

# Templetones

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
TEMPLETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 2019



## CAMP INFO EVENT

**NOVEMBER 3**

after fellowship  
Get the scoop on Winter, Summer  
and Family Camp!



NOVEMBER 10

## Couples Night

\$50/couple 6-9 pm  
TPC

An evening of great food, conversation, and ideas from RightNow Media. Dinner and childcare included. **Tickets on sale in Butler Hall.**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



In both TPC Kids and The Ark we have been reading Exodus.

TPC  
KIDS

Here's what happens...

God appears to Moses in a burning bush. God tells Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, where they're slaves. Moses doesn't want to and has a lot of excuses, but God assures him, "I Am Who I Am."

**Bible Point:** God doesn't change, so we trust him when we're unsure.

Then, to show his power to the Pharaoh of Egypt, he sends 10 devastating plagues. Finally, Pharaoh is convinced enough of God's power to free the Israelites.

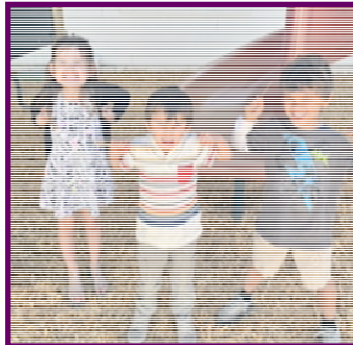
**Bible Point:** God is all-powerful, so we respect him.

the  
ARK

## Power Over All!

God has power over...

- Our worries (1 Peter 5:7)
- Our fears (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Sickness (Matthew 15:30)
- Death (1 Corinthians 15:57)
- Sadness (Matthew 5:4)



## MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord is compassionate  
and merciful,  
slow to get angry  
and filled with unfailing love"

- Psalm 103:8

## New Faces in the Ark!

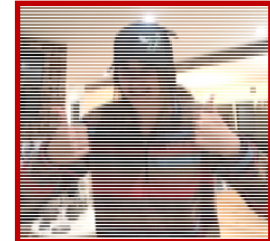
Along with our regular teachers, Teesha Hahn and Grace Alsup, please welcome.....



Kyle Long



Ella Thompson (on the right)



Abbey Brady

**TPC KIDS Mission Statement:**  
Partnering with parents to make disciples  
by teaching and encouraging kids towards  
a lifelong, joyous relationship with Jesus.



# PASTOR'S PAGE

We had a wonderfully rich time in our **Discovering Church Membership class last Sunday** – 6 people sharing their stories, becoming better acquainted with who we are and why we do what we do, and in the end choosing to commit to “*working out their salvation*” (Phil. 2:12) within the context of the particular expression of the body of Christ we call Templeton Presbyterian Church. I’m looking forward to introducing them during worship on November 10. If you missed this edition of the “Discovering” experience, I will be facilitating another class in January.



**This Sunday** (November 3<sup>rd</sup>) **will be a very special Sunday.** Now, I always feel funny saying things like that, because *every Sunday* is special, and it can become an erosive thing to choose when we come to worship based on “what special thing will get me to church *this week*?” But, some worship times are a little more unique or special given the season the church is in or the topics being covered. Session has just finished working through a study called, *Becoming a Flourishing Church*, which is the first step on a journey that we have begun and will have a significant impact on the future of our church. This Sunday we are taking some time during the worship to share with you what this journey will look like, and how you can be a part of it. Or, more to the point, how *important* it is that you *are* a part of it. I will say no more, except that I hope to see as many of you as possible in worship this week. And ... don’t forget to set you clocks back!



I want to put an exclamation point on Nancy Jo’s Fellowship page mention of the **Celebration Lunch** after worship on December 1. I hope we have a FULL turnout. This Christmas Eve will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first worship service held in our sanctuary. That moment was a point in time that highlighted and culminated what could be called a “season of miracles,” in which money was given and buildings were built that set the church on a course of renewal and growth that has continued to this day. That moment, and that season, deserves to be remembered and celebrated as an Ebenezer in which we look back and say, “*Thus far God has led us.*” (1 Samuel 7:12) We have some very special, as well as some very fun things planned, not to mention good food and people to share all of this with. So, mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of this. I can’t think of a better way to kick off Advent!

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie".

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

NOVEMBER 9

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

8:00am  
Butler Hall

Speaker, Marc Ristow: "The Cowboy Code in Today's World"

Join us for great food and fellowship!

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## VOYAGERS

Thursday, NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> in Fellowship Hall, 12:00 noon

A hot Scandinavian LUNCH

**Celebrating Stan Stenstrom's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Cards OK but NO gifts, please!

RSVP to Jane Jennings (805) 462-2016 by Sun. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

See Jane about a side dish to go with  
SWEDISH MEATBALLS and SPICE CAKE

Plan to join us for a delicious lunch, a short movie, and a fun time with friends.



# SHOEBOXES/THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Samaritan's Purse OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes are due on **November 17**. Empty boxes are available in Butler Hall. Need some shopping ideas? Pick up a Gift Suggestion List in the Narthex or the church office.



The Deacon Board of Templeton Presbyterian Church, with your help, will again put together and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need from within our community.

Our plan is to collect financial contributions for turkeys and other food items during the coming weeks. Donations can be made by marking "Thanksgiving Baskets" on the Deacon Fund envelopes and placed in the offering plates. **October and November are donation collection months.**

On **Friday, November 22**, we will be picking up turkeys and food from our suppliers and unloading items at the church. We will need help setting up tables in Butler Hall with items organized in assembly line fashion for easy packing the next morning.

On **Saturday, November 23**, we will need volunteers to pack the boxes for distribution starting at 8:30am.

Please pray for this valuable community outreach.

Contact Mick Lebens at (805)674-2902 if you have any questions. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in Butler Hall over the coming weeks.

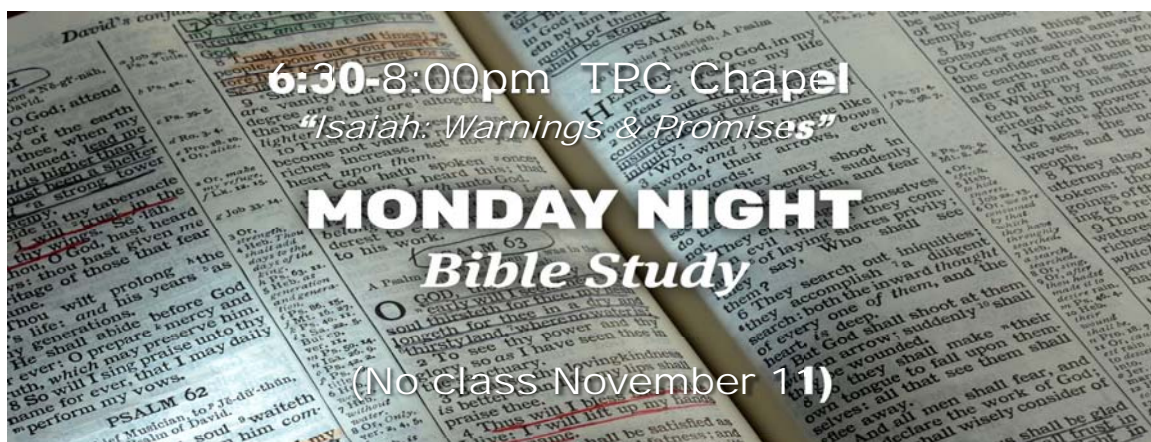
# ADULT MINISTRY/ DEC. DATES



**New series: "Five Hours with the Master" 8:45am TPC Library, led by Ray Derby**

Knowing the time was fast approaching for Him to depart this world, Jesus spent His final hours with His closest friends. Bible Scholars tell us that the events described in John chapters 13-17 cover a five-hour period; one that is commonly known as "The Upper Room Discourse". As the disciples sat with their master, unaware of what would soon take place, Jesus served them, taught them, and prayed for them.

In this 11-week study, we will discover a vivid picture of the disciples' final moments with their Savior. Carefully walking through John 13-17, reminds us of the centrality of Christ in all of life.



Women's Christmas Tea  
December 7

Details to come!



13th Annual  
**LIVING NATIVITY 2019**

December 13 7:00pm

December 14 7:00pm

December 15 5:45 / 7:00pm

**\*VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS begin  
November 10\***

# FELLOWSHIP HOUR



## *Fellowship*

November is here and “B, B, B Scones” Sunday is approaching. ***Bake a scone. Buy a scone. Bring a scone.*** Don’t forget, Fellowship will provide the strawberry jam, Devonshire cream and lemon curd to make sure your scone’s even more delicious. Sounds like fun to me!

There are only two empty spots on our fellowship calendar! Both are in the busiest month of the year – December! Please check the board and see if one of those Sundays will work for you. We are so appreciative of everyone who donates their time and food for us all to share. Remember, no need to be fancy. We all like doughnuts, cookies, cake, veggies, chips, the list goes on. Share the gift of giving with one or two friends.

***IMPORTANT! SAVE THE DATE!!***  
**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**“Celebration Potluck!”**

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Sanctuary is approaching quickly. We want to kick off the month long celebration with a feast in the tradition of a church style potluck which will take the place of our regular fellowship hour. Plan to join with everyone right after church service and have lunch with friends both old and new. The Fellowship committee will have signup sheets available beginning the first Sunday in November.

More great news! We are going GREEN!! Styrofoam coffee cups and plastic drinking cups will soon disappear. We are bringing in cups that are biodegradable and compostable. Both cups are made from corn but will have less impact on our planet. They are a bit more expensive than what we currently use but we believe this is a much better choice for our church.

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# MOMS IN PRAYER/TPC NEWS...

## MOMS IN PRAYER

*What if you could change the world—not just today but for generations to come?*

Moms in Prayer International believes that a mom can be the single greatest force of good in the lives of her children and the children around her—and that lives and whole communities are changed forever when moms gather together to pray to the only One who can change a human heart. Moms can make the difference as they reach out to God in prayer—moms just like you and me.

*Come Pray with Us!* Every Friday morning from 8:30-9:30am in the TPC Library to pray God's Word over our children and teachers, staff, and administrators of Templeton Unified School District.

For more info, contact Maria Roberts @mariariseup@gmail.com.



Fun times for all at our **Fall Cook 'n' Craft** event last month. Yummy pumpkin pizzas and festive gratitude trees were a big hit for grownups and kiddos alike!



JOIN US!

DECEMBER 1ST

TPC SANCTUARY  
25TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION



TPC now offers the option of ONLINE GIVING. From our [templetonpres.org](http://templetonpres.org) website, go to **GIVING** on the home page menu bar, then click on the link to "access ONLINE GIVING". If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY/PRAYER NIGHT



## Stephen Ministry Thankfulness

As we approach Thanksgiving, here are some testimonies **from the Stephen Ministries website**, from care receivers who are thankful for their experience with a Stephen Minister:

*"My Stephen Minister loves me, listens to me, cares for me, prays for me, supports me, and **gives me a safe, confidential relationship** where I can totally share my heart. No matter how much I have to unload on her, she listens to whatever is going on."*

**Celeste**

*"When things seemed like too much to handle, **my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm.** With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there."*

**James**

*"After the death of my mom, **I needed someone who would listen**—even to the same stories over and over—and who wouldn't be afraid to say her name or bring up her memory. That's who my Stephen Minister was, and I don't know how I would have gotten through it without her."*

**Molly**

*"Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant. She was **there at every stage of my journey**, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life—so I could begin to heal."*

**Susan**

**To begin talking with a Stephen Minister at Templeton Presbyterian Church, for yourself or someone you know, contact Lois Ecklund at (408)718-8613 (cell) or (805)461-1470 (home).**

## WOMEN'S PRAYER NIGHT

**For One Another**

*A women's evening of connection and prayer*

**Thursday, NOVEMBER 21**

## WOMEN'S PRAYER NIGHT November 21 7:30pm

Plan to join us as we head into the busy (and potentially stressful) holiday season for this special time of sharing with one another. Location varies, so please check with Camille (305-7084) or Leslie (423-3209) for details.

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## **Get Informed: UPCOMING EVENTS:**

OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>- MOCKTOBER

OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>- TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN STREET

NOVEMBER 15/16<sup>TH</sup>- AWAKEN FALL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 16/17<sup>TH</sup> – YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES

JANUARY 17-20<sup>TH</sup>- HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CAMP (**FULL!**)

FEBRUARY 7-10<sup>TH</sup>- MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER CAMP (**SPOTS AVAILABLE!**)

## **Get Invested: MINISTRY NEEDS**

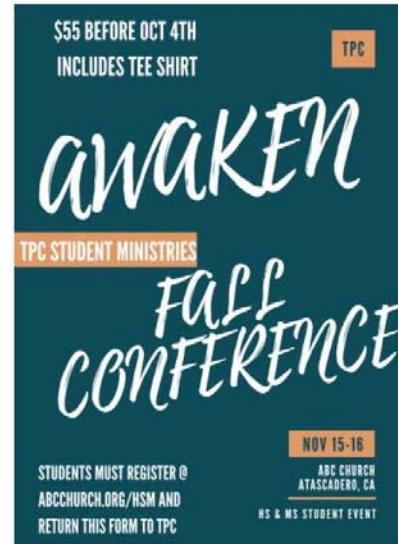
**PRAYER NEEDS:** We are experiencing rapid growth within our Youth Ministry. Currently we are ministering to over 30 High School students weekly and over 20 Middle School students weekly in our programs. With this our first and most pressing need is PRAYER. Pray for our students, that their time in our ministry is transformative. Pray for our leaders, that we may have the mind of Christ to speak truth and love into the lives of our students. Pray for our students' families that God would reach them through the relationship we have with their students.

## **Get Involved: BE A YOUTH LEADER OR SMALL GROUP LEADER**

Are you looking for a way to serve the youth at TPC? We are looking for volunteers to join our Student Ministry Team! Our ministry is centered around the process of discipleship. Our weekly meetings provide the foundation for deepening relationships which help students grow deeper in their faith. Youth Leaders can serve in HS, MS or both. Youth Leaders make a weekly commitment to be present for the group they are serving and help during youth events. Being a Small Group Leader only requires a twice a month commitment to the group they are serving as small groups only meet every other week. Small Group Leaders are encouraged to pursue discipleship with their students outside of our regular meeting times! If you have any questions or if you are interested in serving, please reach out to Dave Johnson.

In Christ,

David Johnson (508) 424-8408 [students@fpctempleton.org](mailto:students@fpctempleton.org)



## **Student Ministry Schedule**

**Sundays 10:00AM**

MS Sunday School

**12:00PM Worship Practice**

**Mondays 7-8:45PM**

High School Ministry

**Tuesdays 7-8:30PM**

Middle School Ministry

**November 15-16**

Awaken Fall Conference

**January 17-20**

HS Winter Camp

**February 7-10**

MS Winter Camp

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:25 AM</b> TPC Kids <b>11:10 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>1:00 PM</b> House of Restoration service <b>3:00 PM</b> NEW MEMBER CLASS	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's & Women's Bible Study in Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>9:30 AM</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> House of Restoration - practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group	<b>30</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Youth for Christ <b>6:00 PM</b> A.A. <b>6:30 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>31</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Trick-or-Treat on Main Street <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir	<b>1</b> Church Office Closed <b>8:30 AM</b> Moms in Prayer	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:25 AM</b> TPC Kids <b>10:45 AM</b> Communion <b>11:10 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>11:30 AM</b> Camp Info Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>4</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> PSTF <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's & Women's Bible Study in Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Men's Book Club	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>9:30 AM</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> House of Restoration - practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group	<b>6</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Youth for Christ <b>6:00 PM</b> A.A. <b>6:30 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Study Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir	<b>8</b> Church Office Closed <b>8:30 AM</b> Moms in Prayer	<b>9</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast
<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:25 AM</b> TPC Kids <b>11:10 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>11:30 AM</b> Potluck of Thanks <b>1:00 PM</b> House of Restoration service <b>5:00 PM</b> TPC Couples Night	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's & Women's Bible Study in Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>9:30 AM</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> House of Restoration - practice <b>6:30 PM</b> Stephen Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group	<b>13</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>2:00 PM</b> Youth for Christ <b>6:00 PM</b> A.A. <b>6:30 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>14</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Study Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed <b>8:30 AM</b> Moms in Prayer	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Shoeboxes DUE <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:25 AM</b> TPC Kids <b>11:10 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>1:00 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>18</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> E.C.H.O. Dinner <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's & Women's Bible Study in Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Men's Book Club	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>9:30 AM</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Parkinson's Support Group <b>6:00 PM</b> House of Restoration - practice <b>6:00 PM</b> SESSION meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group	<b>20</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Youth for Christ <b>6:00 PM</b> A.A. <b>6:30 PM</b> DEACON Meeting / Library <b>6:30 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>21</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Study Group <b>11:30 AM</b> VOYAGERS <b>4:45 PM</b> Worship & Music Committee meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed <b>8:30 AM</b> Moms in Prayer <b>12:00 PM</b> Thanksgiving Baskets	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Thanksgiving Baskets
<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:25 AM</b> TPC Kids <b>11:10 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>1:00 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>25</b> Pastor Charlie out of office <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's & Women's Bible Study in Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>26</b> Pastor Charlie out of office <b>9:00 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>9:30 AM</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> House of Restoration - practice <b>6:30 PM</b> Stephen Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group	<b>27</b> Pastor Charlie out of office <b>6:00 PM</b> A.A. <b>6:30 PM</b> House of Restoration service	<b>28</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b>

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