

WELCOME

Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.

FHNew - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church. Or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

FHBaptism - One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

ONGOING/UPCOMING

- **MomCo** - [Foothills MomCo - Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **Advent Devotional Series** – Focus on the true meaning of Christmas -- text “fhadvent2024” to 97000 to sign up and join us on this meaningful journey
- **Pour Over w/ the Pastor** – TODAY - Dec 15 – New to Foothills? Come, ask questions, get connected **during 2nd service**. Coffee & Childcare provided
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** 2:00, 3:30, 5:00 pm (on campus & online)

INTRODUCTION: Interim Pastor Trent Renner

- **Ministry Insight Tool (survey closes December 16)** - check your email or contact the Church Office (208-853-0011)

- Prayer Challenge - Ephesians 1:15-19 -- Set an alarm to PRAY @ 1:15 pm every WEDNESDAY

TODAY'S MESSAGE: A WORLD in a Manger

Christmas messages...

- A WORD in a manger
- A WORLD in a manger
- A WORK in a manger
- A WAY in a manger

The secular world is not inspired by watching Christians living good lives. I think the secular, unchurched population could be inspired by Christians who are willing to lay down the lives.

I don't mean dramatic martyrdom (although that might work). I mean...**dying to self ... serving others**, even at the cost of self. This often is best demonstrated by small acts of kindness and a mentality of humility.

This should be no surprise to followers of Jesus, for **it is the very thing that Jesus did for all of us...**and even more emphatically...**for all the WORLD!**

What would you say is the most famous Bible verse?

"For God so loved the WORLD that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

"The angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" He said. "I bring your good news that will bring joy to ALL the people." Luke 2:10 (NLT)

"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the WORLD!" John 1:29 (NLT)

"God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the WORLD so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." 1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

So, if God so loved the WORLD...we should clarify who that includes...

- Me and you
- Republicans and Democrats (LOL)
- Terrorists and school shooters
- Californians (LOL)
- Child Abusers

Do not forget that Hell will be full of people whom God loves.

So now what... Would you agree that TIME TELLS ALL THINGS?

I believe that Time Tells All Things...and if that is the case, then knowing what Jesus is doing RIGHT NOW would truly reveal how He feels about us

What does the Bible say Jesus is doing RIGHT NOW?

- **He is seated at the right hand of His Father**

“For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at GOD’s RIGHT HAND. There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.” Hebrews 10:10-14 (NLT)

- **He is interceding for us**

“But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to INTERCEDE with God on their behalf.” Hebrews 7:24-25 (NLT)

- **He is advocating for us...**

“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an ADVOCATE who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.” 1 John 2:1-6 (NLT)

- **He is preparing a place for us...**

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.” John 14:1-4 (NLT)

Seated at the Right Hand of the Father

- Interceding
- Advocating
- Preparing!

So, what should I be doing?

“Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct. Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.”

Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.” **Galatians 6:4-10 (NLT)**

In that passage I saw some directions...

- Pay Attention
- Be responsible for yourself
- Don’t be misled
- Live to please the Spirit
- Do good

”And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”
Romans 12:1-2

The following two actions motivate me to live strong for Jesus for the rest of my life.

1. Pause and think about what I deserve
2. Recognize what Jesus did for me

AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST

“The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.” **Psalms 103:8-12 (NLT)**

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