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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood Ham & Bean Soup Supper and Women's Fellowship Bazaar

Please join us on Nov. 11th, from 5-7pm.

*Donations of baked goods and homemade items to sell at the bazaar would be appreciated!

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Shoe boxes are available in the Narthex. Please begin filling them for collection on Nov. 13th

Stewardship Month

Nov. 6th starts our Stewardship drive. Pledge cards will be collected during our Nov. 20th service, followed by a Stewardship Luncheon. The theme for our church this next year is; **Do Something!** Please prayerfully consider what God is laying on your heart as we look to grow his church.

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Chronological Bible Study

Nov. 28th will be our last bible study for 2016.

Faith Circle

Luncheon will be held at San Jose Steakhouse at 11:30am. Please plan to attend.

Handbells

We need all available handbell ringers! We will be working on a new exciting piece of music for the holidays! Our first practice will be on November 10th at 6pm

Quilt raffle

Drawing to be held December 6th at the Women's Fellowship Meeting



The quilt is 9' X 7', a long queen. The birds & flowers are from each state and in the order received into the union.

Tickets for the raffle are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Proceeds will go to a local charity.

From The Pastor's Desk

“MISSION OVER ME”

The Apostle Paul wrote about humility in Philippians 2: 5-11, *“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

In case you missed the Fall Annual Membership Meeting, we announced that our theme for next year will be **DO Something!** In order for that to be accomplished, we have to remember that the “Mission” is more important than “me”. What I mean by that is that we have to remember that “being Christ in this world...which starts with serving” starts with humbling one's self and not looking to have to be acknowledged for what “I've” done. As a church, we are looking to think outside of the box in finding ways to make a change in the world in which we live. So as a church, we will have to work as a team, in one accord, putting our egos aside. Let me give you an example of taking a humbling position.

Many of you can probably name two of the three members of the Apollo 11 mission that landed on the moon. Buzz Aldrin was the pilot of the lunar module, and Neil Armstrong was the “commander of the entire mission” who took the first step on the moon. Who many people fail to remember is the third member of the team, Michael Collins.

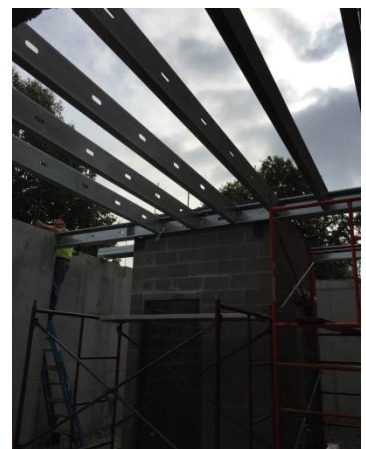
He was the one who piloted the command module, *Columbia* that was left to orbit the moon while the other two landed. When asked how he felt about being the one crew member that people tended to forget about he wrote in his autobiography, *“this venture has been structured for three men, and I consider my third to be as necessary as either of the other two”*. In other words, he put the mission of the team over his own ego. Because of his attitude, the lunar crew was able to safely dock with the command module and make its way safely back to earth. He understood the “why” of the mission. He understood that they all had to “do” their part in order for the mission to be successful, and he understood that he would be held accountable if the mission failed.

As Christians we must too take on the same humble attitude of Christ. Jesus put before us the “Great Commission” which was to go out into all the world to present the Gospel. The “how” may change, but the mission remains the same! So begin thinking of ways how we, the body of Christ, can “**DO Something**” to fulfill this mission. How can we make Christ known? How can we help a hurting world find peace and comfort? How can we help a world find their identity in Christ, and not in how the world sees them? How can we show forgiveness? How can we show love? Notice I used the word “we.” We know the “why.” We are **all in this together** and it's going to take **all of us to get the job done!** And finally, we too will be held accountable if the mission fails...so are you willing to put the “Mission” over me?

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Pictures of the new construction



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We are looking at ways to cut expenses where we can. One such way is with the newsletter. We will be offering several ways to receive your copy of the newsletter in the future. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church by dropping it off, mailing it back to us, or by emailing your choice to us at faithchurchstjoe@gmail.com.

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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 6th - Daylight Savings time Ends
- Nov. 8th - Food Kitchen Team #1 5:00pm
- Nov. 9th - Family Fun Night 5:30pm
- Nov. 10th - Handbell Practice 6:00pm
- Nov. 10th - C3 Night. Host Kara 7:00pm
- Nov. 11th - Veterans Day
- Nov. 11th - Brotherhood Ham & Bean Dinner 5:00pm
- Nov. 11th - Women's Fellowship Bazaar 5:00pm
- Nov. 13th - Shoe Boxes must be turned in today
- Nov. 15th - Brotherhood 7:00pm
- Nov. 16th - Handbell Practice 6:30 pm
- Nov. 17th - Faith Circle @ San Jose Steakhouse 11:30
- Nov. 17th - Leaders Night 7:00pm
- Nov. 20th - Stewardship Sunday & Luncheon
- Nov. 21st - Handbell Practice 6:30pm
- Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26th - Set Up for Hanging of the Greens and luncheon 9:00am
- Nov. 27th - Hanging of the Greens Service

Communion Assistants

- Nov. 6th - Gina Van Lone

Acolytes

- Nov. 6th - Rawlins Brant & Joshua Oswald
- Nov. 13th - Brodie DeSchepper & Angela Cobb
- Nov. 20th - Sara Sands & Ali Ledford
- Nov. 27th - Jordon Hill & Joshua Oswald

Van Drivers

- Nov. 6th - Brent
- Nov. 13th - Corey
- Nov. 20th - Roy
- Nov. 27th - Brent

Financial Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Sept. 25 th -	\$2,619.00	\$125.00
Oct. 2 nd -	\$3,876.00	\$191.00
Oct. 9 th -	\$2,186.00	\$150.00
Oct. 16 th -	\$2,971.00	\$520.00
Oct. 23 rd -	\$5,071.00	\$570.00
Totals:	\$16,723.00	\$1,556.00.00

\$12,726.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Sept. 25 th -	71	26
Oct. 2 nd -	83	25
Oct. 9 th -	76	27
Oct. 16 th -	71	26
Oct. 23 rd -	68	29

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's continued presence in the World & never absent.

Cancer Patients: Rob Gregory; Rita Hughes (friend of Trudy Lewis)-diagnosed Melanoma; co-worker of Janis Arn's 3 yr. old granddaughter-brain cancer; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Travis Owens (local firefighter) stage 4 liver; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Glen Spitzer's friends- Janelle, Ethal, Jack Faulkner, Keith & Frieda Shuell; Mary Lou (friend of mina's); 2 of Donna Wood's friends sons in their 50's have been diagnosed; Angie Hernandez's friend, Doug- possible Leukemia & sleep apnea.

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Wilk Catron; Elizabeth Shoenlaub- on Hospice; Donna Brooks- health issues; Donita Sutherland-chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Dorothy Smith- knee replacement surgery went well will be going to Living Community for rehab; June Book broken hip, at home recovering; Mark Torres surgery in November.

Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Lenard McCall's cousin- Barb Swank; Ramona Allen (Linda Trapp's neighbor)- Lupus complications & needs hip replacement; Connie Newton (friend of Karen McClellan's)- heart problems; Debbie Hart- heart attack; Dianne (Debbie Demuth's sister) dementia; Jim wood's friend- Larry Culver- serious illness; Carole McClellan's brother- Gary Batelle & cousins (husband & wife)- suffering from dementia.

Traveling Mercies: Robin Carolus & group she is traveling with on a medical mission to Nepal.

Finally: prayers for our city, our country and the world; Faith United church- all our people; Safety during construction on new addition to our building: our church staff & their families; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- "love one another as I have loved you"; be open to compromise.

DO Something!

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25: 40