



First Light

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At the May 16 regular meeting and special meeting, the elders met and were led in a scripture reflection by elder Perry Schneider on John 1:37 when Jesus asked “What do you want?” It’s a good question Jesus asks. How would you answer him?



We also conducted the following business:

- > Prayed for the church and community
- > Heard a preliminary report on Donna Brewer and Ted Rigg’s trip to the cancer care ministry training.
- > Discussed a proposal addressing alcohol use and will continue discussion in July.
- > Approved vacation leave for pastor Andy
- > Canceled the June session meeting
- > Continued our discussion evangelism and ideas for reaching Fairbanks.

FPC Prayer Ministry Training Event #3: Tuesday, June 6 from 6:30-8pm

Spiritual Warfare and Breaking Strongholds

This training will focus on leading us to an understanding and practice of spiritual warfare. One dimension of spiritual warfare involves tearing down strongholds in one’s life (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). A stronghold is a faulty thinking pattern based on lies and deception. They are common and can lead us to think in ways which block us from God's truth and therefore God’s best. All are welcomed to this training!

C.S. Lewis, in his book *The Screwtape Letters* wrote, “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe and feel an unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors.”

Job Description for a Father

I'm so grateful for my dad. As I write this, I'm preparing to head down to presbytery meeting in Fresno and on the way back I will have a chance to see my parents for a brief visit. Dad turned 89 last month and I've had the privilege of sharing many long talks and some wonderful trips together over the years.



As Father's Day I want to draw attention to the role of the godly father in our lives. If you're a dad let me encourage you to actively seek to cultivate these qualities in your own life. If you have seen any of these in your dad, why not write him a note and thank him for being a good example in this area.

What does a good father look like? What roles does he fulfill? It's interesting how the roles of an earthly father parallels those of our heavenly Father.

Protector - This role encompasses our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual protection. As children we particularly need protection, and we need to have our values, purities, and our honor protected into adulthood. A father not only protects his children from external danger, but he can have an important role in protecting their hearts and minds as well.

Provider - This is perhaps one of our more traditional images of a father. A father initially provides for our necessities. He also creates an environment for growth through providing a spiritual foundation for life as well as offering love and encouragement. We look to our fathers to provide for us what we may not be able to provide for ourselves while teaching us how to eventually become independent.

Counselor - A father is a guide. He directs his children toward the path in life that promises to fit them best. A father who has his child's best interest in mind will gain the trust of his child as a counselor. He will provide wise biblical wisdom and guidance directing his children towards God and God's Word as a source of life and wisdom.

Role Model - A godly father provides a living picture of spiritual health, faithfulness, love, humility, tenderness, and more for his children to follow. He lives a healthy picture of how life can best be lived while also modeling forgiveness and the ability to appropriately say "I was wrong and I am sorry." A godly father will also demonstrate healthy self-care and openness for personal growth in lives. This gives a child a solid example for healthy living and relating.

Friend - It is said that a child learns how to interact with others on the lap of a father. We seek a sort of friendship with our father that teaches us what friendship is. A healthy friendship with our dads can help to relax and go deeper in our family relationships. I have fond memories of going backpacking, camping, hunting and fishing with my dad as well as just hanging out at the end of a day. We can have the best of both worlds, a godly advisor, role model and friend to do things with.

Here are a couple of rules of thumb: If your father failed you in any of these important roles, then you will be searching to compensate for that deficiency in other relationships. If your father failed to give you a good model, then you will have to work hard to compensate for that poor modeling as you raise your own children. We tend to do what we've seen modeled. So be aware and be purposeful in your role as a dad.

Learn to forgive and release your father from your judgments so that you will not carry unwanted hurts. Honor your father and mother where honor is due. Your children will follow in your footsteps.

Happy Father's Day, dads!

Pastor Andy



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“For in Him we live and move and have our being,”
Acts 17:28

Dear FPC Saints,

We just finished our May Presbytery meeting in Fresno, CA. When I got on the plane in Fresno to return to Fairbanks it was 100°F. Now, it was a dry heat... but still.

Fresno put me in the mood for summer.

Summer- the long alpenglow of a late summer evening, fishing, soccer games, maybe a camping trip or two, family coming to visit. Lots of recreation.

It is no mistake that recreation is another way of saying re-creating. Resting, refreshing, rejuvenating - far from a luxury or an indulgence, part of the warp and woof of creation. Recreation is exploring the wonder of God's world, and unselfconsciously enjoying our creatureliness.

When we do this we re-discover and re-orient ourselves to the reality that we are dependent upon and a part of something far larger and grander, older and mysterious than we can imagine - but we are not the center of it. This re-orientation is both humbling and exhilarating. It is a re-entry into the truth which in the busyness of our self-important day to day life we can miss, unless we are intentionally re-creating.

My exhortation to you is to enjoy your creatureliness this summer. We GET to live in Alaska, after-all! But don't forsake worshipping your creator as he has revealed himself to you - Father, Son and Holy Spirit- in the company of his people, the church. Don't speed up. Slow down. Take notice of your life in light the word. Attend to God's re-creating word as you recreate in his creation.

May you have a joyous and refreshing summer in Him.
Pastor Dave



Spicy Mustard Youth News!

Congratulations to all of our graduates! Caitlin, Canon, Hunter, Jason, and Sara! We are praying for you as you start the next chapter in your life.

We had a most excellent time at youth group last Sunday, as we welcomed all of our new 7th graders in style with a round of ice cold kiddie pool kickball! Check out our Facebook or bulletin board for some hilarious photos!

We will continue to follow Jesus, grow closer as a group, serve our neighborhood, and have a blast as we meet from 1-4pm every Sunday and Wednesday.

For more updates and helpful information on young ministry and parenting, subscribe to our newsletter - just email davidbooher@fpcfairbanks.com

Looking to get some serious family fun time in with the kids this summer? Well don't hit the snooze button or the time will be gone before you know it. Schools out, so crank up the fun right out of the gate with these no-to-low cost activities.

Chalk Town...Using sidewalk chalk, turn your driveway into a giant city mural. Pick a string of sunny days and work on it a little everyday. Invite the neighbors to join in as well. You can always lacquer your driveway when you're done and keep it forever. OK...we're pretty sure that won't work, but have fun trying.



Start a Family Blog...www.wordpress.com. It's easy and free. Grandma and Grandpa will love it!

Slip and Slide...All you need is a long roll of plastic painters drop cloth, baby oil, dish soap, water, a grassy hill, and old clothes. Always a neighborhood favorite.

Summer Scrap Book...Doesn't really matter whether you vacation on the beach or in your own backyard, just take pictures. You'll want the memories 20 years from now.

Wet Potato

Use a pin to poke a hole in a balloon while it is deflated. Next fill the balloon with water. This will create a slow leak. Have everyone stand in a circle and toss the squirting balloon from player to player. The last person holding the balloon before it runs out of water is out of the game. Continue playing until there is only one person left. They are the winner!

Melting Madness

Fill two 8 oz. milk cartons with water and freeze them. When you're ready to play, divide into two teams and peel away the carton from the block of ice. On the word go, each team has to pass the ice block around and use as much of their body as they can to melt the ice. The first team to melt the ice away is the winner! Have fun and stay cool!

Enjoy your summer and your Kids,

Pastor Connie

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www.fairbanksfirstpres.com





Note from the Fairbanks Community Food Bank:



Of the 1.2 million pounds of food that went out in the Fairbanks Community Food Banks Emergency Food Boxes in the past year, 207,300 pounds went out through First Presbyterian Church! With that food, you served 6,101 individuals. That's a whopping 64,909 meals you provided! 40% of these individuals you fed were children! What a powerful ministry! It is always a pleasure to serve everyone at First Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to all who have served in this ministry!

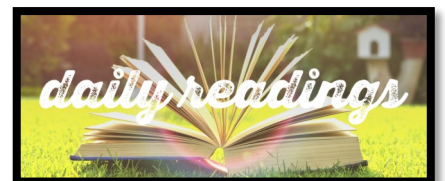


Church Directory—Last Chance to Sign up!

Last chance to sign up for our church directory. If you have not turned in a form or responded to our phone calls, your name and number will NOT be included. Don't miss out on a chance to get everything updated for our church family!

Daily Lectionary Readings for June 2017

www.pcusa.org/devotions/lectionary/lectionarylist.htm



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