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FAITH FAMILY FORUM II

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



Pastor Karl Thompson

Fellowship is essential to the Church. We were made to live in fellowship and redeemed so that we can live in fellowship. The Bible teaches that fellowship glorifies God. Our love for one another will show the world that Christ is at work in us. We are stones fitted together so that we can live in unity! But it is a mistake to think that this God glorifying unity is the ultimate end of our fellowship. To put it another way, fellowship is not the end goal. We have been put together so that we can work together for a particular purpose.

That purpose culminates in the Worship of the Triune God. It is the central activity of the church and the celebration of the Kingdom of God. It is the point of all creation. So we gather together for worship. It is why we are to be together in all of life. But there is a worship related task that we are also called to do together. It is Missions! You see, there are elect in every corner of the world (including here in GP) who are not yet worshiping God because they have not been converted. It is our mission to work together so that they might hear the Gospel and believe. There are those who have been called that need to progress in their maturity so that their worship might be more God honoring. We need to work together to make disciples.

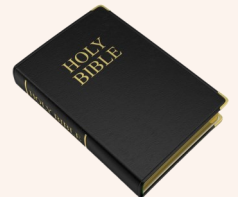


We are called to be together, but we are called to be together to do a task that is far too big for any one person, family or church. We are called to be together so that we can make disciples of all nations!



Don't forget to view the **Missionary of the Month** board in the Fellowship Hall and if you would like to present a missionary for a month please contact Linda Gay.

An article on *Making Disciples of all the Nations* can be read on the OPC site [here](#).





Hello as you may know my name is Peter Thompson. I am currently doing CAP which means Civil Air Patrol. It is an air force auxiliary, which means that sometimes we get to fly airplanes which is really fun, but that is not the only thing we get to do. There is drill which is basically marching and stuff like that. Besides flying and PT (physical test), it is my favorite.



Now we move to PT; it is exercise, and there is a mile run which is very fun, and I have figured out that it is something that even if you are great at it, you can still get better. In PT there are push-ups and curl-ups; the curl ups are basically the easy version on a sit up, and push-ups are push-ups.

We get promotions; these are very fun but also very hard to do. To obtain a promotion, there is a drill test which I mentioned above, and then there is a leadership test. Most of the time it is just an open book test on one chapter of the leadership book, but sometimes there is a closed book exam on the whole book. That is what I am doing now. Next there is aerospace, and it goes over one book of all of the aerospace books per test, and it is just a regular open book test. We also have fitness, and we build character by having to sit in on a character speech and listen to a character speech by Pastor Hane.

That is the end of promotions and the end of this article.

Interested in the CAP Cadet Program? Find info [here](#).

Youth from 12-18 years of age can join CAP's Cadet Program. Cadets learn about aviation and the military and develop leadership and teamwork skills in a year-round youth program.



POOCH CORNER



Can you guess the owner of this little cutie? Read the hints and you can turn to the last page of the newsletter to find out who owns this pup.

My sweet girl is 2. She has so much personality and has come so far in working through her fear of people (and nail trims...still working on that).

She loves to chase squirrels (especially if she can jump out the car window ...)

Her little 4" legs can carry her through the front door and across the lawn almost every time she exits the house, even when there is nothing there to chase.

Fetch is life for this dog, and there are few things she'd rather have than a ball. She's a silly one, but the sweetest little girl.



BIBLE "IN A NUTSHELL" By Tami Quinones

When nerves get the best of you and you want to share the Gospel, this is easy to remember. Tami Quinones refers to it as *the Bible in a nutshell*:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the Bible says it was very good; then He created Adam and Eve, and He gave them rule and dominion over all things. He gave them one rule, and that was that they could not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and He told them that if they did, they would surely die. Well, along came Satan, the old deceiver, and he made them doubt what God had said, so they took from the tree and ate of it, and the moment that they did, they both died.....spiritually. And sin and death entered the world. From that point on, everyone that is born, is born into sin and death. Because God is a righteous and holy God, He cannot tolerate sin. The Bible says that He hates sin and is angry at the sinner every day and because of that, He created Hell, a place where all sinners deserve to go. But because God is also a loving and merciful God, He provided a way out by sending Jesus Christ, His only Son, Who lived a perfect life. He was crucified on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins. He died, was buried, and 3 days later He rose from the dead, and the Bible says that He is seated at the right hand of God and that He prays for us daily. The Bible also says that if we believe that Jesus is God's Son and that He died on the cross for our sins and we turn repent of our sins, when we die, we will go to Heaven and live with God forever, where there will be no more pain, no more illness, and no more sorrow.

Do you believe?



DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

The Drive-In Movie night in September was a huge hit. The kids decorated their cars for the movie, there was sandwiches and popcorn. Here's some photos, thanks to Rachel U.



THE DIALOGICAL PRINCIPLE

Worship at Faith church operates on the dialogical principle. So what is this principle, and how does it work out in our worship? First we will define what it is, and then we will look at our order of service to see how it works out.

The root word here is *dialogue*, which means an exchange or conversation between two or more persons. *Dialogical* is simply the adjective form, so what we have is a principle based on a going back and forth. Who is involved in this going back and forth in worship? We, the people, are going back and forth with God.

It is helpful here to point out that sometimes the congregation speaks for itself, and sometimes the minister or leader speaks for the congregation. Again, sometimes God speaks for Himself, and sometimes the pastor/leader speaks on His behalf. Let's look at the various elements of worship.

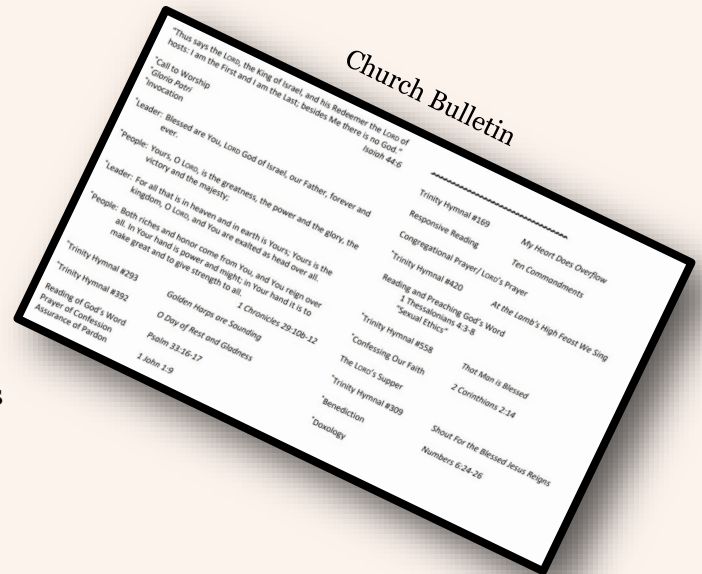
We begin with a call to worship. The pastor/leader reads a verse or two of Scripture; this is God speaking to the congregation, calling them to worship. Then the congregation responds by singing the *Gloria Patri*. The dialogue has begun. The pastor/leader then gives the invocation on behalf of the congregation and asks God to be present with His people in worship.

The leader and the people respond back and forth with the reading of a portion of God's Word. In this case, the leader speaks for God using His words, and the congregation speaks back God's Word to Him. At that point the congregation sings, which again is the people speaking to God.

The pastor/leader will do the reading of God's Word for Him, give the prayer of confession on behalf of the people although we all pray silently confessing at one point in that prayer, and prayer is speaking to God. Then the assurance of pardon is read, which is God assuring us, the congregation, of our sins being pardoned. The congregation responds with song after which the pastor/leader speaks on our behalf to God in the congregational prayer, and then we sing again.

During the reading and the preaching of God's Word, the minister is speaking to us, the congregation, on behalf of God. Then we sing in response and read something, often God's Word, back to God. The pastor then speaks to the congregation about the elements, consecrates them, and they are distributed whereupon we partake of them. We sing to God, and the pastor pronounces the benediction, a good saying literally, to the congregation. It is God's final word to us as we are about to go out into the world. We respond with the doxology, praising God with thankfulness.

From the above you can see that we, the congregation, are in a back and forth with God during the entire service. We are not passive. It is an active worship that we participate in throughout as God speaks to us and we respond. It is a dialogue; hence, we follow the dialogical principle in our worship.



Don't forget to have your ballots in by November 8, 2022



Everyone who has a child wants what is best for that child. Nearly without exception, everyone wants blessings for their child at every stage of their lives. It is because we want these blessings for them that we call our children to faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to God. We even exercise discipline in their lives because we want them to be blessed.

Sin brings a curse. Anyone who is sold into slavery to sin is under a curse. Anyone who is not united with Christ and receiving the blessings of His life, death and resurrection is a slave to sin and under the curse from God. The path from that curse into real blessing starts with repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. But for all of us, it doesn't end there. Though the curse has been removed and we are forgiven, some of God's temporal blessings are held back from us if we continue unrepentantly in sin. We teach our children about the "Circle of Blessing." Disobedience to God takes us out of the circle of blessing. Even for the Christian, there is a barren land of sinful rebellion filled with pains and sorrows. The Spirit enabled daily disciple of Repentance and Faith brings us out of that barren land into the circle of blessing. Enjoy the fullest blessing of this life by returning quietly to and living contently in the Circle of Blessing!



SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

By Keith Hansen

What are spiritual resources for seniors? Best answer: Faith OPC, of course! Whether *you* are a senior or you are helping a senior, the unlimited resources God provides must be examined, reviewed often, and prayerfully lived out. Always be prepared to share and live the Truth God has given you!

The process of aging began in the garden (Gen. 2:17; 3:19). 2 Cor. 4:16a declares that the outer person is fading away (as anyone over 40 will tell you). Fading and loss shows in many ways: strength, health, stamina, companions, independence, work, finances and in the end loss of earthly life. These losses are about losing control. How much pride do you really have in having control? Don't let disappointment or fear devour you!

God's Great Gain in Aging

The tragedy of aging is overcome by the **triumph of growingly becoming what God plans** for us to be! As Christians there is victory in Christ: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." However, victory does not come easily. 2 Corinthians 4: 16b-17. "...our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." Look forward with great expectation to the unseen glory! By acknowledging the hard things and seeking our Lord's direction, a believer's position becomes the most powerful counterpart to the negatives of aging.

Never forget the peace that assurance of salvation through the Gospel brings! Whether a believer, an unbeliever or yourself, always start with the truth of the Gospel (Ephesians 2:8-9; Rom. 10:9-11). Return to the simplicity of justification by faith alone, and the comfort that nothing else needs to be done.

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Reflect on what God has done, rejoice with real life memories and powerful testimony of God's Word. In Psalm 18, David looks back at the blessings of God with gratitude and praise. "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge. and my cry to him reached his ears." May this Spirit led gratitude spur us on in our walk with Him. "I will call on the Lord who is worthy to be praised."

Trials and suffering will accompany physical life until death. Adversity and heartache work for our good (Rom. 8:28-29). Everyone will suffer (1 Peter 4:12). In suffering and trial serve God (1 Peter 4:13). "But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed." God's overarching purpose is to conform us to the likeness of Jesus Christ (Psalm 138:8). "The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me." Glorify God's greatness in the workings of His perfect will (Isaiah 55:9).

Hope responds to false expectations (1 Peter 1:3-5). Aging cannot be stopped (or slowed, contrary to some advertising claims) The only thing that is permanent is change. Change is an opportunity to serve and grow closer to God in faith as circumstances change. Experience ways of living for the Lord without or with less temporal things like home, health, or eyesight. Push forward even as you grieve losses. Psalm 49:10. "For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others." Hope will provide care no matter how dire the situation appears (Proverbs 16:9). "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." Step out in hope assuming responsibility for and being involved in doing what you are able.

Everyone is terminal. We all fear dying, ask for help. Do what you can do today (James 1:22). Determine to stay involved and focus on relationships with God, family, and your Faith OPC family, not things. Watch what you eat and drink. Deal with pain regularly and honestly. Be involved in choices of treatment. Death doesn't usually come in one day, so deal with each day God gives you. Thank God for the opportunity to say 'I love you' and worship and glorify Him each day.

PASTOR'S PONDER-

By Pastor Karl Thompson



I often ponder the ponderous. I love big mountains and big machines. Perhaps it is because I am a bit ponderous myself, but I think it is more because the enormous points me away from my own power toward the power of God. These days, every mountain I climb lives with me for weeks after I climb it, with either painful ankles, or disconcerting memories of pains or dangers. I know the mountain is mightier than me. Then I think of the mighty equipment that can move a mountain, but even the mightiest of man's equipment would work for centuries to move any respectable mountain. The ponderous should cause us to ponder the greatness of our God.

That is why God corrected Job in Job 41 by asking him to compare Job's power with the power of the Leviathan. From the whirlwind, another insurmountable power, God ask Job, "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?" God says to Job, do you have power over this Ponderous Beast. The obvious answer is, "NO!" God's unspoken response is, "I Do!" He has that power and so much more.

The Ponderous is there to remind us that God is Greater. The insurmountable is there to teach us the humility of depending upon God. We are taught again and again to not trust our own strength but to trust God. Humble yourself; bring your fears and anxieties to the Lord, and He will take care of you!





I publicly acknowledged Christ as my Lord and Savior, June 2006 at Faith OPC, a day I will always remember. How did I get to be a faithful Christian as once a staunch woman's liber believing in abortion, evolution and the "me" generation? It was God, short and sweet, that saved me. He followed me all my life and protected me even when I had no interest or recognition of Him. God used my husband's death to bring someone in my life that piqued my interest in the Bible. The more I read and asked questions the more I desired to know God, this creator that created all things, including me. So, here's my story:

I did not grow up in a Christian home but was baptized because that is what you did; I went to a Catholic church for Easter and Christmas. I always got a new dress for Easter along with an Easter basket. My neighbors were Italian Catholics, and our parents sent us to church on Sunday with money to put in the collection basket (well listen, we were only seven and hated church, so we skipped mass to go buy candy or a donut at the store). I

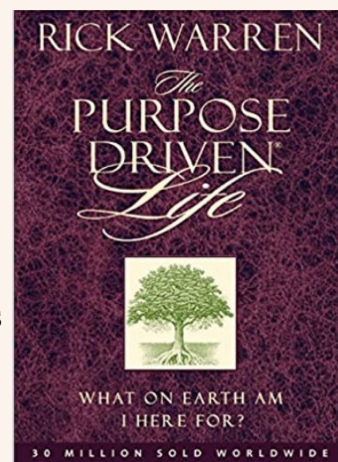
never understood why we were supposed to give money in church when the priests seemed so rich.

In October, 2002 I started working for the City of Grants Pass; after one month I was eligible for family insurance. That meant my husband, who had been complaining of shortness of breath, could finally visit the doctor. He was immediately diagnosed with lung cancer and after several surgeries and chemo, on June 2003 he passed away.

I agonized over how I was going to keep the house; it took both our incomes to live, and I was so independent that I couldn't imagine who I could go to for help. My parents and I had a strained relationship and since I'm an only child and decided to not have children, there weren't many options. My husband had a landscape company, and I would help him out on the weekends. His clients were caring and wanted me to continue. I was healthy, ambitious, and tenacious, so I kept his clients and did the work in the evenings after my city job and on the weekends. I made enough to continue to pay the mortgage and the other bills.

But of course, I was distraught and truly felt no reason to carry on with life. I was suicidal and had even formulated plans. At this lowest part of my life, one night I cried out to God and said that I was done and if He was real, I needed help. Literally days later the Lord sent a friend, and we spent a lot of time together. He helped me with my side jobs, and we talked and had dinner every night. I

found out he was a Christian, and one day I wanted to show off by how much I had read in the Bible. Unbeknownst to me a Catholic Bible has many different unsubstantiated books which are not the inspired Word of God. So, I found a NKJV Bible and started reading. Then I read, *The Purpose Driven Life* by Pastor Rick Warren, and the more I read, the more it made sense, eventually convicting me that I needed to find a church and attend. It's amazing how God works all things for His good. Once I read the Bible, I was compelled to comply and wanted to live my life for Him. When I was young, I had abortions, so of course I believed in the woman's right to choose, and no one could change my mind. The Bible tells us to not murder, and I am no longer a proponent to that slaughter of innocent blood, but I am forgiven and that's how I can tell my story now. I once was the harlot that Proverbs speaks of and only a true, wonderful God changed that and sees me white



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as snow.

I attended several different denominations and looked for convenience first; things like an easy time to attend or a short service. I stumbled across Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grants Pass and attended several Bible studies that I really enjoyed. I liked the Presbyterian form of government and theology emphasizing the sovereignty of God, the authority of the Scriptures, and the necessity of grace through faith in Christ. This all made sense, but at this church they had women leading the pulpit; I couldn't find that in the Bible, so I felt I had to keep searching for the right church.

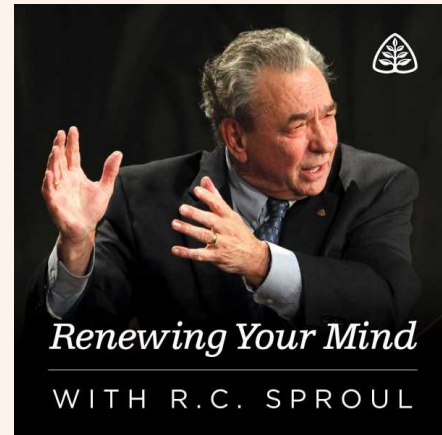
One Saturday while I was doing my landscape maintenance, I tuned into an RC Sproul podcast. Sproul spoke to me as a layman, and I understood TULIP and the Reformation. Now my search was narrowed, and I knew that a reformed church was right for me. Well, Hello Faith OPC!! The minute I heard the first sermon my eyes felt open, and I felt at home.

Being a new Christian, everything was different, songs like "Amazing Grace," which is now one of my favorites, I understood its meaning and realized that I was that wretch and because of God's grace and love for me, He protected me all my life even when I didn't know He was there. He's forgiven me of all those sins I've committed, and I now have everlasting life. I no longer fear the world or worry about my physical survival, for He will always be at my side. And a side benefit, this only child now has a huge church family that I've always dreamed of, and I am grateful has been there for me.

And even though I was a professing Christian, I struggled with sin and habits of my old life. This was one of my favorite passages that helped:

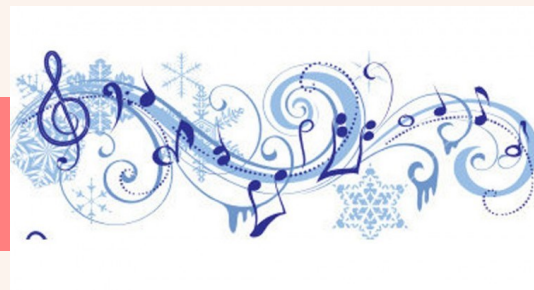
1 Corinthians 10:13

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."



November 18th 5pm is the Progressive Dinner

December 2nd at 6pm is the **Christmas Musical program** at Faith OPC.



TOM KEOSABABIAN AND HIS CORVAIRS

I bought my first Corvair in 1961, and I have been driving, building, racing, buying, and selling Corvairs for over 60 years. Last year, an old friend of mine (Robert) asked me if I would be interested in building an engine for his Corvair that he wanted to take to the Bonneville Salt Flats and race during “Speed Week.” I was hesitant at first because it had been 48 years since I last raced there, but Robert pleaded, and I agreed to do it.

Well, things didn’t quite work out—a series of storms last August left the salt flats flooded with water, and they had to cancel the event as well as a second event in late September. So now we’ll have to wait until next year.



Tom with Robert’s Race Car and the Highly Modified Turbocharged Engine Tom Built.

I began racing at Bonneville in 1963. Since I didn’t have much money, I slept in my car, ate oatmeal for breakfast, and bought 39 cent hamburgers for dinner for the entire week. I did set a new class record in my stock Corvair (110 mph 2-way avg.), but it only lasted for a day because a fellow competitor in a highly modified car broke it at nearly 115 mph.

During the following 10 years, I returned to the salt flats six more times, interrupted by a two-year stint in the Navy serving with the “Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club,” and set three records with three different Corvairs. The last one, set in 1974, lasted over 35 years.

This photo shows my three remaining turbocharged cars. I purchased the black car on the right in 1966. It’s been raced at the dry lakes, drag racing, road racing, and set a Bonneville speed record of 156.9 mph in 1967. A year later, it was featured in an article in *Car Life* magazine entitled “Living with The World’s Fastest Corvair.” The magazine editors had the car for four days, putting nearly 500 miles on it. The results of their testing were published in that 4-page article including the performance figures. The editors of *Car Life* and *Road & Track* magazines were very impressed with the car.

The car in the middle is a 1962 Devin-C. It is a turbocharged, Corvair-powered sports car manufactured by Bill Devin Sports Cars in El Monte, California. The original owner took delivery of the car in May of 1962 after it had been shown at the New York Auto Show. He then drove the car to Colorado Springs where he entered it in the Pikes Peak Hillclimb time trials. The world’s first turbocharged sports car demonstrated the benefits of turbocharging by finishing within 20 seconds of the Corvettes and ahead of all but one of the other sports cars.

I purchased the car from its second owner in 1971 and put it into storage. With help from my wife Barbara, we restored the car in 1999 and put it on display at the Corvair convention at Lake Tahoe that year. It’s been at many shows including the very prestigious (invitation only) “The Quail” car show held every year at the Quail Lodge and Golf course on the Monterey Peninsula.



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The white car on the left is called the “Clean Air Corvair” because it runs on clean burning propane gas and is equipped with two turbochargers. It set a record at the salt flats in 1974 at 173 mph with a maximum speed of 176 mph. The car is now on display at the Corvair Museum in Illinois.

Barb came up with the idea of cooking breakfast on the salt flats using propane fuel from the race car in order to save time and money. She also fed some of the people who had helped us including Ed Iskenderian, a fellow Armenian. In addition, it demonstrated the versatility and convenience of propane fuel.

The Lord has greatly blessed me over the years. Many times, I have prayed for His guidance while working on these cars, dealing with problems and difficulties. His hand of protection was over me not only on the race course, but during some of the harrowing experiences while towing back and forth from Southern California. There were one or two instances where I think my guardian angel had to call for ‘back-up’.



Barb Cooking Breakfast on the Salt Flats

Praise God for His Goodness, His many Blessings, and His Longsuffering.



Note: If anyone is interested in more information on the Clean Air Corvair, I have a YouTube channel that has had over 60,000 views.

Just click [here](#) and [TVK Performance](#). Two great videos.

COMING UP

See Calendar for more details. [Click Here](#)

Sunday, November 6 Daylight Savings Time Starts

Nov 6—Fellowship Meal
Nov 12—7am Men’s Breakfast
Nov 18 —5pm Progressive Dinner
Nov 28—6pm Men’s Meeting
Dec 2 —6pm Christmas Musical Program

Nov 5—Turn your clocks back one hour
6pm—Thursday—Bible Study
6:30pm—Tuesday Night Book Study
10am Monday—Stand for Life
Youth Night—2nd & 4th Wednesday





July 13, 2022 Frode rated it 4 stars

Goodreads review by Frode Jensen

This book is in the library and available to borrow.



The Reunion, by Dan Walsh

This novel has believable characters set in a time frame and culture I understood having lived through it. It is a story of misunderstanding, self-sacrifice, forgiveness, and redemption, plus it has a secondary love story grafted in. What's not to like?

A Vietnam vet, Aaron Miller, is living a just get by existence. He is a handyman in a rural trailer park. A flash back takes us to Nam and an incident wherein he saves the lives of three men who are part of the patrol. His action earns him the Congressional Medal of Honor. Cycling back into civilian life doesn't work well for Aaron; today we call it PTSD. His marriage fails; he goes on the skids and is homeless for a while until God intervenes. However, the bridges with his former wife and family are burned, hence, his current life situation.

However, Tex, the one of three fellows whose lives Aaron saved wants to locate Aaron. Enter a reporter whose dad died in Nam when he was very young. Dave Russo wants to write a book about Vietnam heroes who never got their due. He and Tex meet up, and Dave is hired to find Aaron. In the process Dave meets Karen, Aaron's daughter, and they click.

Eventually there is a reunion of Aaron and the three fellows who owe him their lives. You will need a tissue or two if you have any feelings at all. It is a glorious time of redemption. I would recommend this book for a church library. It gives a picture of the times and is a good story. The Lord is glorified.



Special thank you to the Elders for cooking at the Elder's Bar-B-Que. So much great food with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.



STAND FOR LIFE



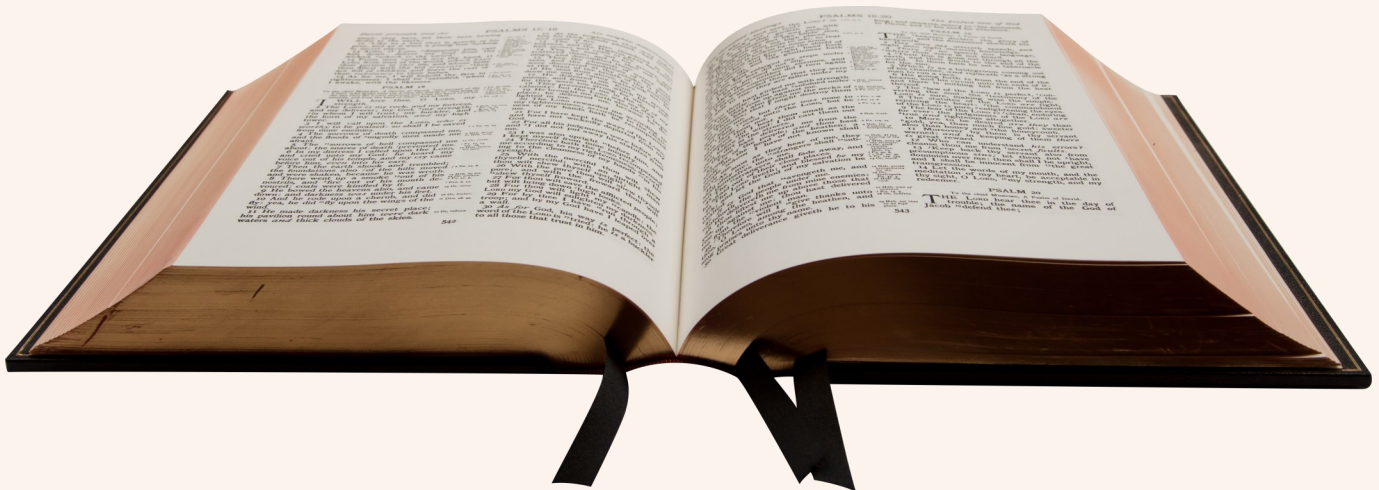
Every week is a new adventure. Observe first hand how those driving by respond to 'life of children' and reminders that God is the creator and sustainer of all. Occasionally some give encouraging waves and honks of their horns, but some responses not so honoring to the Lord. Hearts are challenged as the Holy Spirit works!

God creates life. Life is important to our Lord, so to it is to His beloved (us). How do we at Faith let the world know God's heart? Take time to join us next to the front of Planned Parenthood to pray and hold a sign proclaiming Truth about life and faith in our Lord!

Rain or shine, 10-11:30am every Monday.

Have you had a good experience with a local business and want to recommend them or give a review? Let us know, email: office.faihopc@gmail.com

Pooch Corner— Dog's name is Pepper and she belongs to Kaleigh Van Delden.



A lot of care, time, and effort went into the publishing of this newsletter and we would love to hear your comments, recommendations, and thoughts. Drop us a line at: office.faihopc@gmail.com

Special thank you to the proof readers, Marylou Hansen and Frode Jensen.

If you haven't already been reading, jump in now and read along with us. There are two plans: **Through the New Testament in a Year** (one NT chapter per day) and **Through the Bible in a Year** (the NT plan plus three OT chapters per day). Imagine the value of all of us reading the same portions of scripture together.

You can see on the page NT (for New Testament reading) and OT (for Old Testament reading), and they are listed by date. Catch up is a day that a reading is not necessary, and you can use it to "catch up" or study. Reading the Bible is an enrichment to your life and to your relationship with God.

[Click here to see the Bible Reading 2022.](#)