

A weekly thought from our senior minister, Jason Locke.

Minister's Message

It's wonderful to have my friend **Jacob Parnell** here to preach today. Jacob and his wife **Lisa** are gifted servants with huge hearts for God. If you were at this year's Harbor Lectures down at Pepperdine, you might have heard Jacob's keynote on Friday morning. Jacob has been a minister with the Tri-Valley Church of Christ in Livermore since 2010. He and Lisa have four daughters. Please give them your warmest College Church welcome!

I'm incredibly thankful for your participation in our classes this month. Our teachers and facilitators are doing such an excellent job. I sat in on **Amanda Mason's** class last weekend. Her material was practical and encouraging. I've seen and heard similar reports

from the other groups as well.

I'm also grateful that **Brook Gale** has started a Bible Study Fellowship group here at our church. Brook has been heavily involved in BSF for years, as have several other of our members. I deeply appreciate Brook's willingness to gather a few people who will commit to some in-depth Bible study together.

We praise God for the success of **Brian MacDougall's** recent heart procedure. And we're constantly praying for **Pat McKinzie** to bounce back from her hip surgery. Brian and Pat are such important people in our church. None of us want to imagine our church family without them!



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Welcome! If you're **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & basic information on *the card below*. **Tear it off and place it in the offering basket** later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about joining this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Comments: _____

People, Times & Places

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FOR THE RECORD

Attendance	
Worship (9/8)	167
Bible Class	124
Shabach	98

Contribution Report

Last Week (9/8)	\$ 15,597
Weekly Average	\$ 8,811
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,454

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

Adults

Teacher: **Dee DellaMaggiore** Rm 405
Crashing Waves: What Gets Between You & God
September 1—29

Teacher: **Amanda Mason** Rm 411
The Five Love Languages
September 1—29

Teacher: **Michael Rodriguez** Rm 700
Francis Chan's Letters to the Church
September 1—29

September Book Club Rm 305
Hosts: *Mika Roland & Cassandra Stafford*
Brené Brown's Braving the Wilderness
September 1—29

Bible Study Fellowship Rm 407
Group Leader: *Brook Gale*
8-month commitment required

Youth Group

Jr. High & High School Rm 600

Kids' Classes — aka *Uptown* (10:20-11:30)

Nursery Rm 303
Space for Moms Rm 306
Pre-School—Grade 6 500 Wing

Our staffed nursery for children up to 30 months is available during worship and classes in Room 303.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class
Resumes September 24, 2019

Taco Tuesday
Fellowship Hall
@ 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Breakfast
Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar Ave
@ 7 a.m.



The College Church of Christ exists to encourage & equip Christ-followers as they live out the mission of God in their homes, schools, work-places, and neighborhoods.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)

During the Lord's Supper, we have a space dedicated for prayer. Some of our leaders will be in the back corner (in front of the nursery) to pray with or for you.

This Morning's Order of Worship

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*Blessed Be Your Name
A New Anointing
You Never Let Go
O Praise the Name*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Offering

*Still
I Will Wait for You
Our God, He Is Alive*

Church News & Prayer for Illumination

**Message ~ Jacob Parnell,
"Go, Wait, Persevere"**

Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the blessing, just before the final song. Their teachers will meet them and lead them to their classes.

September 15, 2019

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Pat McKinzie is recovering and rehabbing at San Joaquin Gardens (ROOM 305a) following hip replacement surgery.

Brian MacDougall had his pacemaker & defibrillator successfully installed. Prayers for rest and recovery.

Pam Caples requests prayer for herself (ultrasound & test results); for care-giving help with her mom; and for the Wingfield family (bereavement).

Sondra Lohman asks us to pray for release of stress in her home life and for her roommate to receive healing.

Tammy Nuotio is looking for work and wants our prayers on her behalf. Continue to remember **Sue & Lee Smith, Larry & Terry Cowger,** and **Stephen & Kenya Shelley** as they deal with ongoing health issues.

Ongoing:

Marvidean Joslin, Janice Kelley, Stephen Shelley, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Alice & Jay Farris, Florence Bedoian, Al Ramirez, Gloria Chisley, Alicia Rivera, John Jacobo, Pam Caples & mother Verlene Burns

Extended Family News:

Clora Ann Crum wants prayers of healing for her nephew, **Richard Light**: recent surgery revealed cancer in his appendix and colon.

Evelyn Howe requests continued prayer for her daughter **Kim Sani**: rheumatoid arthritis following Valley fever.

Amanda Mason's uncle recently died. Please pray for their family in this time of loss.

Dennis Soliday requests prayer for his brother **Barry**: back health.

Kevin Leahy requests prayers for his daughter **Cara**: chest pains.

Coming Soon!

Starting back up in late September.

Here are a list of group hosts:

Fausto & Maria Hinojosa, Don Pierce & Amber Pierce-Elliott, Shane & Darla Mason, Kyle & Judy Mason, Terry & Ruth Hutchison, and Jon & Dawn Frame (at the church building for youth group parents).



Inter-generational Mentoring ~ Sunday, September 22

A meeting for all who wish to participate in the Inter-generational Mentoring group will gather after class on Sunday, September 22 in the worship center. The purpose is to acknowledge and encourage our K-6th graders and Jr. High students. **Evelyn Howe (559-708-5363)** and **Linda Snow (559-269-2898)** will hand out cards with a student's name and information for you to take. No other meetings will be scheduled. Should you not be able to attend this one-time meeting, please contact Evelyn or Linda to sign up.

Activities, Events & Church News



TACO TUESDAY
Fellowship Hall
6 p.m.
Two Tacos per plate.
Adults \$4 Kids/Students \$2



- 9/17 Taco Tuesday
- 9/18 Men's Breakfast
- 9/24 Ladies Bible Class Resumes
- 10/31 Trunk or Treat

September Collection Servants

Brook Gale
Austin Mason
Roman Gonzalez
Caleb Gray
Sean Gresham
Fausto Hinojosa
Ken Hutchison
Adam Mason

Coordinator: Roger Howell



Daryl McKinzie would like to thank everyone who has prayed, visited, and has sent cards to **Pat** while she is recovering from hip surgery. Your love is truly appreciated.



Today @ 10:40 a.m.
IMPACT class time ~ Youth Room
The Bible Doesn't Say That: Perseverance, Suffering

TNT @ 6 p.m. ~ Youth Room
Life-Sized Games. Dinner provided by the **Mason** family.

Reminders:
9/17 Taco Tuesday
9/22 TNT: Forestier Underground Gardens @ 4 p.m.

Be Sure to Visit the Youth Photo Board Near the Nursery!



When: Sunday, September 22
Where: The home of **Kyle & Judy Mason**, 2630 W San Ramon Ave, Fresno 93711

NOTE: Dinner, swimming & continued discussion on the book *Letters to the Church* by **Francis Chan**

Minister's Message

I recently had the pleasure of celebrating another year of life. (I no longer keep count but don't mind when people want to gather and celebrate me.)

One gathering in particular was very sweet. My daughter organized and prepared a beautiful brunch for my whole family. It was lovely and delicious. It had obviously taken time to plan and execute. It was thoughtful and beautiful. People showed up ready to celebrate bringing food and gifts and smiles and happy hearts.

I'm always thinking about worship. How we worship. Why we worship. Who we worship. I started wondering if we gather for this celebration of our God each week with the same attitude and excitement with which we gather for a family celebration.

I'm wondering how I would feel if those who came to celebrate me would have come begrudgingly. Clearly out of obligation only. Or if they showed up really late with no reason other than they just didn't feel like coming at the appointed time. Or what if someone hadn't talked to me the whole time but had been on their phones or watching tv instead? What if they had complained that the food served wasn't to their liking?

I'm guessing my feelings would have been slightly hurt and I would have been disappointed in the attitude they were displaying. Because ultimately, that brunch gathering wasn't about them, right? The cake and the food and the drinks and the décor centered around things my daughter knew I would love. She was focused on me.

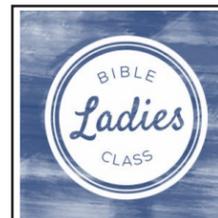
When we gather, my friends, it isn't about us. We should come with open hearts, not begrudgingly. We come focused before we even get here because we remember what we are coming to do and who we are coming to celebrate.

We come with our gifts and offerings to lay at the feet of Jesus. We come ready to gather around the table together and bring life and love and peace to one another through the blood of Christ.

We don't complain when things don't fit our fancy because this time is a gathering of family, honoring and lifting up the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as we minister to each other.

What an honor to stand before our God and worship Him with our whole being.

By Worship Minister,
Sandra Henderson



Mission isn't for the chosen few. Jesus calls all of us to live on a mission, and if he calls, he will equip. We at College Church believe very strongly in the power of serving the community. Serving is a way to treat people the way God wants to see them treated, and I believe it's the very essence of God's personality. Sometimes, the hardest part of serving is figuring out what to do. Our **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** will be collecting ideas for serving our city and our community. Please come and join us **Tuesday, September 24 at 9:45 a.m.** to pray, collect ideas, and listen to God's leading.