

# The Outlook

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## Calendar of Events

- ♦ **Feb. 8 @ 1-4pm** Ladies Craft Day  
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- ♦ **Feb. 15 @ 8am**  
Men's Breakfast at The Rib Eye
- ♦ **Sundays 9:00am** Sunday School
- ♦ **Sundays 10:30am** Worship
- ♦ **Sundays 6pm** Youth Group
- ♦ **Tuesdays 6pm** Victory Prayer
- ♦ **Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm**  
Ladies Bible Study
- ♦ **Thursdays 6-8pm** Awana

## What is Truth?

by Pastor Terry

In John 18:33-38 we read about an intriguing conversation between Jesus and Pontius Pilate. Here is the gist of the interview:

Jesus spoke of "his kingdom."

Pilate asked if he were a king.

Jesus affirmed that he was indeed a king and that he had been born to bear witness to the TRUTH.

Pilate then asked Jesus, "What is truth?"

Some 2000 years before our post-modern age of relativism, Pilate raised a familiar question. People in the year 2020 are asking the same question, and so we ought to be prepared to respond. In light of all the various truth-claims of our day, we must be ready to answer Pilate's question, "What is truth?"

The most concise, simple answer is, "Truth is that which conforms to what is real." Let me give an example (borrowed from a workshop presenter at Mission ConneXion). Suppose we were sitting in the auditorium at church and I told you there was a prize hidden somewhere in the room. Maybe it was an envelope containing \$100, or a bag of delicious chocolate. Then imagine that four envelopes, each containing a set of instructions written by four different authors, were given to four different people to carefully read and follow. But imagine further that only one set of instructions had the steps which, if followed, would lead to the prize. It would not matter at all if the false instructions were written unintentionally or in order to trick the



seeker out of the prize. In the end, there was only ONE set of instructions that was TRUE. Only one set conformed to what is REAL.

We live in a time when we are confronted with many truth claims, with many sets of instructions. And if you think it is difficult for adults to discern what is real, imagine what it must be like for our children and grandchildren and for those entering into the halls of our colleges and universities!

The question of truth is of extreme importance in many areas of life. Here are a few examples:

- ♦ Which religious system is true?
- ♦ Which holy book is true?
- ♦ What is the true way to heaven?
- ♦ What is true morality?
- ♦ Which driving route will get me to my destination?
- ♦ Which news source conforms to what is real?
- ♦ What is the true account of the beginning of life?
- ♦ What is true about the sanctity of human life?
- ♦ What is man's true purpose for existence?

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## What's Happening

### Nominations are Open

During the month of February, we are accepting nominations from the congregation for Elder, Deacon, and Deaconess. This is your opportunity to nominate someone that you would like to be considered for office for the fiscal year 9/2020 - 8/2021. There are forms in the Friendship Hall along with qualifications. Return them to the office or collection plate or box. Membership is a requirement for these offices, but if you don't know if someone is a member we will sort that out for you. For your information the list of current officers follow:

#### Elder

- Terry Sundberg
- Rod Hudson
- Les Doyle

#### Deacon

- Dennis Schlenker
- Dennis Parker
- Jeff Schlottmann

#### Deaconess

- Jeannette Allen
- Kathy Bates
- Kay Doyle
- Irene Richey
- Cheryl Schlenker
- Mary Starnes
- Kathy Sundberg
- Claudia Voyles
- Sandy Zion

### KOINS for Kids

Each year we raise money to help parents cover some of the cost in sending their kids to summer church camp. There are labeled water bottles in the Friendship Hall for your loose change (and bills and checks...). Please take one, fill it, and bring it back by March 29th.

We hope to help pay for those going to Trout Creek Bible Camp, as well as Christian Youth in Action Camp. For more information about TCBC, there are some brochures in the Friendship Hall. **Note:** summer enrollment has begun, so now is the time to register, especially if one of the more popular times is desired. For information about CYIA camp check with the office. ◇

### STP

*July 18-19*



The Seattle to Portland bike ride is fast approaching. I've already had 8 rider groups asking to stay with us, and I always get a few requests for actual beds. **If you have a spare room or two and would be willing to have some bikers stay with you, please let me know soon so I know what I have to offer when people call.** Another thought I have going through my head is this: if you have a motor home or trailer with beds and are willing to bring it here to the church we could also offer beds that way, and we wouldn't have to transport riders.

Be sure to save the date of July 18-19 to help out. It is a lot of hard work, but it's also a great fund raiser (last year we netted \$7223.52)! The more people we have helping, the lighter the work load. We will be organizing work parties later, but if you haven't helped in the past, here is a list of things that will need to be done:

- Help clean and prepare the rooms ahead of time
- Help with food prep/serving dinner and breakfast
- Help with luggage
- Help set up shower
- Help with other miscellaneous stuff
- Clean up Sunday morning and prepare for church





## February Missionary Spotlight

## • Joel and Betsy Eyestone

### *Serving in the Philippines with WorldVenture*

A big THANK YOU to CFW for your faithful financial and prayer support, and generous Christmas gift.

The pictures are all from the Christmas celebration of the Filipino church that has welcomed a community of Indian students into their fellowship. They now provide a vegetarian fare for the Hindus and Muslims at their celebrations! One of our primary roles has been to pray for both the church and the students, and encourage them in whatever way we can.

We are just finishing a 21-day period of prayer and fasting for international students and the unreached people groups they represent around the world. We are asking God for strategic partnerships with churches, individuals and other campus/youth organizations to be birthed in the year ahead. Please join us in praying!

Blessings,  
Betsy

### **Promoting ISM in the Philippines in 2019:**

The Eyestones hosted two lunch fellowships last summer, gathering many of their contacts to meet each other and share where they are regarding International Student Ministry (ISM). One result of the lunches was the formation of the Campus Connexion Facebook group, by which they can stay in touch with each other. Although not a very active FB group yet, it did lead to a significant interaction. They were able to meet and communicate with Joe (not his real name), who had noted the influx of Indian students into Cebu City. The Eyestones sent him some resources and referred him to an Indian pastor who “happened to be” going to Cebu soon and could meet up with him. He connected Joe to an Indian fellowship there, and gave him pointers about ministry to Indians. Joe has since formed a ministry team for reaching out to foreign students on their nearby campus. **Praise God!**

Via another connection through the FB group Joe learned of the accidental death of an Indian student in Pangasinan (four hours north of Manila). He then asked if anyone in

the network was in Pangasinan, suggesting that this crisis might open doors of opportunity to minister to the Indian students there. Word spread, and because Joe’s group had contributed toward the funeral and return of the body to India, he had reason to communicate with the Indian student leader there in Pangasinan and was even able to pray with him through text messaging!

In December Joel and Betsy were speaking in the Biclatan Christian Church in General Trias, Cavite Province. On that day they got to know a few of the students better, visiting the community where they live and saw their school. One of the students was Stephen, the son of a pastor and the president of their student body. He is quite passionate about sharing the gospel with the other students. Amazingly, out of the approximately 75,000 Indian students in the Philippines, the one who died up north was a former college roommate of Stephen back in India! Stephen had shared the gospel with him and believes he may have become a follower of Jesus during that time.

We are just amazed and rejoicing at how God is weaving a tapestry of gospel outreach to Indians living in the Philippines!! We are so blessed to be merely one of the threads! Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more laborers to this RIPE field!

*For more details read Eyestone’s latest Newsletter found in the Friendship Hall. ♦*





**Fun Times at Mike's Surprise Party**



## What is Truth?

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You surely know that we live in a time when people often pick and choose their “truth.” They have adopted, as Ravi Zacharias teaches, an eastern, “both/and” philosophy. So, they think, “what is true for you is not true for me.” But both of us are right. Truth for them is not exclusive, but inclusive. In contrast, western thought is “either/or.” Two opposite claims cannot both be true. Both cannot conform to what is real. If you want to cross a street, and at the same time a bus driver wants to drive down the same street at the same moment, I assure you, it will NOT be both/and. It will certainly be either/or! (And I can guarantee which one will prevail!)

I can hold up a chocolate chip cookie, a REAL chocolate chip cookie. It will probably be (sort of) round. It will have chocolate chips. It will contain flour and baking powder and butter and sugar. When I tell you the truth about this cookie, it will be true because it conforms to what is real. It will NOT be a snickerdoodle or oatmeal or molasses cookie. However, you might PREFER

chocolate chip cookies to other kinds. Or, you may turn up your nose at chocolate chip cookies and PREFER Oreos or peanut butter cookies. But preferences do not change the fact that I am holding a REAL chocolate chip cookie.

Truth is not a matter of preference. Truth always conforms to what is real.

Jesus told the Roman prefect, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Jesus was born for the very purpose of bearing witness to what is TRUE, to what is REAL. He earlier stated, “I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

We can trust in the truth to which Jesus bore witness. And we can be bold and unashamed to pray for opportunities to share what is TRUTH with our family, friends, and community.

Resting in the REAL Savior,  
Pastor Terry



## February Birthdays

Cassidy Miller	Feb. 1	Alexa Spalding	Feb. 15	Jeannette Allen	Feb. 20
Jerry Craft	Feb. 1	Logan Tupper	Feb. 15	Fred Stephens	Feb. 22
Theda Crocker	Feb. 3	Dennis Parker	Feb. 16	Jacob Crisp	Feb. 22
Frank Vice	Feb. 4	Garrett Legg	Feb. 16	Norma Trainor	Feb. 27
Louise Joy	Feb. 6	Tamiera Dunivan	Feb. 20		
Eli Smith	Feb. 8	Asher Smith	Feb. 20		



**Fiscal Year: Sept. 1, 2019- Aug. 31, 2020**

Annual Budget    \$198,355.00  
Monthly Budget    \$16,529.58

**January Offerings    \$ 13,206.14**



## February Anniversaries

Mike and Kit Carignan    ♥ February 14  
Jesse and Sue Gac        ♥ February 14

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