

*Lifting Up Jesus
So All Are Drawn to Follow Him*

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Discover Again the Hope of Easter at The Naz

Easter Weekend Service Times

Saturday, April 3

6:00 p.m., Worship Center

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 a.m., Worship Center

9:45 a.m., Ministry Center, 3rd Floor

Worship with our Youth Band

10:30 a.m., Worship Center

Message from Pastor David Grinder in all services

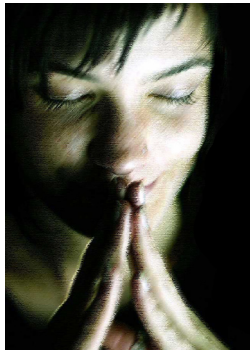
Children's programs during all services - Nursery to Grade 6

Take this wonderful opportunity to invite someone to join you for any of these services, as we continue to reach out to our community with the message and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



First Family News

52 Week Prayer Challenge



Easter, "Resurrection Sunday" is upon us! It is the time of year when people who usually do not gather in fellowship with believers, think about their faith and the purpose of Jesus Christ. This is a great time to invite others to our special services. Jesus prayed for unbelievers in John 17:20. "My prayers are not for them alone (believers). I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message." We can pray for and invite others, knowing that Jesus has prayed for those who would hear our testimony of hope! We can offer hope to the hopeless.

You can go to <http://www.pray52.blogspot.com> to share what God is showing you and how God is answering your prayers. You will encourage others on their journey.



Come Get "Connected"

With Back to Basics starting the week of April 11, we're ready to "launch" 13 LIFE Groups for this series! Many have not yet had a chance to find a B2B LIFE Group.

To make this easy, we've set up a "get connected" event for **Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., Gym**. Other than the presentation in the Chapel by Steven & Vita Kohutka from the Ukraine, this will be the only event that evening following Super Suppers. If you are a Lay Pastor, or a B2B Group Host, and want to add new friends to your group, this is for you! Or, if you attend The NAZ and are not yet in a B2B LIFE Group, this is for YOU. The purpose of The Connection is to "connect" those looking for a group with group leaders. It will be a chance to meet new friends and have a lot of fun.

Just for Back to Basic Hosts and Lay Pastors

By special arrangements with the Willow Creek Association, we have gained permission to show the 6 lessons from last year's GroupLife Simulcast (shown here January 22-23).

The showing is open to all B2B Hosts and any Lay Pastors who could NOT attend in January. The series begins **Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.**, Ministry Center, Room 115. Come get refreshed and renewed for your future ministry! See you there.

Saturday Night Worship

Every Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Worship Center
Invite friends and neighbors who don't currently attend a church.
Casual atmosphere - come as you are.
Complete programs for kids, infants through Grade 6.
Grades 1 - 6: Check in at Children's Booth
Nursery Care for infants - Kindergarten: Main Building, Nursery



Monthly Letter from
Senior Pastor,
David Grinder
[Click here!](#)

Join us Sunday mornings
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Ministries



For a monthly prayer
message from our
Pastor of Prayer,
Gary Morrison,
[click here.](#)

Spring Prayer Retreat

Plan now to spend a morning with God.

Our Spring Prayer Retreat is **Saturday, May 8, 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Ministry Center.** We will have a great morning of fellowship, snacks, and quiet time alone with God. Please register by signing up on the website, calling the office, or leaving a message at the church for Pastor Gary.

Positive Christian Singles Class

Our new PCS Class has begun on Sunday mornings! With Teachers, Dave & Gail Smith: Alex Grillo and Carol Richardson assisting. This class will be a growing ministry to younger singles (+/- 25-55)!

They will begin a new series on relationships this month! If you are a "positive" person, a Christian, and single, this class is for YOU. The class meets at **9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Room 112.** There are refreshments, lots of hot coffee, and always great fellowship! Come help us minister to other PCS folks and make this a "safe place" to learn, to pray, and to grow! See YOU Sunday!



Lay Pastor Training is Coming!

There will be only one Lay Pastor Training Day this spring! Take advantage of this one-time opportunity on **Saturday, May 15.** Mark that day on your calendar TODAY and plan to attend.

If it's been more than 2 years since you attended Lay Pastors' Training, you are encouraged to come to this training day. This event is an excellent time to renew your vision, gather some new ideas, and review our purposes and objectives as a Small Group Ministry.

Lay Pastor Training Day begins at 8:30 a.m., and includes both continental breakfast AND lunch. You will receive nearly \$35 worth of books, materials, and resources. The day is FREE, but you MUST sign up to attend. Sign up any week between now and May 9 for this fun day of inspiration and training.



Freedom Riders Kick Off Sunday, April 11

Meet us at 2:00 p.m., at Wild River Pizza,
2684 N. Pacific Hwy.
Weather pending, we will take a short ride.
Ride will start around 4:00 p.m.
Hope to see you all there.
"COME RIDE WITH US"

Freedom Riders wants to welcome the new chapter of Sport Bikes. If you ride Sport, or if you just like to cruise, come ride with us. If you have any questions, please give Rick Johnson a call at 541-840-9921, or Email him at irideat11000r@yahoo.com



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FrontLiners Sunday School Class

Every Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

Ministry Center, Rooms 115/116

Pastor Larry Knight and Beckie Doud

Beginning Sunday, April 11, we begin a new series "Back to the Basics"

- A study on the characteristics of God

Guatemala Work & Witness Trip

Dates: July 19 - 30, 2010

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Approximate cost: \$1600.00 - \$1800.00

Possible projects: Medical clinic, dental clinic, mini VBS, and construction at two new planted churches.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Steve & Amanda Pettit, 541.951.5586.

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Youth Ministries

Sunday Mornings

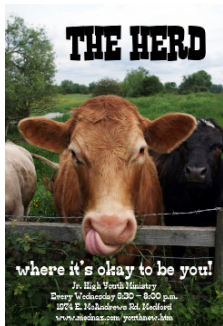
8:30 a.m. - Worship & Fellowship - Ministry Center, 3rd floor

9:00 a.m. - Junior High & Senior High - MC, 3rd floor

For Youth Activities,
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All Youth Basketball

Mondays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., in gym
Everyone is welcome.



Junior High Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ministry Center, 3rd floor

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



Senior High Youth Group

2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursdays

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ministry Center, 3rd floor

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry sign-ups - Sign up online at www.mednaz.com, at Youth Group nights, or call Jonalyn at the church office. Check out our Facebook page!

2010 Summer Camp & Raft Trip Dates

Sign-up online at www.mednaz.com, click on Youth Ministry Applications and Information fliers available at Youth Booth and Ministry Center, 3rd Floor

Junior & Senior High Camp.....August 2 – 6

Twin Rocks Camp, at Rockaway Beach, OR

Early Bird Registration - \$195, due Weds., June 16

Regular Registration - \$220, due Weds., July 14

Junior High Raft Trip.... September 3 – 5

Klamath River, Northern CA

Cost: \$65 - \$25 non-refundable deposit due with sign-up.

Balance due August 25

Senior High Raft Trip..... June 24 – 27

Trinity River, CA

Cost: \$65 - \$25 non-refundable deposit due with sign-up.

Balance due June 13

Kutless in Concert

Thursday, April 22, Worship Center

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with concert at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets available only through ticketmaster.com, and Evangel Bookstore.

Youth Parent Fellowship

Sunday, April 11, 12 noon, Ministry Center, 3rd Floor

Summer is coming! Join us for lunch and get all the info on Summer Camps, Raft Trips, Youth Group Nights, etc.! Please bring a fruit salad or dessert to share. Salad lunch will be served, beverages provided.

Ministry Center Update

Our Purpose: To lift up Jesus so all are drawn to follow Him

Our Plan: To connect with God and others through Worship, Groups, and Ministry

Our Passion: To know God personally and grow in our relationship with Him

Walk through the campus on a Wednesday night and you'll experience the exciting adventure of people growing in Christ. Ministry Center classrooms are full. Lives are being changed through the continual ministry of First Church. Our continued commitment to stewardship and giving through Keep Moving Forward in Faith makes this a reality. We are reaching others and seeing God change lives.

Financial Update: Monthly building payments of \$13,523.19

This month, we had \$1,469.53 applied to the principal from our regular monthly payment, plus we made an additional principal payment of \$2,500.00

Original Loan: \$2,041,624.00 **Current balance of loan:** \$1,891,645.20

Loan balance has been reduced from our original loan by \$149,978.80

Come Walk Where Jesus Walked

Pastor Dave & Kathy Slamp are hosting an "adventure of a lifetime" next year to trace the "Steps of Jesus" in the Holy Land. This will be their 9th tour and is "the best of the best"! There will also be an optional 6-day cruise to Ephesus, Patmos, Athens, Crete (and 3 other Greek Islands). Included in the tour:

- ➔ Baptismal service in the Jordan River
- ➔ Boat ride and worship service on the Sea of Galilee
- ➔ Communion at the Garden Tomb
- ➔ Includes Petra, Jordan
- ➔ Come walk the Via Dolorosa, sit on the Mt. of Beatitudes, pray in the Upper Room, see the place Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and enjoy Christian fellowship.
- ➔ This is a "total package" tour with First Class, five star accommodations, two full meals a day included, all admissions, transportation, transfers, RT from New York, and even luggage handling!

Two identical 45 minute Informational Meetings are scheduled with video of sites we'll visit, full explanation and Q and A time:

➔ **Sunday, April 18, 3:30 p.m., Room #110**

➔ **Sunday, May 2, 12:15 p.m., Chapel**



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Primetime Ministries - for those 55+

Sunday Nights in April - 4:30 p.m. Service - What can we expect when God works through His church? Join us as we explore God's mighty deeds from the Book of Acts. We are taking Sunday evening, April 4, off. Enjoy Easter with your friends and family.

Lunch Bunch - Sunday, April 11, 12:30 p.m. - Check the bulletin for location

Easter in the Park - Saturday, April 3, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Holmes Park, Medford
We will be assisting Jackson County Foster Parents with their annual Easter event for foster kids. To volunteer, please contact Charlie or Norma Kruse, 541-857-6950.

Gospelaire Hymn Night...a tribute to Fanny Crosby

Sunday, May 2, 5:00 p.m., Worship Center

We'll sing the great hymns of our faith and hear from our Gospelaire. Invite all those you know who enjoy wonderful traditional music!

Remember to pick up your 2010 & 2011 Primetime Ministry & Event Book at the Adult Ministry Booth. We have some great outreach & fellowship opportunities coming this year!



Words From Worshippers

Fain & Suzanne Shaffer

The Shaffers have attended First Church for 2 1/2 - 3 years, ever since moving to this area from Florida. The children were at Blossom Hills, so they began their worship experience with us. They love Pastor David Grinder.

When asked about this quote, "This is what love does", and how did they equate this to their worship experience, Suzanne said, "It makes me cry at the end of every service. No matter where you are, it hits home."



Men's Breakfast Sat., April 3, 7:00 a.m. Hometown Buffet

Join Christian men from around the valley for our monthly men's breakfast. Pastor Dave Slamp and Steve Pettit will be sharing this month. Ask a buddy to join you for breakfast.

Women's Ministry Table Rock Hike

All ladies are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 17**, for a hike up Table Rock. Meet at the trail head at 10:00 a.m., or at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the trail. Kids are welcome to come with their moms. Bring lunch and plenty of water. We will cancel if raining. Please sign up at the Adult Ministry Booth. Have questions? Call Jennifer Neer at 541-826-4814. Happy Spring!



Children's Ministries

Sunday Morning Activities

8:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Kidz Church

Saturday Night Activities

Grades 1 - 6, 6:00 p.m.
Check in at Children's Booth
Infants in Nursery, Main Building

Wednesday Night Activities

Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Join us for fun with Pastor Chris and Pastor Paul!

Missionary Books for Kidz - Great Reading

Check them out from the children's area, Ministry Center, 2nd floor. Check for surprises if you read them all!

Kidz Camp T-Shirt Contest

Prize: Full scholarship to camp
Entry deadline: Friday, April 16
Entry forms at Children's Booth and Ministry Center, 2nd Floor Check-in

Kidz Camp Info Parent Meeting

Sunday, April 18, 12 noon, Chapel

This is for all parents interested and/or planning to send their kids to camp! The adult/camper ratio has changed and parental help is needed more than ever!

Vacation Bible School

For kids entering Grades K - 6 (in fall 2010)
June 21 - 24, Monday - Thursday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Children's Registration will begin in May
Volunteers are needed in many areas.
Director: Becky Abrams



April Birthday Celebrations with Pastor Paul

Sunday, April 4, 10 a.m., Toast Bar



Blossom Hills
child development center

Infant - Grade 6, and After School Programs
Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Kidz Camp Dates for Summer

Kidz Camp is held at Kellogg Springs Camp - www.kelloggsprings.com
Check the Children's Booth and Check-in Area for registration forms, scholarship forms, and costs.
Primary Camp - for children entering Grades 2 - 3 is July 12 - 14
Junior Camp - for children entering Grades 4 - 6 is August 2 - 6