

# the Connection

Faith Journey Church

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home of Gaarde Christian School

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## Journey - Pursue - Impact



Who remembers Farrells Ice Cream Parlor and their amazing Ice Cream Sundaes, particularly "The Zoo" - a giant bowl full of ice cream, gooey sauces, sprinkles, bananas, chocolate and a bunch of other yummy sundae fixings - already to share with your table of friends! No one could eat that monster by themselves and long after the ice cream was gone, there were the crazy memories of who ate the most or who got the most ice cream on themselves.

SUNDAES are for sharing as are SUNDAYS!!!

During the summer months when the weather is favorable and schedules are a little less hectic we have planned several all church SUNDAYS ARE FOR SHARING events: July 7th = "All American BBQ/Potluck at the GrosJacques' 4pm - 8pm, July 28th = Hillsboro Hops Professional Baseball Game in Hillsboro @ 5:45-

### Sundays Are For Sharing

July 28th = Hillsboro Hops Professional Baseball Game in Hillsboro @ 5:45- bus will leave FJC at 4:30 (tickets \$7/person will need to be paid for by July 14th)

August 11th = "Park It Day" - (Park to be determined)

We are looking forward to creating our own SHARING A SUNDAY memory with YOU!



## Highlights of Vacation Bible School

We averaged 160 children each day from the community - they learned about the Kingdom of God and their choice to live in the Kingdom of God...60 of those in attendance also attended Journey Summer Camp, which still has several weeks left in it so folks can still sign up for camp. Journey Summer Camp is every weekday from 9am-3pm! Visit [faithjc.com](http://faithjc.com) to download a registration form.



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## “GARLIC OR CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES?”

*“Time in erodes awareness of.” ~ Andy Stanley*

These five words were written by North Point Church (suburb of Atlanta, GA) Pastor Andy Stanley in his book *“Deep and Wide”* concerning the importance of having a church environment that makes their church’s main thing, the main thing. The point being is that you create the atmosphere in order to attract those you are called to love and serve in your community. The problem is that *“time in erodes awareness of”* those things that either hinder that attraction or blur the snapshot of what you have truly been called to create (your vision).

The same thing is true of our families and community life together. We have a snapshot of what we would like our marriage or family life to look like, but it never quite materializes into the crisp image of our heart and mind. It is so very difficult to shape our community into what is helpful, healthy and hopeful when it seems that society at large is anxious to reward silliness, triviality or wickedness.



As I walk most everyday though my neighborhood I am amazed at the incredibly vibrant colors of the plants and flowers that come to life just after spring and into the start of summer. Our lives can be “lived-

out-loud” in full, vibrant colors and imagination if we realize that God himself is the author of creativity and life. Each new day we continue to write a part of the story into which we have been inserted. It is God’s story that we have been inserted in and with every new adventure we stay “aware” of the life that Christ has afforded us through His efforts on the cross and His resurrection for our *“abundant life.”* Eugene Peterson in his book: *“Run With Horses”* speaks of how *“each life is a fresh canvas on which He (God) uses lines and colors, shades and lights, textures and proportions that He has never used before.”*

**Peterson Continues:** *“We see what is possible: anyone and everyone is able to live a zestful life that spills out of the stereotyped containers that a sin-inhibited society provides.”*

But, somehow life slips away from us as we become a more instant society, fixated by the social network. Thus, *“time in erodes awareness of,”* meaning we can even become immune to odors that others smell immediately upon entering our world. I was in the middle of composing this newsletter article when my daughter Lindsey become part of my world and now this article. Lindsey and Connie came into

my office and were bringing me something funny to look at when all of the sudden Lindsey says: *“good grief dad, it really smells like garlic in here.”* I had gone out to eat with some good folks here at Faith Journey to Chang’s Mongolian Barbeque just an hour prior and I knew when I loaded up the garlic sauce (with chunks of garlic) that there just *“might be”* a lingering problem later. To be truthful, I never smelled a thing either before or after she commented on it. I guess it is the old *“lobster in the pot”* being boiled slowly, but in this case I was the lobster boiling myself.

Sometimes life unfolds so slowly and in our face all the time that we fail to see that we are off target on reaching our goal. The ship has turned ever-so-slightly and we are off course in reaching our destination. Christ can help us keep our focus and not lose sight of what is important.

Jesus stated his heart concerning our lives when He said in John 10:10:

*“A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.”*

~THE MESSAGE: The Bible by Eugene H. Peterson

Have you ever entered a home and immediately you were assaulted with the smell of fresh baked chocolate chip cookies. You can’t help but smile and feel a sense of comfort while not having even tasted of the wonderful



morsels of chocolaty goodness! The atmosphere you walked into (COOKIES) set the mood for your experience there. It is not always a conscious choice to have the type of life we live at any given moment so much as *“all the little moments”* that bring us to where we have currently arrived. It is the failure to recognize the *“garlic”* over the failure to recognize the *“cookies”* are missing. Remember *“from whence you have fallen”* and redirect your focus this summer to those things which add life and color to your lives. Be creative in connecting with those in your community and with whom you do life. Summers truly are for sharing!

Journeying Together,  
*Pastor Tom*

*“Walking with people,  
following God”*



Three generations of Frisinger “boys” doing life together!

# July - August 2013 Calendars

## July 2013

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
					The Wave		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
			Wednesday Work Night				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
			Wednesday Work Night				
	← Wild Week Camp →						
28 Hillsboro Hops Game	29	30	31				
			Wednesday Work Night				

## August 2013

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3	Dan & Ramona's Wedding
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
					The Wave		
11 PARK IT Day	12	13	14	15	16	17	
					Journey Summer Camp Ends		
18 NIKE Event 1:00-8:00pm	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

# Service Schedule

## Sundays

8:45 - 9:45 am **Sunday School** - All Ages  
**Nursery** ( Birth - 2 Yrs )

10:00 - 11:30 pm **Worship Service**  
**Children's Church** ( 3 Yrs - 5th Grade )  
**Nursery** ( Birth - 2 Yrs )

6:00 pm **Adult Home Group** - Location Varies  
**PYRO Youth** - Faith Journey Church

## Tuesdays

5:30 am **Men's Bible Study** - Davidson's

## Wednesdays

7:00 pm **Adult Study** in Modular #2  
**PYRO Youth** ( Sanctuary )  
**Missionettes** ( Girls Kinder - 5th Grade )  
**Rainbows** ( Girls and Boys 3 - 4 Years )

## Fridays

7:00 pm **The Wave Prayer and Praise**  
*Second Friday of each month*

## Office Hours

8:00am - 4:00pm Monday through Friday



## West of 55

**“See that you walk  
circumspectly...redeeming the time,  
because the days are evil.”  
Ephesians 5:15-16**

Life is a lot like the weather...it's seasonal. It has a way of pushing us into the next season whether we like it or not. And when pushed into the next season, we are often uncertain and even fearful of what it might hold for us.

This is especially true of later seasons of life, when we are haunted by thoughts such as: Will I be left all alone? Will my health hold up? Will my money last? Will my mind stay fresh? As with every season of life, we have to make a choice – to waste the season in fearful thoughts or, as Paul says, “Make the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:16

Regardless of your season, you can count on God's faithfulness. He says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we may boldly say, “The

Lord is my helper; I will not fear.” Hebrews 13: 5-6

Because you have God's presence and provision, you can make the most of your time in every season by following Jesus closely, spending time in His Word and prayer, loving and forgiving more freely than ever before, and serving others with joy and generosity.

God has blessed us with our present season – make the most of it! Life matters – make the most of it!

In His Service,

*Pastor John Granholm*

## THIRSTY?!

The human body will only survive about 3 days without water. Lack of water shuts down vital organs. Water is the major component for healthy tissues and cells. Its recommended that every person consume 8-10 (8oz.) glasses of water per day. Your body cannot function without water. Water is priceless to us and essentially brings life to our bodies.

I was reminded of this fact recently by a scene from *The Three Amigos* starring Steve Martin (Lucky), Martin Short (Ned), and Chevy Chase (Dusty):

*We see our three amigos riding through the desert under the scorching sun. They are hot, sweaty, and most importantly they are dying of thirst. They stop. Lucky lifts his canteen, but only a trickle of water falls out. Disappointment. The camera pans to Ned, who also lifts his canteen and gets a mouth full of sand. Gross. On the other hand, Dusty has plenty of water, takes a nice long drink, even gargles, and spits the rest onto the ground. Lucky and Ned watch in disbelief as Dusty take out lip balm and moisten his lips. He suddenly realizes that Lucky and Ned are staring at him, so he proceeds to offer them lip balm . . . completely oblivious to the fact that both his friends are dying of thirst.*

People are thirsty - not for quick-fix tonics, but for the real, satisfying, thirst-quenching Living Water. Jesus says: ***"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall NEVER thirst."*** John 6:35

How often do we forget this vital concept?! We turn to our friends and neighbors dying of thirst and proceed to offer them nothing more than Chap Stick. Forget the "Hang in there!" band aids and go the extra mile. Let God use you in the only way He can and let the prayer of your heart become: ***"Lord, keep me aware and alert. Don't let opportunities pass me by. Use me as a vessel to pour out Your Living Water on those around me, who are thirsty and dying without knowing You!"***

*Nina Downey*

- **Jim & Thelma Billings**  
Missionary to Latin America
- **Russ and Beth Chambers**  
**Jamie and Alisha Deweese**  
Missionaries to OSU (Chi Alpha)
- **Rick & Laurel Ellis**  
Missionary to Chile
- **Carl and Terri Gibbs**  
Missionaries to Africa
- **Tamara Henkes**  
Missionary to Romania
- **Dennis & Diane Holcomb**  
Missionaries to Poland
- **Ken Huff**  
Missionary to Cambodia
- **Bill & Sharon Johnston**  
Missionary to Africa
- **Steve and Julie Kramer**  
Missionaries to the Netherlands
- **Bill & Carol Paris**  
Missionaries to Tokyo, Japan
- **Josh & Renee Ransom**  
Missionary to China
- **Matt & Heather Reigel**  
Missionaries to Germany
- **John & Beccy Rodli**  
Missionaries to Azores/Portugal
- **Mark Rodli**  
Missionary to Thailand
- **Steve & Nola Slater**  
Missionaries to Fiji
- **David & Dorothy Yunuba**  
Missionaries to Africa
- **John & Carolyn Stewart**  
Missionaries to Africa

**Remember to pray for our missionaries**

## Adult Ministries

Email...text...Facebook...Twitter...Skype...hashtag...Instagram – all forms of communication that have become mainstays in our very mobile and internet driven world. When I can watch a 17 month old turn on, flip to a personalized 'app' page, and then find a game to play on an IPAD, I have to wonder what my mother-in-law would think if she were still around to experience this world of technology. Her job forced her to maintain a forward thinking mindset in regards to technology, but she never lost the 'backward' thinking mindset of the art of letter writing or long distance phone calls or sitting around a camp fire chatting. She enjoyed emailing her grandchildren even though her internet at the time was still 'dial-up', but she treasured time spent reading books snuggled on the couch with those same grandchildren. While I believe it's important for every older generation to stay current with the trends of technology so that they can communicate with younger generations,

I think it's VITAL for the older generations to continue to teach the value of 'old fashioned' forms of communication which I believe provide a greater depth of authenticity in building personal relationships. While I appreciate the ability to Skype with my granddaughter who lives in Alabama, I very much look forward to having her visit this summer so that we can read books and sing songs together and not have to worry about whether the internet connection is going to disconnect us!

I encourage you to find time this summer for some technology free moments with your family – they might become some of your favorite memories!

*Pastor Kelly GrosJacques*

As school is over and summer begins, it makes me think of the song “Schools Out for Summer.” All of us are looking forward to summer because it usually means vacations, rejuvenation, recharging, and repositioning ourselves for the fall. Sometimes we wish we could take a vacation from life like the summer break, but often life will not allow us to take a break.

So what are some of the options we have to escape from the constant stress of life? I would encourage you to find 30 minutes of your day to reposition yourselves. You see, often God has something amazing for us every day, but because our minds are so filled with the tasks we have to get done in that day, we often miss the opportunities God wants to speak to us and bring refreshment into our life. So take 30 minutes out of your day to spend sometime with God. Be still, quiet your heart in front of God, pray, and now listen; You'll be surprised what God can do in that little time. We often have the idea

that we have to do things by ourselves, but God clearly tells us in the scripture that He wants to partner with us and empower us in our daily life.

**Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Schools out for summer, but life goes on. Let God be God of our life so He can partner with us and empower us for the tasks ahead.

*Phil Tu*

FJC Worship Leader

## Youth Ministries



Why does it seem that every season of our lives seem to get busier and busier? I've been talking to students, who are running headlong into their summer break, and they tell me that they haven't had the time to read their Bible, pray, go to church, or even do some of the things they consider fun because they are so busy. This feeling of extreme busyness does not end with the finalization of summer, however, my students have told me in years past that they have been extremely busy heading into the school year in the fall. So how in the world are we to make time for God? If we are packing our lives so full that we forgo our daily disciplines, or even our attendance at our church, what has to change so that we can live like God has called us to?

I believe our priorities have misaligned. We put everything in the “God-box” as an extracurricular activity, while putting all the things that we'd rather do at the forefront. As we continue in the summer and look towards the fall, I challenge you to look at what you're putting before God. Here's a hint on what it should look like though: There should be nothing that keeps us too busy from spending time with our loving Creator.

*Josh & Jessica Bray*

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

In Journey Kids we are currently working on a unit that focuses on the Holy Spirit. Understanding what the Holy Spirit is and exactly how it works in our lives can be a hard concept for anybody to grasp, especially children. We are using scripture from the Bible to best understand the Trinity and how the Holy Spirit plays a role within that. We have discovered that the Holy Spirit resides within us and speaks to us. We are excited for the coming weeks as we learn more about how the Holy Spirit works within us!

Journey Kids wants to take this opportunity to thank Farrin Hockett for all that he does for this ministry! Thank you for providing a way for many of these children to come to our church to hear the Word of God and be supported. We also want to thank Lisa for her work in providing breakfast for the children that come on Sunday mornings!

*Shelby Gill*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

### FREEDOM KIDS

Services for 3 yrs - Kindergarten

On Sunday mornings, our little ones (three years old through kindergarten age) meet together to learn, sing and play.

### JOURNEY KIDS

Services for 1st - 5th graders

Kids, bring along your energy on Sunday mornings for Journey Kids! This is no time to sit back and watch... every child is an integral part of the service. Together, we're learning to worship, serve, reach out and translate what we're learning into action in our own lives.



**M'Pact clubs for girls**  
first through fifth grade - and - Rainbows club for preschool aged girls and boys



Nothing screams summer more than eating watermelon! Last week we had a "schools out for summer" party in the basement with games and



club meetings each Wednesday night through August 14th with the exception of July 3rd. If your child is getting bored now that school is out for the summer, she is welcome to join our clubs at any time throughout the summer.



watermelon. On August 7th we will have our annual slip and slide night with ice cream. On August 14th we will wrap up our summer schedule with our awards ceremony,

promotion of clubs, student store, and refreshments.

We will continue M pact



In His Service,  
*Connie Frisinger*

M Pact  
Coordinator



Playing the  
"Noodle Hair Game"



# Gaarde Christian School

As we wind up another great school year I am reminded of how much God blesses us. We are able to maintain an excellent academic program with dedicated, Christian teachers and offer a number of fun events, as well. I thank God for the great school families we are blessed with, and the staff that the Lord has assembled here to serve them. We will spend the summer tooling up for the 13/14 school year, with advances in technology provisions, as well as high quality curriculum additions. Have a blessed summer and we will see you at our Ice Cream Social on September 3rd!

“YOUR CHILDREN, OUR CALLING”

*Frank Canepa, Administrator*

## Important Dates

- Sept 3rd — Ice Cream Social 7:00pm
- Sept 4th — First Full Day of School (K-8th)
- Sept 5th — Three's Tues/Thurs Orientation — 9:00-11:00am  
Back to School Night Preschool 7:00pm (Parents Only)
- Sept 6th — MWF Three's, AM Four's & Pre-K Orientation  
— 9:00am — 11:00am  
PM Three's and Four's Orientation 12:30pm — 2:30pm
- Sept 9th — First Day of School for MWF, AM & PM, Pre-K Preschool
- Sept 10th — First Day of School for Tues/Thurs Preschool Class  
Back to School Night K -8th, 7:00pm (Parents Only)
- Sept 27th — Walk-A-Thon

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