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FAITH FAMILY FORUM II



Happy New Year 2023

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members:

Tom and Linda Dominico.

Welcome to Faith OPC.



NOTES FROM YOUR ADMIN

We, your admin team, Marylou, Sarah, and Linda invite you to sit in on our Admin Team meetings anytime. We usually try to meet the last Thursday of the month at 10AM at the church. And any time you'd like a copy of our Admin notes, please just ask. We are here to be helpers to the church processes and welcome anyone that wants to help or has input. We love this church and it is a blessing to serve.

Thank you.

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.**

That is my sweet dog! She loves cuddles, and playing with other dogs. She protects me from small animals on our adventures in Cathedral Hills and she expects a puppuccino from Dutch Bros on every long drive.

She's also my Epilepsy support dog. Anxiety, stress and lack of sleep all trigger seizures, when I'm feeling those emotions her cuddles help relax me. She is happiest when she's laying right next to me.



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“Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.” PS 73:24



We were married in 1960 in Canton, Ohio, at the church where we met and were members. Ralph was teaching chemistry and physics at a public high school, and Carol was teaching in a public elementary school. When our first child was born, Carol became a full-time mother in the home.

Ralph became concerned about the direction public government education was going, which was away from academics and discipline toward our present-day leftist agenda. We prayed about teaching in a Christian school, but there were none in Ohio. In 1965, we moved to Grants Pass with our three children, and Ralph began teaching at New Hope Christian School. He'd earned his MA in Chemistry before the move and continued teaching high school chemistry and physics.

After several years in the Christian school, we realized the curriculum of those schools weren't much different from public schools. Man centered humanism dominated over God's sovereignty in all history that's taught in Scripture. We began praying about serving the Lord in foreign missions. At that time New Hope Christian School was under the auspices of World Missions to children, so we discussed it with our Mission Director.

The director was hoping to begin a work in the Philippines. After praying about it, we agreed to prepare for that. We had to enter the Philippines under a mission already established there. That mission sent us a letter informing us that our school-age children would be required to board at the school for missionary children even though we would be living in the same city. Red flags went up! We had seen a number of children “go down the spiritual drain,” living at boarding schools.

We talked with our director and said we knew God would have us homeschool our children and never send them to a boarding school. We believed the children God gave to us were our *first mission field*. Our director agreed and asked that we pray about joining WMC's (World Mission Center) work in Japan.



Twelve days after we arrived in Japan, our fifth child was born, a month early. The Lord graciously kept her in good health and gaining weight. She was treasured by her big sister, three brothers, and the mission family!

The next week we began language study with our teacher that came to our house. We were the first

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Japanese alphabet

-a missionaries in our mission to study a new course that required learning to read, write, and speak the language. Japanese is written in Chinese characters, plus two alphabets of their own. Carol memorized the alphabet during 2:00 AM feedings of the baby.

-e She was also homeschooling the two older children and trying to keep up with Ralph who was making good progress. That was extremely important for his ministry and the books he would publish later. Carol, however,

needed more time for language study. The next year a retired teacher came, self-supported, to teach the mission children.

After completing two years of language study, Ralph began a church planting ministry in the city of Karatsu. He led weekly worship services and taught Bible classes, which included teaching the Christians the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. On Sunday evenings he took our six children through the catechism, by memory, twice before graduation from high school. After they all finished college, we heard it was training in the catechism and Confession of Faith that provided answers to false “doctrines and practices” abounding in universities.

Carol resumed homeschooling and taught the Japanese Sunday school and Vacation Bible School in the summer. She also gave weekly music lessons to the children. We organized early morning practices with simultaneous piano and organ practices. The organ was connected to earphones so that only the organist could hear the music.

During our years in Japan on Sunday evenings, we listened to hundreds of messages on cassettes by Pastor A.N. Martin. His expositional preaching and faithful application in every message abounded to the glory of God and the spiritual growth of attentive listeners.

In 1979 during a furlough, we were pleased to learn that Faith OPC had been organized to spread the sovereign grace gospel recovered in Reformation. Some time before that, God had opened our understanding to the glory of God in the doctrines of sovereign grace taught in Scripture and clarified by the Reformers and Puritans. We rejoiced to find a church that loved these vital truths. Pastor Jay Milosevich welcomed us, and we began a warm fellowship with Faith church believers.

As our work in Japan progressed, Ralph became concerned about the dearth of biblically accurate and edifying materials in Japanese for the growth of believers. There was nothing that taught God’s 6-day Creation of Genesis to counter the myth of evolution. He had studied Creation upheld by Ph.D. scientists

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Japanese Kanji typewriter

who were Christians, including Dr. Henry Morris. Ralph then wrote, translated, typed on a Japanese Kanji typewriter, and published, *The Bible and Modern Science*. This book and special meetings arranged by the director of the Japanese work for university students convinced the Christians of the Truth of Creation. Included among them were a medical doctor and pharmacist.

Next, he translated and published Pastor Martin's messages on *Saving Faith and Repentance* that clarified these essential doctrines of Scripture for

Christians. To strengthen their understanding of the believer's vital growth in holiness, he wrote and published *The Law of God* based on the Ten Commandments, explained in the Westminster Larger Catechism.

Of the families and students who attended our meetings, we mention two, *in memoriam*, who were faithful to the Lord until death. Both students continued living for the Lord into adulthood. These ladies were stricken with terminal illnesses and are now with the Lord. We're very thankful that God sent us to them with the gospel of Christ's salvation of sinners, by which He saved them!

During our last furlough, Carol was diagnosed with COPD, even though she never smoked. We were sorry we could not continue our work in Japan, but we pray for the true gospel message to go forth in power.

We're very thankful for God's faithful guidance through the counsel of His Word by His Spirit. We thank Him for His work of grace in our children, whom He's placed in Japan, Philippines, Australia, and USA to serve in churches in preaching, teaching, as pianists, and as a pastor.

Our grandchildren are presenting us with nine great-grandchildren, including two sets of twins!

"Children are an heritage of the Lord:..." PS 127:3

"Give ear, O my people, to my law: of commandments which (God) commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children." PS 78:1,5

We thank our Faith Church family for your prayers and all your help in so many ways! May the Lord bless all of you and make our church a brightly burning lampstand of the gospel! Ralph & Carol

Abraham Kuyper developed the principle of sphere sovereignty from the Reformers' insistence upon staying within one's calling and identifying the boundaries clearly.

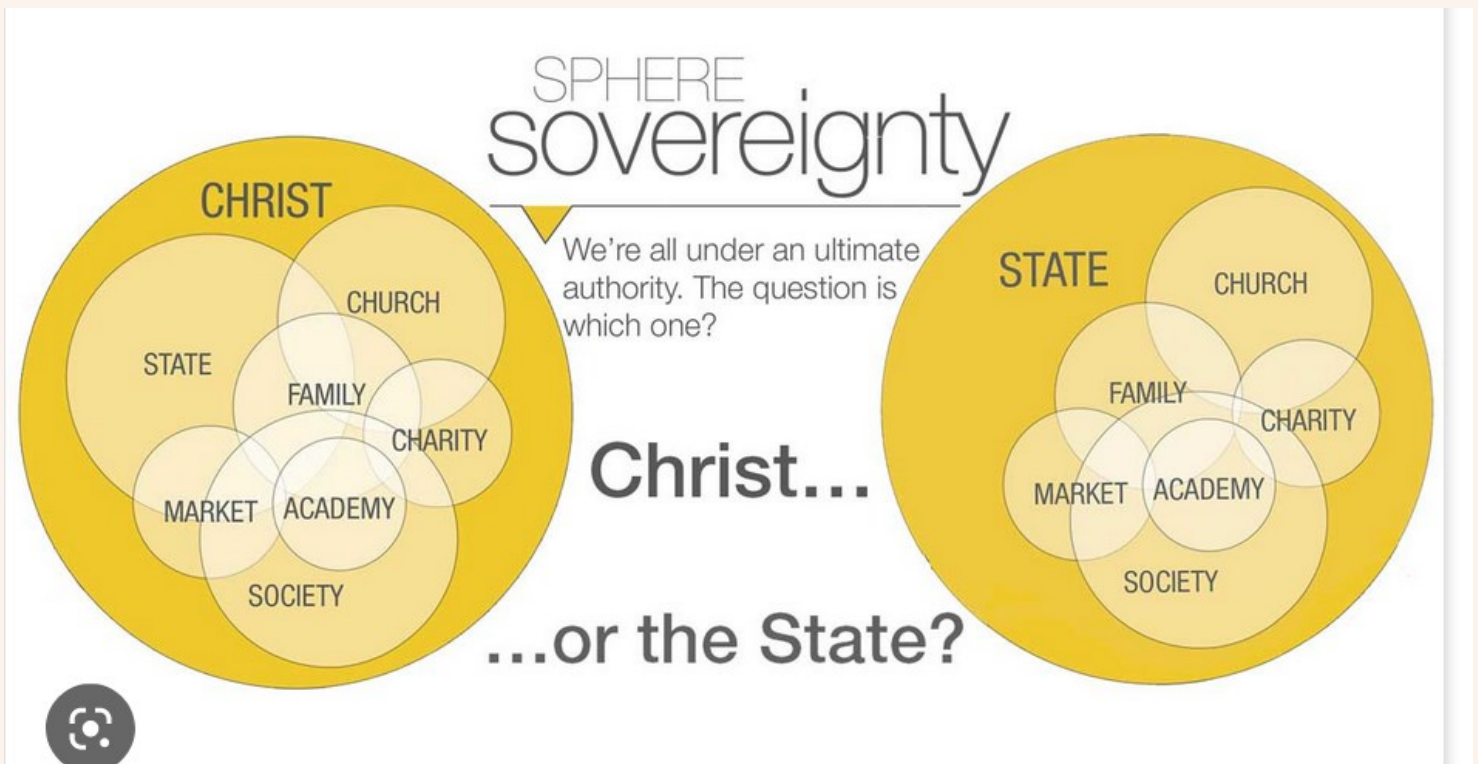
The three basic human institutions established by the Scriptures are the family, the church, and the state. Each of these three spheres is to act within its own boundaries although some influence will decidedly spill over into the other spheres. However, one sphere should not be imposing itself on either of the other two spheres.

Today Christians have concerns about the state regulating the church and the family. Secularists are wary of the church infusing itself into the state, hence, all this church-state distancing such as no prayer in the state schools and so forth. We can also see the family encroaching on the church in some ways; home churches, fathers usurping the session's role by barring their professing children from the Lord's Table, and elevation of the family above the church.

The debate about the one (collectivism) and the many (individualism) plays in here. Many Americans are highly individualistic and dislike anything about large institutions, and that means the government and the church regularly are under fire.

The concept of the Trinity helps us here. God is three in one and one in three. The Trinity represents equality, separation, and unity. As Christians and believers in the Trinity, we ought to be able to balance the one and the many as well. As individuals, we have rights, but we can give up some of those rights for the benefit of the collective society we live in, particularly since we will benefit also. The question then becomes what to give up and what to retain, a question beyond the scope of this brief article.

The Trinity also helps us understand that each sphere, family, church, and state, has its own identity and purpose but coexists and interacts with the other two spheres, and that together they all form the culture in which we live.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

By Frode Jensen

There are some questions about congregational meetings. Why do we have them? Who decides when we have them? How are they to be conducted? You will find answers below.

The OPC has a book of church order; in that book the first section is called the “Form of Government.” Congregational meetings are discussed on pages 26 and 27. The standard reference to any portion of this section would be FOG XVI, and then the paragraph and subparagraph would be listed.

FOG XVI, 1 says that the session will call the meetings and that at least one meeting should be held annually. The purpose of that meeting is to consider the affairs of the church and hold such elections of officers as necessary. No proxy voting is permitted, and only members in good standing are allowed to vote. This section also allows for ¼ of the members in good standing to request a congregational meeting in writing. So the why and who questions are answered.

The other paragraphs in this section regarding congregational meetings deal with mission works, who shall moderate, what the clerk needs to do, what sort of business the laws of the state might require, and how to go about holding a congregational meeting should the church members wish to withdraw from the OPC. There is a section on public notice that states a notice of such a meeting is to be made two Lord’s Days in advance of the meeting, so these sections explain a few details on how the meetings are to be conducted.

Some additional information is helpful. While there is to be an annual congregational meeting, the session or the people as outlined above can call other congregational meetings as well. A meeting where no business is transacted is an informational meeting. An example would be when the session reads a document to the members as a result of some disciplinary action. In that case, no formal minutes need to be taken although mention of that meeting will occur in the official session minutes. If a vote of any sort is taken, that requires minutes of the meeting, a quorum, and so forth. For instance, a special congregational meeting was held when the Harbeck facility came under consideration for purchase. We have these meetings to better inform the church as a whole about the general goings on in the church and for the congregants to raise questions or make comments about such things. The elders also conduct family visitations where such things are discussed.

In summary, the FOG says the church is to have an annual congregational meeting but may have more. It explains that the session or a body of the congregation may call a special congregational meeting and that a two week notice must be given. And finally, the FOG gives some guidelines on how the meetings are to be conducted. God is a god of order, and the OPC tries to do things in good order.

(1 Cor 14:40 “Let all things be done decently and in order.”)

This article was written last year, but is relevant to be reviewed again.

We will have our yearly Congregational meeting **February 26, 2023**, right after the worship service on Sunday. Please plan to attend this important yearly meeting.

Sandwiches will be served.

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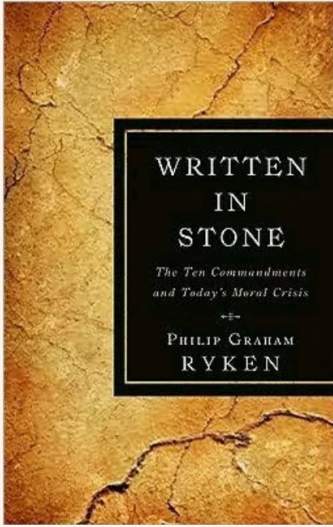
LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Come and join the Ladies Bible Study January 10th at 10AM at the church.

The Ten Commandments are an expression of God's eternal character and have binding force today. Here Philip Ryken offers basic principles for interpreting and applying them—explaining them one by one, illustrating each with a biblical account, and relating each to the person and redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

This is a book to be read and savored. Readers will find themselves examining their own lives, changing their ways, and delighting in newfound grace.

The ladies in Bible study enjoyed pie and coffee for the last Bible study of the year 2022.



SAYING GOODBYE

We had to say goodbye to a few families that have moved out of the area. We hate to see them go, but ask that God bless their way and their new churches. Goodbye Lyons, Bucknells, Kundas, and Stevensons, we will all miss you.



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FROZEN PIPE WEATHER

From the City of Grants Pass

With freezing temperatures on the horizon, the City of Grants Pass Water Department is reminding citizens to winterize their pipes and outside water spigots, as well as pools and ponds.

“Without precautions, your water pipes could freeze and burst, creating an expensive mess. Protection can never start too soon,” said Public Works Director Jason Canady.

Residents are encouraged to turn off the water supply to their outside irrigation, drain and disconnect garden hoses to store them for the season, and insulate any exposed pipes and spigots.

Residents with pools should drop the water level in the pool to relieve undue pressure on the structure of the pool. Chemicals can be added to prevent the growth of algae and other aquatic organisms. Debris should be removed, and the pool should be covered. Pumps should be turned off and covered if exposed. Keeping the pool pump running can help so water will not freeze in the pipes.

Some ornamental ponds and water features run all year long, but for those ponds that do not, residents are encouraged to contact their local supplier for advice to prevent damage.

Whether indoors or out, the water service line from the meter box to the structure, including all the plumbing within the customer’s property, is the responsibility of the property owner.

Avoiding Frozen Pipes

Here are some handy tips to avoid frozen pipes during sub-freezing temperatures.

Know the location of your customer valve. Knowing where and how to shut off the water can come in handy to limit the damage if a pipe inside your house does freeze and burst. If you do not have a customer shut-off valve and would like to have one installed, the City Water Distribution Division will assist by shutting off your water during normal working hours to enable you or your plumber to install the valve. Information: (541)450-6115.

Insulating water pipes in all accessible areas can alleviate many potential problems. Pipe insulation can be purchased from most hardware stores. Measure the insulation, cut it to length, and install it on the pipes, especially those which are located in un-insulated areas of your home or business.

Backflow prevention assemblies which are installed above the ground, such as reduced pressure assemblies and pressure reducing valves, should be properly protected. These are best protected with insulated boxes.

If any plumbing fixtures are located adjacent to an exterior wall and inside a cabinet (such as a kitchen or bathroom sink), open the cabinet doors to help keep the pipes from freezing.

Use caulk or insulation to seal cold-air leaks throughout your home or business.

Run a very thin stream of water from faucets and/or fixtures susceptible to freezing because water that is running will not readily freeze. Customers will be required to pay for the water used to prevent the pipes from freezing in this manner, however this cost is minimal.

Unoccupied Premises

Residents leaving for any period of time, should set their thermostats no lower than 55 degrees, and may want to turn the water off at the customer valve and drain all the water out of the pipes through an open

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faucet at the lowest point in their home. Forcing the water out of the pipes with air is a better alternative. Have a reliable and trustworthy friend or family member check your house while you are gone, to make sure there are no surprises waiting for you when you return.

Dealing With A Frozen Pipe

If you think you have a frozen pipe, warm up the suspected area by blowing air on the pipe from a hair dryer set on low heat. Wave the warm air back and forth along the frozen section. Do not concentrate on one area, because overheating a single spot can burst a pipe. Never use a torch with an open flame. You can also soak towels in hot water and wrap them around the pipes. Make sure you start thawing the area of the pipe nearest to the faucet and partially open the faucet so melting water can drip out.

If a pipe does burst, turn off the water supply immediately and call a plumber to make the necessary repairs. For problems or questions, call the Water Distribution Division of the Public Works Department: (541)450-6115, or call the Water Utility Customer Service Division of the Finance Department: (541)450-6035.



The Faith OPC **Christmas Musical** was presented December 2nd. Thank you Kerry for organizing this wonderful program.



INTERVIEW WITH EVAN & JESSI DAGGETT

It is always a special delight to interview people with whom I am already acquainted and for whom I already have a high regard. Such was my anticipated enjoyment in having a personal interview with the Daggetts; I was not disappointed.

Evan was born in 1987 in Grants Pass, while Jessi, born in Bedford, TX, joined the world in 1989. Her natural father is Puerto Rican. Jessi graduated from Grants Pass High School in 2007 while Evan matriculated in 2004, ways not yet fully known. They were married on September 27, 2008.



Jessi is an active doer. She has worked in an insurance office, has been a dance choreographer, instructor, and performer, involved in musical theater and drama. Evan knows hard work and music! Spending time with them, I was forced to ponder when was the time available for either of them to accomplish all they do? They knew one another in high school, but that relationship flame had not yet been ignited.

Evan's mother was involved in theater and dance. His father was a musician. A harsh experience was experienced in 2002 when Evan's parents divorced. He was greatly influenced and encouraged in life by his father. The divorce was difficult yet slowly processed by Evan.

Both attended, at that time First Baptist, now River Valley Community Church. Evan had attended Applegate Christian Fellowship; in 1991 he returned to First Baptist. Wanting to improve his drumming skills and musicology he enrolled at University of Oregon completing one year. He was in the marching band. While working for the YMCA in 2004, he broke his ankle ending his marching band experience!

He began to notice this laughing, fun-loving, much younger, good-looking woman in 2006. The sparks began to show when Jessi was a senior. Their relationship deepened. Having a greater desire to minister in some way for God's glory, Evan went on a short-term Mission trip to Africa. There he wrestled with what should be his next step regarding Jessi. He knew there was something special about this singing, dancing, and laughing girl who possessed a spiritual depth he respected and desired as well! Evan began to better understand his need for a better theological foundation.

Finally, Jessi and Evan marry and begin life as His couple. Where might a good seminary be found? Dordt College appeared and was considered. Such was not to be as Jessi is pregnant with child #2, Daphne, who dies in 2012, closing the door to seminary. Finishing schooling at Southern Oregon University allows Evan's certification to work at District 7 School District teaching music. Jessi begins to become interested in Doula work and is now a certified Perinatal Health Educator. She finds this enjoyable and fulfilling and says, "I want to do more of this!" In the meantime other children begin to appear. In the

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process of time, Evan and Jessi praise God for 8 more pregnancies. These resulted in 5 live births, and sadly, 2 more babies who did not survive.

They would like to expand Jessi's Doula work but await a less haggard time to expand. Evan is looking to develop and enlarge his private schooling music efforts. Their first year in this effort has started well, for which they are exceedingly grateful.

They also realized the need to find a more meaningful church home. The hunt for and transition to Faith begins in earnest. The process to find a spiritual home at Faith was a gradual process lasting over a year. But they did move and now declare that Faith has been, "a great blessing, a huge blessing to us!" They have been at Faith OPC for five years. How thankful we are for the joy of having the Daggett family as a vibrant part of Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

By Keith Heck

Jingle, Mingle, & Munch

In December, this event brought caroling and goodies to some loved church members. The carolers visited the Hecks, VanderStoels, and Bierbowers.

Everyone was blessed by the event.



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SO MANY EVENTS

We had a wonderful time fellowshiping with Trinity OPC in Medford for Reformation Day-Oct 30



Then Faith had a Chili Cook Off night Oct 31

Who was the Chili Cook Off winner?????? Congrats to **AJA KUNDA**



COMING UP

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

Jan 1—Fellowship Meal

Jan 10—7am Men's Breakfast

Jan 14 —10am Nursery quarterly clean

Feb 26-Annual Congregational Meeting

6pm—Thursday—Bible Study

10am—Tuesday—Ladies Bible Study

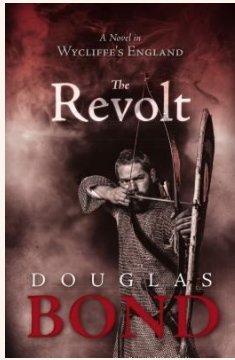
6:30pm—Tuesday Night Book Study

10am Monday—Stand for Life

Youth Night—2nd & 4th Wednesday

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FROM THE LIBRARY



The Revolt By Douglas Bond



December 4, 2022 Frode rated it 3 stars

Goodreads review by Frode Jensen

This book is available in the church library

John Wycliffe is not the main character in this novel, but he is in the story and acts as a catalyst for some of what happens. The story is told by Hugh West'all, a scholar whom we meet first at the battle of Crécy and follow him to Oxford and Baliol College where he meets John Wycliffe. Hugh rooms with Alfred, who provides some comic relief at times. There is another character, Willard, a serf but also a young Bowman with whom Hugh interacts briefly before the battle. Later it happens that Willard is from the area around Oxford.

There are three intertwining stories in the novel, Hugh's, Willard's and John Wycliffe's. The author melds them into one rather nicely. I felt the circumstances were strained a couple of times, but they made the story as a whole work together.

Bond shows the reader the plight of the serfs during 14th century England, the disdain of the elites of the day for those beneath them, and the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church system in England at the time. Wycliffe is a counterpoint to the latter and points out the church's failings, most of which resonate with the serfs as they are the ones who bear the brunt of much of it. Nonetheless, Wycliffe does have some adherents in the upper classes as well, and he receives some protection from them. Wycliffe and some of his friends work at putting the Bible into the vernacular of the day, and there are a few points in the story where their work is used by Bond to make a Biblical point. He weaves it in nicely.

Bond portrays Wycliffe as a man of the people who is interested in their souls and not their money. Hubert, a corrupt priest, is the opposite; he despises the serfs and wants what little money they have. Their ignorance and superstition make them easy prey for his sales of indulgences. The Black Plague shows up, but the main characters all survive although Willard's mother dies. Willard is pretty bitter about all those above him and for various reasons: he is cheated at a tournament, suffers discrimination when delivering stones, and has no love for the clergy, especially when one accosts his sister. In his mind churchmen are all rotten. Taxes are onerous, and keeping his mom and sister fed and housed in their hovel is more than a full time job. The serf revolt comes to London; it is mentioned briefly but provides comment on the general unrest of the serfs.

I liked the book. It moved rather well, and the characters were relatively well-drawn. The history was accurate, and the times were turbulent, which made a good setting for the story.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Frode Jensen

Ten new books in the church library

The following books are new to the library. They are all from Presbyterian and Reformed publishers. They are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction.

Does God Care How We Worship? – Ligon Duncan, Does God care how we worship? For thousands of years, believers have answered with a resounding yes! Ever since the days of Cain and Abel, God has emphasized right worship, and it's clear that careless worship can have serious consequences. Worship consciously regulated by God's Word is a distinct characteristic of the Reformed church.

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After Darkness, Light, "Distinctives of Reformed Theology" – R.C. Sproul, Jr. The five points of Calvinism and five "solos" of the Reformation are hallmarks of a Reformed understanding of Scripture. In this refreshing exploration of those truths, ten prominent contributors pay tribute to R. C. Sproul, whose name is virtually synonymous with these treasured Reformed distinctives.

Age of Opportunity, "A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens" – Paul David Tripp This is a revised and updated version of his earlier book.

Calvin and Culture, "Exploring a Worldview" – edited by M. Padgett & David Hall No other Christian teachings in the past five hundred years have affected our Western culture as deeply as the worldview of John Calvin. It extends far beyond the theological disciplines.

Accidental Voyage, "Discovering Hymns of the Early Centuries" - Douglas Bond Two American teens travel in Europe with David McCallum, an English organist known in his parish as Mr. Pipes. During a series of hair-raising adventures through time, Mr. Pipes introduces Annie and Drew to sixteen hymns from the early centuries and to hymnists Ambrose of Milan, Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Patrick, and more.

Revolt – Douglas Bond, see the review on page 14 of this newsletter.

Against the Tide, "The Valor of Margaret Wilson" – Hope Irvin Marston Seventeenth-century Scotland is a place of cruel intolerance for the Covenanters, a people bound together by their loyal faith. A young, earnest Covenanter, Margaret Wilson finds her pledged loyalty to Christ and his covenant in opposition to King Charles II's demands for her absolute obedience. Will Margaret choose to defy the authorities? Or will devotion to her family, love for her sweetheart, and hopes for future happiness ruler her heart?

Little Princess – Frances H. Burnett Sara Crewe, a wealthy young student at a London boarding school, suddenly finds herself at the mercy of the cruel schoolmistress after tragedy strikes. Overwhelmed by terrible trials, Sara must find the strength to survive. She discovers, in the midst of her struggles, that, "Whatever comes... cannot alter one thing. If I am a princess in rags and tatters, I can be a princess inside." Sara Crewe, a wealthy young student at a London boarding school, suddenly finds herself at the mercy of the cruel schoolmistress after tragedy strikes. Overwhelmed by terrible trials, Sara must find the strength to survive. She discovers, in the midst of her struggles, that, "Whatever comes... cannot alter one thing. If I am a princess in rags and tatters, I can be a princess inside."

Celebrating the Sabbath, "Finding Rest in a Restless World" – Bruce A. Ray This positive look at the Sabbath explains how to delight in that day as the opportunity reserved by God for his people to be refreshed in fellowship with him.

George Whitfield, "*A Guided Tour of His Life and Thought*" - James L. Schwenk a biography



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FAITH 2023 BIBLE ACADEMY

The session has decided to do a chronological approach to the Bible reading this year.

You will be given a chart each week. It will be on the church website, www.faithgp.org, sent via email, and printed off and on the table in the foyer each Sunday. The reading will begin in the Old Testament this year at the very beginning, Genesis 1. Using this plan we will not get through the Bible this year. The reading will consist of about a chapter per day except for Sundays. Sunday will be a review day; you will not have to read anything but your chart. The session is asking you not only to read the Bible but also to react to it. The goal is to get you to think a little about what you are reading. You will find space to write on the chart; we are asking you to do two things; see below.

You will be asked to generate a short thought about the reading, probably 15 words or less will fit in the space given. It can be a summary, a reflection, whatever you decide. For instance, let's say you were asked to read Leviticus 25. It is relatively long being 55 verses, and it covers a lot of material: the Sabbath year, the year of the jubilee, and the redemption of property and of the poor and enslaved in that year. You could make a summary statement about content. *It covered the Sabbath year and the year of Jubilee.* You could reflect on the chapter's content. *God gave them specific rules for redeeming property and people. The 50 year redemption is a shadow of Christ's ultimate redemption. I don't think the jubilee system would work today.* You might even ask a question? *How would this affect investing in property in year 48?* The point is to get you to think a bit about what you have read.

The second thing you are asked to do is copy a verse you like. You are not asked why you liked it. Just pick a verse you happen to like for whatever reason and copy it down with the reference, V14 for instance. Sundays are review days. Again, you are asked to write two things. First, look at your chart and make some sort of statement about the reading for the week. Second, pick one of the six verses you had previously copied down. Write this verse in the review section and think about and maybe even jot a note as to why you picked it. At the last Sunday evening service of the month, we will talk about your review items, 1st week, 2nd week and so forth. It would be helpful for you to bring your sheets with you to that service.

This is an experiment. We think it will take maybe 15 minutes or so per day to read and fill in the chart. After a time, maybe a couple of months, we will take a bit of time for evaluation of the process. Our desire is to get you involved with your Bible on a daily basis. If you have some other reading plan already in place with which you are comfortable and believe is profitable for you, that's fine; you can continue to follow that in lieu of what we are proposing.

Date	Chapters	Instruction	Notes
1-Jan	Review		Finish 2022 Reading
2-Jan	Gen 1	(1) Write down one thought (2) Copy 1 verse you like.	
3-Jan	Gen 2	(1) Write down one thought (2) Copy 1 verse you	

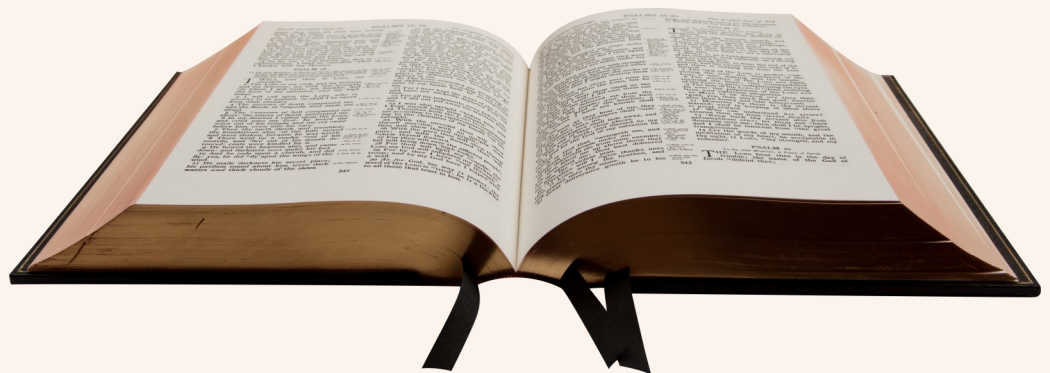
**Pooch Corner— This cute girl's name is Sam and she belongs to Sarah and Matt Young.*

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:

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

Also thank you to those that took photos and Sarah Young our new church photographer.



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