



# NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## From your Pastor

November is the month of thanks-giving! It is a time to pause and reflect on all that God has blessed us with in our lives. The writer of Deuteronomy reminds us in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter,

*When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God  
for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God...*

I understand it, if you say that in the midst of this pandemic, that you do not feel like there is much to be thankful for. As I write this, there is a family text chain going around that promotes an article entitled: "Science Says Decorating for the Holidays Early Makes You Happier." There are several in my family for which this is all they need to sneak the red and green in with the orange and browns of Thanksgiving. As tempted as I am to tell you there are only "X" number of days left before Christmas, I won't. Instead I want to suggest that we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for in the month of November!

- I have witnessed the great outpouring of love that you have shared with Jeff and Janet – thanks be to God...
- There is the work of our partners who have had a difficult ministry made more difficult by the pandemic and yet, they continue to press on day in and day out...feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and giving a listening ear to the lonely – thanks be to God...
- I watch in amazement at the patience and commitment displayed by the leadership of this congregation as they seek to remain faithful to the work of the church and remain safe in the face of the virus – thanks be to God...
- I have seen the continued loyalty to the ministry entrusted into our care even as we are unable to gather together -thanks be to God...
- I hear the stories of people within the congregation reaching out to each other to ensure that everyone remains cared for and remembered – thanks be to God...
- I have witnessed the tremendous ministry of Mandy and Lou as they reach out to teach the love of God through a different medium, learning as they go – thanks be to God...
- I have witnessed a sustained hunger to continue to grow in the Lord in the midst of all that is going on – thanks be to God...
- I have watched with heartfelt thanks, as faithful stewards underwrite the ongoing ministry even when the future that lies before us remains unclear – thanks be to God...

As we approach this Thanksgiving holiday, I pray that you will continue to see the goodness of God all around you and that you will give thanks with a grateful heart.

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A couple of things to be aware of as we journey through the month of November. They are things that you are very familiar with, but because of the pandemic, they will be different this year.

The Deacons will once again be providing a Thanksgiving dinner for about 20 families. In the past, as I understand it, you would pick up shopping lists after worship. This year, the process will be handled differently. In the days ahead you will be made aware of the food needs for the dinners and asked to help out where you can. So, keep an eye open for the details.

On November 22, following the worship service we will have a church business meeting. This will be a zoom meeting and you are encouraged to share your voice in the meeting. Again, be watching for the details.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for the cards and well wishes on my birthday. I look forward to the year ahead of us and what God has in store for our future. Be safe. Be healthy and remain faithful.

Pastor Sam

## ***Preparing for Scripture . . .***

**October 26 - November 1, 2020** All Saints Day

Revelations 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John. 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

**November 2 - 8**

Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

**November 9 - 15**

Judge 4:1-7; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**November 16 - 22**

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Eph. 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**November 23 - 29**

Deut. 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Cor. 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

**ADVENT**



## ***Partnership & Space Sharing***

A reminder that we share our campus with the following programs:

**CATS** ~ After school program using the Sunday School classrooms Tue & Thur, 2:45-5p during the school year.

**Centro Cristiano Familiar (CCF)** ~ A Spanish speaking Congregation which meets in the Fellowship Center Fridays at 7:30p and Sundays at 3p, with setups and practice Thursday evening at 7:00p.

**G Street Oasis** ~ A day use area for un-housed in the Fireside Room, Mon-Fri, 9a-3p.

**Patient Pet Advocates** ~ a non-profit group using the East Breezeway Classroom as their office, Mon-Fri and by appointment on the weekend.

**Young Life** ~ A youth group organization with offices here.

Numerous other groups such as AA, Al-Anon, Naranon, Yoga, TOPS, SSRA, etc., meet at various times in a variety of areas.

Due to The COVID-19 Pandemic dates and times of these group meetings may be changed based upon need.

# The Talented Members of Our Church Family who participated in carving pumpkins on October 18th



Virtual  
Events  
Begin OCT  
24

STILL

# I <sup>^</sup> Love CAW

Fall 2020 Virtual Fundraiser & Auction

Join us as we share stories of how Camp Arrah  
Wanna has shaped our generations & continues to live  
into their mission through 2020.

Main Event: Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm

[www.camparrahwanna.org/giving](http://www.camparrahwanna.org/giving)

Tune in before the Main Event:

Oct 24  
Welcome  
Video  
Release

Oct 26 -  
Nov 6  
Stories  
from  
Friends

Nov 1  
Online  
Auction  
Opens



**Growing**



Music



# COMMITMENT SUNDAY



**Deacons**



*Save the date: ~ November 3rd ~*

Be prayerfully considering the mission and financial health of the church as you decide how to contribute to our ongoing ministry for the coming year.



**Campus Stewardship**



Unhoused



Equestria Hut



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**Training**

**CATS!**



**Reaching**



## Thanksgiving Food Baskets

We will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to those in our area who are less fortunate.

November 1 - 20th, we will be Collecting needed food items for the twenty baskets we will prepare. Times will be posted when a Deacon will be available at the church so you can add your items to the barrel.

Below is a list of the items we need. We will update this list based on donations received in the Wednesday updates.

The baskets, with extras provided by the Deacons' Fund, will be prepared and distributed on November 24th.

-FBCS Deacons

- 20 Cans Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 20 Cans of Cranberry Sauce
- 20 Cans of French Fried Onions (green bean casserole)

- 40 Cans Fruit Cocktail
- 40 Large Boxes Jello
- 40 Cans Corn
- 20 Large Cans Yams/Sweet Potatoes
- 20 Cans Pears
- 40 Packages Turkey Gravy
- 20 Jars Jam/Jelly

- 40 Cans Green Beans
- 20 Boxes Stove Top Stuffing (Turkey Flavor)
- 20 Cans Peaches
- 20 Cans Evaporated Milk
- 20 Jars Peanut Butter
- 20 Bags of 10# Potatoes

# GROWING TEAM

## Who Are We?



LAURA ELKIN



KELLY ROBERTS

Our goal as the Growing Team is to promote the ministry of spiritual growth and transformation. We strive to nurture and deepen friendships with Christ and one another. The way we work toward these goals is by promoting stewardship, providing meaningful and relevant worship opportunities, promoting an outstanding music ministry and facilitating meal functions.

While these may sound like complicated and elaborate responsibilities to accomplish, there are many of you who help us accomplish these tasks every week. Each time you tithe, volunteer and give of yourself and your talents you are helping us to reach our goals.

Promoting stewardship is providing opportunities to you as our church family to share your time, money and gifts that were given to you by God. As good stewards we are to take risks in order to multiply what we been given. This includes tithing, volunteering as the needs arise, and serving with a joyful heart. We are always striving to glorify God.

Being involved in the worship service is a large part of what we do. This is where we help provide meaningful and relevant worship opportunities. We organize the schedules for: those in the sound booth, those who run and make PowerPoint, and those who are worship leaders and ushers. Each of these jobs is an essential part of worship each Sunday.

Simply joining in and making a "joyful noise" is another wonderful way to participate with one another and sometimes leads hearts to try providing music during worship or special occasions. If not that, then being involved in our music ministry which includes the Praise Team, providing special music and/or joining the choir and playing an instrument. All are part of the opportunities the Growing Team offers each of you.

As every American Baptist knows, an integral part of our church fellowship and celebration is planning meals. We plan, organize and carry out the special meals and events we have. This includes the Easter breakfast, Celebration of Life Together, Celebration of Youth, Christmas Fest, the Combined Worship we've had this year and any other events or special occasions that may arise.

Soon we all will receive a Service Covenant. As you prayerfully reflect on how you will serve God and your church family, please consider our team; we would love to have you join us. It is a great way to share your ideas and creativity. You can serve and have a great time while you are doing it.

We would like to thank our wonderful team! We would also like to thank those of you who work so closely with our team and volunteer your time and talents to ensure that we are able to meet our commitment to God and our family here at FBCS.

Laura Elkins & Kelly Roberts  
Growing Team, Co-Leaders

# Camp Arrah Wanna Information



## VIRTUAL CAMPFIRES

A TIME FOR CAMPERS AND  
VOLUNTEERS TO STAY  
CONNECTED ALL YEAR LONG,  
SHARING STORIES OF CAMP,  
ENJOYING GAMES AND  
FAVORITE CAMPFIRE SONGS!

**SELECT THURSDAYS**

**@ 7:00 PM**

**October 15    January 14**

**April 15        June 17**

THESE EVENTS WILL  
TAKE PLACE VIA  
ZOOM. PLEASE  
REGISTER BY  
EMAILING COREY:  
PROGRAM@CAMPARRAHWANNA.ORG



# S School & YOUTH PAGE

**JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ONLINE EACH  
WEEK @ 10AM**



While we continue to worship together online Sunday school continues. Our focus during November is Gratitude as we prepare for the upcoming advent season!

While we are separated physically, please know that your church family is here for you, don't hesitate to reach out to your Deacon or Mandy if you have prayer requests, need help, or just a friendly conversation.

Our teens will start a new devotional this month, it's not too late if you would like a copy! It will be a self guided study with regular check-ins that fit into the schedule of each busy teens life.

We will focus on gratitude and finding things to be thankful for while navigating a sometimes tricky teenage life coupled with a global pandemic and so much uncertainty about what the future holds.



If you haven't already, please let Mandy know your teen's cell phone number. She will be reaching out via text on a regular basis while we are worshipping virtually.

# Rainbow Acres Update

By Pastor Gregg A. Sneller

Here is an update from Rainbow Acres Ranch where 86 Ranchers live, thrive and continue to grow.



Thank you for your partnership with the work and ministry entrusted to us with the beloved Ranchers. For the past seven months we have been Covid-19 free since the outbreak began.

The Greenhouse Crew has set new records this year for the quality – and the quantity – of the vegetables they've produced this summer! For the last harvest Rodolfo and the Ranchers gathered 300 more pounds of produce that was delivered to the kitchen. With this harvest, Rainbow Acres has reached the end of an amazing summer production season, totaling over 2,500 pounds of produce! Produce was also shared with senior centers in the Verde Valley.



Over the past nine months, Rainbow Acres' Buildings & Grounds staff, accompanied by volunteers, has renovated interior spaces at the Daehler Building and the Worden Taber Center. Led by Marvin Phelps (Construction Superintendent), the renovations took place in phases and resulted in totally transformed spaces for a new, expanded Weaving Room (now located where the group recreation area used to be in the Daehler Building) and a newly-envisioned Music Room (in the Worden Taber Center).



Ranchers played a fun game of "Solar System Bingo" in Rainbow Academy's Astronomy class. The Ranchers enrolled in this class have been studying the planets, constellations and features of our solar system. Each time a planet was called, they reviewed the features of that planet (its size, make-up, unique features like rings, and its order from the sun). This game helps boost cognitive abilities by encouraging brain processing, alertness, memory capability and hand-eye coordination. The Ranchers think that astronomy is "out of this world"!



For your partnership and care for Rainbow Acres, we thank you for helping us create a little "heaven on earth" for the Ranchers, for staff and servant teams who come to serve. You are a gift to each one who lives and serves at Rainbow Acres Ranch.

Pastor Gregg A. Sneller

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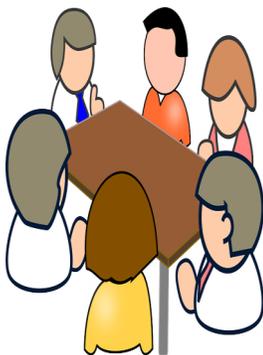




## Melatonin

by Gail Engle

More than 3 million Americans take melatonin to help them sleep. Most people assume it is safe. But this supplement can reduce the effectiveness of certain medications and it has potentially dangerous side effects. Another thing is that people who take melatonin do so at the wrong time or for problems it will not solve. Contrary to popular belief melatonin will NOT help you fall asleep. Melatonin is safe for most people but it has been shown to decrease the effectiveness of certain crucial medications including blood pressure drugs, seizure prevention drugs, antidepressants and birth control medications. It can increase blood sugar levels making it dangerous for diabetics. Other potential side effects include headaches, dizziness, stomach irritation, irritability and grogginess. An appropriate initial dose is about 0.5 mg 90 minutes before bedtime. If this proves ineffective gradually increase the dosage but do not exceed 5 mg. If you are diabetic talk with your doctor.



## ~ FBCS Annual Meeting ~

Following Morning Worship Via Zoom  
Sunday, November 22nd

*Save the Date!*

We will:

- ✓ Review the proposed budget for 2021
- ✓ Elect Officers & Ministry Team Leaders
- ~ Elect Pastoral Search Team (see article on next page)

Please note date on your calendar and plan to Participate!



# RECOMMENDATION & VOTE FOR A PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM

Upon the retirement of Pastor Jeff, the Rev. Sam Brink was called to be our interim pastor. During this time of transition, a Pastoral Search Team is in the process of being formed.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Church Council approved and is recommending five people to serve on the Pastoral Search Team. The congregation will be asked to approve at the Annual Meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom. The 5 people that the Church Council are recommending to the congregation are **Amanda Gley, Jeff Kronser, Kelly Roberts, Don Vaught, and Mark Werder**. According to the Constitution, the Moderator, Debbie Herr and the Church Clerk, Carol Snider, are ex-officio members on the Pastoral Search Team with full voting rights.

The purpose of the Pastoral Search Team is to discern the best candidate for the pastoral position and will recommend that person to the congregation. The five members recommended by the Church Council to serve on the Pastoral Search Team demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Has a good level of spiritual maturity and is prayerful.
- Is able to keep confidences within the Search Team only ~ not sharing any information with spouse, family, friends or any other members in the congregation and the community.
- Is forward thinking and able to articulate the vision for FBCS.
- Has a good level of trust in God's working in and through the process.
- Is teachable, willing to learn the search process, and willing to do the work.
- Demonstrates integrity and has the trust and respect of the congregation.
- Is open to the candidacy of all persons whom God might be calling to FBCS.

Once the Pastoral Search Team is approved by the congregation they will meet with Rev. Steve Bils, the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast and he will explain the pastoral search process. The Pastoral Search Team will follow the steps cited in the "Calling An American Baptist Minister" manual.

The search process is a spiritual exercise in discerning God's will for FBCS. Discernment takes patience and an open mind and spirit to the possibilities God has for FBCS. This is just the next step of the journey that has its own timeline.

Please pray for each member on the Pastoral Search Team and for the person God has for our next spiritual leader. The Pastoral Search Team will need to be very confidential regarding the information provided in resumes and interviews of pastors that will be reviewed during the process. However, the Pastoral Search Team will give the congregation periodic updates during the pastoral search process.

Debbie Herr, Church Moderator

# INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



[Continued from last month]

We were thankful to drive to another province, Mae Hong Son, the last weekend of June to participate in the re-opening celebration of the Center of Development for People with Disabilities (CDPD, which is another ministry connected to Kim Brown) in Mae Sariang. This is a thriving ministry run by a Karen sister in Christ, Saylo. We celebrated the re-opening with the clients, their families, and local pastors. It was so beautiful to see immense joy on the faces of the

clients as they presented numerous songs throughout the celebration. We were touched to see the impact Saylo (the director) and the staff have in the community and the quality of life God has given to the clients through the staff's love and compassion. We are praying and seeking God on how He wants us to be involved with this beautiful ministry.

We have also been blessed to get to know Ajarn (Pastor) Tim Dee (director of Thailand Karen Baptist Convention) and his family these past couple of months. They have invited us to join them for family outings and have shown us a couple parts of the city. Last weekend, we went with the Dee family to the Karen tribal village of Baan Jam Luang and stayed in their family home. It was a great time to relax, soak in the amazing view of the mountains, and enjoy a break from the city. We were humbled and blessed by the hospitality of the Karen people as they showered us with gifts of rice, vegetables and pineapples to bring home. We enjoyed getting to know the Dee family more deeply, and our kids had a good time playing together. Mark was also given the opportunity for his first preaching experience in Thailand. He did a wonderful job sharing God's word and working with the translator.

You can see our schedule has been quite full with new experiences and opportunities for growing a community for our family. We are thankful to have partners here in Thailand who are becoming friends. We are thankful for opportunities to see more of God's beautiful creation in the artistic landscapes that surround us, and we are thankful that God daily reminds us of His presence as we walk this journey. We know He is opening doors for relationships and community building both with believers and non-believers, and we are doing our best to be patient. We are trusting God for that provision of friendships, a church family, and a community we can call home. We have been spending time weekly at the House of Love to get to know the students, faculty, and leadership as well as starting to meet some of the graduates. Please join us in prayer for these relationships and that we would be patient and also bold to seek them.

We are blessed to know you are with us from afar! Knowing you cover us in prayer and join with us in joys and frustrations is so beautiful and comforting to us. Thank you for walking this journey with us. Thank you for praying for us. Please know we are with you and care for you deeply as well! Let us know what you are thankful for during these crazy times and how we can also pray for you!

*"I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ."* - Philemon 1:6

With much love from across the globe,  
The Juanes Family

# NOVEMBER 2020



## BIRTHDAYS

- Rodney Chase..... 2
- Olivia Helms ..... 3
- Alice Lunsford..... 4
- Jon Patterson..... 4
- Lee Ragland ..... 4
- Matthew Gley..... 7
- Kylie Savage..... 7
- Chris Roush ..... 11
- Jerry Roush..... 12
- Elizabeth Elkin ..... 16
- Anne H. Johnson .... 16
- Jake Chase ..... 17
- Ryan Weisman ..... 18
- Ben Patterson ..... 19
- Angie Werder ..... 20
- Brian Gillette ..... 21
- John Paskey ..... 21
- Kirsten Roush ..... 22
- Joni Daly ..... 22
- Kelly Jewish..... 27
- Pat Acques ..... 29



## ANNIVERSARIES

- Paul & Bev Appling... 9
- Dan & Jennifer ..... 11  
Patterson
- Mike & Carol ..... 17  
Snider
- Gary & Sharon ..... 27  
Patterson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  Daylight Saving Ends 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 3 pm CCF	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Election Day</i> 9:30 Yoga  7 CS & Growing Teams	<b>4</b> 11 Food Box Delivery  10:00 am-Zoom Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10 Reaching Team  7 Deacons 7:00 CCF Practice	<b>6</b> 7:30 CCF Service	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 3 pm CCF	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 Yoga  4:00 SSRA	<b>11</b> <i>Veteran's Day</i>  10:00 am-Zoom Bible Study	<b>12</b> 7:00 CCF Practice	<b>13</b> 7:30 CCF Service	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 3 pm CCF	<b>16</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>17</b> 9:30 Yoga 6 Executive Committee 7 Church Council	<b>18</b> 11 Food Box Delivery  10:00 am-Zoom Bible	<b>19</b> 7:00 CCF Practice	<b>20</b> 7:30 CCF Service	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship <i>Annual Mtg</i> 3 pm CCF	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Distribute Thanksgiving Boxes  9:30 Yoga	<b>25</b>  10:00 am-Zoom Bible	<b>26</b>  7:00 CCF Practice	<b>27</b> Office Closed  7:30 CCF Service	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 3 pm CCF	<b>30</b>					

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<p><b>AS FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:</b></p> <p><b>Growing</b> our friendship with Christ and one another through worship, prayer, study, partnership and service.</p> <p><b>Reaching</b> out to others in our community with the living and joy-giving message of Christ.</p> <p><b>Training</b> those in this congregation for ministry and leadership in the church and the world.</p> 		