



FROM
THE
PASTOR



May is a month where we honor significant people. We begin May by honoring mothers in particular, and women who have nurtured us in general. Where would we be without mothers? Well, we wouldn't be here at all, for one! But we also would have no idea of what sacrificial love looks like.

At the end of the month, we also honor people who have demonstrated sacrificial love on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May. We honor those who have served our country, especially those who have given their lives so that we might enjoy the freedoms we have.

I remember driving my son to school at UCLA after his weekends at home. We passed the massive National Cemetery in West Los Angeles. Driving past, I always got a little choked up. All those young men and women who gave their lives for their country, for me. The white grave markers, row upon row. The rows of flags near Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The contrast with the green grass and the blue sky. The stately trees, standing watch over the fallen men and women. Though near the 405 freeway, the place was very quiet.

This month, let us make sure to honor those who have demonstrated sacrificial love. This month, we continue our sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

This summer, we are planning to once again read and preach through the Psalms, the Prayer Book of the Bible. Look for that beginning in the middle of June.

The Outreach Committee initiated a Last Sunday Potluck, which was a great success at the end of April. We will continue it for several months. It is an opportunity to eat together and fellowship together after church, and to get to know one another. The food, as usual, is fabulous! With lots of chocolate for dessert! Join us in the Chapel on May 31st right after the worship service concludes.

Make sure to check out the first part of an article by Dr. Kara Powell on passing faith onto the next generation (page 4). Let's continue to seek God together, and see when He can do in and through us. And let us bear the fruit of the Spirit. SDG

Pastor Jim

A handwritten signature, likely 'Jim', in a cursive script.

Some upcoming events:

May 2— Memorial Service for Carlington Hope Kuglin at 3:00 p.m. in the Harvest Worship Center

May 3—Communion Sunday

May 10—Mother's Day

May 16— Annual Yard Sale

May 20— Session Meeting at Margaret's

May 31—Last Sunday Potluck, right after Worship in the Chapel

May 31—Discussion of Prince Caspian from the Chronicles of Narnia, 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

What's Happening at Harvest?

1. VBS is coming in July. The theme is "Water". We could sure use your help. Please contact Cyndy Cawley (clover_creations@hotmail.com) or Beth Stochl (bstochl23@gmail.com)
2. We are still looking for a bookkeeper. Kathy Ramos, Office Manager at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Modesto, has been helping us. She is writing checks, and helping to simplify our accounting. Do you know anyone who would be interested in doing this about four hours a week? It is a paid position, and training will be provided.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 	2  <i>We've Lost a Friend</i> 3:00p.m.— Kugie's memorial service at HarvestPres
3 10:30 a.m.— Communion	4 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	5  Pastor Jim at Preaching Conference at Zephyr Point	6	7 5:30 p.m.— Praise Practice 6:30 p.m.— Choir Practice	8 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's 1:00 p.m.— Deacons Meeting	9  9:30 a.m.— CROP Walk in Modesto
10  10:30 a.m.— Worship	11 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	12	13	14 5:30 p.m.— Praise Practice 6:30 p.m.— Choir Practice	15 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's 6:00 p.m.— Mariners	16  7 a.m.— 2 p.m. Church Yard Sale
17 10:30 a.m.— Worship	18 6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	19	20 6:00 p.m.— Session @ Kuglins	21 5:30 p.m.— Praise Practice 6:30 p.m.— Choir Practice	22 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's	23
24 10:30 a.m.— Worship	25  6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	26	27	28 5:30 p.m.— Praise Practice 6:30 p.m.— Choir Practice	29 10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's	30
31 10:30 a.m.— Worship 11:45— Last Sunday Potluck	6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting			5:30 p.m.— Praise Practice 6:30 p.m.— Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Margaret Kuglin's	

Twenty Ideas for Grandparents

FYI Favorites from Grandparents and Research

By Kara Powell

“We can’t out-teach what you teach at home. We’re not that good.”

This warning from student ministry pastor Dr. David Frazee to the parents of his congregation during a recent sermon captures the impact parents have on their children’s faith formation. As

a Sticky Faith Cohort church, Frazee is highlighting for his congregation what research consistently indicates: teenagers’ faith tends to mirror the faith of their parents.

And their grandparents.

In the midst of our Sticky Faith research and resources, we at FYI are becoming more and more interested in understanding and maximizing grandparents’ impact on teenagers. Part of that is because of how many grandparents show up at our Sticky Faith events, just as eager for ideas to help build faith in kids as parents.



More Involved than Ever

But even more important is some recent research highlighting the enormous impact of grandparents on this generation of young people. Consider the following data from Dr. Vern Bengtson from the University of Southern California:

Senior adults’ health is improving and their life expectancy is increasing.

Grandparents have new ways to connect with their grandchildren through technology like Skype, Facebook, and texts.

As more and more parents (including mothers) are working outside of the home, grandparents are providing more after-school care.

As a result of these and other cultural factors, Bengtson and his team conclude that “Gen Xers and Millennials will have greater involvement with their grandparents... than any previous generation of grandchildren in American history.” ¹

Involvement = Influence

That involvement translates into religious influence. According to Bengtson, grandparents can take one of three paths in their religious influence:

Grandparents can reinforce the parents’ religious influence,

Grandparents can substitute for the parents’ influence, or finally

Grandparents can subvert the parents’ influence.

As the second and third paths indicate, sometimes the faith of grandparents actually “skips” a generation as grandchildren end up following in their faith footsteps despite parents’ choices to walk away from faith.

The Power of Your Story

Other recent research highlights the unique power of family stories.

If we could sit down over coffee, I might share with you about my grandfather’s garbage disposal that created a cascade of garbage in their backyard. Or the time my mom cheated my dad out of the last piece of See’s candy. These were some of my favorite stories growing up. I loved hearing them—again and again.

I’m not alone. Most kids love hearing stories of family members’ past experiences. **Recent research indicates that children who know more about their family’s narratives also tend to do better emotionally.** Here’s a description of some recent findings described in a [New York Times article](#):

The more children knew about their family’s history, the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem and the more successfully they believed their families functioned...

(Researchers) developed a measure called the “Do You Know?” scale that asked children to answer 20 questions. Examples included: Do you know where your grandparents grew up? Do you know where your mom and dad went to high school? Do you know where your parents met? Do you know an illness or something really terrible that happened in your family? Do you know the story of your birth?

As it turns out, the “Do You Know?” scale was the best single predictor of children’s emotional health and happiness in their study. Knowing a family narrative is also linked to positive identity formation and kids’ ability to show resilience toward stress.

Given our Sticky Faith findings about the power of intergenerational relationships, our team was especially struck by this conclusion: “Dr. Duke said that children who have the most self-confidence have what he and Dr. Fivush call a strong ‘intergenerational self.’ They know they belong to something bigger than themselves.”

Now let’s be honest. Who knows family stories better than grandparents?



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Civil War Underground Railroad Quilt to be Explained at Harvest Mariners May Meeting

Harvest Mariners will receive a “refresher course” on the Civil War at their May 15th meeting, which happens to be the month that the war was official over 150 years ago. The war that led to the emancipation of slavery in the US took the lives of 620,000 Americans and left 50,000 amputee survivors. The war began in 1861 and ravaged much of the South and lower Eastern States until 1865.

Margaret Wolfe, a retired Home Economics teacher and Oakdale resident, will give a talk and display a quilt she made about identifying markers for the Underground Railroad to help slaves fleeing the South during that period. Margaret has been a member of the Country Crossroads Quilters in Modesto for 10 plus years. The group offers inspiration and help for those interested in all types of quilting.

Mariners meet at 6 p.m. in the Chapel for a pot-luck dinner followed by a program and brief meeting. Church attendees and guests are invited to join them for the evening.



6— Susan Bennett
 7— John Baughman
 14— Devon James
 23— Denny Goss

If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed, please call the office and let us know.

Regular Prayer List

Assisted Living:

Mildred Vine—
Paramount Court
 Donna McRae—
Golden Age Home Care, (memory care)
 Mabel Cronan—
The Stratford Place

Health Issues:

Virginia Irons
 Roger Morrow
 Dorothy Nelson
 Bill Sperry
 Margaret Kuglin (eye)
 Patti Arbizu (knee)
 Cyndy Cawley (ankle)
 Alice Visser (English Oaks)



Stockton Presbytery Prayer List for May 2015



May 3—Trinity Presbyterian: Stockton
 Pastor: Byron Nelson
 David & Wendy Warner HR
 May 10—First Presbyterian: Tracy
 Pastor: Everett Bosch
 May 17—Cortez Presbyterian: Turlock
 Pastor: Clover Bailey
 Don Strongman
 May 24 —First Presbyterian: Turlock
 Pastor: Craig Wright
 Diane Myers Wilson, (Navy Chaplain)
 May 31— The Mission and Ministries of the
 PCUSA

Ceres School's Prayer List for May 2015



May 3—Lucas Academy
 Principal: Israel Gonzalez
 May 10—Mae Hensley Junior High
 Principal: Carol Lubinsky
 Asst. Principal: Paul Rutishauser
 May 17—Sam Vaughn Elementary
 Principal: Sharon Carter
 May 24 —Sinclair Elementary
 Principal: Connie Stark
 May 31—Virginia Parks Elementary
 Principal: Jennifer Backman

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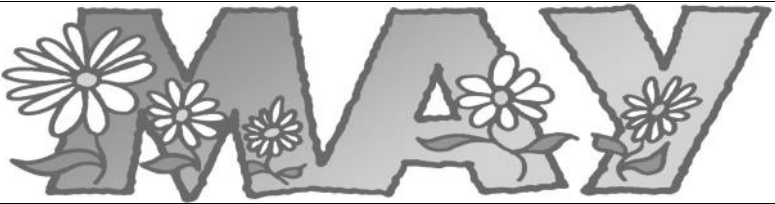
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