

TEMPLETONES

TPC monthly newsletter—AUGUST 2024

Hello TPC Family!

I hope everyone has been having a wonderful time with family and friends as we wind down the summer vacation season. By the end of this month, we will all be returning to a more normal schedule of school, sports, work, and life. I know our family has really enjoyed the extra time we have been able to spend with each other and you during this season of relaxation. Our church ministry has remained strong over the summer. We have seen new guests and visitors come and worship with us. We had a wonderful outreach with the return of VBS, and our youth and family ministry is gearing up for an exciting fall season!

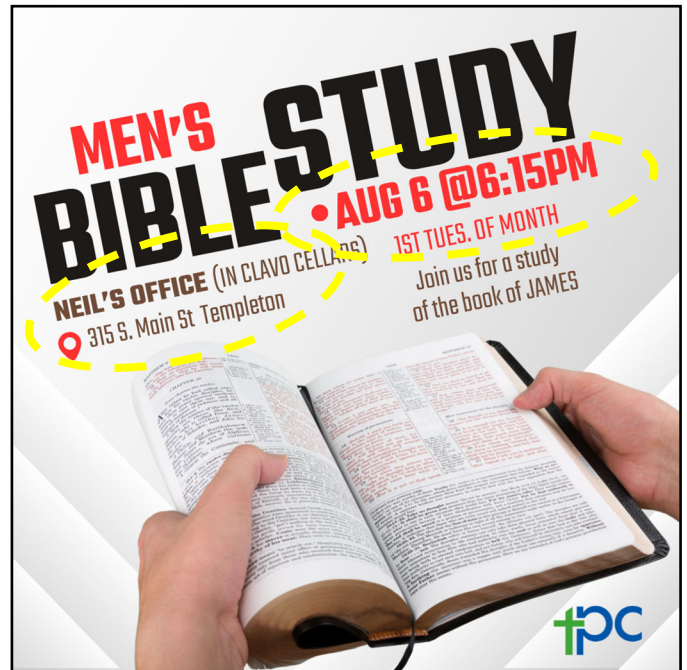
Speaking of fall, there are several new programs that I want to share with you. Beginning in August we are excited to have the Financial Peace class offered on Thursday evenings. I believe there are a few spots still available and this is a great program for anyone wanting to get a greater grasp on their personal and family finances. Please pray for our elders as they continue to work with me on their training in preaching. I look forward to having them share messages with the congregation after this period of training. Also, please continue to pray for the building task force as we are getting much closer to having a plan in place for our campus and ministry.

So, enjoy these last few days of summer. I pray God's blessings on us as we head into the fall, and I look forward to being the church with you.

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Roger

Soli Deo gloria



1st ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY DETAILS ON BACK!

There's still time to sign up for Financial Peace University! This 9-week course is designed to help people eliminate debt and build wealth. Participants will review at-home materials during the week, then meet in person Thursdays from 7-8pm in Butler Hall. Childcare is available.

Sign up with Greg Honegger or Michael Ross at the info table in Butler Hall on Sundays after church or reach out to them directly.

Greg: greg@greghonegger.com

Michael: troop107eaglescout@gmail.com



AUGUST IS DEACONS FUND MONTH

Congregation, the deacons are amazingly blessed by your generosity during the last quarter of our last (fiscal) year—your contributions to the Deacons Fund totaled \$5,027.26! You are living proof of Psalm 37:21: “. . . *the righteous is generous and gives . . .*”

At our July meeting, we voted to give \$500 to World Renew for hurricane damage in the Houston, Texas area. We also provided meals for two of our church family members who are dealing with health issues. The church office reported that in June-July, 38 people received gas/food vouchers for Templeton Market ranging from \$10-30 each, for a total of \$910. We cannot do any of this without your prayers and financial gifts.

August is another opportunity to support the Deacons Fund as we continue to help people in need in our community. We are already starting to plan for our Thanksgiving Basket ministry coming up in November. As you know, it requires a lot of food, supplies, and finances to make it happen. The families that receive baskets are always so grateful for the love and kindness offered to them in this tangible way.

Our job as deacons is to love and support every person in our congregation. Please reach out to your deacon with any needs or prayer requests, or contact the church office to request a deacon for you and your family.

In His name,

Linda Hansen, Deacon Moderator

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

Invitation to Join in the Next Training for Stephen Ministers (September 2024)!

Recent data from Stephen Ministry, St. Louis: Every day thousands of hurting people receive a visit from a Stephen Minister—experiencing Christ’s healing love through a one-to-one confidential relationship.

Our Stephen Ministry team at TPC is part of that statistic, as we provide this life-changing ministry to hurting people in our congregation and community. Please consider joining our next training class beginning in September!

A testimony from Stephen Ministry, St. Louis:

I WANTED TO GIVE BACK—A STEPHEN MINISTRY STORY
A number of years ago we had the opportunity to interview “Rudy” (name changed to preserve confidentiality) about the difference having a Stephen Minister made in his life. Recently, we talked with Rudy again, and he gave us permission to share what’s happened since then:

A while after the caring relationship closed, I wanted to give back after the life-changing care I received, so I decided to become a Stephen Minister myself. I’ve now been a Stephen Minister for 17 years.

When my Stephen Minister went into hospice near the end of his life, I had the privilege of being there for him just as he had been for me. And I was there as he drew his last breath.

All those years ago when I first met my Stephen Minister, my first thought was ‘How is he going to help me?’ I never could have known the impact he would have on my life or the blessing our relationship would be.

To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

- Lois Ecklund at 408-718-8613
- Frank Bush at 805-952-2774
- Susan Hayward at 917-613-9903

May God continue to richly bless our Stephen Ministry caring!

UKRAINIAN FAMILY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

My husband Dave and I joined TPC 2 months ago; we had been attending since February 2023. You might also know us from an ECHO meal that we coordinate 3 times a year.

I am seeking support to find employment for a Ukrainian family. A friend of ours is a liaison to this family that has recently relocated to the US in Paso Robles. The wife, Lena, has 8 years of experience in HR and holds a master's degree in computers. She is looking for a position in HR. Arsen, her husband, has experience in Sales and worked for a large wine and spirits distributor in Ukraine and is looking for a job in that area. Additionally, his mother, Olha, has experience in preschool childcare and is open to work in childcare, food services, caregiving or hotel cleaning.



Olha, Arsen, little Aaron, Lena, and liaison Chris

All are authorized to live and work in the US and have work permits. Lena and Arsen speak conversational English.

I am looking for your help. If you, or anyone you know, might have a possible work scenario, please contact me. Strong leads would be very much appreciated. I can put you in touch and arrange for a meeting.

In Mathew chapter 25 verse 35, Jesus exalts those who help strangers, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me..." This is exactly what our friend Chris is doing.

Thank you for your kind consideration!

Holly Lofgren (408) 393-1881

Our friend, Chris Mossing (408) 569-6233

Or visit SLO4Home.org



MEAL TEAM NEEDED for AUGUST 19

Did you know that TPC provides dinner for the Atascadero ECHO program on the third Monday of each month? We do! And we still need a crew for this month's meal on August 19.

Meal teams cook (or purchase) and serve food for an average of 80 people. We have a handy book of recipes (if needed), complete with shopping lists and quantities.

Any questions? Please check in with Russ or Kathy Westphal. You can probably find them helping near the kitchen during fellowship.

Ready to signup? Add your team to the ECHO board in Butler Hall.



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

-Galatians 6:9



With great enthusiasm, Templeton Presbyterian Church is excited to announce our first annual Pinewood Derby tournament! We will be hosting the derby in our parking lot on August 10th, at 6:30pm. The Pinewood Derby was created by Cubmaster Donald Murphy in 1953. Murphy wanted to create a wholesome activity that would foster a closer parent-child relationship and promote craftsmanship and good sportsmanship through competition.

We are inviting everyone in our community to participate. All dads, moms and children ages 3-10 are welcome. Heats will be organized by age. It will be an honor for us to provide such an event for our families!

This is a FREE event. Popcorn and refreshments provided.



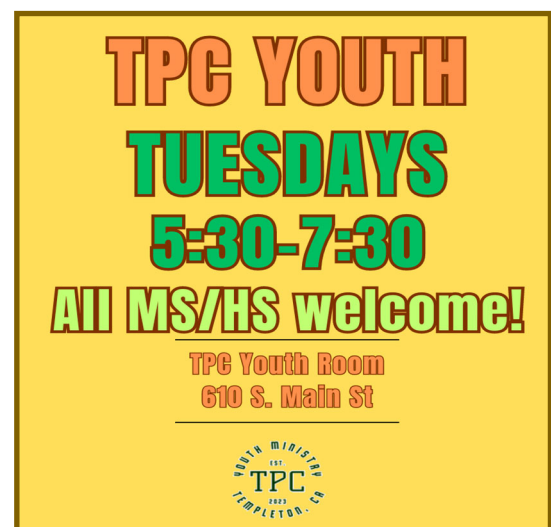
Students are invited to bring their backpacks for a special Back-to-School blessing during our Sunday service on August 18.



PICTURE DAY SEPT. 8

(before/after service)

TPC friends and family, please add or update your pic for the new directory!



We have had a successful kickoff to our TPC Youth Group this summer. It is a blessing to be able to provide a fun, safe, faith based environment for the youth in our community. While we said goodbye and good luck to six high school seniors at the beginning of summer, we've had the opportunity to say hello to many new members of our youth group. There are a vast array of exciting gatherings to come over the next few months, and a chance for our new attendees to build friendships and learn more about our amazing God. Please check us out on our Instagram page *Youth_of_TPC* to see all the fun and excitement!