

# TEMPLETONES

TPC monthly newsletter—JANUARY 2024



Hello TPC Family!

Happy New Year! 2023 was one for the ages at Templeton Presbyterian Church! There are so many things we have to be thankful for in the life of our congregation and community! I want to commend each of you for being the church and sharing the love of God in Christ to our community to the ends of the earth!

Looking ahead we have much to be excited for and anticipate. We begin the New Year with our students preparing to head off to winter camp at Hume Lake. Please be in prayer for our students, our very capable Director of Student Ministries, and the many staff and volunteers who make this experience something our students will remember for years to come!

Also, we have big plans ahead with our new Building Task Force. We anticipate receiving renderings of building designs and options very soon! We look forward to finalizing a master plan, presenting this to the congregation and expanding our facilities to further bring Christ to this community!

In this new year we will begin a message series on the Book of Romans. This rich letter by Paul to the church will help deepen our understanding and appreciation of God's work of salvation through Jesus Christ. Along with this message series will be a schedule of mid-week talking sessions that take a deeper dive into the text and messages of this wonderful Book of the Bible.

In addition, we continue to have regular programs for youth, children, adults, outreach, fellowship, mission, giving, Bible study, worship, and the like. I want to encourage you to continue to find ways to let God use your talents, serve Him, and love our community.

My personal belief is that our best days are ahead! Jesus Christ has come to us. He has loved us. He has forgiven us. He has died for us. He has risen for us! Now our job is to accept His gift and live our best lives for Him! That is a message I can get behind and get excited about! I hope you can too!

I want to wish each of you a very Happy New Year and I look forward to being the church with you!

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Roger

Soli Deo gloria

**JAN. 6**

All-Church  
Breakfast

GUEST SPEAKER:  
BRETT SABERHAGEN

**8am Butler Hall**

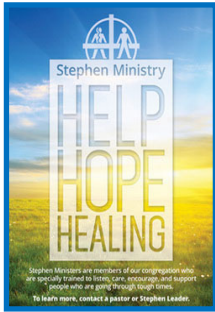
*Kick off the new year with  
great food & fellowship!*



Men's Ministry will be serving up a delicious home-cooked breakfast for our first all-church and community event of 2024! Former major-league baseball player, Brett Saberhagen is lined up to be our guest speaker.

Invite your friends and family and join us for great food and fellowship.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## HAVE YOU HEARD?

There have been “murmurings” of several individuals interested in becoming a Stephen Minister at TPC...so we want to make it official—our Stephen Leaders will conduct a training for new Stephen Ministers beginning in

mid to late February.

Our Stephen Ministry Team shares the love of Jesus Christ by providing one-to-one, confidential Christian care to individuals who are experiencing life’s challenges.

Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or if you would like more information.

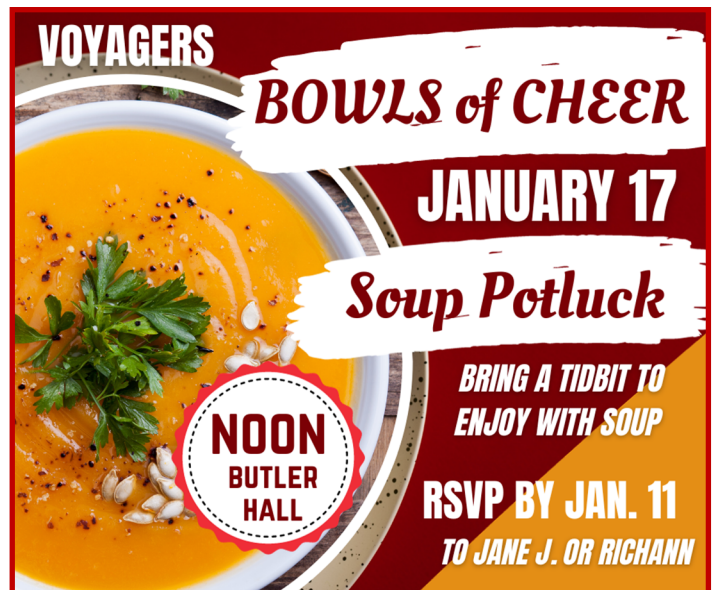
TPC Stephen Leaders:

Lois Ecklund (408-718-8613)

Frank Bush (805-466-6012)

Susan Hayward (917-613-9903)

We look forward to hearing from you!



**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be placed in the offering box on the sanctuary wall on Sunday mornings or sent by email to [admin@fpctempleton.org](mailto:admin@fpctempleton.org). Prayer requests are kept confidential.

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”*  
-1 John 5:14



## Another **LIVING NATIVITY** is in the books!

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped make this year’s Living Nativity a huge success! Cookie and cocoa makers, setup and cleanup crews, chapel attendants, characters, musicians, sound and lighting crews; the list goes on and on.

As Pastor Roger said in his welcome that night, it truly does take the whole church to make it happen.

A crowd of over 300 people joined us for our first venture to Templeton Park. We look forward to an even bigger turnout next year!







## January Missions Outreach **GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURES**

TPC's monthly missions outreach will support God's Hidden Treasures, an organization dedicated to serving the needs of orphans and people with disabilities in Ukraine. Stay tuned for more information coming throughout the month.

Contributions can be made by cash or check made payable to **TPC** (please include "Ukraine" on memo line) OR online at: [templetonpres.org/giving](https://templetonpres.org/giving) (GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURES/UKRAINE)

# Giving Hope to the Forgotten

"Our Mission is to serve the needs of the poor, afflicted and the orphaned of Ukraine; and to bring God's love through personal relationships in the name of Jesus Christ."



As Pastor Roger mentioned in his article on the front page, he will be leading another mid-week bible study, focusing on the book of Romans in order to coincide with our new Sunday series. This study is open to all church family, friends, and community members. Stay tuned for more info coming later this month!

From your Deacon Moderator:



January begins the first quarter of the new year and our Deacons Fund needs to be replenished after the wonderful Thanksgiving Baskets outreach in November. We hope you will consider giving to the Deacons Fund each month or throughout the quarter so we can give generously to those in need here in our church, our community and in the world.

Contributions to the Deacons Fund can be made by cash or check made payable to TPC (indicate DEACONS on memo line) or online at [templetonpres.org/giving](https://templetonpres.org/giving) (DEACONS).

Please remember your deacons are here in the church to help, support, and uplift spiritually and financially anyone who needs us every day, every month of the year.

"A generous man (or woman) will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself (herself) be refreshed." (NIV)  
-Proverbs 11:25



TPC's December/Christmas Missions Offering raised **over \$3,000** for ZOZU Project's Solid Rock School in Arua, Uganda.  
**THANK YOU!**





## YOUTH GROUP

**Middle School**  
Tuesdays  
7:00-8:30pm

**High School**  
Wednesdays  
7:00-9:00pm

Frank Prebor, Director of Student Min.  
820/786-8501 [students@fpctempleton.org](mailto:students@fpctempleton.org)



TPC's after-service Fellowship every Sunday provides a comfortable way to connect with our community of followers of Jesus. Please come and enjoy coffee and snacks after the service! If you have a talent for providing snacks, **the sign-up board for 2024 is ready and waiting** in Butler Hall! Feel free to sign up with family and/or friends. Setup and making coffee is handled by our regular fellowship team. Any questions, contact Russ Westphal:

[rvwestph@calpoly.edu](mailto:rvwestph@calpoly.edu), 509-438-6509



We can always use a few extra helping hands in the nursery and/or Sunday School. Lessons are planned and ready to go. We just need smiling faces and willing hearts! Reach out to Mendi Swan with questions or to volunteer:

805/434-7605  
[children@fpctempleton.org](mailto:children@fpctempleton.org)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



What's happening @TPC?  
(Calendar displays best in "landscape" on phone)



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