

## PARISH PRESS

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#### AM I JONAH?

Steve Ranney, Pastor

For those of you who have been with us in worship as we looked at the Book of Jonah, we discovered that the true message of that book was aimed at Jonah and through him at the people of Israel. (If you missed any of the sermons, pick them up on line at [www.tustinpresbyterian.org](http://www.tustinpresbyterian.org).) God wanted them to see that His desire was for them to be ambassadors of His love to all of the people with whom they came in contact, even their enemies. We also saw that we can use Jonah's relationship with God as a mirror to look at our own relationship with God. The big issue with Jonah was that he was unwilling to offer the love of God to the people of Nineveh, his enemies. This then raises the question for me "with whom am I unwilling to share the love of God?"

As I asked that question of myself, I was confronted with one of my own "Jonah" moments. It happened in early 2015, just before I joined you at TPC. I was in a small group with five other pastors, and we had been together for eight years at that time. One of them, Tom, a man to whom I had felt quite close, was the pastor of a church that was seeking to leave the PCUSA. As they worked to get support among the congregation for this "divorce" from the PCUSA, they published a booklet that outlined the reason why they thought it was necessary for them to make this move. In that booklet, they accused those of us who had chosen to stay in the denomination of not believing in Jesus and many other things that ABSOLUTELY were not true and could be considered slanderous. While this booklet was being written and circulated at his church, Tom had continued to attend our small group meetings. In fact, even after his church had voted to seek to leave the denomination, he emailed us and asked if we thought it was appropriate for him to continue in the small group. This last email really angered me. He had published all sorts of disparaging things about me and sisters and brothers that I loved, and he wanted to act like he had done nothing wrong. I expressed that anger in a conversation with another member of the group when I said, "The thing that really ticks me off is that when he gets to heaven, God is going to forgive him." Like Jonah, I was not willing to offer the love and forgiveness of God to this man who had betrayed and disparaged me. I wanted him to suffer for his sin against me.

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Each day the world in which we live seems to grow more divided. Politics, class, race, color of skin, wealth, being conservative, being liberal, diet, music, type of car you drive and many more, all seem to be a reason to dislike someone. This often leads to wishing harm to come to your enemies, even by one's own hand. (The headlines have been far too full of examples of this.) Like God's call to Jonah, God is calling us to be different from the world around us. We have the chance to offer God's love even to those who wish us ill. I guess I should start with Tom. With whom do you need to start?



**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**  
Communion will be served on  
Sunday, August 6, by Intinction

### SIMPLE GUIDE TO SERMON LISTENING

A simple way to grow through the sermon is to seek to complete the three following statements:

1. One point I heard in the sermon today was....
2. One way I can apply this in my life is....
3. This sermon brought to mind....



### THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Women's Small Group



Ladies, are you looking for an evening of fellowship and study? Please join us on Thursday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Lounge. If you would like more information, please see Martha Connely at the Fellowship Table after the Sunday morning worship services, or you can contact her by telephone at 949-981-8084.

### WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP

The Women's Lunch Group will meet on Wednesday, August 9, at 11:30 a.m., at Rutabegorz, 158 West Main St. in Tustin. If you would like to join the group or get more information, please come to the Fellowship Table in the patio after the Sunday morning worship services.



### FIRST THURSDAY IS ON HOLIDAY

The group is taking a break for June, July and August, so plan to join us for the next meeting on September 7. Call the church office at 714-544-7070 by Tuesday, September 5, to let us know that you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



### THIRD MONDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS ON HOLIDAY

The Third Monday Women's Bible Study Group won't be held in June, July or August. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m. If you would like more information, contact Barbara Murphy by email at [murphybandj@aol.com](mailto:murphybandj@aol.com).



### THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS IS ON SUMMER BREAK

The Tuesday Morning Bible Class is taking a break in July and August. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12. We hope to see you there!

### MEN'S RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual TPC Men's Retreat will be held this year on Saturday, September 9, and Sunday morning, September 10, at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center next to Irvine Regional Park.



We're extremely fortunate, thanks to an introduction by Tom Erickson, to have Dr. Frederick Dale Bruner as our leader this year. Dale is considered by many fellow scholars to be one of the world's preeminent biblical scholars and teachers. He earned his Master's of Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary and his Th.D. at the University of Hamburg in Germany. Dale has written many books including "A Theology of the Holy Spirit."

Dale's topic will be "The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John." There will be four sessions on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m., and the last session will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, followed by a worship service. A leader of this stature deserves a very good turnout, and we thus encourage all TPC men to make every effort to attend.

**A sign-up sheet will be available at the Fellowship Table in the patio after the Sunday morning worship services.**

### END OF SUMMER PICNIC



The Fellowship Committee is making plans for the End of Summer Picnic for Sunday, August 27. Members of the committee will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs in the patio. To go with our hamburgers and hot dogs, we need salads, side dishes and desserts. Save the date! Please stop by the Fellowship Table in the patio after the Sunday morning worship services to sign up for the dish you plan to bring to share.

Please know that you don't have to bring something to enjoy the BBQ, but we do need to know how many people to plan for, so stop by the Fellowship Table and sign up! Come and enjoy lots of yummy food and good conversation at the End of Summer Picnic.

### INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITIES

For a once in a lifetime trip, you may want to consider an interfaith trip to Egypt, Jordan, and Israel from March 11 – March 25, 2018. If you are interested in the trip, please contact Bill Shane by email at [houseofworshiptour@gmail.com](mailto:houseofworshiptour@gmail.com) or by telephone at 949-677-6728.

### KASS KASSOUNI'S BOOK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED!

The Rev. Dr. V."Kass" Kassouni's new book titled *POINTS OF LIFE, A Memoir and More* has now been published. Our TPC family and friends are invited to stay after the worship service on Sunday, August 6, in a gathering in the Fellowship Hall and receive an autographed gift copy of the book. It is his way of saying "Thank you!" for many years of support rendered to him and Mrs. Kassouni during his ministry here. The book contains a significant portion covering those years, beginning back in 1985.

### HUNGER TABLE

On the fourth Sunday of each month we receive donations of non-perishable food items. These items benefit three organizations in the community on a rotating basis. These organizations are Family Promise, the Santa Ana First Presbyterian Church Hispanic Ministry and L'Arche Wavecrest. The donations received on August 27 will go to Family Promise. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

We will continue taking sign-ups for the Chancel Flowers in August. **We still have September 17 available.** This year the florist is charging us \$54 for each arrangement. Please consider this a donation; the Deacons will deliver the arrangement to one of our homebound members on Tuesdays. If you prefer, you may pick them up after the TTPC worship service at about 3:00 p.m. on Sundays or by advance arrangement from the church office on Tuesdays. If you would like to sign up, please contact the church office by telephone at 714-544-7070.



### DIRECTORY INFORMATION NEEDED

We are preparing for an update to the TPC directory, and we want to be sure that we have the most current information for all members of the TPC family. If your address, telephone number, or e-mail address has changed in the past year, please contact the church office at 714-544-7070 or at [receptionist@tustinpresbyterian.org](mailto:receptionist@tustinpresbyterian.org) to give us the correct information. If you would like to have different telephone numbers and email addresses listed in the directory for each household member, please let the church office know. We will try to accommodate such requests.



### THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Fellowship Committee is looking for Greeters for Sunday mornings. The Greeter is usually the first person people meet when they come to Worship. Greeters arrive about 9:00 a.m. to greet at the front door. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome people — visitors and members — to worship at TPC! Please stop by the Fellowship Committee Table in the patio after the Sunday morning worship services to sign up to be a Greeter.



Also, if you would like to share your favorite cookie recipes with the congregation on Sunday mornings, please come to the Fellowship Table after the Sunday morning worship services to sign up. We're looking forward to tasting your yummy cookies!

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### Flamingo Flocking!

Thank you so much for all your support with the Flamingo Flocking! The Costa Rica Team is so close to meeting their goal. We had fun and hope you also had fun too in this FUNdraiser.

### Six Flags

The youth will be attending Six Flags Magic Mountain on Tuesday, August 8. There are still spots available if you have a middle school or high school student interested in going. Please contact Ashley after the Sunday morning worship services if you would like to get more information.

### Sierra Service Project

Members of the high school youth group are off to Tsaille, Arizona, to participate in a mission project on the Navajo reservation. The students will be doing a construction project along with other churches and organizations. Please pray for them as they have decided they would rather serve others than go to the traditional summer camp.



### SCRIP NEWS

With summer upon us, please buy scrip for your vacation plans:

- Too hot to cook? Buy scrip for some of these restaurants: Baja Fresh, Black Angus, Boston Market, California Pizza Kitchen, Carl's Jr., Chili's, Chipotle, Claim Jumper, Del Taco, Denny's, Lucille's, El Pollo Loco, Hof's Hut, Hometown Buffett, IHOP, Mimi's Cafe, Olive Garden, Outback, Subway, Panera Bread, Quizno's, P.F. Chang's, Red Lobster, TGI Friday's and Wendy's.
- Going on a road trip? Don't forget that we have Arco, Chevron and Shell cards for sale.
- Working on home improvement projects? Stop by for Home Depot, Lowes, Amazon or Target gift cards.
- Going to a wedding? Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's, Nordstrom, Kohl's, Container Store, and Target make ideal wedding presents.
- Need a refreshing break or a treat? Try an iced coffee from Starbucks or some Dunkin Donuts.

Every time you buy Scrip, you benefit in two ways: You receive the full face value of the gift certificates, and you contribute a percentage of the total to the TPC Music Program. The percentages range from 1.5% to 20%, and every little bit helps.

So stop by the Scrip Table and support the TPC Music Program. If you want to check what other Scrip is available, we'll have a list there, or you can log on to [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Let Janette Ditekowsky know if there are other gift cards we can stock for you.

### NEW LOCAL MISSION PROJECT

The Mission Committee is starting a new local mission. We are planning on providing school supplies to teachers at schools in the Tustin area. We would adopt a school and arrange to provide supplies to all the teachers at least once and possibly twice a year. This mission would start small doing only one school, but it has the possibility to grow and support many schools. Obtaining the products and packing and delivering them to the school could involve many in the congregation from youth to seniors. The Mission Committee stands ready to support this project with money and manpower. We are looking for a leader to head up this mission as we have with Family Promise. Interested in helping or leading? Please contact a member of the Mission Committee or the moderator, Bill Groves.

## FEEDBACK

Your church leaders are eager to hear from you. Give us your feedback, questions, and suggestions by using the Suggestion Box on the table in the patio where the juice is served after the worship service. During the week, the suggestion box is in the church office. If you want a response, please include your contact information.



## THANK YOU TPC

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and good wishes this past month. A special thank you to the Deacons for their loving care and wonderful meals. We are truly blessed by your support.

— Sandi and Ken Lovejoy

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

Our TPC family extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jeanne Mulligan. Jeanne passed away on Friday, July 22. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 28, at TPC. We ask the members of the TPC family to remember Jeanne and her family in their prayers.

Also, a memorial service for Doris Buswell was held on Friday, July 14, in Sioux Falls, SD. Doris passed away on Monday, March 20. If you would like to mail a compassion card to her daughter Tracy Sheeley, please send it to: 112 W. 17th St., Apt. 15, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Finally, our TPC family extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jim Wilhelm, a former member of TPC. Jim passed away on Monday, May 29. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 1, at Laguna Beach Presbyterian Church. We ask the members of the TPC family to remember Jim and his family in their prayers.

## COMPASSION

Our TPC family extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of the Rev. Herbert Christ, who passed away on Tuesday, July 11. We ask the members of the TPC family to remember Herbert and his family in their prayers.

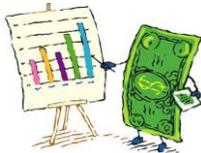
Also, our TPC family extends heartfelt sympathy to John Greek in the loss of his father, John Joseph (Jack) Greek. Jack passed away on Tuesday, July 11. We ask the members of the TPC family to remember Jack and his family in their prayers.

Finally, our family extends heartfelt sympathy to Pete Scholten in the loss of his sister-in-law, Bea Otten. Bea passed away on Tuesday, July 18. We ask the members of the TPC family to remember Bea and her family in their prayers.

## SESSION SUMMARY

The following are the significant items from the recent Session meeting:

- Approved an overnight event in the Youth Lounge on July 29 for the youth and leadership for the youth mission trip.
- Approved potential drivers for youth events.
- Approved the scheduling of the 2017 Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 3, from 10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Approved Patricia Stout as a member of the Finance Committee for the remainder of 2017.
- Approved the expenditure of funds to replace the Fellowship Hall, Church Office, and Church Kitchen roofs and to perform preventative maintenance work on the Christian Education Building and Sanctuary roofs.
- Approved the serving of communion at the men’s retreat on Sunday, September 10.
- Elected Barbara Murphy as the third commissioner from TPC to the meeting of The Presbytery of Los Ranchos on September 28.
- Approved a presentation on Sunday, August 6, following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall, by the Rev. Dr. Kass Kassouni of the memoir he has written about his life that has recently been published.



### FINANCE REPORT – OPERATIONS ACCOUNT

Period: January 1 – June 30, 2017

Income: **\$316,905.39** Expenses: **\$293,938.22**

Surplus as of June 30, 2017: \$22,967.17

Your gifts serve God’s work. Thank you for your continued support!

### TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....	The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney	Ext 103
Organist .....	Dr. Dennis Siebenaler	
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Director of Children’s Ministries .....	Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger	Ext 104
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# August 2017 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><u>TPC OFFICE HOURS</u></b></p> <p>Mondays: Office Closed                      Tuesdays – Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.                      Fridays: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Telephone: 714-544-7070                      Email: info@tustinpresbyterian.org</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TTPC Bible Study, C103 4:30 PM — Stewardship Comm., O 7:00 PM — AA, C205 7:30 PM — Worship Comm., O</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:00 AM — Men's Group, Spires</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TTPC Thursday Fellowship, FH 6:30 PM — Thursday Women's Small Group, FL 7:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 AM — Men's Group, The Lost Bean 6:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:30 AM — AA, C205 10:00 AM — TTPC Choir, C103 2:00 PM — Tyler Wolsten Recital, S</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:30 AM — Summer Choir Warm-up 9:30 AM — Sunday School 9:30 AM — Worship &amp; Communion 1:30 PM — TTPC Worship 2:45 PM — TTPC Fellowship Time 3:30 PM — TTPC Sunday School</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:00 PM — Mission Comm., FL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TTPC Bible Study, C103 7:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 AM — Men's Group, Spires 11:30 AM — Women's Lunch Group, Rutabegorz 6:00 PM — TPC Youth Summer Splash, Home of the Webbs 7:00 PM — Fellowship Comm., O</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TTPC Thursday Fellowship, FH 7:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 AM — Men's Group, The Lost Bean 6:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 AM — AA, C205 10:00 AM — TTPC Choir, C103</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:45 AM — Quartet Warm-up 9:00 AM — Homeless Aid Collection 9:30 AM — Sunday School 9:30 AM — Worship 1:30 PM — TTPC Worship 2:45 PM — TTPC Fellowship Time 3:30 PM — TTPC Sunday School</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00 PM — Christian Education Comm., O</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TTPC Bible Study, C103 7:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 AM — Men's Group, Spires 6:00 PM — TPC Youth Summer Splash, Home of Bernie &amp; Sally Jeltema</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TPC Bridge Group, FL 10:00 AM — TTPC Thursday Fellowship, FH 7:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 AM — Men's Group, The Lost Bean 6:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30 AM — AA, C205 10:00 AM — TTPC Choir, C103</p>
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<p><b>27</b></p> <p>8:45 AM — Quartet Warm-up 9:00 AM — Hunger Table 9:30 AM — Sunday School 9:30 AM — Worship 1:30 PM — TTPC Worship 2:45 PM — TTPC Fellowship Time 3:30 PM — TTPC Sunday School</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TTPC Bible Study, C103 7:00 PM — AA, C205</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:00 AM — Men's Group, Spires</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>10:00 AM — TTPC Thursday Fellowship, FH 7:00 PM — AA, C205</p>		

BR: Bride's Room; CE: Christian Education Building; CR: Choir Room; FH: Fellowship Hall; FL: Fireside Lounge  
 GR: Groom's Room; K: Kitchen; L: Library; MPR: Multi-Purpose Room; O: Office; P: Patio; PL: Parking Lot; S: Sanctuary  
 SR: Scout Room; TCP: Tustin Community Preschool; TTPC: Tustin Taiwanese Presbyterian Church; YL: Youth Lounge