

**Sunday Services**  
**9:00 and 11:00**

**Sunday School P-5<sup>th</sup>: 9 and 11am**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 9 am**

**9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 11 am**

**No Adult Class: December 30 or January 6**

**Munchies**

**Junior High School Fellowship)**

**Thursdays 7 - 8:30pm**

**Patrick Vaughn**

**Crew**

**High School Fellowship)**

**Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm**

**Quinn Vaughn**

**January 8 Combined Youth Group Begins**

**January 20 Writing the Sacred Workshop**

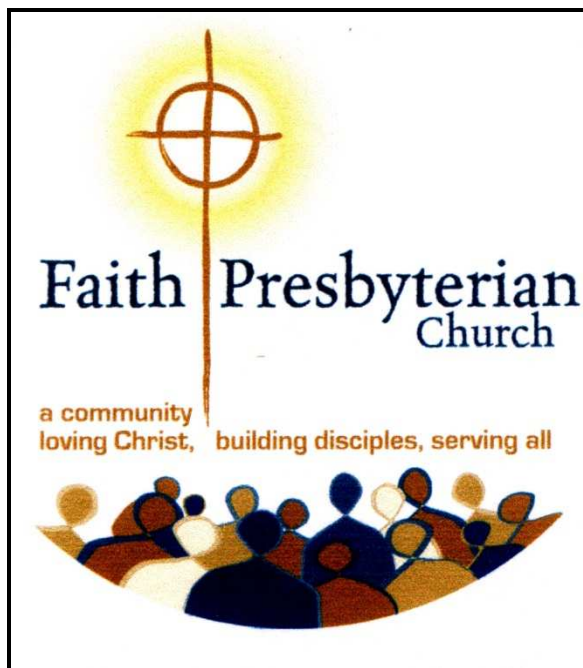
**January 26 Youth Snow Trip**

**January 26 Dorman & Janet Leader Retirement Celebration**

**February 2 Journey to Financial Freedom**

**February 3 Food Closet Sunday**

**February 3 New Members Class**



**PresbyNews**

January 8, 2008 Volume

33 Number 1

Published at

625 Florin Road

Sacramento CA 95831

916-428-3439

[www.faithpresby.org](http://www.faithpresby.org)

**Pastors Jeff Chapman,  
Jim Zazzera, Patrick  
& Quinn Vaughn**

**Next PresbyNews  
Deadlines: January 20,  
February 3, February 17**

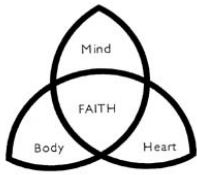
**Two Sacramento-Area Presbyterian  
Congregations Released from  
Denomination**



This past December, the Sacramento Presbytery (which is an organizations of 40+ Presbyterian congregations in our area), voted to release the First Presbyterian Church of Roseville and Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church from our Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination. Following a long period of dialogue, mediation, and prayer, the Presbytery acted upon this request from these two congregations who cited theological differences, among other reasons, in their motivation to leave. Both congregations have been dismissed to join the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, another smaller and, in general, theologically conservative denomination here in the States.

Much of the discussion leading up to this gracious separation centered around the issue of church property. According to the Book of Order, our PCUSA Constitution, a congregation's buildings and property are held in trust by the denomination. Therefore, if a congregation chooses to leave the denomination, it is up to the denomination as to whether or not it may do so with its property. In the cases of Roseville and Fair Oaks, the Sacramento Presbytery voted to dismiss both congregations with their property.

Faith's pastors and representative elders, as many of you know, participate regularly in the work of the Sacramento Presbytery and were involved in these particular decisions. If you have further questions on this issue, or other issues facing our Presbytery or denomination, always feel free to ask one of us.



## Add Some Crunch Factor

Does your bowl of fruit salad, steamy oatmeal, or creamy yogurt need a little more oomph?

For extra texture and a heart-health boost, sprinkle on some toasted walnuts. You'll add a nice crunch quality and also help power cholesterol. Just 8 to 13 nuts a day may be all you need in order to drop your LDL (that's the bad stuff) by 6%. One of the most popular nuts throughout the world, walnuts are easily incorporated into salads and grain or vegetable dishes. Also they make a quick and delicious snack. When men and women with moderately high cholesterol replaced some of the monounsaturated fat in their diets with as few as 8-13 walnuts a day, their cholesterol dropped and their blood vessels dilated more readily—allowing blood to flow more freely through arteries that supply the heart and brain.

## Presbyterian Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will be at 7:00pm on January 21, 2008 at Melodi Andersen's home. We will be discussing "The Master Butchers Singing Club" by Louis Endrich.

For meeting notices, please contact Ilah Turner, [www.ilah\\_turner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.ilah_turner@sbcglobal.net).

## Giving Tree Thanks



A HEARTFELT THANKS to everyone who gave so generously to the charities chosen for the Giving Tree. I got to take the donations to the charities the last two years and it personally has made me so proud of my Faith family and also humbled at how willing you all are to share so generously with those less fortunate than yourselves. May you all have a joyous and blessed New Year. Georgianne, Mission Elder and the Mission Committee.

## ARCO December 30<sup>th</sup> Results



We had an early New Year's blessing at our Kings game on December 30 in the form of a lot of new faces. Esther Chapman jumped right in and mastered the art of cashiering (with a little help from her trainer, Jeff). Rudy Buehler and Sarah Jiminez were also great new cashiers to add to our list of trained and experienced 'faithfuls.' Greg Rapier, Sr. seemed to have more fun than anyone being a runner (he said next time he will wear track shoes, for a little more speed!), and Natalie Crow and Libby Zazzera were also great runners, first time out. It was really fun to have so many new people to add to our mix of veterans. We earned \$973 for our Youth Ministry, including \$15.48 in tips from our customers. We had some last minute volunteers (Donna Touros, Chris Yhu, Natalie Crow, Cynthia Crow, Kim Char, Sneh Rattan, and Jeff Brown) who really made a difference.

## Gift to Dan Fowler's Church

Because of the efforts of the Faith Faithfuls on Sunday night December 23, we will be making a special gift to Pastor Dan Fowler's Church in Fort Bragg of \$1030 which includes over \$50 in tips from our generous customers, and \$980 from Maloof. Some of Dan's Crew and Munchies members helped work the stand.

## Joyce Hathaway Thanks

Words cannot begin to express my deep appreciation for all the telephone calls, cards, e-mails and visits. It was especially reassuring to hear "I am praying for you". Thanks to all my Faith family – I am grateful for each of you.



## Some Sundays Do You Just Need Somebody to Pray With?

As you know, it is a regular practice here at Faith to take time in worship on Sunday mornings and allow for individuals to share with the community particular concerns for prayer. (By the way, you may have noticed that we nearly always do this on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and sometimes more often.) I have really come to appreciate this particular time of worship. It is a powerful thing when the concerns of one person, or of a small group of people, can be lifted up by the whole church to God in prayer. I know that for this reason, many of you also value this time.

I'm also aware, however, that during these times of open sharing of requests, there are many, many prayer concerns in the congregation which remain largely hidden beneath the surface. Perhaps some concerns are too personal in nature to share publicly. Or perhaps some of us, understandably, just don't feel comfortable speaking out in such a large group. Either way, I've often wished we might create more opportunities for those more private concerns to also be prayed for by others.

In light of that, beginning January 6<sup>th</sup> we are going to be offering another opportunity for prayer. After each Sunday morning worship, one of our pastors, and a couple of our elders or deacons, will be stationed in the front of the sanctuary and available to pray with those who may want to bring specific prayer requests.

From now on, then, when you have a prayer concern (or joy!) you would like somebody to pray with you about, you are invited to come up to the front pew after the service has concluded. At that time, it would be an honor for one of us to listen to your request and then take a few moments to pray with you and for you. This will, of course, be done confidentially. We would also ask that all of us make an intentional effort to set aside this space up front after the service as sacred space. Mostly that probably means that we may need to wait to speak to a pastor or other church leader who is currently engaged in praying with someone.

All of us, from time to time, will bring burdens with us to worship – a crisis you are facing, the great loss you have experienced, difficulty in relationships, addictions you are battling, children you are worried about, struggles or doubts in your faith, sins you feel you need to confess, or even something from part of worship that impacted you personally in some way. When we face these things, the scriptures encourage us to seek out others with whom we can pray.

James 5:13-16 gets very specific. James writes, "Is any one of you in trouble? That person should pray. Is anyone happy? Let that person sing songs of praise. Is any of you sick? He should call the leaders of the church to pray over him ...and the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." What a promise!

Some Sundays you may just need somebody to pray with. From now on, know that there will always be at least a few people (and many more in this community, indeed!) up front who are willing to do just that.

I look forward to worshipping and praying with you this Sunday! Grace & Peace, Jeff

## "Writing the Sacred"

### A workshop to assist in writing your own psalms & sacred poetry

Workshop Leader: Ray McGinnis, Author of "Writing the Sacred:  
A Psalm-inspired Path to Appreciating & Writing Sacred Poetry"

Sunday, January 20, 2008 2-4 p.m.

Parkview Presbyterian Church

727 T Street, Sacramento

\$10 per person

If you need more information or to make a reservation for this event, please contact Rev. Aart Van Beek at aartvanbeek@yahoo.com (916) 443-4464.

Parking is in the lot across 8th street from the church.

The Presbytery of Sacramento, Pastoral Support Ministry Group invites you to attend this workshop.



### How Can I Best Reach the Pastors and Staff at Faith?

Ever wondered what is the best way to reach the pastors and staff here at Faith, particularly since most of our staff is part time and not always in the office? Here are a couple tips which might help.

If it's not a particularly pressing issue, it's best if you can set up an appointment with the staff person with whom you'd like to speak. You might catch us if you just drop by the church office, but more often than not we will be tied up or out of the office. Therefore, you'll have better luck setting up an appointment if you e-mail or call us. And if you phone and we're out, leave us a voice-mail and we'll return your call when we get in.

It might help to also remember that Jim Zazzera, Patrick & Quinn Vaughn, Betsy Butler and Melinda Lewis, are all part time employees. This means that they are often not in the office and that it may take a day or two for them to receive your e-mail or voice mail message. The voice mails of all staff members, by the way, indicate the days when they are typically out of the office and thus not picking up messages.

When it's an urgent matter, please contact Kristi Kampel, our office manager, in the church office at 428-3439. She will be glad to help you immediately track down the appropriate staff person, elder or deacon. If there is a pastoral emergency after office hours, please know that you can always try to reach any of the pastors at home. Our phone numbers are listed in the church directory or reference roster. (We can get you a copy of each at your request.)

While we realize that there are times when individual staff members are going to be inaccessible (i.e. away on vacation, in meetings, preparing to teach or preach), we want to make sure that our staff, in general, is always available to serve this congregation in the ways we are called, and privileged, to do so.



HEY COUGARS – Don't know if you are one or not??? Well, the cougar is the mascot for JFK High School and we are looking for a small group (4-6) of folks that would take the initiative to research what needs JFK might have that Faith could fulfill. Many of you have children that are students there and could offer valuable input. We anticipate this group would meet for a short period of time and once the programs are in place the group's work would be finished. If you're interested in seeing what being a good neighbor could look like for JFK and Faith please sign up at the Time & Talent table on Sunday, January 27, 2008.



## Do I Have to Pay Taxes in Church? *Per Capita Explained*

Did you know that Faith Presbyterian Church is asked to pay \$18 per member every year to our denomination? Is this a church tax? Well, not quite.

The fee, known as Per Capita, is a voluntary payment which congregations can make to help support the larger church. As you may know, Faith is a part of a much larger body, the Presbyterian Church (USA). As a connectional church we believe it is God's desire for us to share in mission, community and worship with those beyond the walls of our own congregation. This certainly is to extend beyond Presbyterians, but our own denomination is a good place to start.

So where will the \$8000 or so go that Faith plans to send in Per Capita payments in 2008? A portion of it goes to support the General Assembly, the governing body of our denomination. There it helps to fund, among other things, General Assembly meetings, staff, ecumenical work, office space, and other administrative costs.

A much larger portion of Per Capita goes to our denominational mission budget where it helps fund congregational, national and worldwide missions. Funds sent by Faith can end up helping, for example, plant a new church in a growing area of Sacramento, assisting a local ministry reaching out to older adults in North Carolina, and aiding victims of a natural disaster in San Diego or Bangladesh. There are literally hundreds of ministries that receive support through these funds. How exciting it is to know that dollars we send can have such a far reaching impact in our world!

The Session of Faith is asking this year that members consider making the Per Capita payment above and beyond your annual pledge. If you choose to do so, it will help us use funds we have normally committed to Per Capita for the local ministry and mission of Faith. If you are able, we would ask that you use the designated envelope in the front of your pledge box to make this payment of \$18 per church member in your family (children of members and inactive members are not asked to pay Per Capita). If we all were able to make this small extra commitment, it would amount to an extra \$8000 to use for God's work here at Faith.

Whether or not you are able to make this extra payment this year, at least be encouraged that funds being sent from this congregation in this small corner of the world are having far-reaching effects for the Kingdom!

By the way, if you want to know more about Per Capita, feel free to visit the PCUSA web page at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) or speak to one of our elders or pastors.

### **Free Piano!**

The Brophy family has a piano they would like to give away to anybody who is willing to come and pick it up. Interested? Please contact John Brophy at 444-0118.

### **Do You Have Exercise Equipment to Sell?**

Jackie Rule (391- 6768) would like to buy or borrow a bike, tred mill, or other exercise equipment.

# Journey to Financial Freedom

This coming February 2, Faith will sponsor the Journey to Financial Freedom national seminar which provides an opportunity for all of us to better understand God's biblical principles of money management and how they apply to our lives today.

Among the topics discussed in this live seminar are:

- Foundational Biblical principles of managing resources, saving, debt and setting priorities.
- Societal pressures that result in decisions which prevent you from experiencing God's best for your life.
- God's nature and how He uses money in your life to lead you to financial freedom.
- Practical steps to establish a plan to properly manage resources.
- Three areas that cause the most problems for the American family and how to successfully manage each one.
- Practical steps to avoid or eliminate debt.
- A scripturally balanced approach to giving in all areas of your life.
- How to take the information learned and make it an ongoing part of your life.

Regardless of your age and income, this seminar presents a concise yet comprehensive view of money management based on God's Word. Equipped with wisdom from God's Word, you'll learn how to establish and maintain a plan to faithfully serve Jesus Christ with all of your resources.

**How to Register:** Registration forms will be available at church. Cost for the event is \$25 per family (couple or individual). Scholarships are available. Please contact the church office or Jeff May (530-753-5803) for more information.



## How do people get moved to SERVE?

The congregation of Faith Presbyterian Church is no stranger to serving its community and the world. It's a mission, globally aware place. But it's also filled with busy people inundated with demands on them. So how could the call to servant hood be something more than one added demand?

A group at Faith started praying about this and, with inspiration from Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, we got a crazy idea: What if we cancelled our regular worship services, shut down all church programs for a weekend, and invited everyone to worship God through service in the community?

"Compassion Weekend" was born! On **April 19 and 20, 2008**, Faith Church members and volunteers from all over the city will be participating in an awesome time of Christian Service to our community, where folks of all ages will join together in service activities that have been chosen by our congregation.

In choosing our service projects, we followed these core principles:

- The service projects must address actual needs
- There must be ample opportunity for broad scale volunteer involvement
- Those doing the serving actively engage with those being served
- There must be activities for all age groups
- There must be opportunities for long-term support and involvement

On April 20 “don’t go to church...be the church” is the message that Faith is trying to spread. While it’s important to go into our building to worship, it’s just as important to **be** the church, meaning out of the church building, serving the community. After all, James 1:27 states, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...”

Beginning next month in the *Presby News*, we will highlight two of our service projects each issue so that you can learn more about Compassion Weekend and see in which areas you’d like to volunteer.

---

## Children’s Ministry



**Mark your calendars now because Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 7-11. Plan on joining us for a week of great fun!**

The other day I found this interesting paper on my desk from one of the children. It said reading God’s word each day will help keep you on the right path. What great wisdom for all of us! Sometimes in the rush of life I fail to slow down for a few minutes to read the Bible or simply pray. Yet, when I read the Bible or pray there is a great sense of peace in my life and I don’t feel so frazzled or overwhelmed. Thank you to this child for reminding me what really matters!

In Children’s Worship we have been discussing the importance of praising God for all the blessings he has given us. At times, I imagine that we all struggle with praising God. We see the trees and the flowers, but do we really stop and appreciate their beauty? Did you know that there are between 115 – 125 different species of pine trees? What about the 100+ species of roses? Did you know there are 1,173 species of fish being threatened by extinction? Now this is not a test or a quiz, but my intention is for families to take time helping their children realize that the world is amazing. There are so many things to be thankful for.

In Sunday school, the children are learning about Jonah. This past week, they studied about Jonah deciding to go to Tarshish instead of Nineveh. Next week, they will hear the second half of the story and learn what happens to Jonah when he didn’t listen to God. I encourage you to spend a few minutes with your child listening to him or her tell the story in their own words. For it is when a child tells a story in his own words that he remembers it best.

It is truly a blessing to have so many new and returning individuals that are committed to sharing God’s word with the children. It takes a village to raise a child. It is with sincere appreciation that I think of the volunteers that staff our nursery, help with Sunday school and Children’s Worship. The gift of their time today will bear much fruit in the children’s lives.

---



Encounter with the Lord! God is not a *thing* we study...God is the Lord *whom* we encounter. In all that we do this coming year we pray that as a Youth Ministry (Youth, Advisors, Pastors and Families) we keep our eyes open, ears perked and hands ready to encounter and serve with the Lord.

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth groups (Crew and Munchies) are now meeting together on Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 8:45pm. We will worship together at the beginning and then separate into Crew and Munchies for small groups, games and snacks. We look forward to;

- ❖ The 30 Hour Famine February 15-16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up asap so you can start raising money and preparing your hearts for this Fast (latest sign up is Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>). Last year our youth raised over \$6000 (which was 4x matched by a Government grant = \$24,000). We look forward not only to prayerfully & financially helping our brothers and sisters in poverty around the world but also serving locally (7-12 grade participation only).
- ❖ The Snow trip where we will be throwing snow balls, building snowmen and sledding January 26<sup>th</sup> – God created laughter so lets laugh and have fun!!! We would love to know if any parents or adults are available and willing to drive for this event.
- ❖ Spring Break this year we will partner with God on two missions trips; one for High School and one for Junior High. The High School trip has limited space and will be an intense Urban Plunge. The Junior High one will be lower key and more local.

There are also Family Nights at the church the last Sunday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm. These nights are geared for parent(s) of youth from birth through High School; a children's program is included. At these gatherings a meal is shared and then a book is discussed called Grace Based Parenting.

Last but not least...we need your help to raise money for our youth group. All you have to do is work one ARCO game and it will help tremendously! Please contact Paul Keller at [mrpentax@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrpentax@sbcglobal.net)

There is a lot of great stuff planned...but things are not always as we plan them. To stay up to date and add your own two cents get on the youth Blog site and see the updated calendar along with a downloadable permission slip!

[www.youthrockatfaith.typepad.com](http://www.youthrockatfaith.typepad.com)



### February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1230 – 4:00

Explore membership here at Faith Presbyterian Church, or just come to find out more about us. Led by Pastors Jeff Chapman and Jim Zazzera, "A Look @ Faith" is a class designed for those interested in learning more about the mission, values and vision of this congregation and/or those exploring the possibility of membership here at Faith. A complimentary lunch and free childcare are provided. If you would like to enroll in the next "Look @ Faith", please call us at 428-3439.

### Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for our annual congregation meeting on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15. At this time we will celebrate all that God has done here at Faith this past year. This year's elders and deacons will also be elected.

