

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.

Mark and Deb Hubbell

- ◆ Please be in prayer for Mark & Deb Hubbell. Mark is the regional director (states of OR, WA, ID, MT, and AK) of Prison Fellowship, which has 3 focus areas & goals: 1) "in-prison ministry" - to help incarcerated men and women establish a new foundation for living through a Christ-centered life, 2) "family ministry" - to help reconcile families with God and each other, and 3) "reentry ministry" - to continue discipleship that began inside the prison.

Karen Swenson

- ◆ Karen is teaching abroad in Hungary. She teaches algebra, calculus, chemistry, physics, statistics, and psychology and many of these are advanced placement courses. Pray for encouragement as she has to teach mostly in distance learning, and she admits to not being especially tech savvy. Pray for the students who are struggling to keep up. Pray for the state of Covid-19 in the area, where students and teachers are testing positive. Also, pray for Karen as she has not been feeling well with flu-like symptoms.

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.

Church Leadership

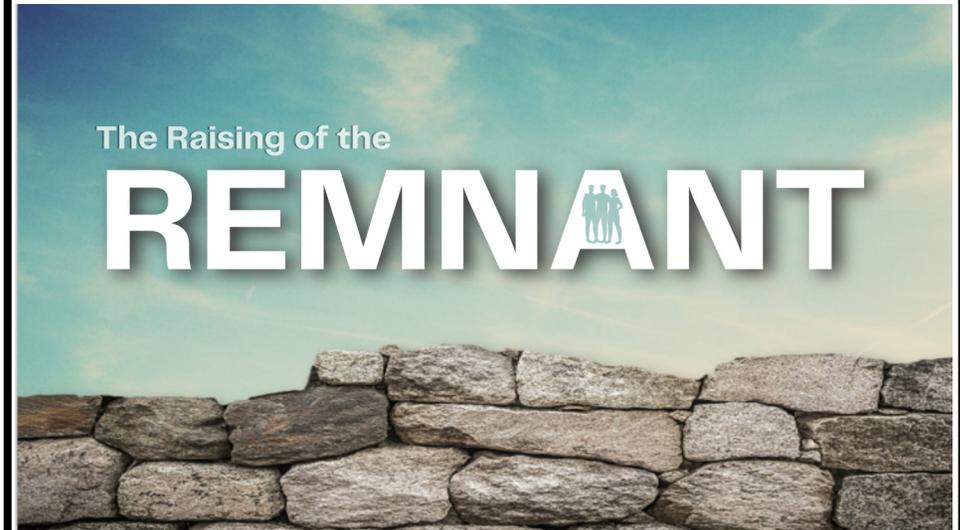
Staff: Pastor Russ Richmond, Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Mary Ellen Wernow, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Tiffanie Durrell, Mitchell Henderson

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

WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

January 24, 2021



“Running Up the Down Escalator”

by Pastor Rick Harpel

Haggai 1

Worship Leader: Pastor Russ 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



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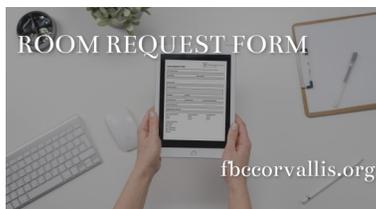
Event Moved to February

Join us for a journey through a video series guided by the Humbles and finalized with a live conference call with our missionaries. Take the first baby step and join us in February. There is a suggested donation of \$35 per person. Spots limited, to sign up contact the church office.



LOVE INC—SUPPLIES NEEDED

At FBC, we host a hygiene closet for Love INC to serve those who need these supplies. The closet is in particular need of **laundry detergent and dish soap** from anyone able to donate! Donations can be brought to the front office in the church.



FBC ROOM REQUESTS

If you are seeking to use a room or multiple rooms for your group, event, or meeting at FBC, please request this use with the FBC Office so that your event does not contradict with others. The room request form is now available on our church website under Resources > Physical Properties. A paper copy may also be requested if needed. Contact office@fbccorvallis.org for more info.



THE WERNOWS ARE MOVING

Please pray for them as they transition from the Northwest to southern California. Mary Ellen's last day on staff will be January 31st. She has been an excellent addition as the Director of Pastoral Care for Women and International Outreach. We have been blessed by their friendship and service at FBC. They will be greatly missed!

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, Jan 26—Campus Ambassadors Worship on Zoom, 6pm

Wed, Jan 27—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6pm

Wed, Jan 27—Awana (meeting virtually), 6:30pm

Thur, Jan 28—Women's Bible Study, 7pm



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



MESSAGE NOTES

“Running Up the Down Escalator” Haggai 1

INTRODUCTION: “The Hamster Wheel Effect.”

Running faster, working harder, going nowhere: in a single word: “Futility.”

REVIEW: The Remnant of Israel got off to a great start restoring the right rhythms of worship. But before long “the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill” (Ezra 4:24) A work stoppage of about 16 years! So, God sent the prophet Haggai.

1. PUT YOURSELF BEFORE GOD AND FACE FUTILITY. (FOR THE REMNANT)

- The sin was selfish priorities.
- They made excuses for the delay.
- The Lord exposed their real heart problem.
- The result was futility.

“Give careful thought to your ways!” Along the way, good reasons turn into lame excuses.

> FOR US: We have made excuses. And we are spinning our wheels.

2. PUT GOD BEFORE SELF OR FORFEIT HIS FAVOR. FOR THE REMNANT

- God makes the connection between the failure to build and their futilities.
- God was behind their problems!

>FOR US: We would never NOT put God first, right?!

Do misfortune, trial and trouble in our lives mean God's discipline?

3. PUT GOD FIRST AND FIND HIS FAVOR. FOR THE REMNANT

- God has spoken. (This is not Haggai's opinion)
- God's people respond with fear and obedience.
- God's gives his assurance of his presence.
- God's people go forward with God's work.

> FOR US: God has spoken and we can respond with fear and obedience.

With God's assurance of his presence, we can go forward with God's work.

Stated as a warning: **PUT YOURSELF FIRST AND FACE FUTILITY.**

PUT GOD FIRST OR FORFEIT HIS FAVOR.

Stated as a promise: **PUT GOD FIRST AND FIND HIS FAVOR.**

CONCLUSION: Let's take just a moment to give some careful thought.

- Psalm 95:7-8 “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...”
- Hebrews 3:13 “But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.”
- 2 Corinthians 6:2 “For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.”