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Pastors Corner

Healthy Roots Produce Good Fruit

It's funny how many ministries, especially youth ministries, are called **Roots** or **Rooted**, including our own. There is something to this idea of 'Roots'. What are our roots, our foundations, our purpose of being together as a church? Roots are the part of the tree that anchor it. It is the means in which the tree draws its nutrients, water, minerals, etc. It is the source of the building blocks for a tree's growth. For the church there are three primary roots: **Discipleship, Fellowship and Mission**. A church must have all three of these to be a healthy church. Without healthy roots a tree will not produce fruit. It's interesting to me that if we were to draw each of these roots as interlocking circles an interesting symbol appears. The overlapping, interlocking portion of the circle becomes a symbol that has been used with the church to represent the Trinity. Each part is distinct **Discipleship, Fellowship, and Mission**, but if they do not have the pieces of the other, they lack the fullness of God.

Discipleship is more than just bible studying. **Discipleship** is about discipline, not just as in punishment, but as in self-discipline, personal and corporate spiritual practices, that without **Fellowship** and **Mission** become religious practices and empty tradition. One can study the Bible, you can know its words, its origins, its history. You can behave in all the prescribed ways (Mt. 19:16-30, Luke 18:18-30), but if you those do not include fellowship and mission than we have missed God in it.

Likewise, fellowship is not simply being friendly and hanging out together. Fellowship is a deep relationship with one another. It involves commitment to one another in encouragement, accountability, and conflict resolution. Fellowship is the space where the body of Christ cares for one another, encourages one another and builds one another up through mutual discipleships towards the mission. (1 Th. 5:11-22, Heb. 10:24-25) If we do not have those parts of discipleship and mission as a part of our fellowship, we are simply a social club.

Finally, but not least, is **Mission**. Mission is the good works done to bring the Kingdom of God to life here on earth. The church is the body of Christ with whom the mission of Christ continues here on earth. In 2 Cor. 5:16-21, Paul explains the mission, "God through Christ is reconciling the world... and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." There is a sense in the world of a universal morality. Our society is crying out for justice and equality. But we see that it cannot seem to deliver because it wants these without God, i.e., the fellowship and discipleship with the Creator of the universe.

As a Church we must be about all three of these roots. Without all three a part is missed, the fullness of God is not seen, and we are not able to be healthy. A tree that has healthy roots produces fruit.

Community Bible Study

Community Bible Study is starting soon. We will meet at New Life Christian Center beginning on Wednesday, September 7th. It meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. It continues through the middle of May.

This year we will be studying: Red Sea to the Jordan River.

Community Bible study offers an amazing children's program for babies through high school students. There will be a time to register on Wednesday, August 17th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at New Life. Cost for registration is \$35 (if interested, but not affordable, scholarships are available).

Contact Gwen Schulze (620-6422) or Norma Avilla (541-4345) for more information.

MEMORIAL POTLUCK for PAT McSWEENY

We would like to honor the life of Pat McSweeny with a potluck after church on August 14th in the Family Center

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Magui Guimaraes, Cricket Higginson, Anita Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Mark Johnson, Lynn Lea, Cindy Postma, Dave Wesley

Please remember if you would like to be included on our prayer list call the church office at 668-0400.

Thank you Church Family for all your prayers during my procedure in July. I am home and recovering well! I praise God that my surgery went smoothly and that he continues to lay his healing hands on me during this time of recovery.

God Bless,
Allyson Montague

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.
Psalms 29:11

AUGUST EVENTS

August 3rd- Last ROOTED Pool Party 6-10 PM @ the Crumrine's Home

August 5th- Back to School Party 6-9 PM @ Encounter Church

August 10th- ROOTED Middle School starts back up 6:30-8 PM

August 11th- Council Meeting 6:30 PM

August 12th- HCC Men's Ministry Modesto Nuts Game 6 PM

August 14th- All Church Memorial Service Pat McSweeny 11:30 AM (potluck in the family center)

August 14th- Rooted High School starts back up 6:30-8 PM

August 20th- HCC Women's Ministry Ice Cream Social @ 2 PM

SEPTEMBER 11th is FALL LAUNCH

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

FRONTLINE

- August 7th- Team #2
- August 14th- Team #3
- August 21st- Team #4
- August 28th- Team #5

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Website: hilmarcovenant.org
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AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chris Waterson
- 4 Emanuel Azevedo
Jessica Egli
- 5 Barbara Strand
- 8 Annette Diliberto
- 9 David Ward
- 10 Hudson Azevedo
- 11 Pauline Seward
- 13 Lloyd Erlandson
- 14 Chris Freeberg
Hannah Hinds
- 15 Richard Clauss
- 17 Earl Tagge
- 18 Paul Noren
- 21 Margie Tagge
- 24 Curt Jorritsma
Kris Metcalf
Andy Danbom
Mike Peterson
- 29 Arie Roest
- 30 Deanna Raya
Steve Barnes

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Joe & Beth Walker
- 5 Curt & Kimberly Jorritsma
Marvin & Fern Wickstrom
- 6 Ken & Lynn Lea
- 17 Wayne & Genna Kronberg
Jim & Carol Ahlem
- 25 Mike & Margaret Wickstrom
- 26 Bud & Penny Farrar
- 28 Ken & Kasey Olds
- 29 Rob & Lissa Mitchell
- 30 Wade & Marilyn Fullmer

Average Monthly Giving For JUNE:

Weekly budget :: \$9,755

Avg. Offering per wk :: \$9,663

Budget YTD :: \$253,630 YTD giving :: \$231,694 (\$21,936)

Monthly Avg. Attendance: IN PERSON: 79 KS 7 ONLINE: 15

"Here is what love is. It is not that we love God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins." 1 John 4:10



Since the beginning of time, God's love has always been on display. From Genesis to Revelation, God immense love is on display! But God's love isn't just about what happened in history. God loves us today! And we have the chance to share God's love with others, right here and now. We know that God loves us and we can show how much we love God by showing people how much they matter to us.

THIS MONTH'S NEED TO KNOW'S

PARENT CUE

Making the Most of Morning Time by Sarah Anderson

Featured Article

September Kick Off

Believe it or not, we're already thinking that far ahead and I am excited for what we have planned! One of the things is bringing kidSPACE to full operation! This means kidSPACE every Sunday with small group time for both K-2 and 3-5th grade. BUT we need your help! We need adults who love Jesus and want to share that love with kids. At kidSPACE, our goal is to help kids in their walk with Jesus by showing them his love for them. Want more information? Contact Ashley!



The preschoolers are continuing their journey through Genesis, and this month will be hearing the story of Abraham and Sarah and the promise God gave them. Through this story they will learn that **God's promises are true** and that **God's family grows bigger and bigger!**

Megan



SUMMER SCHEDULE: POOL PARTIES!

Our last pool party of the summer will be August 3rd, and it's going to be a road trip! Rooted will be going to the home of our co-transitional pastors, Aaron & Jacqui Crumrines in Modesto. The bus will leave church at 6, and will be returning at 9:30.

Like all summer, this is a combined middle school and high school event.

A big THANK YOU to all of our hosts this summer!

ROOTED MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rooted Middle School resumes Wednesday night youth group on August 8th from 6:30-8pm. Our August series will be "Imago Dei" on how we are created in the image of God. Doors open at 6:15. Bring your Bible! And bring a friend!

ROOTED HIGH SCHOOL

Rooted High School resumes Sunday night youth group on August 14th from 6:30-8pm. Our August series will be "Digital Babylon" on tech and our faith. Doors open at 6:15. Bring your Bible! And bring a friend!

MODESTO NUTS

Rooted will be attending a Modesto Nuts game on Saturday, August 27th. Cost is \$10. We will be leaving church at 5:05. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, August 24th. And yes, this is a combined middle school and high school event.

PASTOR THEO VACATION

Pastor Theo will be on vacation July 28th – August 8th.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you on Instagram? Follow Rooted Youth @rootedyouthhilmarcov

Are you on Facebook? Like Rooted Youth at www.facebook.com/rootedyouthhilmarcov/

WEEKLY EMAILS

A weekly Rooted parents' email is sent out every Tuesday. Want to get it? It's simple. All you have to do is go to http://eepurl.com/c_Moq1 and fill out the brief form!



ROOTED High Schoolers
at Unite- West with
Covenant Grove

Family Ice Cream Social

Bring your friends, families and a favorite ice cream (extra points for homemade!) to share! Toppings will be provided.

August 20th @ 2pm
Family Center Gym



HCC Men's Ministry

Modesto Nuts Game

Friday, August 12th

Carpool leaving church at 6:00 PM

\$11

Sign up by August 7th

Contact Andrew Postma 761-3896
or David Ward 535-7665 for more info.



HCC BOOK CLUB

Calling all readers, especially women. We desire more female viewpoints during this read.

We'll be restarting on Tuesday August 9th. Still over Zoom.

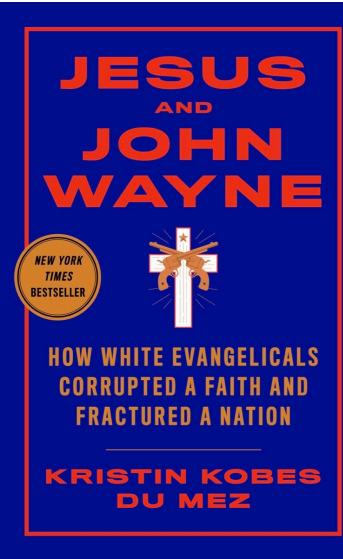
We'll start the fall off with a very pointed, meaty, oft-quoted, and timely look into leadership of the broader collection of evangelical churches. In particular, how the American culture and male-centric leadership of evangelical churches and denominations has been destructive and anti-Jesus in many ways. This books has been quoted often by other commentaries on the post-modern church as well as researchers examining the crossroads of faith and politics. Moreover, with the recent news of leadership failure at the largest evangelical church, Southern Baptist Convention, this read is so very timely and applicable to today's headlines.

Contact Art DeRooy for more information.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1





Council Connection – July 2022

This month the Council heard a number of reports from various ministry areas. Financially we’re ahead of where we were last year at this time, but we’re still behind budget. Spending is also less than budget.

There are several upcoming special events. The second Men’s Ministry event, to a Modesto Nuts game, is planned for August 12th. Watch for details. A memorial potluck to remember Pat McSweeny will be August 14th. A Women’s ministry event, a family ice cream social, will happen on August 20. Fall kick-off is set for September 11th and will include a time for fellowship with a potluck. The Women’s Retreat at Mission Springs is September 30 through October 2. Early bird registration ends August 15. <https://www.missionsprings.com/camp-event/pswc-women-conference/> - Mission Springs

Prayers were with the Crumrines as they have been busy this summer with lots of travel for Covenant Gather, vacation, anniversary, and a celebration of Jacqui’s father’s life. Jacqui participated in VBS and has been leading staff through some leadership training material looking at who they are and how they serve. Plans for kick-off Sunday and fall ministries are underway. Praise God for the year the Crumrines have been with us and that they are available to stay with us in ministry to Hilmar and the world.

The youth leaders have been busy. A successful VBS occurred, pool parties are in full-swing, UNITE (what used to be CHIC) happened in July, and plans for fall are underway. Theo, Ashley, and Megan, as dedicated and talented as they are, don’t work in isolation. If you have any inspiration to help out with youth leadership please prayerfully step forward to volunteer.

The Children’s Center continues to flourish. Progress is being made on the new Infants and Toddlers component. Furniture and supplies are arriving and the application is well underway. The fireworks booth was just as successful this year with about \$18,000 profit to be shared between the Children’s Center and VBS. Thanks to all who volunteered to make this possible. Covid continues to be a factor for the Children’s Center. Staff and students continue to become infected. Prayers for the health and functioning of all involved are coveted.

Efforts to revive the mission’s committee are underway. If you have an interest in our missionaries please let the office know. Crescendo, intended to unleash the potential of boomers and beyond to engage in the work of God’s kingdom, is in the works. <https://covchurch.org/make-and-deepen-disciples/crescendo/>

Pastor Aaron and David and Kathy Ward were delegates to Gather, the annual meeting of the Covenant. We helped to elect Tammy Swanson-Draheim as the 11th president of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

The Pastor Search team is continuing to diligently perform its assigned task. Prospects keep withdrawing for mostly family related reasons. There was a meeting scheduled for July 18 at which time the committee talked with another prospect. This has been a time of disappointment, but the team is sticking with the process and continuing to work together well.

In Christ’s Love,

David Ward
Council Secretary