



Mariners: To be announced

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, May 21, at 9:30am

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	5:00 p.m.
Mariners	2nd Friday	5:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 5:00 p.m. every Friday for lunch. Mariner's meet at 5:00p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91, vs. 1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Pat Benton – Lung Function & Healing
Helen Campbell – Foot Healing
Don & Suzanne Frantz – Cancer Healing
Kirby Frantz – Cancer Healing
Cheryl Leib – Healing from Knee Replacement Surgery
Dennis Peterson – Healing from Eye Surgery
Jeff Qualls – Cancer Healing



TIMOTHY

I did some research on Timothy of the Bible recently and I thought I would share with you what I learned from the search. I Googled Timothy, I have never done that before. I found some interesting information by doing that. See, grandparents can learn from grandchildren and modern ways of doing things. Timothy was the son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. There are two books in the Bible addressed to him. They are letters of encouragement from the Apostle Paul. Timothy joined Paul during one of his later missionary journeys. Paul calls Timothy a true son in the faith. It is guessed that he was about twenty years of age. But Timothy had already distinguished himself as faithful and the elders had noticed him. It is guessed that Timothy had responded to the gospel when Paul came through the area of Derbe and Lystra on his first missionary journey. Timothy served as Paul's representative to several churches and he was later a pastor in Ephesus. Timothy is mentioned as being with Paul when Paul wrote several New Testament letters.

What can we learn from Timothy all these years later? Timothy had genuine faith as did his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. He had good upbringing to prepare him for the Gospel. Eunice, Lois, and Timothy all accepted the teachings of Paul and committed their lives to the Savior. We can learn from this to prepare our children to receive the message of Christ. There is also teaching on how to live for God through Christ contained in the letters to Timothy. Timothy is encouraged to set an example for other believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. Timothy teaches: Be devoted to reading Scripture, exhorting, and teaching, and do not neglect the gift that God has given to you. Be diligent in keeping a close watch on ourselves. We also should pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. We need to be willing to fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which we were called when we made our good confession in the presence of witnesses. Beware of false teachers and continue in the things we have learned; the truths of sin and our need for a Savior. As parents we are to prepare our children to distinguish truth from error. And as believers we are to stand firm in the truth we have learned, not being surprised or swayed by opposition and false teachers. We too must do our best to present ourselves to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Scripture is God breathed and good for correcting and training in righteousness, so that us servants of God, may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. All, that we might be faithful and useful to God for the furthering of His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Amen
Pastor John

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.” II Samuel 14:33

Some years ago, I received a call to come to a hospital to see a patient – a medical doctor. On my way to the hospital I remembered that a doctor by this name had been mixed up in some crooked business. I went into the hospital room and asked, “I don’t know you, do I?”

“No,” he replied. “But I know you. I want you to get me out of this place. I have a stomach condition, and it has developed because I hate so many people. I want you to operate on me and get this hate out of me.” “Doctor, I have a suspicion about you,” I said. “What have you got on your conscience besides hate?”

After a pause he admitted, “Doctor Peale, I am absolutely full of rottenness and sin.” He told me all the dirty things he had done and there were plenty. He wanted to change. And before we got finished in that hospital room he did just that, for he said to the Lord Jesus Christ, “I will go with You all the rest of the way.” And he did, too. He got the error out of him and got the truth in him.

Life Lifter. Remember that you will never be spiritually blessed until you forgive. Goodwill cannot flow toward you unless it flows from you.

Norman Vincent Peale



Josephine Moore is still healing from her back surgery. If you would like to send a card or call her, she is at **Casa de Modesto, 1745 Eldena Way, Room #904**, her cell phone number is **209-620-3657**. *She would love to hear from you!*

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

Are you a real true Christian
Do you always do His will –
Or, are you a lukewarm Christian
And go sliding down the hill?

We won’t all get to heaven
Our Savior made it plain –
The majority do not trust Him
And they will live in pain.

Our Savior said that self-denial
Is the way to get in –
If we do not obey Him
Then we are lost in sin.

We have a great advantage here
To love Him all the way –
But if we do not trust Him now
Behold, the Judgement Day.

He says He is not willing
That any should be lost –
So we should serve Him at our best
Regardless of the cost.

He has done so much for me
I know not what to say –
No I am living close to Him
And will until the Day.

MARCH 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 34

Giving:

Local:	\$5,946.00
Sunday School:	80.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	710.00
Total:	\$6,736.00



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THE SPECIAL MOTHER

By Erma Bombeck

Most women become mothers by accident, some by choice, a few by social pressure and a couple by habit. This year nearly 100,000 women will become mothers of handicapped children. Did you ever wonder how these mothers are chosen? Somehow I visualize God hovering over Earth selecting his instruments for propagation with great care and deliberation.

As he observes, he instructs his angels to take notes in a giant ledger.

“Armstrong, Beth, son, Patron Saint, Matthew.”

“Forrest, Marjorie, daughter. Patron Saint, Celia.”

“Rutledge, Carrie, twins. Patron Saint . . . give her Gerard. He’s used to profanity.”

Finally he passes a name to an angel and smiles. “Give her a handicapped child.” The angel is curious. “Why this one, God? She’s so happy.” “Exactly,” smiles God. “Could I give a handicapped child a mother who knows no laughter? That would be cruel.”

“But does she have the patience?” asks the angel. “I don’t want her to have too much patience, or she’ll drown in a sea of self-pity and despair. Once the shock and resentment wear off she’ll handle it.”

“I watched her today. She has that sense of self and independence so rare and so necessary in a mother. You see, the child I’m going to give her has a world of its own. She has to make it live in her world, and that’s not going to be easy.”

“But Lord, I don’t think she even believes in you.” God smiles. “No matter, I can fix that. This one is perfect. She has just enough selfishness.”

The angel gasps, “Selfishness? Is that a virtue?” God nods. “If she can’t separate herself from the child occasionally, she will never survive. Yes, here is a woman whom I will bless with a child less than perfect. She doesn’t know it yet, but she is to be envied. She will never take for granted a spoken word. She will never consider a step ordinary. When her child says momma for the first time, she will be witness to a miracle and know it. I will permit her to see clearly the things I see – ignorance, cruelty, prejudice – and allow her to rise above them. She will never be alone. I will be at her side every minute of every day of her life. Because she is doing my work as surely as she is here by my side.”

“And what about her Patron Saint?” asks the angel, his pen poised in the air. God smiles. “A mirror will suffice.”

MOTHER’S DAY VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

Saturday, May 18, 11:00am-2:00pm



Bring your favorite Tea Cup and wear a fancy hat. We will have salads, tea sandwiches, cheesecake and tea. Hurry and get your ticket for this fun and festive event from Lois Frantz.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers those who have passed in the last twelve months, and their families:

Ruby Ashley, Jean Davisson, Esther Chumney, Richard Baker, Brian Hinton, and Doris Mitoma.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY

ANNIVERSARIES

12th – Troy & Joy Slaybaugh

26th – Vern & Patty Shafer

29th – Josh & Heather Winchester

BIRTHDAYS

04th – Jay Irizarry

05th – Susan Price

Harley Radcliffe

06th – Steven Best

07th – Cherith Franklin

08th – Jacob Cadruvi

Sue Vacca

12th – Troy Slaybaugh

13th – Tommie Parrish

Amy Stokes

15th – Daniel Snyder

16th – Don Wyatt

17th – Patricia Guthrie

28th – Gayle Stanfill

Catherine Vaughn



If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.

Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary. You are important to us!



MAY 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 John 6:43-48 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres	2 Exodus 4:1-12 Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton	3 Romans 8:35-39 Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	4 Isaiah 33:2-6 Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam.
5 Mark 10:46-52 Pastor & Teachers Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Karen Davis & Family	6 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 Gary & Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry	7 Matthew 28:16-20 Zack Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz	8 Exodus 23:6-9 Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	9 Luke 11:5-13 Betty Harms & Fam. Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	10 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut	11 Romans 12:1-3 Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson
12 Matthew 7:13-14 Pastor & Teachers Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam.	13 Luke 7:11-17 Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes	14 Acts 15:30-35 Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore	15 Psalm 112:6-8 Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 Isaiah 43:1-7 Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 Romans 8:14-21 Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros Oscar Phan	18 Isaiah 40:27-31 Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price
19 Matthew 5:43-48 Pastor & Teachers Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Fam.	20 Luke 12:22-34 John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls	21 Psalm 96:1-9 Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer	22 Matthew 26:31-46 Vance Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam.	23 Psalm 46:1-11 Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family	24 Luke 8:32-39 Jerry & Judea Stokes J.J. & Soleena Stone & Fam. Veronica Suderman & Fam. Arthur Syverson	25 Psalm 34:1-8 Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent
26 John 13:1-17 Pastor & Teachers John & Sue Vacca Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family	27 Matthew 2:7-12 Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam.	28 Galatians 6:1-10 Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	29 Exodus 14:10-18 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	30 1 Peter 2:1-6	31 1 Timothy 6:17-19	




























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MAY 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 7:00 am Government Commodities Distribution 6:00 pm Bible Study 	2  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	3  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at La Morenita Turlock	4 FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am-2:00pm
5  All Church Potluck, Finger Food Only		7  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	8  6:00 pm Bible Study	9  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	10  5:00pm Mariners at the Church	
12  MOTHER'S DAY		14  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	15  6:00 pm Bible Study	16  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	17  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Strings Modesto	18  Mother's Day Victorian Tea Party 11:00am-2:00pm
19  All Church Potluck, Finger Food Only		21  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	22  6:00 pm Bible Study	23  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	24  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Sizzler's Turlock	
26	27  MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Will Be Closed	28  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	29  6:00 pm Bible Study	30  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	31  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Marie Callenders Modesto	

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour