FCC’s Lead Minister Search Update

FCC has been working with a company called Vanderbloemen to aid us in the search for a new lead pastor. We created a video that was placed on their website and over 1200 people have viewed it. Forty people have expressed interest in the listing so far. Vanderbloemen will continue to advertise, make connections and recruit for the next couple of weeks.

The company is filtering through candidates to find the top ones. Our Vanderbloemen consultant has begun personal interviews with several potential candidates! He will present the top 4-8 candidates to the FCC Search Committee and Elder Board at the end of April. If you know of someone who might fill the position, please point them to www.vanderbloemen.com.

Click the screen to watch the video!
Preschool Celebrations and Plans for Summer and Fall

Kimber Hills Preschool has been very busy this second quarter! We hosted our first annual Father's Day celebration event, Papas and Pizzas in February. We had close to 20 dads attend with their children, eat pizzas and connect with each other. We look forward to more events like this in the future!

We also celebrated the Lunar New Year in style. A few preschool parents helped decorate our breezeway for the festivities and provide a fun art project to do in class. The children loved learning about some of the cultural traditions of their peers.

Finally, we opened enrollment for Summer 2021 and Fall 2021-2022 for priority enrollment in February and open enrollment in March. With the increase of vaccine distribution and a decrease of COVID cases, we were able to open TWO new preschool classrooms on April 1st, the Delightful Ducks (18 months-36 months) and the Marvelous Monkeys (3 years-3.5 years), and welcomed 9 new students! Each day, we are answering requests for information and scheduling tours for new families and students.

God has truly been watching over Kimber Hills Preschool and we appreciate all of your prayers for safety and health. We look forward to a fun and exciting Summer and Fall! For more info, go to KimberHills.org.
Everyone loves a great comeback story because it inspires us. I recently read about a woman named Ramona Pierson who is a walking miracle. At 22-years old, she was a math prodigy with a bright future as she served in the Marines. But one day, while walking her dog, she was struck by a car, breaking over one hundred bones in her body and leaving her comatose.

She woke up 18 months later, weighing 64 pounds: blind, bald, with metal bones and a body covered with scars. She ended up in a senior citizens home. Not one doctor expected her to live. But those seniors took her in as their pet project, helping Ramona relearn how to speak, cook and dress.

Eventually, Ramona went back to college and earned her PhD in neuroscience from Stanford. After eleven years and multiple surgeries, she regained sight in her left eye. She returned to military service and helped improve the MRI machine to assist surgeons perform better operations on soldiers with head wounds. Ramona went on to form two successful educational startups.

The best aspect of a comeback story is when others begin to believe that they might too experience their own revival. If a Ramona Pierson could rebound from such a tragic event, maybe others can as well.

Easter is when followers of Jesus remember and celebrate history’s greatest comeback story. Jesus wasn’t just critically injured, he wasn’t simply comatose. Jesus was dead! Dead and buried and placed in a tomb behind a two-ton rock. However, just as He said He would, Jesus rose from the dead and for forty days, he lived, ate, and appeared to Mary Magdalene, Peter, the other apostles, and to over 500 people in one place at the same time.

Jesus’ comeback not only inspires us. His resurrection empowers us! The apostle Paul wrote, “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you know...his incomparably great power for us who believe...That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead.”

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is for you, me, and everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ. It’s better than a comeback story! We lack nothing when it comes to living life at full capacity.

We are soon to come out of a pandemic world marked with trauma and anxiety. People around us have suffered. Society is marked with political divisions, racial tensions, economic woes, cries of injustice, and others just crying out for deeds of mercy.

The church can choose to be apathetic and ignore these conditions. We can cocoon in a bubble of Christian fellowship and let others fend for themselves. Or we can be inspired by our Savior who came back from the dead and brought with him a power designed to enable us to make a difference in the lives of others. Jesus’ comeback is a set up for us to stand up and stand out to make that difference in the lives of people that simply need a hand up or a shout out. Let’s not pass up that opportunity.

— Executive Pastor Roger Dill
PowerHouse Ministry Highlights

Easter Egg Hunt

PowerHouse hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 2nd, with many families attending. Instead of a huge group of children hunting eggs all at once, families and their friends came in “social bubbles” of no more than twelve at different times throughout the day. The kids were able to enjoy a fun, safe celebration and get a lot of Easter goodies!

Thanks to all who donated candy-filled eggs and the volunteers who helped out that day!

PowerHouse Sunday Mornings

PowerHouse has been meeting virtually since the pandemic began. We hope to begin meeting in person when restrictions lift even further. More details to come soon! For more info, contact Eugenia Cai at ecai@gofcc.org.

The WELL Mission Outreach Project

The WELL Women’s Bible Study organized a mission outreach project to Real Options, an organization that provides women with reproductive health care, by stocking their closet with baby layette items. Marcia Dang and Carmen Staffaroni met with Jenna Cerrone, Patient Services Manager at RO to deliver the items. We were so happy to connect with the members of the staff, and to learn about the expansion of Real Options’ medical services and clinics around the Bay Area.

The RO staff was very appreciative of our donation and told us how much these types of items bless their new mom clients and make them feel loved and cared for. To God be the glory! We hope to glorify God through being a blessing to our community.

We continue to meet every Thursday evening 7-9 p.m. through Zoom. For more information, contact Marcia at gandmadang@comcast.net.
**Missional Communities**

**Spring Has Sprung in the Garden!**

From the loving hearts and hands of Kimber Hills Preschool parents and FCC supporters the preschool garden is a vision of SPRING! Snapdragons, daisies, and marigolds are blooming, tomato plants are establishing roots, moss patches are spreading, the blue fescue is nice and bushy, and the scent of lavender can be rubbed off with the lightest touch.

Since mid-February The HOPE GARDEN crew has been coming together to weed, plant, and cultivate different themed garden beds in the preschool play area. We have a pizza garden with tomatoes, basil, oregano, and thyme. We have a sensory garden with plants that appeal to the sense of smell, touch, and sight. We also have a strawberry patch and a fairy garden!

As the garden blooms and with help from teachers, our mission is to introduce preschoolers to gardening and healthy eating while also teaching them about sharing and caring as we share the harvest with neighbors and those in need.

If you have a green thumb and would like to join the Hope Garden Crew, email Lisa Park at LISALPARK88@GMAIL.COM. Even if you don’t have a green thumb, come and join us...The fun in the sun has just begun! We’ll send you our meeting dates and times.

“For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.”

— Isaiah 61:11
Through Elevate, FCC NextGen is offering free Zoom tutoring to 1st-8th grade students. This semester, it has 43 students from the San Francisco Bay Area and 5 students from the Philippines participating in the program for the Spring 2021 Session. Seven volunteers are teaching and one volunteer is helping the program as an administrator. We’re currently planning for the Summer and Fall sessions and need more volunteers to teach and reach out to the community. If would like more information or to help, please contact Alan Cai at yiluncai88@gmail.com. Go to gofcc.org/tutoring for registration as a student.

The Village, a mission-al group for moms of young children, meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month till June at 7 p.m. on Zoom. In March, we made Easter wreaths and enjoyed an Easter brunch cooking session. We do our best to support moms with young children in every way we can afford. For more information, contact Eugenia Cai at ecai@gofcc.org.
FCC's Joyful Bounty event was held on Saturday, 3/27. We served 32 families, donating 47 Easter meal grocery bags, gift cards and Easter kiddie bags. Many thanks to our FCC community for all the donations! And to all our volunteers! What a blessing!

Many of our clients are from past events; Hearty Harvest and Adopt a Family, and we are building ongoing relationships.

FCC Compassion Network is a Missional Community and we welcome anyone who loves to serve to join. For more information, please contact Ruth Ritter at ruthriritter@gmail.com.
Voic3 has been meeting since February 2019 and continues to meet over Zoom weekly through the pandemic. Voic3 operates much like a small group and our purpose is to reach people dealing with mental health challenges and to create a supportive environment to help us heal. We strive to create an authentic community that nurtures mental health and well-being through the transformative love and grace of God.

What does our gathering look like? It looks like a safe environment where we are able to be open and honest about emotions and frustrations and know that we are heard and supported. A wonderful side effect is that we often find humor in the middle of it which is a much-needed relief from our challenges. In other words, we do life together.

Currently we are working through a workbook and video series on connecting with God. We spend a lot of time on discussion as we learn from the curriculum and from each other. All of us have coped with some form of depression, anxiety, and trauma and we recognize our need for relationship with God and belonging in a welcoming community. Voic3 provides that community. We are not psychologists or counselors or advice givers, but we are people who love and pray for each other.

In addition to our weekly meeting, we get together for games in the park, walks, meals, and service projects (while following COVID guidelines). Anyone who is interested is welcome to join one of our informal get togethers or we’d be happy to meet over coffee or tea. We are looking forward to meeting in person again soon as the vaccines are rolled out to all. If any of this resonates with you, we invite you to check out our group and consider joining us. We welcome everyone. Please contact Jennifer McDonald at voic3ministry@gmail.com or Pam Martin at pjmartart@outlook.com for more information or any questions you may have.

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Louie Life Group

We are alive and well and have been meeting every Monday night at 7 p.m. on Zoom! The group not only has a great time diving deeper into the nuances of the Sunday message and how it relates to everyday life, we have a lot of fun and friendship as well. Participants can find love, acceptance, and compassion during our time with one another.

As COVID thaws out, we will resume meeting at our home in Niles. In addition to Monday discussions, we plan to continue outside activities. Our first welcome back event will be tamale-making with Gabe Moran! Hiking with Ken and Carol Hardin is also on the menu! We are planning other fun events – lunches after church, cooking and eating together (Amir Homayounfar has offered to teach us how to make a special Iranian dish!), and serving our community together through Compassion Network.

Come join us and be a part of the Louie Life Group community! Email Gary or Stephanie at: gmlouieod@yahoo.com for details! Hope to see you soon!
FCC Men’s Ministry Spring 2021 Update

It has been a wild and wacky year! Some are in isolation, some are meeting the minimal needs of family and relationships, and others have decided not to let the times that we are in rule their lives.

Alex Absalom has continued to encourage us to be Men of Courage. We have been charged with the responsibility of developing relationships, living a supernatural life and demonstrating to others what a life with Jesus looks like.

What does this look like in our lives?

- **Listen to the Spirit** – Ask the Spirit for guidance in our lives
- **Choose Boldness over Fear** – Predetermine the path of Bold Faith
- **Ask others, how can I pray for you?** – Offer to pray for others as the need arises.

FCC Men’s Ministries is active within the FCC Community and in the Word of God through our Men’s Life Group! We have several activities and events planned so that men can get involved and would love to have you as part of our Men’s Community! Our first in-person meeting will be Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00. We’ll keep you posted on GoFCC.ccbchurch.com.

**Authentic Manhood – Core 2021**

Join us this Spring and Summer when FCC reopens to Life Group meetings. **CORE Series 1**: Mariano Rivera, the Acho Brothers, Propaganda, a former Navy Seal and many others challenge us through 10 thought-provoking videos focused on real people facing real life challenges. CORE Series 1 gives a man connection with his brothers, permission to be real, confidence in who he is, and vision for what he is for. It is designed especially for a group of guys. The Participant Guide links the videos to group discussion and personal study.

**Mission for The Homeless – Missional Communities**

Many FCC men and families have come alongside our Men’s Ministry to support and provide for many of the homeless in our community. This is truly a Missional Community coming together and providing for nutritional, physical, and spiritual needs. We are currently accepting donations of clothing, socks, shoes, blankets, sleeping bags, and tents. Contact George Reece at 520-220-9865 for donations.

**Men’s Ministry BBQ Events!**

We are planning several food events for spring and summer. Keep your eyes open for days and times of Men’s Fellowship Events hosted by the Men’s Life Group. These are more than just meals. They are opportunities to connect as part of the family of God. **Coming Soon!** We have planned several events that you are welcome to attend. From baseball games, bocce ball, golf outings, and family events, we want to do what we can to be “Out” in the community. These times will refresh and encourage as we gather together.

For additional information contact Dave Ridings, Men’s Ministry Coordinator at: Ridings@pacbell.net or by phone at 510-552-6971.
Fall 2020 Affirmation Meetings

David Ramnarine’s Elder Affirmation Meeting
October 25, 2020

Operating Philosophy Statement Affirmation Meeting
November 15, 2020
MISSIONS SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Missionaries

Rick and Susan Griffith, moving from teaching in Singapore to Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary
Randy and Jill Archie, Q Place in Oakland, reaching African American young people in the SF Bay Area
Cassandra Luontela, Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, dorm mother to African missionaries’ daughters
Adi Nic, Missions Mobilization in Sibiu, Romania, training volunteers to impact people for Christ
Fran Goodrich, Q Place, Colorado, mobilizing Christians in the US and beyond
Monica Nic, MAMA Center in Sibiu, Romania, counseling women who have had abortions
Leon Harper, SF Bay Area, reaching international students to impact students and people in their home countries.
Steve and Kathi Craig, training Christians from the Middle East and Central Asia.
MISSIONS SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 28, 2021

In-Person Service Attendees

Knutson Family
Carol Hall & Stephanie Louie
Scott & Ruth Ritter
Daniel Handjojo, Scott Ritter & Dave Ramnarine
Mark & Mary Crutcher
Albert & Sol Cadenas
Headworth Family
Lisa Flores
Mike Vander Mel
Communion Sunday—March 7, 2021

NextGen Worship Team

Robbie Taas—Bass Guitar
Matt Ridings—Electric Guitar
Arush Cchapttapri—Drums
Cynthia Vo—Synthesizer
Anna Kim—Vocals
Buffy Toledo—Vocals
Sunday Worship Service—March 14, 2021
Show & Tell Gospel

Alex Absalom—Speaker
Steve Hanson—Worship Leader
Will Walker—Operations Director
Anthony Shadle—Electric Guitar
Janet Yang—Synthesizer
Sunday Worship Service—March 21, 2021

Infinite Game

Jean, Mattea & Leighton Napiza
Christy, Grace & Doug Ingebretson
Mark Lucitta

Roger Dill and Steve Hanson
Lisa Park & Hope Garden
Chris Waldman

Karen & Katelyn Borden
FCC Worship Team & Band
Ken Hardin
Palm Sunday Service—March 28, 2021

Kathi & Steve Craig  Christy Ingebretson  Steve Hansen  Janet Yang
Michael Rogers  Anthony Shadle  Cyndi Azevedo
Lisa Flores  Neil Knutson  Mharvin Napiza
Easter Sunday Worship Service
April 4, 2021

Doug Ingebretson
NextGen Worship Team
Choir Ensemble
Lisa Flores
Sue Rudholm
FCC Congregation