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A Message from Pastor Paul Hudson

I am sharing a big-picture vision of the church for who we aim to be. This is a 30,000-foot view:

1. Devoted disciples of Jesus who make devoted disciples of Jesus
2. Ethnically diverse
3. Generationally diverse
4. Mission-oriented

Last month, I talked about #1: being devoted disciples of Jesus who make devoted disciples of Jesus. I think that's pretty straightforward—as we devote ourselves to Christ, we encourage others along in their journey with Him. That is something all of us are called to do in some shape or form.

Next, I'd like to talk about being ethnically diverse. This is something I am passionate about. I love diverse cultures. I love being around people who are different from me—specifically, those who have a different ethnic background than I do. We are very fortunate in America to have so many different ethnicities right in our own backyard. This is something to embrace, not to fear.

Our goal as a church is to be ethnically diverse. We want to embrace all ethnicities and cultures and worship our Lord Jesus together. In Revelation 7:9, John had a vision of the throne room, and what he saw there was exciting and beautiful: “I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” What were they doing? They were all glorifying God and worshipping together. The church is meant to be a glimpse of heaven on earth. We want to be an ethnically diverse church that glorifies God and worships together, just as they do in heaven.

How do we do that? Part of it is the responsibility of the staff and me. We need to be intentional about bringing in people from different ethnic backgrounds and giving them a place to lead the church as they are—reflecting their culture, language, and upbringing. I need to be intentional about providing leadership opportunities from the front for people of different ethnicities.

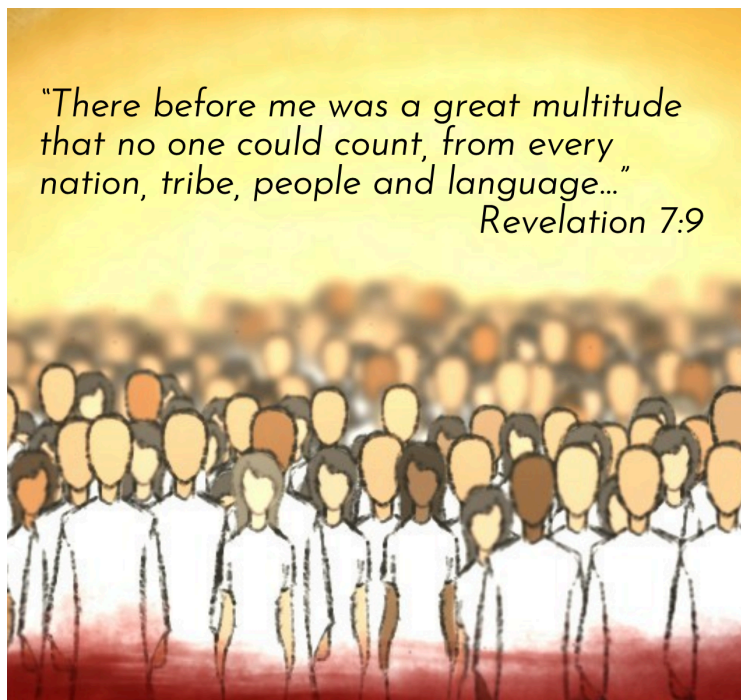
A Message from Pastor Paul Hudson (cont'd)

I've done that and will continue to do so. I remember one Sunday, I looked around the platform during worship, and I was the only white guy—that's exactly what I'm talking about. The more people of different ethnicities see diversity in leadership from the front, the more they will feel at home.

The other part of it is you. You can warmly welcome people of all ethnicities with loving eye contact, a warm handshake, or a friendly embrace—not with a strange gaze or a turning away. You can offer genuine acceptance. You can encourage them when they lead or speak from the front. You can encourage them to serve, helping them know they are valued and truly part of the body. When they come in the fullness of their culture—whether through colorful traditional dress, hairstyles, or a different way of speaking English than you're used to—don't frown on them. Rather, embrace the difference, offer a warm smile, and love them as one of our own.

Another practical way to foster diversity is to help us think of ways to celebrate different cultures as a church. Perhaps culture-themed potlucks? Maybe displaying the flags of our different nationalities in the narthex—or even in the sanctuary? Why not? What about an all-Spanish Call to Worship (with translation provided, of course)? Let's think of creative ways we can be a church that truly champions ethnic diversity. I'd love to hear your ideas.

God bless you,
Pastor Paul





Family Ministry for Youth & Children

Chyna Bradford-LaGrande, Director

We've made it to the beautiful month of April! Spring is in full bloom, flowers are blossoming, the sun is shining a little brighter, and we're finally getting some of that lovely feel-good weather (goodbye, winter coats... we won't miss you).

Most importantly, this is a special season as we prepare our hearts to celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has risen just as He said He would! Death could not hold Him down, and because of His great love, He gave His life for us. What an incredible gift. As we reflect on His sacrifice, let's not only celebrate our King, but also take a moment to ask ourselves: How are we honoring Him daily? Are we living in a way that points others to Him?

Jesus didn't die for us to remain stagnant, He made a way for us to walk in new life and to share the good news with others. What a joy and responsibility it is to invite others into His kingdom!

Kids Church This Month

In Kids Church, we will be focusing on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We'll also be talking about salvation and helping our children truly understand the significance of what Jesus has done for us. There will be engaging videos, fun crafts, and meaningful discussions, all designed to make learning about Jesus both exciting and impactful.

Easter Fun & Community Connection

We're especially excited about our Easter celebration! Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 4th, and we can't wait to connect with our community. It's a wonderful opportunity to remind everyone of the true meaning of Easter while having a great time together. So bring your kiddos out to Children's Church where they'll learn about Jesus in a fun, engaging, and joy-filled way (and maybe burn off some of that Easter candy energy too!).

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful April!

With love,
Family Ministry Director
Chyna LaGrande



Family Ministry for Youth & Children (cont'd)

Chyna Bradford-LaGrande, Director





Presbyterian Enrichment Preschool (PEP)

Renee Inman, Director



April is a very busy month at PEP School! Our themes this month are Ocean, Pirates and Spring/Garden.

We have a Bible Story for both classes each week, teaching the gospel in an age-appropriate way. The children are learning about God's love for them and the life of Jesus.

Our PEP School children will have Easter parties before Spring Break, complete with colored eggs and a special snack, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus! We will be off for Spring Break April 3 - 10.

For more information about PEP School, contact Mary Lou in the PEP office, 448-1626.



Sewing Circle

Arlys Rogers & Laura Benham

Happy Easter!

For Good Friday, Sewing Circle teamed up with our Deacons and joined members of our church community to participate in “Stations of the Cross”. At the “Formed into One Body” station, it was an all church effort to personalize squares for a future quilt.

The sewing circle will assemble the squares into a beautiful quilt to display in the church for all to see and enjoy. If you were not able to attend the Good Friday service but would like to decorate a quilt square, please see Gayle Loomis after the church service.

Our Sewing Circle is a fun group of ladies that gathers Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. We create beautiful quilts that give comfort and wrap others in God’s love. The sewing circle ladies have donated quilts to nursing homes, congregation members in the hospital, and families with new babies. If you are interested in purchasing, quilts are \$30.00 each. If you know of someone who needs a quilt, please contact Rosie in the office or email her at office@425cpc.com. Thank you.

Blessings,
Laura Benham
Arlys Rogers
Gayle Loomis
Sewing Circle

Our group of Sewing Circle ladies, accompanied by one of our charming dog mascots.





New Focus

Tony Boltz, Rick Smith, Judy Schneider, Directors

There is a lot to celebrate at New Focus as we move into April.

Tamara Parsons received a \$1,500 award for personal growth from Soroptimist, a global volunteer organization. It is wonderful to see her recognized for all of the effort she has made as a person and a parent.

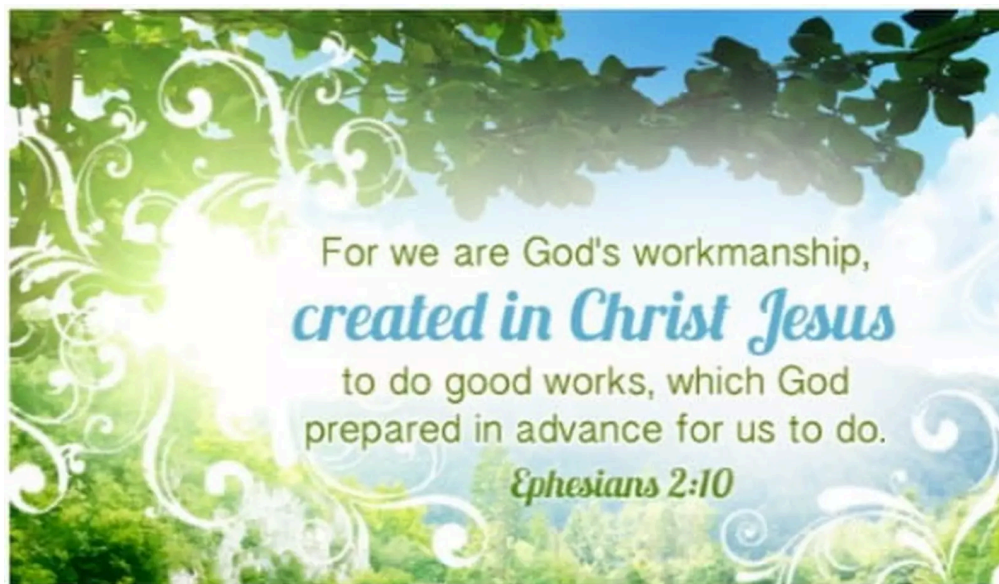
Andrew Hart has formally started his Master's/Credential program while teaching math to High Schoolers in Fairfield.

We were contacted by a single mom who needed help moving to Sacramento. She contacted Rosie, who referred her to us. We assembled a team and loaded her up in about an hour. It was great to give back to the community.

April 10-12, we will be at Westminster Woods for our third annual family weekend. There will be 50 of us attending, and we are really excited. Time in nature can do wonders for the soul. We all come back feeling recharged.

We will have a picture on Gary Crawford's bridge.

Blessings,
Tony Boltz, Director





Session Report

Jim Beckett, Clerk of Session

Financial Update

Our Treasurer shared that February’s financial performance was positive, though not yet fully complete due to a recent bank fraud incident. Someone attempted to cash a large fraudulent check on the church account. Thankfully, the bank recognized the issue and quickly alerted us. Treasurer Rick Smith responded promptly by freezing the account and establishing new accounts for the church, as well as for PEP and MDO.

This situation required a great deal of time and effort from both Rick and our Office Administrator, Rosie, and we are very grateful for their diligence and care. We are pleased to report that we have now mostly recovered from this incident.

At the request of the finance team, please be informed that the February financial report is available by request in the office.

Prayer Ministry

We are grateful to offer an opportunity for one-on-one prayer following Sunday morning worship. This ministry began in February, with Elders rotating each week to be available. We hope this provides a meaningful time of encouragement and support for all who would like prayer.

February Worship Attendance

We give thanks for steady attendance throughout February, with an average of 74 people joining us each Sunday. We are also encouraged by the presence of visitors and the continued participation of our children and youth.

Date	Guests	Kid's Church	Attendees	Communion
2/1/2026	10	11	77	70
2/8/2026	11	7	82	
2/15/2026	7	7	70	
2/22/2026	5	7	68	
Totals	33	32	297	70

Attendance figures include the worship team, tech team, infants, children, and youth.

Deacon Care Groups

The Deacons have provided updated copies of the 2026 Deacon Care Groups to Session. If you are unsure who your Deacon is, please feel free to reach out to any Elder—we would be happy to help connect you.



Deacons Report

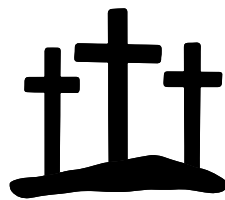
Kathy Reid, Lead Deacon

In just a few days we will experience all the joy, sorrow, and hope that leads up to Easter Sunday. I am looking forward to welcoming all who can join us at the Good Friday service on April 3, 2026.

Beginning at 5:30 pm we will have 30 minutes of reflective time for anyone who wishes to have a quiet moment alone. Then at 6:00 pm we will have music with the Praise Team which will set the tone for the stations immediately following. This year we will have five stations led by elders and deacons. Each station has been carefully planned to allow each of us a brief time to meditate on Easter while carefully weaving in scripture from Acts. A short message will be shared and then a small action will allow each participant to be immersed in this moment that acknowledges all that Christ suffered for each one of us; for our sins. Our intent is to help all of us to remember and understand just how much Jesus sacrificed for us before we can celebrate and rejoice in Jesus' resurrection! It will be a joy on Sunday morning to come together for our Easter service after our meaningful Good Friday service.

Immediately following the Easter service there will be refreshments in the Narthex. Easter falls on the first Sunday of the month so the deacons will have the monthly Communion Sunday Fellowship Table set up for all to enjoy. What a blessing for Easter to fall on the first Sunday this year!

And looking forward to May, CPC will have our first potluck of the year on Sunday, May 17, 2026. The deacons will be organizing this potluck in collaboration with Kingdom Kidz Sunday. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate the youth within our community. Please be sure to add this date to your calendar. Details will be available soon through various announcements at church.



“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” -Romans 5: 1 - 8



CPC's New Baptismal



Our new baptismal has arrived and is ready for the upcoming baptisms! Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, it is a great addition to CPC. We will be able to perform baptisms indoors or outdoors with heated water. God is good!

With thanks,
Rick Smith



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sermon Series: Acts, Church Afire!
January 25th thru June 21st
Sundays @ 10:00 AM
Fellowship @ 9:30 AM in the lobby.

This sermon series is all about being lit up by the Holy Spirit with passion and power.

Pastor PJ's Weekly Podcasts

Visit our Podcasts web page at www.425cpc.com

Women's Ministry Laughter & Latte
Saturday, April 4th, 10:00 AM

Join us for a latte and fellowship at Journey Coffee, 896 Alamo Dr., Vacaville.

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 3rd

5:30 PM - Quiet Time for Reflection
6:00 PM - Service

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4th, 2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Free event for all. Registration is required on CPC's website event page. There will be activities, refreshments, music, and picture taking with the Easter Bunny & Friends.

Kingdom Kidz Sunday & Baptisms
Sunday, May 17th, 10:00 AM

If you would like to be baptized, please reach out to Pastor Paul and or Chyna as soon as possible.

All-Church Potluck
Sunday, May 17th
In the social hall.

After Kingdom Kidz Sunday Service & Baptisms.

Sewing Circle
Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM
In the social hall.

Meets regularly for fun & fellowship as they create quilts for charity, and community purposes. Registration not required.

Men's Coffee Hour
Thursdays @ 10:00 AM
In the social hall.

Come together for coffee, donuts, and fellowship. Registration is not required.

Men's Bible Study
Sundays @ 11:30 AM
In the conference room.

Following Pastor Paul's sermons.
Registration is not required.

Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM
In the conference room.

Following Pastor Paul's sermons.
Registration is not required.
Facilitators: Sandy Crouse & Judy Schneider