

Weekly Prayer Focus

Please pray for the church here and around the world.

FMCSB Family: Wayne and Rachel Ikola; Ron Inman and Mary Woodyard; Lou Jacobs; Jimme and Keri Jelks.

Bible Study/Small Group: *Wednesday Morning Prayer*, every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with the pastors.

Children's Ministries Leaders: Millie's House (infant/toddler-care) volunteers Stefanie Williams, Dani Ebersole, Deborah Raymond, Christa Jones, Dawn Elliott, Melissa Cline, Maddy Schulte, and Kaylie Grant.

Cliff Drive Care Center: Infant Center teachers Halie Johnson, Ashley Lomeli, and Erika Esparza.

CDCC Families: Nathan Campoverde and Aaron Campoverde Hernandez, Elliot Capelle, Rowan Capps, and their families.

Santa Barbara Churches: Hope Community Church on State Street.

FM Conference: Pastor John Rittenhouse and his wife Lisa at Living Spring Church in Garden Grove.

Recovery Programs: Casa Serena is a women's recovery home that provides a safe place for help with drug and alcohol addiction.

Missions, Madagascar (Shattenbergs): The Shattenbergs were thrilled to be heading home to Madagascar during a school break. Please pray for Josiah, one of Isabella's friends, who had been dreaming of coming to Madagascar for the last year. Josiah has been extremely sick for over two weeks with recurring high fevers and a host of different symptoms. Despite excellent medical care in Nairobi with multiple specialists and testing, a diagnosis has not been made and he remains quite ill. Please pray that the Lord heals Josiah from this mysterious sickness.

Praying for the Global Church, Mexico: Although the majority of Mexico's population is Christian, many believers live in danger of persecution, particularly from criminal gangs, drug cartels and indigenous groups. Reported incidents of violence have dropped slightly since last year, but remain at an extreme level. Pray for the protection of Christians vulnerable to hostility from criminal gangs. Ask that God will continue to strengthen and embolden the faith of our persecuted family in Mexico.

*To submit prayer requests or to join the prayer chain, please contact
Juanita Collins: prayer@fmcsb.org or 805.895.7511*

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"The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness."

William Blake

*"All these changes did the Merciful One effect:
Stripping of His glory and putting on a body;
For He had devised a way to reclothe Adam,
In that glory which Adam had stripped off."*

Ephrem of Syria

*"We don't come to Him as bad people trying to become good
people; we come as rebels to lay down our arms."*

C.S. Lewis

*"Faith is a how and, more specifically, a way of living
in light of an event."*

James K.A. Smith

May 12, 2024

Our Mission

By the power of the Holy Spirit and with Jesus' transforming love,
we draw people to Christ, disciple them in the faith
and equip them for ministry.

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May 12, 2024: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship services 8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Call to Worship

Praise Songs *Everlasting God*
Holy Water
Behold Him

Pass the Peace of Christ

Connection and Giving

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* (390)

Ministry in the Word Rev. Dr. Colleen Hurley-Bates
“Jesus Forgives”
Luke 5:17-26

Response Song *Way Maker*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Colleen Hurley-Bates — Lead Pastor
Rev. Doug Ranck — Associate Pastor of Youth and Pastoral Care
Rev. Danielle Garcia — Associate Pastor of Administration
Rev. Nikki Ramage — Associate Pastor of Adults and Spiritual Growth
Jake Elliott — Pastor of Worship, College, and Evangelism Ministries
Phil Guenthart — Local Licensed Pastor
Sandy Patterson — Director of Children’s Ministries
Delanie Sabac — Director of Cliff Drive Care Center Children’s Programs
Madeline Schulte — Director of Communications
Rev. Dr. Helen Rhee — Appointed Pastor, Church History Professor at Westmont College
Rev. Shannon Balram — Appointed Pastor, Asst. Dir. of Residential and Community Living at UCSB
Rev. Scott Williams — Appointed Pastor, Systems Engineer at UCSB

FMCSB Loves Children & Youth

Infants and Toddlers (birth—2 years old) Our youngest ones are cared for in Millie’s House! This facility is designed specifically for our little ones with cribs, toys, and an outside play area for toddlers. It is located in the lower parking lot. Nursing mothers may use the private room just off the foyer.

FM Kids (Preschool—5th Grade) The preschool children meet below the sanctuary, and this week’s lesson is “Philip and the Ethiopian” (Acts 8:26-40). The elementary students start on the playground near the red picnic tables. They will learn about “Self-Control” (Matthew 26:53).

FM YOUTH (6th—12th Grade) This week we are starting a series on the first letter of John, otherwise known as 1 John. The title of the series is “Love in Action.” Our focus today will be on what it means to live in the light instead of the dark. During the 10:15 a.m. service, find a seat, and we will leave right after the praises/prayer requests/prayer time.

Are you new with us?

Find out how to connect at FMCSB!

- Please fill out a Connection Card (found in the pews) and drop it into the offering plate. We would love to get to know you.
- Visit Connection Central on the deck for more information about the activities of the church or visit our website (fmcsb.org).
- Listen to our most recent sermons and classes on our website (www.fmcsb.org/ media) or find all our sermons on iTunes or your favorite podcast app.
- FMCSB has a pastor on-call each day of the week. To connect with the pastor on-call, contact them at (805) 694-6982.
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Who We Are

We are a part of the branch of Christians known as Methodists, and we believe the Bible is God’s inspired and authoritative Word. As we follow Jesus Christ, loving God and loving others is at our core. We believe that the Holy Spirit heals the brokenness in our lives and helps us to reach out with God’s love.

As an active church with an emphasis on love, we are a community of people who care for each other and extend that care to others in our city through various ministries every day of the week.