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Sunday School:
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9 & 11 a.m.
6th thru 8th grades—9 am
9th thru 12th grade—9, 11 a.m.
Adult Class 10-11 a.m.

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**ARCO March 22 @
6:00pm**

**March 27 @ 7:00am
Ecumenical Breakfast
At St. Anthony**

**March 29 Family
Night**

**April 3 @ 7:00am
Ecumenical Breakfast
at Faith**

**April 3-5 Jr High @
Westminster Woods**

This is the first once a month PresbyNews covering the month of April. The next deadline dates are April 19, May 17, June 21 and July 19. Those submitting articles need to think ahead so that their articles are sure to be timely.

Ecumenical Prayer Breakfasts Are Coming!

We will join with St. Anthony's Catholic Church (our friends across the street) this year in two prayer breakfasts. Join us March 27th (at St. Anthony's) and April 3rd (at Faith) from 7:00-8:00 a.m. for food, fellowship and worship.

HAVE FUN, CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS AND RAISE FUNDS FOR S.S.I.P. FOOD CLOSET

S.S.I.P. BOWL – A – THON Sunday, April 19, 2009 1:00 – 5:00pm

Alpine Bowling Lanes 2356 Florin Rd.

3 games for \$6.00 plus \$3.00 for bowling shoes OR bring you own shoes

Get a pledge sheet from Georgianne Becker and come

Summer Mission Trip To Reedley, Ca

Reedley is 20 miles northwest of Visalia. We will be working with Self Help Enterprises. We'll be there August 1, 2009 through August 8, 2009.

If you are interested - please sign up in the Narthex.

Questions - call Georgianne Becker at 393-5906.

Last Day To Sign Up - April 5th.

Save The Date - - - Thursday, May 14, 2009--

S.S.I.P.'s Annual Fundraiser Dinner

St. Anthony's Church at 660 Florin Road

6:00 pm Silent Auction

7:00 pm Dinner

Enjoy live music and fellowship while helping to support the SSIP Food closet

Suggested donation for tickets: \$20.00 per person or a table of 8 for \$150.00

To purchase tickets please contact: Georgianne Becker @ 393-5906

Dear Faith Family,



Our church office received this letter recently. It was written by a young man who was very involved in our youth ministries a few years ago until he was sentenced to state prison. He has served a couple years of his sentence, but has several more to go. Since it was addressed to the whole church, I thought it appropriate to share it with all of you.

February 23, 2009

Dear Faith Presbyterian Church,

Hi there! I don't know if you remember me, but my name is Brandon Mincks. I was part of "Crew" Youth Group activities in 2004-2006. I have been corresponding with you guys (Pastor Jeff, Pat Tatro, Cindy Canaday...) for a while but I have not written in a long while because I have been transferred and moved around through the state quite a bit this past six months. Anyways, how are you guys doing? I hope all is well with you guys. I apologize for coming to prison and am sorry for letting all of you down. You will be happy and proud to know that I am going to "Non-denominational" church services and nightly Bible study and getting back on track to the Lord Jesus Christ and eternal life and salvation. I realize the errors in my ways and am working hard every day to stay on the right track and be the man that everyone knew I could be. Well...I won't talk your ears off so I'll close this letter for now. I thank you for the support and love and prayers and ask for the continuance of these things.

*With much love and respect,
Brandon Mincks*

*My new address is: Brandon Mincks
F-75899
S.A.T.F.
E-Gym 304
P.O. Box 5242
Corcoran, Ca. 93212*

Most of you likely do not know Brandon. Some of you do. Either way, I hope you will be touched by the fact that God seems to be powerfully at work in this young life which, according to some, was headed nowhere. I also hope you will be encouraged that the grace of Jesus Christ which was communicated through the ministry of this church is sustaining a young man through a very difficult time in his life.

Even if you don't know Brandon, you may feel God's leading to write him a note of encouragement. If so, please do so. His mother has told us that notes from his brothers and sisters in the church are a lifeline for him. Whether you write or not, please say a prayer for Brandon, that God would continue to work a miracle in his life. Also pray for those who continue to do tireless work here at Faith with your young people. Who knows what lives are being impacted even today by the grace and love of Christ they experience in this place.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

Grace & Peace –

Jeff

A Worship Experience of Lent – *Filling Our Sails With The Wind of God's Grace*

A time of worship, teaching, reflection, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We will be working our way through some of the core spiritual disciplines of the Christian life. -Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15 p.m., March 18, 25 & April 1 Facilitated by Pastors Jeff Chapman & Jim Zazzera

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Maudy Thursday Dinner & Worship

Thursday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m. (All-church dinner at 6:00 in Link Hall)

Good Friday Prayer Vigil & Good Friday Community Worship

Individuals will be invited to come to Faith on Good Friday (April 10th) and participate in a self-guided time of prayer and meditation (we'll have resources) from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Then, all are invited back for a service of healing and wholeness which pastor Joan Stock will lead at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Easter Sunday Worship is Sunday, April 12th!!



Dear Faith Family,

This year there are four youth and two advisors going on the Urban Plunge mission trip. Roy Bagby (leader) Jessica Mendoza, Zoë Bill, Sophia Bagby, Nate Barton, and Quinn Vaughn.

For those of you who don't know, Urban Plunge is a missions trip to San Francisco with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) where we will be living in the Tenderlion District for a week helping and interacting with the homeless. As one part of our trip, or mission, we will be handing out hygiene kits to the peo-

ple. While we will be distributing the kits in San Francisco we can't do this task alone, we need your help.

To make our hygiene kits we need supplies and we are asking you to please, please donate. Any supplies

you can donate make a huge difference! For the kits we need: Feminine hygiene products, Toothbrushes,

Toothpaste, Travel size shampoos and conditioners, Soap, Razors, Deodorant, Nail clippers, Socks

Thank you so much for your help and generosity! These items need to be in by Sunday April 6th and can be placed in the two bins provided in the narthex.

We covet your prayers also. As we look ahead we expect to be face to face with difficult realities about poverty, to enjoy or time as a team, to tangibly serve the people in need and to engage in prayer in new ways.

Specifically we feel lead to have the goals to enter their lives while honoring their space and respecting who they are, to face the fear of judgment we might receive in offering prayer, and to learn how to pray. Please

keep these and any other leadings in your prayers for us during this week.

Sincerely, The Urban Plunge Team

Family Promise Week Is 3/22 To 3/29

Come join us as we provide hospitality to our guest families. Do you like to cook, play games, chat with our families, or "camp out" at the church? Do you like to set up for the families or take down at the end of the week? You can sign up for those activities on the whiteboard. The board is on the wall across from the office at the church.

You can sign up for dinner, evening activity, and overnight teams, set up, take down, laundry, transporting mattresses to the next church, and to be a Team Leader.

We will take sign-ups in the Narthex on 3/8 after first and second services. If you have questions call Cynthia Crow (3929141) or Sue Hooper (3932633).

Acoustic Improvements Funding Update

Phases I and III of the Acoustic Improvement Plan have been successfully funded. Contracts have been signed to purchase and install new sound systems for the spoken word and portable music needs. Also a contract has been signed to replace the floor covering in the Narthex. These improvements will significantly enhance sound qualities in the Sanctuary and Narthex. We thank everyone who has contributed to funding the Acoustic Improvement Plan.

At the March 9th meeting of Session the status of a fund raising campaign for Phase II of the Acoustic Improvement Plan (replacement of organ) was discussed. Session adopted the following: A fund raising campaign for Phase II of the acoustic and music improvement plan is delayed until the economic situation in the country begins to improve or funds become available. However, we invite all who can donate to the building fund to continue with the promise that the first priority for expenditures of funds in our current building fund account will be used to purchase a new/used organ. Also, sometime in the future, Session will form an organ committee to continue researching options for purchasing such an instrument.

If you have any questions please contact Jim Hill, Stewardship Elder, 483-9058.

Compassion Weekend Set for May 2-3



On May 2 and 3 we will cancel our regular worship services, shut down all church programs, and invite everyone to worship God through service in the community. Compassion Weekend returns to Faith! Last year over 400 people participated in 14 projects.

Projects are scheduled both on-site and off-site Saturday and Sunday and everyone (all ages!) is invited to participate. On Sunday late afternoon we'll have a Celebration Dinner at Faith, followed by a Celebration worship service, to praise God for all of our efforts!

Project sign-ups will be held in the Narthex throughout the month of April after both services. To see what projects we'll be doing this year, go to the Faith website at www.faithpresby.org and look for the Compassion Weekend link. Questions? Call DiAnne Brown at 395-6129

Just Neighbors

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” These five simple words are one of Scripture’s most basic commands. As a result, people of faith have a responsibility to serve their neighbors and care for them – for any and all of God’s children, especially those in need. However, sometimes the needs around us are so overwhelming that it is difficult to know how to respond, how to make difference, how to live out that call to service. Just Neighbors provides that next step.

Just Neighbors, a program of Family Promise, is a unique interactive multimedia curriculum designed to educate a congregation about poverty, motivate them to greater service and empower them to advocate on behalf of our neighbors in need. Set up in nine thematic sessions, each Just Neighbors session focuses on various aspects that our brothers and sisters in poverty face on a daily basis, including employment and wage issues, the housing crisis, making ends meet financially, the effects of poverty on children, while also introducing ways to act in order to alleviate these problems.

The Just Neighbors program will be presented at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church and they have invited members of Faith to join them in this educational experience. If you are unable to commit to the entire 9 weeks, you are welcome to attend those which you are able to make.

Each session will last about an hour and will be held in the dining room area of the Memorial Center. The sessions will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.:

March 18: Session 1 - Who Is My Neighbor?
March 25: No meeting (We are having a parish mission).
April 1: Session 2 - Making Ends Meet
April 8: Session 3 - What Would You Choose?
April 15: Session 4 - Does Working Work?
April 22: Session 5 - Housing Matters
April 29: Session 6 - Prejudice, Privilege and Poverty
May 6: Session 7 - Our Children, Our Future
May 13: Session 8 - Justice For All?

A Benefit Performance for Family Promise

"A Child Shall Lead Them" is a pageant celebrating the beauty of life and its enrichment through relationships with the eternal and with people of all ages and stations of life. The cast, itself, will represent many of these varieties of community. Most of the music will be inspirational music from various Broadway plays, such as CHILDREN OF EDEN, TIME, LETTERS TO GOD, RENT AND PEACE CHILD. It is a play with a special message to us in these "tough" economic and social times. It will remind us of values that cannot be depleted.

Come and be entertained and inspired as we consider the potential harmony that can be attained.

David MacDonald of the Broadway Playhouse is for the fourth time presenting a musical as a benefit for Family Promise. There will be a performance right across the street from Faith at St. Anthony's Catholic Church -660 Florin Rd. on SUNDAY APRIL 26 AT 2:00 p.m. Tickets--requested donation--adults \$10--Children--\$5.



Presbyterian Women

Regular meeting will be March the 25th.
Mary Nabers

PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

A Mission Project is being sponsored by Presbyterian Women. It is called Jared Boxes. The goal of the Jared Box Project is to lift the spirits of chronically ill children.

The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love. A Jared Box is a shoe size plastic storage box filled with small gifts, toys, cards and games. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. If you are interested in participating there will be a box in the narthex thru March. Items can be purchased at the dollar store. Sutter Pediatrics will be the recipient of our boxes.

A Child is Waiting update

Jesus said, "...whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name, welcomes me." Mathew 18:5



And so many of you, here at Faith, have done just that!
Thank you!

Thank you, for your interest in World Vision, for your prayers for the children, and for visiting the table.

Thank you to Munchies and Crew for your time and attention, and for your great questions!

Finally, for all of you who have blessed these children with the gift of CHILD SPONSORSHIP. Thank you!

PHOTO UPDATE: It's time for a group picture of ALL of our Child Sponsors. I'm hoping that Easter Sunday will be a good day for most of you. Jim Park will take the picture, at 10:30 during coffee fellowship. We will meet on the patio (weather permitting). Please bring a picture of your sponsored child, and a great big SMILE!

If you have further questions about World Vision Child Sponsorship, or if you would like to sponsor a child in need, please call Donna Touros at 427-2941



.There is going to be another bluegrass gospel concert at Faith – March 20 (7:30 pm, Friday evening)

Opening the concert is our own - Jenny May & the Faith Bluegrass Band (Willis Ackman, Arnie Gamble, Brad Johnson, Hal Johnson & Dave Rietz) One of the most exciting new bands to emerge on the national bluegrass scene in the new millennium, NewFound Road. They are the headliner for the evening. They specialize in a powerfully streamlined sound delivered with heartfelt honesty & passion. The bands' three equally capable, yet distinct vocalists, who are also formidable instrumentalists & songwriters, ensure that each song is executed with both emotion & precision, be it a bluesy solo vocal, soaring three part harmony, or a solemn a cappella gospel treatment. NewFound Road is contemporary bluegrass at its most soulful & sincere but with fire & intensity as well. The band's deep roots are in gospel music.

“Understanding the Stock Market Crisis” March 24, 7:00pm in the sanctuary

Frustration from the stock market losses of the past year causes anger and fear regarding personal investments. Faith's very own John Liddle, a financial consultant for 24 years, will tell the story of what happened to the markets, how the situation developed, and strategies for recovery. Topics discussed will include diversification, asset allocation, a general market review, and the Government's grand plan for economic recovery. Come, bring your questions and get some answers. Contact Jim Tracy at 428-0311 or email james.tracy09@comcast.net.

SSIP FOOD CLOSET Needs Your Help!

South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) is an emergency food closet located at Bethany Presbyterian, 5625 24th Street, Sacramento-95822.

There are 17 member congregations in SSIP. They are Bethany and Faith Presbyterian, Centennial, Chinese, Florin, Hope, Oak Park, Sacramento Japanese, and Wesley United Methodist, Faith and Parkside Community United Church of Christ, Chinese Community, Fruitridge Christian Disciples of Christ, Lutheran Church of the Master, Prince of Peace, St. Anthony Church, and Unitarian Universalist Community.

Hungry people in the zip codes of 95822, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31, and 32 may receive food. They can get food once per month. They receive enough food for 3 days--9 meals for every member of their family

In a recent month the food closet gave out 2450 meals for adults, 130 for infants and 1601 for children. This is a total of almost 4200 meals and the numbers are going up.

Ways to be Involved

You can bring a bag of food(canned meat or fish, canned beans, tomato products, fruit vegetables soup, cereal, pastas, rice, baby food ,top ramen, peanut butter(16 oz.) and sauces) to church the 2nd Sunday of the month.

You can talk to Betty or Jim Park about helping with the daily pick-ups of food donated by local grocery stores

You can volunteer at the food closet. It is open M-F--9:00 a.m. to 11:30. The phone number is 428-5290.

You can donate money. \$30 will allow them to purchase 200 lbs of food.

Faith has long been supportive of SSIP food closet. In this time of ever greater need, of more and more people losing jobs, of more and more hungry people, please continue to help if you are able---with your time or money or food donations.

Thanks for all you have done and are doing.

SSIP Food Closet Special Needs

The SSIP Food Closet has been inspected by the Sacramento County Public Health Department which now requires Food Closet to purchase a yearly permit for \$500. And also to replace the home style refrigerators and freezer with two commercial refrigerators and one commercial freezer for a cost of \$4,000. These unplanned expenses of \$4,500 are not in the SSIP budget. The SSIP Board is asking everyone to consider a special donation to help pay for these unexpected expenses. Donations of any size are welcome. You can make out a check to Faith Presbyterian Church with the notation that it is for SSIP.



Very nice refrigerators, but expensive.

Faith Women's Book Club Update ... When is the last time you read a good book? Come share your ideas. For convenience, we have an afternoon as well as an evening meeting.

Afternoon Club ... The afternoon club meets at 1:00 pm in the afternoon on the third Monday.

March 16th "Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho
April 20th "The Guernsey literary & Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
May 18th "The Glass Castle : A Memoir" by Jeannette Walls
Contact Marthe Sweet if you would like further information marthesweet@sbcglobal.net or 427-1783.

Evening Club ... The evening group has changed its meeting dates. In a survey it was discovered that more people could attend on the 4th Monday of the month. Because of the holiday the May meeting with still be on the 3rd Monday. Below is the schedule for the remainder of this year's calendar.

March 23rd "Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho
April 27th "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen
May 18th "The Glass Castle : A Memoir" by Jeannette Walls
If you want to receive further information via e-mail, please send your request to ilah_turner@sbcglobal.net



Tuna and Eggs Keep Your Brain Big

As if wrinkles weren't bad enough, turns out our brains tend to shrivel as we age, too. Could eggs and tuna be the key to less shrinkage? Research makes it seem so. Why? Because both tuna and eggs are good sources of vitamin B-12. And B-12 may help keep brain atrophy in check.

How Low Is Low?

In a 5-year study, people who were low--but not deficient--on B-12 were six times more likely to have brain atrophy than people on the higher end of the normal B-12 range. So being even a little low may be bad. Make sure you're getting enough by taking a supplement or eating B-12-rich foods--like eggs and tuna.

Why Bigger Is Better

Brain shrinkage is commonly seen in people with Alzheimer's disease, and more and more research points to connection between cognitive function and B-12 levels. So this may explain the connection with brain shrinkage.

ARCO March 8 Results

In spite of a small crowd, we made \$585. Thanks to Betty Keller for handling the inventory, Pat Tatro for handling the cash, and Cindy Canaday for starting the carpools from the Church and managing the runners.

Thanks to Betty Keller, Vergie Cornelius, Demetrius Moore, Kitty Tatro, Pat Tatro, and Jennifer Smith for coming early and setting up the Stand. Steve Rock did a nice job managing the condiment stations, Nate Barton was our REALLY COOL ICE GUY and a runner in his spare time. We have a new hotdog slinger in the person of Demetrius Moore. He keeps his hot dogs rolling and his buns warm all night. Great job, Demetrius!! Special thanks to Sneh Rattan, who stepped up to help out at the last minute. Sneh does not attend Faith (yet), but was kind enough to donate her time and talents to support our youth programs. Our LAST game for this season is on Sunday, March 22, a 6:00 pm start, volunteers will need to arrive at ARCO by 4 pm. If you'd like to help out, please let me know. There will be parking passes at the Church outside the door to Link Hall on the Church Office wall, and under my doormat at home (6190 Riverton Way Paul Keller

Meet Faith's New Members



Edward & Truyen Barrera-

Eddie and Tru have lived here in Sacramento for the past three years. Eddie works for a medical device company and travels throughout the North West Region. Tru stays at home with 7 month old Emily and works in the Real Estate business part time. In their spare time they enjoy spending time with friends and family. Tru was raised Presbyterian and Eddie Catholic, but they decided that it is important to worship together as a family and decided on Faith Presbyterian Church.



Barbara Mendoza-

Barbara currently lives in Carmichael and has spent most of her time in the Elk Grove and Sacramento areas. She's retired and enjoys reading, a little gardening and getting together with friends. Her son, Robert, and his family initially invited her to Faith Church and she has been coming ever since.



Dave & Nancy Nefsky-

Dave and Nancy have spent most of their time in California. Both are retired, but Nancy works part time for the State of CA. They both enjoy reading, golf, skiing, but most of all they enjoy playing with their grandson. Nancy grew up in the Presbyterian Church and they wanted to worship close to home here in the Pocket.



Janet Sather-

Janet has lived in Santa Rosa and recently relocated here to Sacramento. She works in sales with the Valley Yellow Pages. Janet really enjoys knitting, playing bridge (anyone looking for a 4th or substitute?) Janet loves to read, walking and movies. She said, "Coming to Faith Church is the best thing that has happened to me since moving to Sacramento."



Michelle Sweeting-

Michelle has spent most of her time here in Sacramento. She's not working right now (still looking) so with her free time she volunteers at the Food Closet. Michelle enjoys working out and volunteer work. She was invited to Faith by her sister and she is looking forward to becoming more involved in serving here at the church.



Sheron Vollstedt-

Sheron is a California native. She is currently working for a Dental Consulting Firm as an Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper. Sheron enjoys bike riding, walking, reading, aviation and painting. Since living in the area she had been looking for a church family and we are so happy she came to Faith. She feels her greatest accomplishments are her two children and their families.

More New Folks to Faith Church...

Rick Williams-



Rick was born and raised in the Los Angeles area and has lived in Sacramento for the past five years. He currently works for a locally based municipal consulting firm and is an Associate Planner and Public Information Officer. Rick enjoys hiking, travel, walking, reading and foreign/art films. He had been searching for a church home in the area, and felt warmly welcomed here at Faith. He also feels we have a healthy balance between discipleship and service.

Jack Henderson-



Jack was born and raised in New Orleans, but has spent most of her adult life in the Bay Area. She works from home in the mortgage and loan modification business. Jack really enjoys Bible study, Bible distribution, sharing faith in Christ, writing, cooking, entertaining and interior design. She believes the Lord led her here to Faith Church through a referral from her previous pastor.

Rick & Nancy Hom-



Rick and Nancy have lived here in Sacramento for the past 20 years. Nancy is a retired Registered Nurse, but continues to work for UCD Medical Center in the insurance/billing department. Rick also works for UCD as the Business Manager of the UCD Medical Group Network. Rick's favorite things are photography, golf and he loves to fix or upgrade electronic gizmos. Nancy enjoys reading, playing the piano, cooking gardening, walking the dog and watching "Masterpiece Theater". She also is active in "Moms in Touch", an organization of mothers praying for their students and schools. They love meeting new people and being part of a group of believers.

Denise Mitchell-



Denise has spent most of her life in the Midwest and on the West coast. She currently works as an office administrator for the University of California. Working out, reading, and spending time with her family are things she loves to do. Denise was introduced to our church by her daughters who wanted to attend. She has a deep faith and is very family oriented.

Monthly Stewardship Tip - A call to Re:ACT

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47



How are you reacting to the recession? How are we, as a faith family, reacting to the recession? As brothers and sisters in Christ how *can* we react to the recession?

Well, we can Re:Act.

Reading the testimonies in Acts of how the believers lived in light of Jesus life, death and resurrection I see that we have the call - the invitation - to Re:Act.

*To **Re:**devote our selves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bead and prayer; to **Re:**be together and have everything in common; to **Re:**be willing to even sell our possessions and give as anyone is in need.*

One way we would like to Re:Act is to share "Simple Living Tips" with y'all monthly in the Presby News. These tips will focus upon good, thrifty, creative and purposeful Stewardship (spending and saving finances, time and energy) for the glory of God. This is just one of the many

ways we as a faith family will be Re:Acting with one another to this recession.

This month we offer a first step to "Simple Living". Jesus warned us that *"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You can not serve both God and Money."* (Matt. 6:24) In a recession we become more aware of how much we devote ourselves to Money, maybe even how much we are owned by Money. So, the first step in intentionally turning toward God as our master in plenty or in want we offer you a simple way to grow aware of how you spend money. On the Faith website (www.faithpresby.org: go to "Our Community," then to "Resources") is a helpful chart you can download, use and adapt to your needs. We suggest that you place it where you will see and use it daily. After a week or a month asses this spending chart and ask the questions; Where does my money go and is that where I feel called to have this money go? What are my spending priorities? Are there imbalances in my spending that need balancing? How can I simplify and be creative? Do I serve Money or do I spend money in service of the Lord?

Sincerely Your Sister in Christ
Quinn, Christine & Claire