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Prayer, Planning, and Priorities

By Sandy Sathrum

Pastor Rick and Adam recently shared four visions they have for those of us who attend First Covenant Church, as individuals and corporately: 1) to have the thrill of obeying God in some culture-defying, seemingly irresponsible act of obedience; 2) to experience the joy of leading someone to Christ; 3) to have our finances in order so that we can give, save and then live; and 4) to have an unquenchable, life-long thirst to grow and learn.

The Church Council has devoted extra time in our recent Council meetings to envision what would help us, as His body gathered at 2526 J Street, to increase our effectiveness for God's Kingdom; and connect us deeper to God, each other, and our world.

God planned for our redemption before the creation of the world. Jesus came to earth to fulfill His purpose to seek and to save those who are lost. On Sunday, Rick reminded us with Ephesians 2:10:

“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

There are many other scriptural examples of God providing for His people by His direct plan and of people who planned ahead, “counted the cost” and “pressed on to the goal”.

As a church we want to be “well pleasing” to the Lord, using our time, talent, and re-

sources as His ambassadors while on this earth. For this reason the Church Council has set aside **Wednesday, June 16 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM** to pray, plan, and prioritize ways we can be more aligned with God's desire for our church. **We invite you** to join in this time of prayer and planning.

We will begin with a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM and then have a time of prayer and planning. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, June 14 so we can be prepared (set up tables, etc.) for everyone who comes. Whether you can join us that evening or not, please be praying for God to direct us in specific ways at this gathering. ❤️

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13:20-21

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 13

Grad Sunday

Our Eureka High School graduates will be honored at the 11 AM Worship Service. Cake and refreshments will be served after the service.

Congregational Business Meeting

12:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Come and be informed through reports from our Pastoral Review Committee, Church Council members and Administrative Committee Chairs at this congregational business meeting. We will elect members for the nominating committee, and the Dream Team. Pastor Rick will be sharing updates on policies, procedures, and an Employee Handbook for our church.

20th Anniversary Weekend

Saturday, June 19

Italian Dinner Party and Program

6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Tickets: \$10/person (please purchase by June 13)

Sunday, June 20

9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:30 AM Combined Worship Service

11:45 AM Coffee Time with cake in Fellowship Hall ♥



June and July Birthdays

June

Emily Powell	6/2
Kelly Martin	6/5
Amber McRostie	6/5
Marlys Seitzer	6/5
Barbara Gillenwater	6/7
Jacob Powell	6/9
Chuck Wolf	6/9
Pat Robinson	6/11
Jared Kemp	6/14
Betty Vinson	6/14
Bob Davis	6/16
Jan Scheffler	6/16
Kyle Millot	6/17
Kevin Younger	6/17
Daniel Gossard	6/22
Bruce Rupp	6/22
Lee Savage	6/22
Bill Morris	6/23
Matthew Plants	6/26
Solomon Kessenich	6/28

July

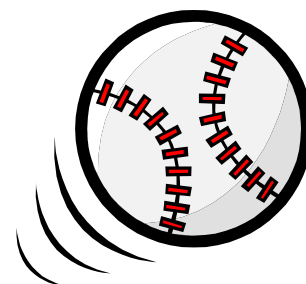
Mike Kellogg	7/2
Dan Spurling	7/3
Valarie Fuller	7/7
Ralph Holsinger	7/10
Roberta Davis	7/11
Jimmy Smith	7/11
Debbie Turkis	7/11
Jacob Moran	7/13
Jeannette Lenihan	7/16
Diane DeRuyter	7/19
Jevonne Rieke	7/21
George Eitzen	7/23
Marilyn Barnhart	7/24
John Morris	7/26
Andrew Sathrum	7/28
Helen McRostie	7/28
Arnell Pond	7/30

If you have a June or July birthday and would like to be included on future birthday lists, please call the church office at 442-6774. ♥

Happy Birthday

FCC Men's Softball Schedule

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, June 10	7:45 PM	Kennedy
Wednesday, June 16	6:30 PM	Cooper South
Wednesday, June 23	7:45 PM	Hartman
Monday, June 28	6:30 PM	Cooper North
Wednesday, June 30	6:30 PM	Kennedy
Tuesday, July 6	9:00 PM	Kennedy
Thursday, July 15	7:45 PM	Kennedy
Monday, July 19	7:45 PM	Kennedy
Wednesday, July 21	9:00 PM	Cooper South
Wednesday, July 28	9:00 PM	Cooper North
Thursday, Aug 5	6:30 PM	Cooper South
Monday, Aug 9	9:00 PM	Cooper South
Monday, Aug. 16	6:30 PM	Cooper South
Tuesday, Aug. 24	7:45 PM	Kennedy



*Softball Hotline 441-4374 ❤️

Triumphant Life Camp

Register Now for TLC Summer Camp 2010!

Summer camp schedule:

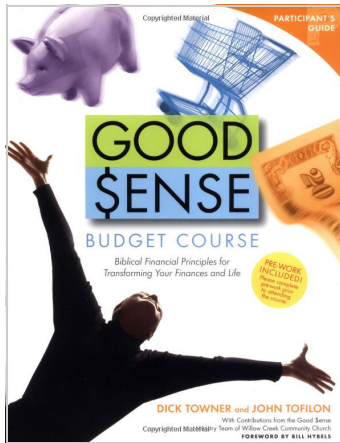
- July 4-9 Senior High Camp
(entering 10th – 12th grades)
- July 11-16 8th & 9th Grade Camp
(entering 8th & 9th grades)
- July 18-23 6th & 7th Grade Camp
(entering 6th & 7th grades)
- July 25-30 4th & 5th Grade Camp
(entering 4th & 5th grades)

Registration brochures are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Peterson House. You can also find the registration information at the FCC website (www.fcceureka.org/TLC.html) or at the TLC website (www.tlc-camp.org). Camperships are available for those who have financial needs. Please contact the church office for more information on camperships (442-6774). See you at TLC! ❤️



TRIUMPHANT LIFE CAMP

Good \$ense



Biblical Financial Principles for Transforming Your Finances and Life

Grace. Joy. Freedom.

Are those words that come to mind when you think of your finances? They could be!

Grace, joy, and freedom are words people most often use to describe Good \$ense—a 2-day seminar designed to change hearts and lives in the area of finances.

This 2-part seminar, hosted by First Covenant Church, will be facilitated by Mark & Kathy Hallsten.

Dates:

Friday, August 13 - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saturday, August 14 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

In the Good \$ense seminar you will discover tools and develop skills to help you control your finances so your finances don't end up controlling you. You'll get training in biblical financial principles as well as help and guidance to:

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| Prioritize your financial goals | Develop a personalized spending plan |
| Identify action steps to reduce expenses | Reduce your debt load and much more! |

More than just a learning experience about finances, the course also enables you to reflect on your relationship to money and how it impacts your relationship to God. No matter what your circumstances, financial crisis or financial abundance, Good \$ense can help you:

- Discover how to become a diligent earner, a generous giver, a wise saver, a cautious debtor, and a prudent consumer.
- Learn how to resist the pull of the culture and draw closer to the mind and heart of God.
- Experience the joy of becoming financially faithful as well as financially free.

The result is a God-honoring financial lifestyle characterized by grace, joy, and freedom!

Registration Form for Good \$ense

If you are married, both the husband and the wife should plan to attend together.

Cost: \$15/person or \$22/couple (scholarships available)

Cost includes: seminar, workbook, and lunch

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to First Covenant Church and mail the bottom of this form to:
First Covenant Church, 2526 J Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Current Financial Report

In the tables below, you will find First Covenant Church's general fund income/expenses for the past 11 months. For 2010 (January - April) we have a deficit of \$10,907.

Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support of FCC. We know that the Lord has provided and will continue to provide the finances needed through the voluntary tithes and offerings of those who benefit from the ministry of FCC.

NOTE: Each month a detailed financial report is posted in the Peterson House. ❤️

	June 2009	July 2009	August 2009	September 2009	October 2009	November 2009
Total Income	17,534	18,743	23,590	20,929	25,094	26,713
Total Expenses	27,708	29,582	23,998	21,199	22,265	21,947
Transfer Back to General Fund				10,157		
Budgeted Expenses	26,526	26,526	26,526	26,526	26,526	26,526
Total Income – Actual Expenses	—10,174	—10,839	—408	+9,887	+2,829	+4,766
General Fund Balance	38,521	27,682	27,274	37,161	39,990	44,756
Surplus or deficit for the year	—9,165	—20,004	—20,412	—10,525	—7,696	—2,930

	December 2009	Totals for 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010	April 2010
Total Income	27,501	284,381	25,991	19,676	21,500	22,903
Total Expenses	23,309	283,119	27,482	24,687	26,538	22,270
Transfer Back to General Fund						
Budgeted Expenses	26,526	318,312	24,242	24,242	24,242	24,242
Total Income – Actual Expenses	+4,192	+1,262	—1,491	—5,011	—5,038	+633
General Fund Balance	48,948	48,948	47,457	42,446	37,408	38,041
Surplus or deficit for the year	+1,262	+1,262	—1,491	—6,502	—11,540	—10,907

“Watch lest prosperity destroy generosity.”
Henry Ward Beecher (1813-87), American abolitionist and clergyman