about them, we care about where they will spend eternity. And now, barring significant changes, it looks like they will spend eternity in Hell. And that hurts.
2. A sense of betrayal is to be expected as well. "You're not who I thought you were" is a note that rings true in this moment. Because I listened to their work as Christian artists, and I can't necessarily do so any longer.
3. A concern... To some degree, we follow these Christian leaders. Paul writes "follow me as I follow Christ", and so we follow not just one person, but many. So, when the person we follow seemingly falls into a ditch, it calls into question the way I am walking the path as well. If thinking these thoughts, and singing these songs, in part allowed them to fall off the path, do I need to reconsider the way I am walking it?

So, what does processing look like in this circumstance?

First, I need to do what came above, which is acknowledging my emotions about this matter; and voicing those cares to the Lord. We are taught how to do this in places like Psalm 64:1, "Hear me, my God, as I voice my complaint;". We cast our burdens before the Lord, whether that burden is a legitimate fear for our life, or

<sup>1</sup>I should be clear and note that their story has not ended yet. They have not yet passed away, and they may very well choose to turn to Jesus.

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*"Let us fear the LORD our God,  
who gives the rain in its season,  
the autumn rain and the spring  
rain, and keeps for us the weeks  
appointed for the harvest."*

Jeremiah 5:24

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net</b>
<u>For July 2024</u>	<u>For July 2024</u>	<u>For July 2024</u>
\$15,909.47	\$16,089.21	-\$179.74
<u>Through July 2024</u>	<u>Through July 2024</u>	<u>Through July 2024</u>
\$80,506.95	\$99,109.57	-\$18,602.62

## FTPC Missions: Greater Highline/Tukwila Young Life

# GHT Young Life

**"In their hearts humans plan their course,  
but the Lord establishes their steps."**

**Proverbs 16:9**

I've been reading through Mark Batterson's *Draw the Circle* prayer devotional. I was struck by a passage he wrote and knew it was a word for me during this time as we rebuild GHT Young Life. Maybe it is a word for you, too?

Tying it to the scripture above, Proverbs 16:9, he says this, "God wants us to get where God wants us to go. And He is awfully good at getting us there. All we have to do is follow the script of Holy Scripture and the improvisation of the Holy Spirit. We can't create divine appointments. All we can do is keep them. We can't plan God-ordained opportunities. All we can do is seize them."

There are divine appointments and God-ordained opportunities happening everywhere in GHT right now. Staff and committee are working hard at keeping these appointments and seizing the opportunities.

Be encouraged and know that God is up to something incredible. We can't wait to see where He continues to

direct our steps.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or want to know more about what is going on in the area.

Gratefully,

*Alexis Duron and the GHT Committee*



*Tyee boys enjoying a fire at the beach after their camp work day.*

### Prayers:

- For more volunteer leaders
- For area finances to remain healthy and increase as needed
- For community members to join our local committee

### Updates:

- Young Lives club has been meeting monthly and has four regular moms
- Tyee High School has a regular campaigners group that has grown from 3-5 kids
- Two Tyee boys and their leader went to Discipleship camp May 24-27.

**Please make checks payable to Young Life and mail to: PO Box 66553 Burien, WA 98166.**

# September 2024 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church COMMUNION</p> <p>12:30 pm: Book Club</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>First Day of School</i> 3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1 pm: PrayTukwila</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am: Prayer</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:30 pm: ESL Class @ Kent Library</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1-2 pm: Ridge Cliff Apt Outreach</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church</p> <p>12:30 pm: Book Club</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30-3:30 pm: Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm: Youth</p> <p>6:30 pm: YA Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm: Session</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 am: Prayer</p> <p>5 pm: Good News Club</p> <p>7 pm: Men's/Women's Bible Studies</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:30 pm: ESL Class @ Kent Library</p>	<p>14</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church</p> <p>12:30 pm: Nominating Committee; Book Club</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6 pm: Youth</p> <p>6:30 pm: YA Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 am: Prayer</p> <p>1 pm: Missions IT</p> <p>5 pm: Good News Club</p> <p>7 pm: Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:30 pm: ESL Class @ Kent Library</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:00 am: Work Party</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church</p> <p>POTLUCK</p> <p>12:30 pm: Book Club</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6 pm: Youth</p> <p>6:30 pm: YA Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>See You at the Pole <i>(1 hour before class)</i></p> <p>7 pm: Worship IT</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 am: Prayer</p> <p>5 pm: Good News Club</p> <p>7 pm: Men's/Women's Bible Studies</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:30 pm: ESL Class @ Kent Library</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 am - 5 pm: Worship IT Retreat</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church</p> <p>12:30 pm: Book Club</p>	<p>30</p>					

# October 2024 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

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		1 6 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Bible Study	2 1 pm: PrayTukwila	3 10 am: Prayer 7 pm: Young Adult Bible Study	4 4:30 pm: ESL Class @ Kent Library	5 1-2 pm: Ridge Cliff Apt Outreach
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October is Clergy  
Appreciation Month



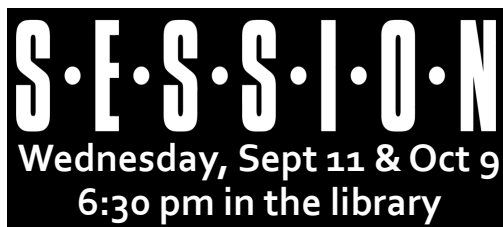
Every other Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm,  
beginning September 10, 2024

**Missions IT**

5 pm: Sept 19 & Oct 17, 2024

**Worship IT**

7 pm: Sept 25 & Oct 30, 2024



1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm  
Sept 4 & Oct 2 @ SCBC



Sun, September 15, 2024,  
12:30 pm in the Library



**FREE  
ENGLISH CLASSES!**

FTPC has established an outreach to the asylum seekers in our community. On Fridays, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, we are offering an English as a Second Language course at Kent Library, 212 2nd Ave N, Kent, WA 98032. Although it's already begun, we can always use more help. If you would like to volunteer, contact Pastor Aaron for more details.



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the grief and sense of betrayal of a Christian leader who falls.

And when I do that, I quickly come to realize that there is one hurting more than anyone else. There is one who truly acknowledges the tragedy that we are watching unfold. And that one is the Lord. The Lord, better than anyone else, understands the complexity and tragedy of the situation. Which leads me to my next consideration.

This circumstance, people falling away after they had done ministry that blessed others, is not a theological surprise. This is important because I can feel, in my own short lifespan, like this is an unexpected avalanche. I can be tempted to believe this is a modern problem, it is an example of what is wrong with the church in America today. And yet, this isn't a new phenomenon.

One of the great questions of the 3rd and 4th centuries was what the church should do about bishops and pastors who led the church and later rejected Christ due to

persecution. The book of Jude warns of "shepherds who feed only themselves". Paul writes to Timothy how Demas, one of their colleagues, abandoned Paul "because he loved this world". And even during Jesus' earthly ministry, he told the parable of the Sower, which includes those who grew, seemed to thrive, and when trouble, persecution, the worries of this life, and the deceitfulness of wealth comes, the growth that once was seen is choked out. The record of the saints who have come before us is clear, some will say to Jesus "Lord, Lord" and yet they do not know him.

How does this help? How does the record of those who have come before help when a modern Christian renounces faith? Because it means that I have not been betrayed by the Lord. We are not in the darker timeline, it reminds me that God is as sovereign today, as He was before I heard the news.

God is good. God is in control. All glory be to God,

Bless you,

*Pastor Aaron*

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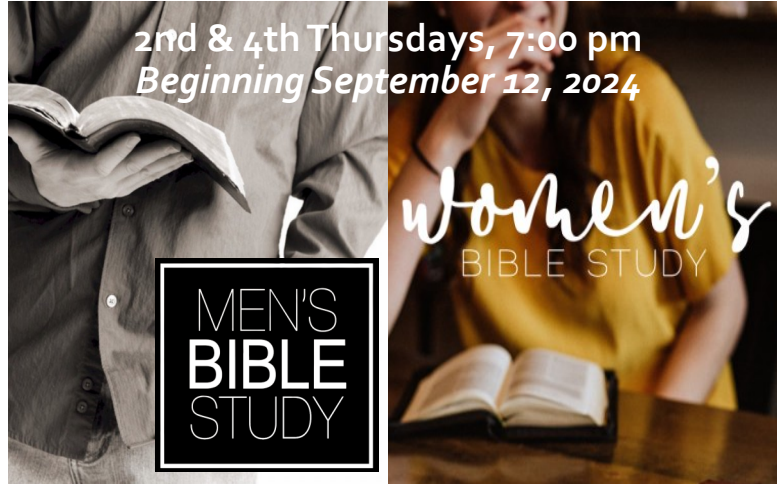
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm  
**Young Adults GROUP**  
Beginning September 10, 2024

A group of young adults smiling and talking. The text is overlaid on the image.

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm  
Beginning September 12, 2024

**Women's BIBLE STUDY**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Two images: one showing a man reading a Bible with a 'MEN'S BIBLE STUDY' logo, and another showing a woman reading a Bible with 'Women's BIBLE STUDY' text.

## October Missions: Trunk o' Treats

Each year hundreds of children from our community come to our annual Trunk o' Treats, held each year from 6-8 pm on October 31.

In recent years both Grace Point Community and South-center Community Baptist have joined us in providing a safe event for city. Young parents who came as children themselves are now bringing their own kids to enjoy the fun.

There is always need for volunteers to provide cars, prepare and serve popcorn, be part of the worship team, do candy runs, and take pictures. Last year we added a photo booth which was wildly successful. It gave us a chance to follow up with attendees by email and provide links to our website and FB page.

Mark your calendar this year for Thursday, October 31, 2024, and plan on participating in this outreach to our community. More information regarding sign ups will be in the Sunday bulletin.





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*"To Know Jesus Christ & to Make Him Known"*

**September -  
October 2024**

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# Trunk *or* Treat



**POPCORN!  
PHOTO  
BOOTH!!**

**SAFE HOLIDAY FUN!**

**MUSIC!**

**OCTOBER 31, 6:00-8:00 PM**

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