

Evangelizing our friends and family

Next Month on Sunday March 7th we celebrate our missionaries and our partnership with them in sharing the gospel throughout the world. We should be active throughout the year in our partnership with our missionaries but what is our responsibility to our friends and family?

At some point, every Christian has had a family member, a friend, co-worker, or acquaintance who is not a Christian. Sharing the gospel with others can be difficult, and it can become even more difficult when it involves someone with whom we have close emotional ties. The Bible tells us that some people will be offended at the gospel (Luke 12:51-53). However, we are commanded to share the gospel, and there is no excuse for not doing so (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15).

So, how can we evangelize our family members, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances? The most important thing we can do is pray for. Pray that God would change their hearts and open their eyes to the truth of the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:4). Pray that God would convince them of His love for them and their need for salvation through Jesus Christ (John 3:16). Pray for wisdom as to how to best minister to them (James 1:5).

We must be willing and bold in our actual sharing of the gospel. Proclaim the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to your friends and family (Romans 10:9-10). Always be prepared to speak of your faith (1 Peter 3:15), doing so with gentleness and respect. There is no substitute for personally sharing the gospel: "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ" (Romans 10:17).

In addition to praying and sharing our faith, we must also live godly Christian lives in front of our friends and family members so they can see the change God has made in us (Peter 3:1-2). Ultimately, we must leave the salvation of our loved ones up to God. It is God's power and grace that saves people, not our efforts. The best we can do is pray for them, witness to them, and live the Christian life in front of them. It is God who gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Submitted by: Gene Hammond

December 31, 2020 Financial Report ¹

General Fund Checking	\$ 36,858.24
Designated Fund Checking	\$ 104,331.49
PRESCHOOL Checking	\$ 45,671.76
PRESCHOOL MM	\$ 5,010.06
 OPERATING INCOME TOTAL*	 \$ unavailable
<u>OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL*</u>	<u>\$ unavailable</u>
OPERATING BALANCE (+ or -)	\$ unavailable
 Deacon's Fund	 \$ 2,891.85

¹ Amounts include CARE Act SBA loan for PPP. Financial reports were not available at time of printing.

*Amounts are from QuickBooks check register 12/31/2020

A complete copy of the 2021 Operating Budget is available upon request from the Church Office.

SESSION DIGEST



The Session met for a stated meeting on December 22, 2020. Below are items that were discussed, and the actions taken.

1. Distributed new Covenant Partner zones and agreed to a process where Elders notify Pastor Eric when our Covenant Partners have a need for pastoral care.
2. Unanimously approved a 2021 budget with a funding deficit of 8.3% (or \$27,000). The Elders expressed confidence in the work that God is doing at our church and that we are excited to see how He will provide for His work at New Creation Family Church. We believe God will provide as our church continues to grow. Our plan to be good stewards of God's resources includes closely monitoring our expenses and giving in early 2021 and make adjustments if needed. We also agreed to communicate the deficit funding to the congregation so that those who are able and led to increase their giving are made aware of the need.
3. Agreed to delay January Communion until January 10, 2021 (second Sunday in January)

Submitted by John Odom, Clerk of the Session

SESSION MEMBERS AND CLASS

2021 Sergio Gonzalez	2022 John Odom	2022 Alan Kilinski	2023 Pat Mancini
2021 Dave Pilkington	2022 Mac Boyd	2023 Gene Hammond	2023 Jan Hinkle

**Please Remember *The Dollars For*
Deacons Offering Envelopes in the Sanctuary.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

YOU Breakfast With Jesus (Bible Study) Teacher: Larry Oline at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us to study God's Word. We are studying the book of Nehemiah. Class ends at 9:45am.

The Deacon's Developments

The Deacons serve Christ by serving others for His glory and purpose

*"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23*

Share Christ's LOVE with others!! **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!**

God loves you and so do we!!

Mary Davis (430-9779)
Nancy Nottoli (215-2164)

Michelle Loy (408-0485)
Terry Odom (510-8224)

Barb Hendry (204-5216)
Alma Oline (415-4477)



The Worship Team is looking for more tech volunteers to assist with the A/V tech efforts during the service. Please pass the word and pray for this need. If you have specific questions, you may speak with Norm Loy or write your questions on the Connect Card. Thanks.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Please join us each Thursday at 7pm on Zoom for our weekly New Creation Family Church prayer meeting hosted by Larry & Alma Oline. Call the church office for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We try to stay on top of prayer requests and concerns. If you know of someone in our church family who is ill or needing prayer, please let the office know. Even if the office is closed you can still leave a voice mail or email Threse.Hammond@PasadenaPC.com. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can always contact your Zone Deacon or Elder.

BETTER: A STUDY OF HEBREWS

Jesus is better. We began this study Wednesday, January 13. In this 10-session, verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God “provided something better for us” in the person of Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 11:40).

Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone.

Sign up on the Connect Card and come Facilitator, Kate McEwan on Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



SONRISE ECLC

In the preschool, we are learning all about friendship and loving each other. The Bible says "A friend loves at all times!" That can be a big concept for preschoolers to grasp. We are learning that we do our best to get along with our friends even when we do not agree. We are also focusing in a big way on being kind to each other and people in our community. We are encouraging families to do acts of service for others, things like giving flowers to our neighbors, the pediatrician's office that our children go to, baking cookies for the fire department etc. We hope that we can shift the atmosphere by going out of our way to be kind.

We are also registering for our new school year. If you know a family with preschool age children, let them know about Sonrise! We offer quality care for children ages 2 to 4 during the hours of 8 to 4. We always appreciate referrals.

Shirley McLeod, Director

Praise Kids Club

Praise Kids will return soon after a hiatus. Listen for the return date. We will meet on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

For kids 3 years and older

Bible stories and verses

Crafts

Games

Fun

Questions? Call the church office (727) 345-0148
and leave a message for Laurie Smith

"Diving Deeper"

Pastor Gary Hofmeyer and Mike Grace will lead "Diving Deeper", a conversation based on the Sunday sermon, in the Theater (Room 203) on Sundays at 11:20 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. You can call the church office or sign up for either day on the Connect Card for the Sunday sessions or Wednesday afternoon sessions.



Library News



LOVINGLY WRITTEN BOOKS AND MOVIES ARE GREAT TO CURL UP WITH THIS FEBRUARY

Whether we have a cold February or not, you can still curl up with some good books or movies from your church library!

For children

Maybe God Is Like That Too. Award-winning book which tells how a little boy's grandmother helps him see what God is like because he sees ways that God acts through other people.

Fiction

Stone Wall by Beverly Lewis, modern Christian fiction. What do an old stone wall, an Amish horse facility which helps Amish kids who need physical rehabilitation and a woman who is changing her life join in making an interesting tale?

Amish Front Porch Stories by Wanda E. Brunstetter 18 stories about simple faith and wisdom.

DVD

The Forbidden Book The History of the English Bible: Story behind the preservation of the Bible -how it was saved during the Dark Ages. John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, William Tyndale-famous names but how did they bring us The Bible?

Come to the library for a great pick.

Laurie Smith, librarian



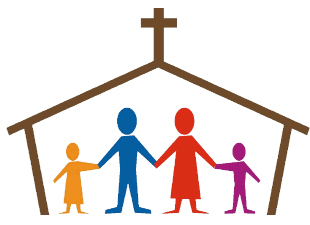
CONTINUE COLLECTING BOXTOPS AS LONG AS YOU CAN, PLEASE

Please, keep on bringing to church the small pink and white "boxtops" logos on grocery and other items' packaging. Put them in the white basket near the hall intersection.




These are collected by schools as a fund-raising tool. Pasadena PC supports Rawlings Elementary with any boxtops given it.

The company is switching over to digital collection but there are still cardboard boxtops with unexpired dates which can aid the schools.

See Laurie Smith if you have questions or see <https://www.boxtops4education.com> Thank you.




FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1 Sonrise Preschool M-F	2 7p AA Closed Meeting	3 3:30p Diving Deeper 5p Praise Band 6:30p Better: A Study in Hebrews—Jerome
7 8a Praise Band Practice 9a Breakfast w/Jesus 10a WORSHIP w/Communion 11:20a Diving Deeper 	8 Sonrise Preschool M-F	9 7p AA Closed Meeting 6:30p Deacon's Meeting 7p Missions Meeting	10 3:30p Diving Deeper 5p Praise Band 6:30p Better: A Study in Hebrews—Jerome
14 Valentines Day 8a Praise Band Practice 9a Breakfast w/Jesus 10a WORSHIP 11:20a Diving Deeper 	15 PRESCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED President's Day 	16 Sonrise Preschool T-F 7p AA Closed Meeting	17 Ash Wednesday 3:30p Diving Deeper 5p Praise Band 6:30p Better: A Study in Hebrews—Jerome
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JANUARY 2021

NEW CREATION FAMILY CHURCH

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old is gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17

	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>per d Practice study of n Wilkin</p>	<p>4 7p Prayer Meeting on Zoom 7p Women's AA</p>	<p>5 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>per d Practice study of n Wilkin</p>	<p>11 10a Koinonia 7p Prayer Meeting on Zoom 7p Women's AA</p>	<p>12 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>13 9a-1p Food Distribution</p> 
<p>Wednesday per d Practice study of n Wilkin</p>	<p>18 7p Prayer Meeting on Zoom 7p Stewardship Meeting 7p Women's AA</p>	<p>19 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>per d Practice study of n Wilkin</p>	<p>25 7p Prayer Meeting on Zoom 7p Women's AA</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>

MISSION & OUTREACH MINISTRY

March 7 is Missions and Faith Promise Sunday

It is good to remember Jesus' words in Matthew 28:18-20: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus emphasized four things in this passage, the first being His power and authority. Take note of Jesus' words: "All authority has been given to *Me*, therefore *you* go." The implication is clear: As we go with His message, we'll have His power. Jesus made this even clearer in Acts 1:8, saying, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me."

This is great comfort in witnessing. In our preaching or personal conversation, we may think we've failed. But the Holy Spirit has a way of using some word or verse, for the *power* isn't in your personality or intellect, or in your skills of persuasion. It's in His Spirit-anointed Word, and His Word doesn't return void.

Having reminded us of His power, Jesus then stated His purpose for the church—to "make disciples of all the nations." The word *disciple* means "a follower, learner, one who adheres to a leader and teacher." We're involved in disciple-making every day on a local level as people watch our lives and see Christ in us. Something as simple as writing a Bible verse in a greeting card or distributing a tract is part of fulfilling the Great Commission.

But notice those words "all nations." It's a global task. Jesus wants us to reach the world, and it takes the church to accomplish this. The main purpose is to make disciples, but the process is by going, baptizing, and teaching.

Jesus ends the Great Commission by assuring us of His presence. As we draw on His power, adopt His purpose, and implement His plan, we'll enjoy His presence: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus tells us that as we are going out to the world, He'll be with us always. If God has called you to be a missionary, don't be afraid to say, "Yes!" Commit to pray earnestly and daily for missionaries as they serve. Discover how your church is involved in global ministries and get involved.

And as you gather week by week in the safe and comfortable community of our own congregation, remember that it's a blessed home, it's a place for rest, of refreshing and rejoicing, and of growth. But the Great Commission isn't an "inside job." We're called to go, and we gather inside the gates only to prepare to venture beyond them for Jesus and His Kingdom.

Missions and Faith Promise Sunday is March 7th. Don't forget to pray about how you can make disciples, pray for our missionaries and make a Faith Promise to support them. Maybe this year to go visit one or more of our missionaries in their mission field. But don't forget that you have a mission field of your own.

From you Missions & Evangelism Team: Pat—Teri—Larry—Dave—Gene

And You!

Food Distribution Ministry:

When we reflect on the Food Distribution Ministry in 2020, the word that comes to mind over and over is Gratitude to the lord.

We thank the lord for His protection of the health of our team in the midst of the pandemic.

We thank God for bringing Eric and Kate to lead and walk this journey with us.

We thank the Holy Spirit for moving Jan's mission to partner with us to provide school supplies, Christmas gifts, and this month, sweatshirts for the children.

We thank God for His provision when the storehouse was almost empty. We picked up 4,600 lbs. of food today at Feeding Tampa Bay !

We thank the lord for sending the Boy Scouts and their parents to help when we were getting weary. And, they are still coming ! :)

We thank the leaders of our Church for being there to support, encourage, and guide us with whatever the need may be.

We thank our incredibly amazing, dedicated, steadfast, loving, faithful, selfless team of volunteers who work so hard day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year . You are the hands and feet of Jesus, a light to all who cross your paths !

We thank you, our Church, for your ongoing prayers and support.

We look forward in 2021 with hearts full of love, gratitude, and humility.

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God everytime I remember you.

Psalms 100:4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise: give thanks to Him and praise His name.

In His Service, Your Food Distribution Team

**Please bring in your plastic grocery bags for our Food Distributions.
Bags can be put in the containers in hallway by patio. Thank you!**

Amanda's Little Library

Amanda Nottoli has built and stocked a library box to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. You may have seen it outside the front entrance of the church. It's red and ready for you to explore.

Amanda's Little Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. It functions on the honor system. You **do not need to share a book in order to take one**. If you take a book or two from Amanda's little library, try to bring some to share, when you can, either through Amanda's little library here at NCFC or another "little library" in our area.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH – FEBRUARY, 2021

Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic which has taken over our country for the past 10 months I just want to say that to keep everyone safe and healthy we will not restart our circle gatherings in our homes until the pandemic is over and it will be safe for all of us to gather again to have bible study and fellowship. I know it's been hard not to be together with our close friends on a monthly basis to have fellowship and study the word but we do want to be safe and not sorry. On the bright side we have a wonderful friend in Jesus who is always by our side and is always encouraging us to love and serve one another as He has taught us to do.

The news of finding a serum to protect us from this virus is encouraging and we know God is in control of this whole situation and we must trust Him in every step that is taken. He is Creator of all things.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND STAY SAFE AND WELL

Pat Watts, Moderator

SUNDAY 10am WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



December 20 44

December 27 24

January 3 39

January 10 58

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 * As a reminder, the Stewardship Committee provides the guidelines below to help you understand
 * how we safely gather for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 A. M. in the sanctuary with your help.
 * Please feel free to talk to a Stewardship Committee member, deacon or elder if you have questions or
 * concerns.
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 * 1. Your preparation can be to take your temperature and bring a mask or face covering. If you are
 * not feeling well – stay at home and watch the live streamed service on our YouTube channel,
 * **@New Creation Family Church, St. Petersburg, FL**
 * 2. The sanctuary and bathrooms will have been prepared with cleaning and extra care/
 * 3. Wear a mask or face covering to protect you and those around you– at least when you are going to
 * your seat and singing (pastor and praise band will not wear masks, and see more guidance below).
 * 4. Every other row of seats is roped off and closed to provide social distancing.
 * 5. Greeters will not be handing out bulletins – announcements will be on the projector screen and
 * bulletins will be emailed to members in advance and also available for pickup at sanctuary
 * entrances.
 * 6. Go to your pew and sit 6’ or more away from the next person in that row unless you live in the
 * same house or regularly meet together.
 * 7. Singing may be similar to coughing so it would be a thoughtful idea to put your mask on while
 * you are singing– you will be able to hear yourself better too 😊. If you are not able to breathe
 * well enough to sing through your mask, please hum or pray the lyrics to the Lord as we worship
 * Him together.
 * 8. When leaving the sanctuary, keep 6’ apart and wear your mask if you have one.
 * 9. We have a live and recorded service online. If you are concerned about coming to church at this
 * time, please join us at home on our YouTube page. Just type in New Creation Family Church, St.
 * Petersburg, FL in the search bar. Please subscribe to our page.
 * 10. Sunday School is underway at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. We will not serve breakfast at this
 * time.
 * 11. Communion occurs with pre-packaged wafer cups.
 * 12. We ask that you social distance as needed on the way to each of the sanctuary doors.
 * 13. GIVE GOD THANKS FOR A SAFE AND WORSHIPFUL SERVICE!
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*If your address or phone number has changed, please let the office know. This includes your cell
 phone number and email address. Many times we are not informed of your new contact
 information and either we in the office are trying to get in touch with you or one of the elders
 or deacons have information to bring to you and cannot contact you due to the wrong
 information. Please drop your new contact information on a slip of paper and place it in the
 offering plate or just call the office with an update. Thank you, The Church Office*

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

PPC'S MISSION STATEMENT: *To proclaim the Eternal Gospel of the Kingdom of God and its King, the Lord Jesus Christ, which is given by grace, received through faith, and lived out in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

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Please remember New Creation Family Church in your prayers, your will and your estate planning.

FEBRUARY

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