

Foster-Tukwila Focus

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As I write this in a late August heat wave it seems a bit out of season to use a snow illustration but that is what I am going to do. I learned to drive in Southern California. No snow. When I got to the northwest I had to learn how to drive in snow and ice. At that time most cars were rear-wheel drive. I remember hearing often that if a driver went into a skid on ice they were to "turn in the direction of the skid." I knew the teaching well. But I didn't really know what it meant since I hadn't experienced it yet. So....I remember during a snowy day in winter carefully driving over to an empty packed-ice parking lot. Yup! I practiced intentionally (and safely) going into a skid and then correcting it. Now I not only knew the instruction but I could practice it as needed.



Paul said to Timothy in **I Timothy 4:16**, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them..." You will hear that a lot at FTPC this fall. In the coming months we move from summer to fall and then into winter. Seasons change. And so it is in Christ's Church. We are in a season of moving out of the PCUSA and into ECO (see separate article for an update on the process). Thankfully, with Seattle Presbytery's gracious response, the process has gone very well and is not even on the radar of most of FTPC's attendees. Rather, and rightfully so, our focus is on our ongoing mission of knowing Christ and making Him known. That said, the anticipated completion of our transfer to ECO this fall seems to me a golden opportunity to review again what it means, as Christ's followers, to "watch our life and doctrine closely." ECO prefers the use of "covenant partners" rather than "church members" to emphasize theologically that we belong to Christ and to one another in Him rather than simply to an organization. So I see this fall as a good time for current FTPC church members and current non-attendees who desire to join FTPC to have the opportunity together to commit to being covenant partners of FTPC.

Our overall theme this fall will be to "watch our life and doctrine closely." Here is where the snow analogy applies. "Turn in the direction of the skid" is akin to doctrine. It is correct teaching that should be known to safely drive. But by itself, if not applied or understood through experience, it is merely an empty slogan. Getting out on to a parking lot and experiencing this doctrine is akin to life. Both the doctrine and the living it out are necessary for fulfillment. There are Christians and churches who emphasize mentally knowing correct biblical doctrine but fail to exercise and apply these truths in life. On the other hand, there are well-meaning Christians and churches who emphasize living "good lives" but, not being anchored in scripture, fail to truly represent the transforming ethics of the kingdom of God. It is the Holy Spirit who calls us to balance both the correct doctrine of scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the correct living for Christ, enabled by letting the Spirit transform our hearts. Join me this fall as we learn to "watch our life and doctrine closely and persevere in them."

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- Turning the wheel into Christ,
Pastor Nick

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***"Let us fear the LORD our God,
who gives the rain in its season,
the autumn rain and the spring rain,
and keeps for us the weeks
appointed for the harvest."***

Jeremiah 5:24

Income

For July 2016

\$18,981.94

Through July 2016

\$133,839.50

Expenses

For July 2016

\$11,515.81

Through July 2016

\$111,921.19

FTPC Missions: Missions Fest Seattle - October 7-8

This year's conference, "Global Disruption" will be held **October 7-8 at Westminster Chapel, 13646 NE 24th St, Bellevue, WA 98005.**

SPEAKERS:

Stephan Bauman | Past President, World Relief Global



Stephan's pursuit of justice led him to transition from a successful career in the Fortune 100 sector to Africa where he directed relief and development programs for nearly a decade before returning to the United States to lead World Relief's global operations. Stephan lives to see people every-

where rise to the call of justice and give their lives in ways that empower the poor towards real change, a journey he continues to pursue. He considers his African friends his most important teachers, and his wife, Belinda, his most important mentor. Stephan, Belinda, and their two sons, Joshua and Caleb, live near Washington, D.C., and, together, enjoy the woods, the arts and late night conversations with friends.

J.D. Payne | Pastor, The Church at Brook Hills



J. D. speaks frequently for churches, denominations, networks, and mission agencies/societies. Believing that every believer is supposed to be a "fruit-bearing" disciple in a local church, he is passionate about seeing the Body of Christ grow as local congregations work to carry out the

Great Commission. He is married to Sarah who is a physician in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, working at a clinic for uninsured populations in Alabama. They have three children: Hannah, Rachel, and Joel.

Dr. Yaw Perbi | President, International Student Ministries Canada



Dr. Yaw Perbi is a physician, pastor and president of International Student Ministries Canada, with over 100 staff and 500 volunteers from coast to coast in the second widest country on earth. As a medical doctor he has practiced medicine in both his home country, Ghana, and as a military captain with the United Nations Operation in Cote d'Ivoire. Dr. Perbi's 15 books include titles like **YouthPower!, seXsense, Financial Whizzdom** and Amazon-bestseller, **Thinking Outside the Window**. Yaw currently resides in Montreal, Canada with his dear wife Anyele and four delightful children: Agyina, Ashede, Adwenepa and Ahotew. He owes all this to Christ Jesus

Dr. Joseph Castleberry | President, Northwest University



In addition to President Castleberry's work in higher education, he has been an ordained minister for over 30 years. He began his career as a chaplain at Princeton University, and for twenty years, served as a missionary in Latin America, where he planted and pastored several churches, taught in universities and seminaries, and led a community development project in an unreached people group. Married to his wife Kathleen since 1983, Castleberry's family includes three daughters, two sons-in-law, and a grandson. He enjoys golf, running marathons, visiting America's National Parks with his wife, and watching Northwest University sports.

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September 2016 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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No Generations 9:30 am: Worship <i>Aaron McGruder Preaches</i> 3:30 pm: **MACC	7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822 LABOR DAY	THE LORD'S WATCH	7:00 am: Prayer 6:00 pm: Generations Team Planning Dinner		4:00 pm: *BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: *BNCCC Youth	10:00 am: *BNCCC Worship
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Fall Schedule Begins</i> 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 3:30 pm: **MACC	7:00 pm: AA	6:30 pm: Youth	7:00 am: Prayer 6:30 pm: Session	15	4:00 pm: *BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: *BNCCC Youth	8:00 am: Men's Fellowship 10:00 am: *BNCCC Worship
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				6:30 pm: SnackPack Volunteer Orientation & Training @ SCBC		
See You at the Pole: Global Week of Student Prayer, September 26-30						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:30 pm: **MACC 6:30 pm: The River	7:00 pm: AA	6:30 pm: Youth	7:00 am: Prayer See You at the Pole (1 hour before class) 1:00-8:30 pm Light Up the City Advance	8:30 am - 1:00 pm Light Up the City Advance		* Bhutanese-Nepali Christian Community Church **Myanmar American Christian Church

October 2016 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>* Bhutanese-Nepali Christian Community Church</i> <i>**Myanmar American Christian Church</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 3:00 pm: **MACC</p>	<p>10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206-419-4822</p>	<p>THE LORD'S WATCH 6:30 pm: Youth</p>	<p>7:00 am: Prayer</p>		<p>4:00 pm: *BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: *BNCCC Youth</p>	<p>¹ 10:00 am: *BNCCC Worship</p>
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<p>9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:00 pm: **MACC</p>	<p>7:00 pm: AA</p>	<p>5:00 pm: Seattle Presbytery 6:30 pm: Youth</p>	<p>7:00 am: Prayer 11 am: KOBA</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>4:00 pm: *BNCCC Women's Prayer 5:00 pm: *BNCCC Youth</p>	<p>22 10:00 am: *BNCCC Worship</p>
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<p>9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship 3:00 pm: **MACC</p>	<p>7:00 pm: AA 6 - 8 pm: Trunk o' Treats</p>					

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Men's Fraternity: A Man and His Fatherhood Begins Saturday, September 17, 8:00 am

Men's Fraternity will kick off the new church year on Saturday morning, Sept. 17, 8:00 am. A good breakfast will be served along with sharing from God's Word. Then, starting with our next monthly meeting on Saturday, October 15, we will begin the 6th and final 6-session volume of "33-The Series" with the focus this year on "A Man and His Fatherhood". As before, even if you aren't a father, there are wonderful godly principles applicable to all men who strive to live for the Lord. And there is wonderful, needed fellowship with other guys. All men, youth on up to senior citizens, welcome!

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
WE CRY OUT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016



Sunday, September 25, 6:30 pm

Soak in the Lord's Presence

Be washed and refreshed!

The River



RETIREES LUNCHEON

Noon, Fridays
Sept. 23 & Oct. 28, 2016

Sept: Tell us some of your family's camping experiences
Oct: Got any sleep issues? Share any kind of solutions that you have found helpful.



Potlucks immediately following worship
September 18 & October 16, 2016



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Tukwila Weekend SnackPack Volunteer Information & Training

6:30 pm, Thurs, September 22, 2016
Southcenter Community Baptist
Activity Center



Find out how you can help to feed homeless children who attend the three elementary schools in Tukwila.

Register by contacting Jenny at the church,

206-243-4455

Or email her at

tuksnackpack@gmail.com



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 7

- 8:00 am - 7:00 pm: Prayer Room Open (Room 308)
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Exhibits Open (Foyer)
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Pastors & Mission Leaders Workshop*
- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Students Grades 4-12 Field Trip*
- 2:30 - 4:00 pm: Movie Festival: Bad Legs
- 4:00 - 9:00 pm: 80 Mission-Related Exhibitors (Foyer)
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: 11 Seminar Options
- 6:30 - 9:00 pm: Children's Program K-6th Grade (Rm 211)
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm: General Session: **Stephen Bauman** (nursery, ages 0-2, Room 203)
- 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm: Youth Program Grades 6-12 (H S Room)
- 9:00 pm: Exhibits Close

Saturday, October 8

- 8:00 am - 7:00 pm: Prayer Room Open (Room 308)
- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm: Exhibits Open (Foyer)

- 9:15 am - 11:00 am: Children's Program (Room 211)
- 9:30 am - 10:40 am: General Session, **J.D. Payne**
- 10:40 am - 7:00 pm: On-site Food Available (Near Main Entrance)
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm: 17 Seminar Options
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm: 17 Seminar Options
- 1:45 - 5:15 pm: Children's Program (K-6, Room 211)
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm: General Session Panel: **Yaw Perbi**.
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm: 16 Seminar Options
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: 12 Seminar Options
- 6:45 - 9:00 pm: Children's Program (K-6, Room 211)
- 7:00 pm: Exhibits Close
- 7:00 - 8:45 pm: General Session: **Joseph Castleberry** (nursery, ages 0-2, Room 203)
- 9:00 pm: Missions Fest Seattle 2016 Closes

Join other members of FTPC and attend this life changing conference. **Look for more info about ridesharing in the bulletin in the coming weeks.**

*Advance Registration required at info@missionsfestseattle.org.

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Update on FTPC's Dismissal from PCUSA to ECO

FTPC's transfer from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO) is almost complete. This past spring we completed a "Due Diligent Document" for Seattle Presbytery's Administrative Commission [AC] overseeing our transfer. In July, the AC sent to our Session their recommended terms of dismissal. This recommendation's main requirement was a two-part financial assessment: the Per Capita equivalent of three years (\$9,508.14) and the Trust Clause Obligation which is based on 1.5% of the assessed value of the property and building (\$8,523.00). Adding in some attorney/administrative costs bring the final total to a little over \$19, 600. The spirit in which Seattle Presbytery and the AC has worked with us during this time has been very gracious, driven by a mutual desire to honor each other in our ongoing work for God's kingdom. At their August 17 meeting our Session agreed with the AC's recommended terms of dismissal, believing that this is very fair. [Side note: there are other presbyteries in the PCUSA that have required, and are requiring, departing churches to pay the full price for their facility – and have done so in an antago-



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Presbyterians

nistic spirit. Each presbytery is free to decide how they deal with departing churches. Legally – in our state – Seattle Presbytery could press departing churches to pay 100% of assessed value. By God's grace, we have been part of a kingdom-vision presbytery.]

The AC will present our terms of dismissal to Seattle Presbytery at its next meeting, October 18. Assuming acceptance by Seattle Presbytery, the legal finalization of the process (we have already been

accepted by ECO pending Seattle Presbytery's concurrence) will take a few weeks. So perhaps by November, and almost certainly before the end of 2016 we will be officially ECO. Although given the option to pay our 18K plus over time, the Session has chosen to pay it all in one lump sum (Brian referred to Proverbs 3:27-28 and Dick to Romans 13:8). Then we will no longer be straddling the fence but be fully committed to be responsible ECO partners.

P.S. If you are a current member of FTPC and would prefer to stay in a PCUSA congregation, please let Pastor Nick know and with Seattle Presbytery's cooperation, we will transfer your membership.

Last January, our Christian Education Team instituted a significant change to our 9 am Sunday School hour. A new format, called "Generations," was instituted. This format featured a common gathering time with snacks, an opening time of presenting a scriptural theme with all ages present, and then a break out time into age appropriate groups for discussion and application of the biblical theme. Overall, this approach was received very favorably. Adult attendance that hour doubled.

Some tweaking was made along the way and, based on surveys taken before the summer break, we are instituting a few more tweaks as we head into fall. While overall

response to Generations was very positive, there was a lack of a consistent curriculum that could be both kid-friendly as well as a springboard into age-appropriate depth of application. Although Heather Covarrubia has now moved to Oklahoma, she did much research this summer. Through her efforts, we now have a new curriculum that meets our need. Also, Aaron McGruder has agreed to oversee Generations. Thanks, Heather and

Aaron. We will return to our regular schedule on September 11th, which includes the beginning of "Generations". Come be a part of this time of being "rooted and built up" (Col. 2:6) in Christ.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trunk *or* Treat



Monday, October 31, 2016
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - FTPC Parking Lot