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Covenant & Kingdom

by Pastor Bill Azbell

As I write this article it's January, a good time to look back at 2010, and forward to the remaining months of 2011. I stopped writing down my New Year's resolutions years ago, as they are pretty much the same every year. A mainstay of my ongoing goals is to spend more time in personal study of the Bible. I have a feeling this may be one of your resolutions from time to time. Have you ever started a new year determined to read the Bible cover to cover? You open to Genesis 1:1 and make good progress through Exodus, but then something happens when you hit the book of Leviticus. It's as if you drive your Toyota Corolla straight into the mudflats. You get bogged down and stranded somewhere in the regulations about mildew in chapter 13!

It's easy to get stuck in the many details of the Bible and lose sight of the big picture. There is, indeed, a storyline which runs through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. It's a story with two foundational themes: Covenant and Kingdom.

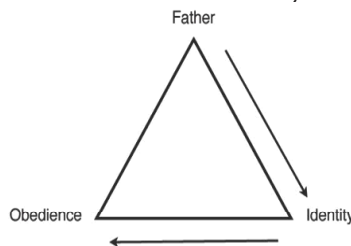
We've started a sermon series called, appropriately, *Covenant and Kingdom*.¹ In this series we'll be looking at some of the Bible's main narratives and characters through these two lenses.

Briefly, the idea of Covenant describes our relationship with God and then our relationship with others. There are three main elements of Biblical Covenant.²

1. **The Fatherhood of God** – God is our creator and our loving Father.

2. **Identity** – This flows naturally from our relationship with God. Our identity comes from being in the family of God. We are His beloved children which brings great security and confidence.

3. **Obedience** – Obedience becomes not as a “have-to” but a “get-to,” as we live in a way which is consistent with our identity.

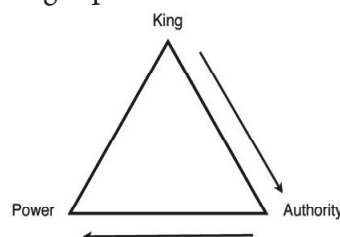


The other theme is Kingdom. Kingdom describes our responsibility as followers of Jesus. We have the responsibility of representing God's Kingdom to our broken world. There are also three important components to this theme.³

1. **The King** – God is the almighty ruler of heaven and earth, and He wants to extend his reign to all people.

2. **Authority** – God gives his people authority to represent His Kingship on the earth.

3. **Power** – God has unlimited power, but He chooses to express it through people who have yielded to His Kingship.



These concepts will be valuable tools for us to read and understand the Bible. My prayer is that we will together experience God's big story in a fresh way in 2011, and that this will impact our individual stories and our church story in profound ways. I pray that we as a community of believers will embrace God's Word in ever deeper ways, that we might hear and respond to God's leading voice in our everyday lives. †

¹This preaching series is based on the book *Covenant and Kingdom* [Mike Breen, *Covenant and Kingdom: The DNA of the Bible* (Pawley's Island, SC: 3DM, 2010)].

²Ibid. and Dr. R. Kevin Murphy, Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, Walnut Creek, CA

³Ibid.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation 2011

The Congregational Care Department invites all members of FPCC to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation - February 19, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your questions, input and enthusiasm for the Lord and the work this Church Family is doing in his name. We'll take a close look at the Church in 2010 and you'll hear about plans for 2011. Save the date and plan to attend. Sign-ups began January 30. Coffee and pastries will be served.

Your copy of the 2010 Annual Report will be available Sunday, February 13. †



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Leadership Retreat

From January 14 to 16, elders, deacons, and staff gathered at San Damiano Retreat Center for their leadership retreat. They discussed how we can be a church which more deeply engages in relationships in our communities and neighborhoods. Much time was spent in conversation and prayer, listening for God's leading voice. Leaders committed to helping each other grow in relationship with God, each other, and the greater community, so that they might become the leaders God is calling them to be at FPCC and beyond.



Photo: Courtesy of Dennis Horgan

The Session 2011 The Rev. Bill Azbell—Moderator David Stearns—Clerk of Session

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3	Dave and Mary Ehmke
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9	Norma Hess
10	Charmaine Ferrera
11	Diana Stearns
12	Valerie Gardner
13	Millie Speck
14	Nancy Ome
15	Jodie Beadleston
16	Frances Chandler
17	Frank and Linda Fribley
18	Bill Nelson
19	Bev McHale
20	Bill & Emily Selb
21	Anna Belle Horgan

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Joseph Goodman/Lead Custodian • Robert Webster/Night Watchman

Welcome New Members!

Six people joined us as members on November 17, 2010 and they were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, Dec. 5. Please continue to extend your warm welcome to them! Here are short biographies they want to share with you!



Patty & Eric Bromell

Eric Bromell

"I was born in Stockton, Calif. I have lived in Concord for over 30 years. I am married to a wonderful wife, Patty. We have two children and four grandchildren (with one on the way!). I am semi-retired after 30 years in the restaurant business. I served in the Air Force and I am a proud Vietnam Veteran. My hobby is golf."

Patty Bromell

"I was born and raised in San Francisco and moved to Concord in 1966. I am a mother of two great kids, Lisa and Brian and have four grandchildren. Our fifth grandchild will be born in January. I retired after 30 years working for a Trust Fund. I am currently spending my days with my 3-year-old granddaughter and seeing the world through her eyes. What a delight!"

Two residents of the Heritage joined us...



LaVerne Herren & Jo Kitchen

LaVerne Herren

"In 1969 I had an experience of awakening from unbelief in God, to a very strong belief. Many things caused this awakening which I can document,

but the Holy Spirit was the One directing the events. On that day, I said 'God is! What must I do?' It took me about a year of intense Bible Study to discover Jesus and to enter into his rest. But that was not the end of the study. It has been 41 years and I'm still studying, trying to choose words correctly to tell others about Jesus."

Josephine (Jo) Kitchen

"I was born in Pitcairn, Pennsylvania which is near Pittsburgh. I've gone to Sunday School as a small child and have gone to church youth groups and camp meetings all my life. My father saw to it that all of his seven children went to Sunday School with two pennies in our hands in the 1940's. We walked one and a half miles to Sunday School and back home.

I had six children: three girls and then three boys. I found out very early in life you never out-give God. He is a real part of our everyday lives.

I am a senior citizen enjoying every day God gives me. He (God) has been more than is possible to tell to me."



Helen & Ben Yeraka

Helen Yeraka

"I was born in Minnesota. Lived in a small village located on a lake. Learned to swim at an early age and spent the summer days in the lake. Many happy and some scary memories. Although we did not have a church, a visiting minister would come from time to time and stayed at our house. We had Vacation Bible School, and a

Bible Study once a week. After my two brothers went into the service in 1942, I moved to California with my parents in 1943. Graduated from Balboa High School in San Francisco. Married in SF, lived in Long Beach for 4 years. My daughter and son were born there. Had eight grandchildren and even nine great-grandchildren. Moved back to the Bay Area, worked for an electronics company for 33 years. Moved to Merced to be near my son, as my husband had taken disability retirement. After he passed on, I started playing bridge again. That is how I met Ben, at a bridge tournament. We were married on January 9, 1999. We are enjoying a very happy life: church, bridge and traveling keep us busy. Our lives are Christ-centered and it is good!"

Ben Yeraka

"I was born in Istanbul, Turkey. Employed by The United States Air Force as a Technical Adviser, then migrated to Australia. Got my degree in Civil/Structural Engineering. I have two children, both U.C. Berkeley graduates. After living there for fourteen years, engineering brought me to San Francisco in 1974 and I am still here. Eighteen years after my divorce, I married Helen in 1999 in Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church and we enjoy life together. Now we are retired, enjoy studying Biblical topics, playing cards and traveling. Attended Greek Orthodox Church. Interested in religions, I became convinced and accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. Baptized in WCPC in 1998. Every day we are learning more and more about Christ and what he is standing for. In WCPC, I became a deacon. Led Bible classes and one of the three groups called 'The Voyagers.' We were pot-lucking and inviting speakers who would bring interesting subjects."†

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'" —Genesis 1:26

2011 Initial Offering

The *initial offering* envelope in the front of your 2011 offering envelope packet is provided for a special annual offering. Your gift of \$28 per church member in your household will offset the Presbytery per capita assessment. This \$28 per member includes \$16.33 for the Presbytery, \$5.17 for the Synod, and \$6.50 for the General Assembly. If you don't use FPCC offering envelopes, please indicate "Initial Offering" on your check memo line. Thank you for considering this special annual gift. †

Mission Sewing Update

Mission Sewing Circle would like to report on their wonderful year of making quilts, lap robes, and baby blankets. A group of six women donated 27 quilts for the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond. These were happily received by the staff at BARM. They donated the lap robes to convalescent hospitals and the Veteran's Administration, and the baby things to the Bay Area Crisis Center, and the County Hospital.

You are encouraged to join this group and will experience a happy day that will make the difference in someone's life. The group meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich for lunch. All materials are provided and no experience is needed. You can learn on the job! †

Knit Together in Love Resumes!

The *Knit Together in Love* resumes its Monday morning meeting on February 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Kathleen Burton (682-4926) for information. †

YoungLives at FPCC

Young Life has the privilege of extending Jesus Christ's love to kids as they are, where they are. For high school and middle school girls who are expecting or are raising a child on their own, that love takes the form of a program called *YoungLives*.

Treating each mom and her child or children with unconditional love and respect, *YoungLives* offers teen moms relief from the isolation and struggle of their daily lives and hope for the future. *YoungLives* mentors provide friendship, parenting advice and help meeting the practical demands of raising a child. At *YoungLives* club and camp, moms get to socialize and have fun while their babies get the best possible care.

Mentors

YoungLives teams up with mature Christian women to provide teen girls with timely encouragement, guidance and ongoing support. These caring women model Jesus Christ's love by investing time and walking alongside them through their life situations.

YoungLives Camp

Teen moms can attend a *YoungLives* camp with their children at one of Young Life's camps. Set in



beautiful surroundings and packed with adventure, young moms are given the opportunity to experience all the fun their peers do. From the pool and zip line to the ropes course and the pamper pole, there is no shortage of excitement. During camp, the young women get a break from their everyday schedules — thanks to childcare volunteers who look after their children. Teen moms get the chance to relax, play and learn about God and his plan for their lives.

YoungLives Club and Other Activities

While teen moms are welcome at any Young Life activity, *YoungLives* is specifically tailored for them. Once a month, *YoungLives* club provides a place for teen moms to come together to have fun, build friendships and hear a message about real life and God's love. Food, activities, music and childcare are a part of every club meeting.

This winter at First Presbyterian Church Concord on Feb 7, Club will be held for the new *YoungLives* ministry in Concord. On the first Monday of the month from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., our campus will be used to share dinner, provide childcare, and run Club for Teen mom's and their kids. The ministry is praying to start something for young fathers as we get going. This young ministry can use all the prayer it can get to provide the care and love of God in all that it does with these *YoungLives*. Please pray for relationships to begin between the volunteers and the young mothers. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact **Judith Snider** (228-5029). †

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February Birthdays



- 1 Midge Rider
- 2 Beth Byrne
Moe Rodriguez, Jr.
- 3 Charlotte DeWitt
Charmaine Ferrera
- 4 Florentino Sagum
- 5 Betty Jean Myers
- 6 James Coleman
Eric Hansen
Linda Phillips
- 9 Gilberto Garcia
- 10 Lydia Hawkins
- 12 Kathleen Hartwick
Jon Myers
- 15 Janet Beck
- 16 Heath Burton
- 20 Gary Chin
- 21 Anna Conner
Cher Stearns
Helen Yeraka
- 23 David Anderson
Jeanette Ray
Melissa Weller
- 25 Kylenn Sloan
Sally Wilkinson
- 26 Ellen Hague
Susan Lawson
- 27 C. Wayne Strongman
- 28 Kathleen Burton
Karen Jones

Family News

Thanking you:

☛ **Moe and Reina Rodriguez** thank you for your prayers. Reina was able to go back to work!

☛ **Ann Graybehl** writes, "Thank you for your outpouring of faithful prayers, encouragement, cards, letters and words of support during Rawley's sudden and relatively brief illness. We were overwhelmed by your love and kindness and appreciated so much all the efforts that went into his beautiful 'Celebration of Life' service and reception that followed. Great is Your Faithfulness!"

March Birthdays



- 4 Marian Boston
- 5 Gail Carlston
Bob Peer
Ed Stevenson
Stu Williams
- 7 Ray Helfer
Virginia Mastne
- 8 Ruth Machado
- 11 Joanne Myers
Don Sukk
- 14 Buck Eklund
- 15 Sydney Kehrlein
- 16 William DeWitt
Scott Thomas
- 18 Laurie Koester
- 20 Skip Brey
Susan Chan
Mary Grant
- 21 Norman Firkins
Clarita McCollum
- 22 Ken Gardner
- 23 Jerry Burke
John Lowes
Diana Stearns
- 25 Joanna Moore
- 26 Estelle Wiseley
- 28 Isobel Erickson
- 29 Roya Alihemati
- 30 Ginny Schwab

Congratulations:

☛ **Rev. Bill Azbell** was installed as Pastor here at First Presbyterian Church, Concord on Sunday, November 14. For this we celebrate and praise God!

☛ **To Barbara Jennings** on the birth of her second great-grandson, Paul Morris who was born January 3 to parents Jenelle and Jeremy Morris in Spokane, WA.

Grieving:

☛ The family of **Helen Bacon** who passed away December 10 in Washington after a few days in hospice with her family around her. A service is being planned for Sunday, February 20.

☛ The family of **Ed Turk** who passed away December 12. A service is pending.

☛ **Elizabeth McGaw and family and Luella Beck and family** on the passing of their brother, **Ray Dequine** on December 13. Although he lived in Oregon for the last several years, his service was in Auburn on December 29.

☛ **Don Colvin** and family upon the death of **Barbara** on December 30. Her service was Saturday, January 8 here in the Sanctuary.

Welcome home!

☛ **Jon Matthews** (Ann Graybehl) is safely back from a tour of duty in Afghanistan with the Marine Corps.

Moved:

Millie Smith to Bayberry Care Center in December. †

Use Your Talents to Serve Christ

Do you love to paint either on walls or fine detail work? Are you a carpenter and would like to help us be more efficient in our storage? Do you have time to help redecorate and clean up? Or do you have a special talent in the areas of building, art or cleaning that you would like to share? God has given all of us talents or skills but often we do not know how to make good use of them at church. Here's an opportunity at FPCC! Children's Ministries is looking for servants of Christ who have a love of building, art and cleaning. We are hoping to update some items of various types and sizes in our classrooms and in the basement. Please contact **Robin Stearns** (ext. 14) if you can help. †

California Women's Retreat: Feb 25-27

Come take a *cruise* or mini-vacation with the California Women's Retreat, February 25 to 27 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel! The theme is *Anchored in Hope*. You will hear

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"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'" —Genesis 1:26

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Thank you for your contribution.

Submit all news in writing, including your name, phone number and date of submission. Email photos too! Contact the church office with address changes.

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Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Purpose

*Gathered in gratitude,
we are a
God-worshipping,
Christ-trusting, and
Spirit-dependent people
who make, mentor
and mobilize
loving followers of
Jesus Christ.*

*Our aim is to
demonstrate and
proclaim
the grace and truth
of the gospel to
the next generation,
giving them
the opportunity to
encounter God's love
and to live
a new life in Christ.*

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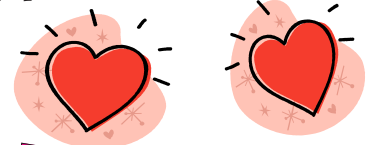
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Parents, do you need a night out? Are the restaurants too crowded on Valentine's Day? Well, we have the solution for you! That's right...back by popular demand...



THE
**9th ANNUAL
PAJAMA PARTY**
Saturday, February 12th
4:30-8:30pm



**PAJAMA PARTY STAFF
NEEDED!**
We need a staff of 15 to cover the various duties of the day ...nursery, dinner, set-up, clean-up, and playing with the kids...contact **Robin Stearns** (ext. 14) to be a part of this fabulous opportunity for families.

Children are invited for a fun-filled evening to enjoy crafts, games, pizza, and a movie, while wearing their pajamas! Sign up your child (birth-5th grade) for a fabulous evening, while you and your Valentine have a night on the town. \$7/child or \$21/family. Fill out the registration form (*Contact Robin to get one!*) and return to church office or Interim Children's Director, **Robin Stearns**, by **February 10**.

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inspiring speakers plus enjoy the fellowship of women from all over the West Coast. For more information, call **Catherine Longoria** (685-1577).