



# The Open Door

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*A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors*

  
**Easter** is coming

*Pastor Scott will again offer a noon Communion Service for all interested persons on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The service will be the ritual of "The Great Thanksgiving" from our Hymnal. It will start at 12:15 and will last approximately one half-hour. It is a wonderful way to start the season of Lent. It is open to any that want to come, including students!*



## Kairos 23

Kairos 23 will be happening at Folsom Prison on April 4-7. Chris Gardner, Ron Wootten, and Norm Teter will be attending as Inside Team Members. (Due to the Israel Trip Pastor Scott is not attending this one.) The rest of you can help through your prayers, as well as, gifts of cookies, hands, and posters, and financially. The website for Kairos 23 is now open, and you can view it by going to [FolsomKairos.org](http://FolsomKairos.org). Soon you can sign up for a slot on the 24-hour Prayer Wheel. On that website will also appear the guidelines for the cookies, hands, and posters. These will be needed by Wednesday, April 3 by 2 pm.

Financial gifts are also very helpful and needed. Each volunteer is asked to contribute \$150.00 towards the cost of the event. Such a cost is tough for many of our people, not to mention the cost of Hotel accommodations. If you would like to help with these expenses, please make a check out to Aldersgate, and mem it "Kairos Ministry." All gifts are helpful and appreciated!

## Kairos 23 Closing Ceremony

Anyone is welcome to attend the Closing Ceremony of Kairos 23. This is where the "Men in Blue" receive their crosses, and they are welcome to share their testimonies for the weekend. This is a very moving time to spend in Folsom Prison.

**If you would like to attend this Ceremony on Sunday, April 7, please talk with Chris Gardner. There are some rules you will need to know concerning dress, and he will need some personal information from you. This will need to happen in the next two weeks, so talk with him this Sunday if interested!**

## **Pastor Scott's Corner**

"March comes in like a Lion." That cliché is certainly true this year as it is currently pouring outside my Office door, it has been for two days, and is supposed to continue for at least two more. Then, it's supposed to stop for one day, then start again on Saturday!! Yuck!!! I didn't realize how much of Bakersfield's dry climate had affected me over those 20 years I lived there! All the while a Buddy has asked me if I can lube the bearings on his travel trailer; I can't while it's raining!!!

But March, the coming month, will be rather lion-like for me, as there is a lot I have going on.

March 5 is "Shrove Tuesday," otherwise known as "Fat Tuesday," the day before Ash Wednesday. As we have done the past several years, we will be serving Pancakes to the Awana Clubbers! This is something I started a few years ago, but the past three I have not been here to cook! This year I will return to the grill!

March 6 is Ash Wednesday when we will be having Noon Communion for all interested persons. It's a great way to start the Season of Lent... unless you count the eating of Pancakes the night before! Ha! If you have not taken advantage of this day, why not come this year? It's 30 minutes with the People of God; celebrating the Lord's Supper. We have some time of prayer and share in the ritual of the Great Thanksgiving." I like it! If you come, you might as well. 12:15 pm.

Two days later I'll be on an airplane with my wife, when we will fly to Los Angeles to witness the wedding of Joe Vinatieri to Aya Aguayo at Plymouth Church in Whittier. Joe's name might be familiar to you; he is Frances' Brother-in-law whose wife, Sandy, Frances' Sister, died of ALS three years ago. Frances and I will be happy to see his new union and celebrate it after Joe's mourning.

The next day, March 10, is the first day of Daylight Saving Time. Not only do I not want to be late for worship, I hope we get back from LA in plenty of time for me to get some sleep!!! HA!

The following week isn't too bad, as all that is happening that week are my normal activities: Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Prayer Group, Awana, two Bible Studies on Wednesday, and then our monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 16. Normally I would have Choir and Praise Band Practice on Thursday, but not this week for me as I will be gone the following two Sundays! I will have my Radio Show though!

Then, on March 17, Larry, Jeannie, and I will leave Chico and head to San Francisco where we will board a plane to Istanbul, then to Tel Aviv! We will be gone for ten days walking where Jesus walked – and eating excellent White Chocolate and White Chocolate-covered Ice Cream Bars!

Whew!! I'll be a little busy! After that, April will be easy with the activities of Holy Week and Easter! But, in my absence the ministry at Aldersgate continues! You will be blessed with some good Preaching and the blessing of being in the Body of Christ with fellow Believers! So, let's have a great Lion Month!

My prayers are with you.

## **Pastor's Bible Study**

Pastor Scott's Wednesday Bible Study continues in the book of Psalms. Even though he is more than half-way through the book, it's not too late to join!

The class is offered every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and repeated at 7 p.m. All people, from all churches, are welcome!

**The study will not happen on Wednesday, March 20 and 27 due to Pastor Scott's trip to Israel.**

**Daylight Saving Time!** Didn't we vote against that??? Even so, March 9 will be the date to set your clocks back and lose one hour of sleep! Don't be late for worship that day!!!

## **Sermons for the Month of March:**

3. "Go Where God Sends Us"  
Is. 6:5-8
6. Ash Wednesday  
Noon Communion
10. First Lent:  
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
"What Must I Do to be Saved?"  
Mk. 10:17-31
17. Israel!! Second Lent:  
Gail Brotherhood preaching!  
"Love Your Neighbor"  
Lk. 10:25-37
24. Israel!! Third Lent:  
George Fenley preaching!  
"Clean Out Your Eye" Matt.  
5:21-24, 7:1-5
31. Fourth Lent: "Be a Sheep"  
Matt. 25-1-46

## **Pastor Scott in Israel!**

On March 17 Pastor Scott, along with Larry Ducommun, Jeannie Zepp, and some ten people of the Yreka UMC, will be flying to Israel for ten days of walking in the Holy Land! Therefore, he will be gone for two Sundays in March, the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. As you can see in the Sermon Schedule above, filling the pulpit those days will be Gail Brotherhood and George Fenley! The Scripture texts and Titles will be the same as Scott had scheduled them, but the sermons will be from their own perspectives. So, this will be the second chance you will have to hear each of them preach. Their return was by popular demand! Be blessed on the Second and Third Sundays in Lent!

## **Pastor's Lenten Sermon Series**

Pastor Scott's Sermon Series during the five weeks of Lent this year is based around the old Hymn, "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian." There are a lot of answers to the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" For these five weeks Pastor Scott (and Friends) will be looking at some Biblical Passages that he believes might help answer this question. Come and see what those are.

As with all sermons and messages give in Aldersgate, you can find recordings of them on our website, [Chicoaumc.org](http://Chicoaumc.org). Check it out!

## **Bishop to hold Meetings of Discussion**

With the Special General Conference having been held in February, there might be a lot of questions concerning the future of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Carcano has decided to hold meeting for such discussion at 11 locations within our Annual Conference. Here are her words:

As your Bishop, I have scheduled a series of Post-General Conference Episcopal Visits to inform our clergy and congregations about the actions of the General Conference and the implications for our conference and denomination. With the help of conference leaders, we will work to outline what unfolded in St. Louis and what those actions mean, followed by discussion with opportunity for questions. These visits will also be times of prayer and seeking God's way forward for our ministry in the California-Nevada Conference. A schedule for the visits has now been set.

The location the closest to us will be in Yuba City, and the First UMC. That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm. Pastor Scott is planning on attending. If any of the rest of you would be interested, please talk with him. You can all go together.

## **Joyful Hosannas in Easter Concert!**

On Saturday, April 13, the Joyful Hosanna will be presenting a program of Easter Music! This will be like the one they offered for Christmas, only it will contain the songs of our Lord's Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection!

This will start at 6 PM and is open to all who would like to attend! Since the next day will be Palm Sunday, this will be a great way to start Holy Week! We hope to see you!



## Treasurers Report

Checking Acct.	GENERAL FUND
Dec 31 Balance	24,757.83
Income	15,837.79
Expense	-19,799.74
Jan. 31 Balance	19,846.43

## A Note from your Treasurer

So, what are we fearful of – Pastor Scott has asked us? Not enough food, enough money, losing our job, a person(s), speaking the truth knowing that it may possibly hurt someone's feelings (and it's not your intention), the dark, a car accident? The list goes on. I love the verse Jeremiah 17:7-8 " But blessed is the

man, who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." What a depiction of God's love and provision! God wants the best for us!

Blessing, Rose

## Leadership

It has been quiet at Leadership meetings...a good start to the new year. We used a memorial donation and some private donations to purchase a hands-free mic for George. You may have notice him using it last Sunday. We can now call him "Diva George".

If anyone has anything they feel Leadership should have on their agenda please feel free to email Teri Schell at <tschell55@yahoo.com>

## The Vine

One of my favorite Christian authors is Philip Yancey. I find his writing thought-provoking as he looks at topics that grab my attention. He writes about his church upbringing, introduces appropriate examples for the subject, and his thoughts and questions are based on scripture. I'm currently reading his book "What's So Amazing about Grace?"

From the questions Mr. Yancey raises in this book, the youth group is talking about grace. It's much more than just something we say before eating. Since we are saved by grace, how does that impact us? Talking about grace will lead us into Lent, and Jesus sacrifice for all of us

Thank you for people who provide CA CRV recyclable items for the youth group activities. I will continue to collect any CRV recyclable items that you provide. Thank you also for your prayers & support of the Vine. Please continue to keep the teens and the ministry in prayer.

Larry Ducommun  
Youth leader

## Baptism!



On Sunday, February 24, the First Service Congregation got to witness Pastor Scott Baptizing his Grandson, Preston Scott Cheney! It was a great blessing to have Mariah, Vince, and Preston in worship on that day, but this event made it even better! Praise God for this young life!



## **Sunday school/Awana**

In Sunday School we are learning about the life of Jesus in the book of Luke. From Jesus being a young boy, to being baptized, when he is tempted and teaching in the Synagogues. Soon we will be starting our Easter series from Jesus entering Jerusalem, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, being arrested crucified and when he rose on the third day. Jesus is Alive!!!!

Thank you to Barbara for stepping in to help teach Sunday School it is greatly appreciated by me and the children.

Awana is going great! We have 29 kids signed up with about 22 coming each week. Last week we had our third of four stores where the kids spend the Awana bucks they have earned by being there each week, bringing their Bible and handbook and wearing a uniform. They also earn bucks by memorizing scripture and playing games. This Tuesday will be Shrove Tuesday and Pastor Scott will be making pancakes for everyone before club starts.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with Awana, we couldn't do it without you.

Blessings,  
Ellen Martinez

## March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> "Go Where God Sends Us" Is. 6:5-8  The Vine 5:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	<b>6</b> Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8 Ash Wednesday Noon Communion	<b>7</b> Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	<b>8</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> First Lent: <u>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</u> "What must I do to be saved?" Mk. 10:17-31 The Vine 5:00 pm	<b>11</b> Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm  Finance team 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	<b>13</b> Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	<b>14</b> Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	<b>15</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm (dinner)	<b>16</b> Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
<b>17</b> Israel!!! Second Lent: Gail Brotherhood preaching! "Love Your Neighbor" Lk. 10:25-37 The Vine 5:00 pm	<b>18</b> Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	<b>19</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	<b>20</b> <u>NO</u> <b>Pastor Scott's Bible Study</b>	<b>21</b> Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	<b>22</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Israel!!! Third Lent: George Fenley preaching! "Clean Out Your Eye" Matt. 5:21-24, 7:1-5 The Vine 5:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	<b>27</b> <u>NO</u> <b>Pastor Scott's Bible Study</b>	<b>28</b> Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	<b>29</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Fourth Lent: "Be a Sheep" Matt. 25-1-46 The Vine 5:00 pm						

### Birthdays

Jose Ocampo	3/4
Maria Clark	3/9
Jeremiah Hobbs	3/10
Jeanie Zepp	3/12

Chris McEuen	3/12
Karen Sandrowski	3/18
Matthew Preston	3/18
Mary Marshall	3/30

### Anniversaries

Chris and Susan Hartman	3/3/07
Oscar and Savannah Morales	3/15/14