

MARCH 1, 2020



1ST PRES NEWS!

The pastors and CVP Ministry Team thank **Tim Bond** for his commitment and leadership as Director of Camp Vesper Point for the past eight years (and many previous years as counselor, cook, and generally keeping things going). Tim resigned from his position on February 29. Through his leadership of camp, numerous lives have been changed by decisions for Christ, coming to a saving faith, recommitments, or growing deeper in their faith and Bible knowledge. We wish Tim and Megan the Lord's richest blessings on their lives as they seek to follow Him on new paths. Thank them when you see them for their important contribution to CVP and 1st Pres.

1ST PRES' KIDS COMMUNICANTS CELEBRATION

Today, Sunday, March 1st, marks a big moment in the life of our church as nearly 20 children take membership vows during the late worship services, symbolizing the salvation of the Lord in their lives and their completion of the 12-week Communicants Class! After the late worship services, you are invited to celebrate this moment with a cake reception in the Nell Davis. Join us!



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

Please join us on **Thursday, March 12, 10:30 am** for IAWL, senior fellowship group. Dr. Courtney Krueger, Sr. Pastor of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will bring the story of Daniel to life through drama.



Fellowship begins at 10:30 AM with the meeting starting at 11:00 AM followed by a lunch at a cost of \$6. RSVP to Janette Barnes, 432-4056, or Rosa Wrenn, 443-7573.



WORSHIP ARTS

STEVE GREEN IS COMING TO 1ST PRES MARCH 22

This is a FREE concert that will include a combined Children's Choir and highly celebrated Christian artist, Steve Green. The concert starts at 6pm; doors will open at 5pm. Sanctuary seating is first come, first served with overflow availability in both the Chapel and Fellowship Hall. Additionally, a nursery will be provided with advance registration (limited capacity). Additional information can be found at 1stpresbyterian.com. If you're available to work in the nursery during the concert, please notify Misha, misha@1stpresbyterian.com.

Also on March 22nd, Steve Green will be leading with the 1st Pres Adult Choir in the 10:55am Sanctuary worship service. What a glorious day this will be!



ALLIES NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP

The Diaconate's Rapha team needs additional allies with a heart for our neighbors in need to build relationships during our Wednesday evening fellowship. Contact Paul Laskowski, paul.laskowski@gmail.com.

WORLD MISSIONS

Church Planting Movements in Strategic Global Cities

CORONAVIRUS AND THE CHINESE CHURCH

Please continue to pray for the people of China as many cities, towns, and villages across the country are in lockdown due to efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus. Despite the tragic circumstances, God continues to build his church and advance his kingdom. On February 16, a new church was planted through the network of our partners in a major city in China. In coping with the threat of the coronavirus, some network house churches have set up ways for congregants to worship on line while others continue to meet in person if healthy. Interestingly, some pastors are debating the validity of administering and keeping Holy Communion virtually—wondering what constitutes acceptable and faithful practice. Please pray for pastors and church leaders to know how to exhort believers to be vigilant about the virus and yet be faithful in loving God and neighbors. We particularly remember our brothers, Pastor Wangyi and Elder Qin Defu, who remain in prison for their faith. Please ask the Lord to keep his servants safe and healthy, to heal those infected with the virus, and for grace and protection for all those imprisoned across the country.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Did you know that First Presbyterian has many Congregational Care Ministries available? If you or someone you know has had a new baby or is ill or hospitalized or could use prayer, a meal, a pastor's visit, a call, flowers, or a card, let us know by calling the office, 267-1206, any time day or night. Pastor Chris Ehlers heads up this team and would also love to have you join us in serving in any of these ministries.

