

WEEKLY PRAYER & PRAISE GUIDE

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” *James 5:13*

Our Missionaries

Pray for:

FBC-Supported Missionaries

- ◆ Andyshak, Buhler, Calva, Gervasi, Guest, Harris, Hubbell, Humble, Kelley, Lomilo, Lovelady, Pittman, Rasmussen, Matute, Swenson, Tice, Tissell, Trussel, and Wernow.

FBC-Supported Ministries

- ◆ CEF Benton County, CEF Linn County, Compassion Ministries, Love INC Benton County, Options Pregnancy Center, Southside Youth Outreach, Volunteer InterFaith Caregivers, Western Seminary, and We Care.

Sharen Syriotis

- ◆ Sharen serves with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray for Albany and Lebanon Hub Clubs, beginning Jan.14. Pray for people to join the Local Board, four new members by 1/8 and 12 total. Pray for affordable software for the attendance database. Pray for a treasurer’s assistant . Praise God for Postcard Ministry provided by CEF in Oregon.

Len Andyshak

- ◆ Len has been serving with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) for over 3 decades. He and his wife Mary served in Kansas to international students until 3 years ago when they moved to Bend, OR. Len is on the IVCF Interim Ministry Team (south & central coast) where he mentors leaders of IVCF teams. Please pray for: wisdom and insight as he mentors college campus leaders; The campus of Ventura - ask the Lord to encourage their one remaining student as she and her staff reach out and seek to rebuild a witnessing community again to be a source of healing and blessing on that campus; Students in the fellowship of Cal Poly - they have turned a corner, rather than being intimidated by this Covid situation on campus, the students in the fellowship are really desiring to move forward and see the Lord do new things this quarter.

Church Leadership

Staff: *Pastor Russ Richmond, Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Mitchell Henderson*

Elders: *Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Ian Tinsley, Mike Rinkin, Russ Richmond, Dale Durrell*

WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

February 28, 2021

The Raising of the

REMNANT



**“The Hill of Offense”
by Pastor Rick Harpel**

Ezra 9-10

Worship Leader: Grace Richmond

We are many generations connecting the next generation to Jesus. We aim to encounter God through worship, to connect with others through smaller communities, and to engage in missional outreach to our neighbors and the nations.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



TRANSITION REPORT ZOOM MEETINGS

Thursdays, 7-8:30PM

As a follow up to our congregational meeting and the transition report, Pastor Rick will be hosting a Zoom discussion each Thursday evening through March 18th.



TOWN HALL MEETING: COVID

March 7th at 1pm on Zoom

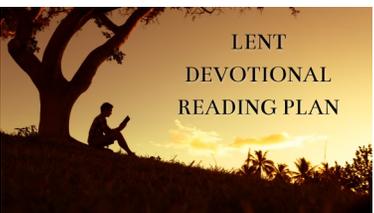
This is a time for an update and conversation about our building use policies in light of COVID. Daniel Peterson will be hosting this conversation, if you have any general questions or a particular area you would like to hear about please let him know at Dpeterson04@gmail.com or (503) 803-3992.



PROJECT LIVING HOPE: SOCCER CLEAT DRIVE

Now through March 14th

Help youth in Haiti by donating your gently-used or new soccer cleats to Project Living Hope's Soccer Academy. Donations can be brought to the box outside of the FBC office. Please rubber band pairs of shoes together if possible. Or cash donations may be made at PLHOPE.ORG.



LENT DEVOTIONAL READING

The lent season began on February 17th. During this 40 day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we will reflect on the redemption and resurrection victory of Jesus by reading Scripture together. You will need a You Version Account to participate, and we recommend using the link on the website to share this experience with others at FBC.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sundays—Adult Bible Class: “Ephesians” - Fellowship Hall with Zoom Option, 9am

Adult Bible Class: “Jesus and Money,” Zoom Only, 9am

Impact Sunday School, In-person with Zoom Option, 9am

Tues, Mar 2—Campus Ambassadors Worship on Zoom, 7pm

Wed, Mar 3—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6pm

Wed, Mar 3—Awana (meeting virtually), 6:30pm

Thur, Mar 4—Transition Report Zoom Meeting, 7pm

Sun, Mar 7—Town Hall Meeting: Covid, 1pm via Zoom

Sun, Mar 14—Memorial for Lorraine Read, 1pm



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<https://fbccorvallis.churchcenter.com/>



MESSAGE NOTES

The Hill of Offense: Ezra 9-10

REVIEW: God's Remnant People are vulnerable to opposition, desertion, attrition. There is one more: contamination; compromise; the slow poison of impurity and idolatry from within.

INTRODUCTION: Just opposite the Temple of God! (1 Kings 11:1-4, 7-8)

- God's command not to intermarry was not racial prejudice, extreme nationalism, or sexist bias against foreign women: It was all about spiritual impurity and idolatry.

1. SPIRITUAL IMPURITY IS A SERIOUS SIN.

a. There is the discovery of the sin by the people. (Ezra 9:1-2)

b. There is this dramatic response to the sin by Ezra. (3-5)

c. There is the heart-wrenching prayer of confession by Ezra.

(1) The magnitude of the sin. (6-7)

(2) The reality of God's grace. (8-9)

(3) The big turning point pause question in the center. (10)

(4) The foundation of God's word. (11-12)

(5) The fear of God. (13-14)

(6) The praise for God. (15)

What happens when we discover this sin in our lives?

- The reality of interfaith marriages in America. (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

- The reality of spiritual impurity in our lives.

2. SPIRITUAL IMPURITY REQUIRES REPENTANCE WHICH REQUIRES REMOVAL.

a. There is a humble gathering of the Remnant People. (Ezra 10:1-4)

b. There is the appeal to hope in God's grace and covenant love.

c. There is the raw hardness and misery of the situation. (9-10)

d. There is the remedy of removal. (11-12)

e. There is the humane/sane handling of the solution. (13-14)

What happens when we remedy this sin in our lives?

- For marriage: (2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1, 1 Corinthians 7:1-4)

- For issues other than marriage: the need to remove spiritual impurity from our lives.

“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? (Romans 2:4)

SPIRITUAL IMPURITY IS A SERIOUS SIN WHICH REQUIRES REPENTANCE, WHICH REQUIRES REMOVAL.

CONCLUSION: There is an uncomfortable, unfinished feel to this book. Jesus is the solution.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9:)