



## Prayer Concerns

Prayer requests will be continued in the bulletin for three weeks. If you wish your request to remain longer, please call Cheryl Eaker (485-6460).

- Prayer for cast and crew producing a life-changing, full-length feature film, *Finding Hope Now*.
- **Jeanette Jaurena**, prayer that she will find new employment soon.
- **Sergeant John Hancock** serving in the Army National Guard in Iraq.

### Pray for the health and fruitfulness of those in mission service...

**Jim and Jan Geisler:** Jan is teaching and Jim continues to serve with Arab World Ministries.

**Graham Haught**, serving in India, with Little Flock Children's Homes.

### Pray for strength and healing for...

**Chris Fujii**, prayer for healing from complicated hip surgery.

**Dorothy Souza**, prayer for healing of lung infection, and wisdom for Dr. Kerr.

**Kerry Rollins**, prayer regarding ongoing health problems.

**Loraine Hiatt**, more chemo treatments.

**Tricia Windle**, prayer for energy and strength through a full year of treatment.

**Don Scrivner**, prayer for healing.

**John Cotton**, prayer for positive response to chemo treatments.

**Jim Haman**, praise that Jim is now at home and improving.

### Long-Term Prayer Needs...

**Margot Leonard**, Bill Leonard's daughter, prayer for healing.

**Suzi Martin**, continued prayer for healing.

### Thank You

Thank you to Greg Ehlert and the High School Group for leading the chapel service at the Fresno Rescue Mission on March 1. The music was excellent and several students shared from their hearts. *Peter France*

### Thank You

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church, We would like to thank you for helping our "moms and babies" and your generous giving. Your baby bottle total was \$1,855.00. *In Christ Service, Becky Duncan, Development Director*

### Donor Cars Urgently Needed

...due to the economic climate. If you are buying a new car, please consider donating the old one. If you can help, call Susan Glover or Jamie Evans at the church office, 485-6460. Thank you.



### Concert of Prayer— Blue Jean Worship April 4, 2009



Join us the Saturday before Communion Sunday of each month for a Concert of Prayer, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Small groups gathering for prayer will be led by Rev. Jamie Evans and Bill Thornbury. Prayers will be raised for Healing, Worship, the World, and Lectio Divina.

## Maundy Thursday

Join us at 7 p.m., April 9.

The Choir presents a Tenebrae service, "Shadows of Sacrifice." Special message by Rev. Lana Roberts and we also celebrate the Lord's Supper together.



## Palm Sunday

On April 5, we will all gather on the lawn prior to

both services. We will enter into worship with the call of

the shofar, and everyone will process into the church together. The Children's Choirs will lead the way!



## "Will you stay awake with me?"

Special Prayer Time after  
Maundy Thursday Service, April 9

Right after the Service to Midnite. Please join us for this time of prayer in the Sanctuary as we pray for our church, others, and ourselves in preparation for **Easter Sunday!**



## Easter Sunday

Join the "He Is Risen Celebration" as we rejoice in our risen Lord, April 12. Identical services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., include a special Easter message by Rev. Jamie Evans, and joyful music by the Easter Choir and Brass Ensemble.



A Place for You!

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 2009

## Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Heritage Worship

9:40 a.m. Education Hour

Classes for Adults, Youth, & Children

10:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

## Message

### "Biblical Friendship"

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Rev. Dr. Chris Erdman

Rev. James S. Evans

### Pastoral & Program Staff

**Corrie Sands**, Children's Director—Birth-Preschool

**Craig Blodgett**, Assistant Youth Director

**Dr. Julie L. Carter**, Coordinator Worship & Music

**Rev. Greg S. Ehlert**, Associate Pastor

**Marcie York**, Children's Director—K-6th Grade

**Rev. David J. Abdo**, Executive Pastor

**Rev. H. Spees**, Pastor at Large, *Honorary Position*

**Rev. James S. Evans**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Lana J. Roberts**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Paul R. Armstrong**, Pastor of Congregational Care, *Honorary Position*

**Rev. Thomas L. Parsons**, Pastor Emeritus, *Honorary Position*

**Susan Glover**, Business Administrator

**Bob and Rosemary Avery**, Chaplains

**Terry Jaurena**, Mission/College Director

**Church Staff**, Contact at [staff@fpcfresno.org](mailto:staff@fpcfresno.org)

Website: [www.firstpresfresno.org](http://www.firstpresfresno.org)

## Christian Outfitters

Adult Sunday Classes, from 9:40 to 10:40 a.m.

### QUESTIONS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD ASK

Dennis Du Pertuis  
Fellowship Hall

### THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Rev. James S. Evans and Terry Jaurena  
Outlook—Adult Lounge

### THE NEW MEMBERS CLASS (MEETS AT 9:00 A.M.)

Pastoral Team  
Patio Room

## Adult Ministries

**Singles and Friends:** Single adults meet the last Sunday of every month for lunch. Call Lynn Kliever for details and to get our monthly newsletter of other activities.

**Women's Evening Bible Study** meets Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., to study Beth Moore's book, *Living Beyond Yourself*. There is no child care. Book cost: \$20. For more information, call Melanie Franz or Joanie Joy.

**Morning Glory Bible Study** meets Tuesday, at 6:45 a.m., at the home of Merlene Samuelian, 521 West Morris. A light breakfast is served and we are finished at 8 a.m. For information, call Merlene Samuelian or Adrienne Kimball.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., in the Adult Lounge. Beginning March 19, we will study Beth Moore's book, *Esther-It's Tough Being a Woman*. *Esther* is a profile in courage, and contains many parallels for today's woman. Childcare is available. Books are available between services on Sunday; cost is \$25. For information, contact Marilyn Minassian or Lois May.

**Celebrate Recovery:** A fellowship following the 12 Steps and 8 Biblical Principles to experience God's healing from addictive and dysfunctional behavior, meets every Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Northwest Church (West and Barstow).

**Friday Morning Men's Bible Study** meets at 6:30 a.m., Cafe 309, South G Street and Church Avenue. Currently studying the Book of Hebrews. For information, call Francis Weaver.

**Pastors Prayer Partners:** One Team prays every Sunday during services. We encourage you to join us in prayer ministry for our pastors and congregation. Contact Jim Herbert for more information.

## Music Ministries

**Chancel Choir:** Regular rehearsals on Sunday mornings from 9:45-11:00 a.m., in the Choir Room. Ages High School thru Adult invited to sing. Contact Dr. Julie Carter for more details.

**Full Court Pres (Grades 3-6):** Rehearsals at 11:00 a.m., in Room 202. Contact Daphne Saul for more details.

**Kid's Praise Singers (Grades K-2):** Rehearsals at 11:00 a.m., in Room 201. Call Krista Moore for more information.

**Bell Choir:** Rehearsals on Wednesday from 5:00-6:30 p.m., in the Patio Room. Call Carol Dice for more information.

**Brass Ensemble:** Rehearsals at 8:30-9:30 a.m., in the Choir Room. Call Bill Barbour for more information.

## Life in the Church

**Lent Scripture Memorization** - Join the church family as we reflect on Christ's atonement for our sins. Memorize a verse each week from 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Hebrews 12:1-3, and recite it to someone you know.

**Collaboration with UPC** - On March 15, Rev. Chris Erdman and the UPC Choir will help lead worship at First Pres. On March 22, Rev. Jamie Evans and our Choir will assist at University Presbyterian Church.

**Cinnamon Rolls** - Junior High students will be selling cinnamon rolls between services on March 15 and 29. The funds raised will help pay for their trip to San Francisco with the High School students and students from Bethany Inner City Church, April 6-11.

**Thank you to over 20 members of First Pres. and Bethany Church** for the neighborhood dinner last month. Joanne McKnight deserves 5 stars for her fantastic meal. New way to be involved: Plant a few extras in your summer garden. Look for the table between services on March 15 and 22, for opportunities to serve.

**First Pres Cookbook** sponsored by the Chancel Choir. Submit favorite recipes on the flyers available in the bulletin, narthex, kiosk, or online. Return recipes by May 15. To learn more, contact the choir, choir-tour2010@yahoo.com.

**Christian Community Development Association** - Explore what it looks like when churches love their communities, Friday evening and Saturday March 20-21. Cost: \$ 25. To register, call Gloria, 233-2000.

**Youth Mission Fundraiser Luncheon** - Sunday, March 22, 12:15-1:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Dine-in only: \$7 per person; \$25 family. All proceeds go toward the Junior and Senior High Mission Trip to San Francisco with City Impact Ministries.

**Jericho Bike Ride** - On Saturday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m., (after the Men's Breakfast), all are welcome to meet at the church and ride around Fresno to pray for revival in our city. Join us for all or part of the ride. Bring scripture on cards to pray or pass out to those we meet. For information and maps, please email John Washburn.

**Saturday Service Opportunity** - Our friends at LifeSpring in the south-east part of Fresno are renovating their new worship location, Locan School on Kings Canyon and Locan. Any help you, your friends, family or house church can provide on any Saturday between now and Palm Sunday would be great. Contact Rich Latta.

**Math Tutor Needed for CBEST** - Call Joanie Martin, 485-5432.

**Men, High School and Older!!!** Men's breakfast, March 28, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Enjoy good food, conversation, and learn more about the May 2nd 2009 Men's Conference. This is a great opportunity to hear what other men are doing and how we can pray for each other.

**Whole Woman Weekend** - Join us for a special time together Friday evening and Saturday, April 24 and 25. Enjoy a wonderful lunch, fashion show, seminars, worship, prayer, and speaker, Laura Robinson Harbert. Registration on the church lawn through April 12; more details at [www.fpcfresno.org](http://www.fpcfresno.org).

**Love to Dance?** Join the First Pres Dancers in celebrating Easter Sunday. Preteens and adults of all ages welcome. Call Sara Pagoulatos.

**Cal Co-Op** will glean and prune your surplus citrus, all for onsite donation. Proceeds go to the Community Food Bank, First Pres., and free-will donations to the homeless. Call Kendrick at 960-5033.

**View Sanctuary Remodel Pictures** on our website (<http://fpcfresno.org>) by going to "About" and following the prompts.

**Blood Drive** - Invite a friend to share an adjoining donor chair with you at our April 19, blood drive, scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Room 102. To sign-up, please contact Scott Predmore.

## Children's Ministries

### Nursery:

**8:30-Noon:** Loving care for infants from birth to 24 months; located just off the patio under the green awning.

### Preschool:

**8:30-9:30 a.m.:** Ages 2-5, meet in Room B9, at the bottom of the stairs.

**9:30-9:45:** Ages 2-5 meet in the Preschool Room, just off the patio by the Nursery for singing time.

**9:45-Noon:** Ages 2-3½ remain in the Preschool Room, by the Nursery.

**9:45-Noon:** Preschoolers age 3½-5 meet in Room B9, directly at the bottom of the stairs.

### Elementary Department:

**8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services:** Children worship with parents, K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades are dismissed to "Kids Alive" before the sermon.

**9:40-10:40:** Kindergarten-4th grades meet in the Media Room (206) for worship, prayer, and gathering with their small group shepherds to move to one of four rotation rooms; 5th-6th grades meet in Room 201.

**At 10:40,** 3rd-6th graders are dismissed to find their parents; K-2nd grades are picked up by parents back in the Media Room.

**AWANA Club:** Meets on Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., for children ages 3-11 years. A pre-club dinner is served from 5:45-6:15. For more information, contact Craig and Ruth Hill.

## Junior High Ministries

**Sunday Morning:** Room 206 from 9:40-10:40 a.m.

**Impact:** Wednesday nights, in the new building, 6:15-6:45 p.m., is hang-out; 6:45-8:30 p.m., is Bible Study.

## Senior High Ministries

Go to [fpcfresno.org](http://fpcfresno.org) for all of your informational needs concerning the **SOURCE!**

If you're in **High School (grades 9-12)**, please join us every Sunday morning in the new Youth Center from 9:40-10:40, for a time of worship and learning.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Meet at the Youth Center from 6:45-8:15 p.m., for fun, games, Bible study, and small groups. In conjunction with our AWANA ministry, dinner is available for \$1.50 at 5:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

## University (Career)

**Thursday Night Bible Study:** On Thursday evenings, we meet at **the Ehlert's home** or **the Jett's home** for dessert and study from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The study begins at 7 p.m., and we have a time of dessert and fellowship afterwards. At the Ehlert's, March 19. At the Jett's, March 26.