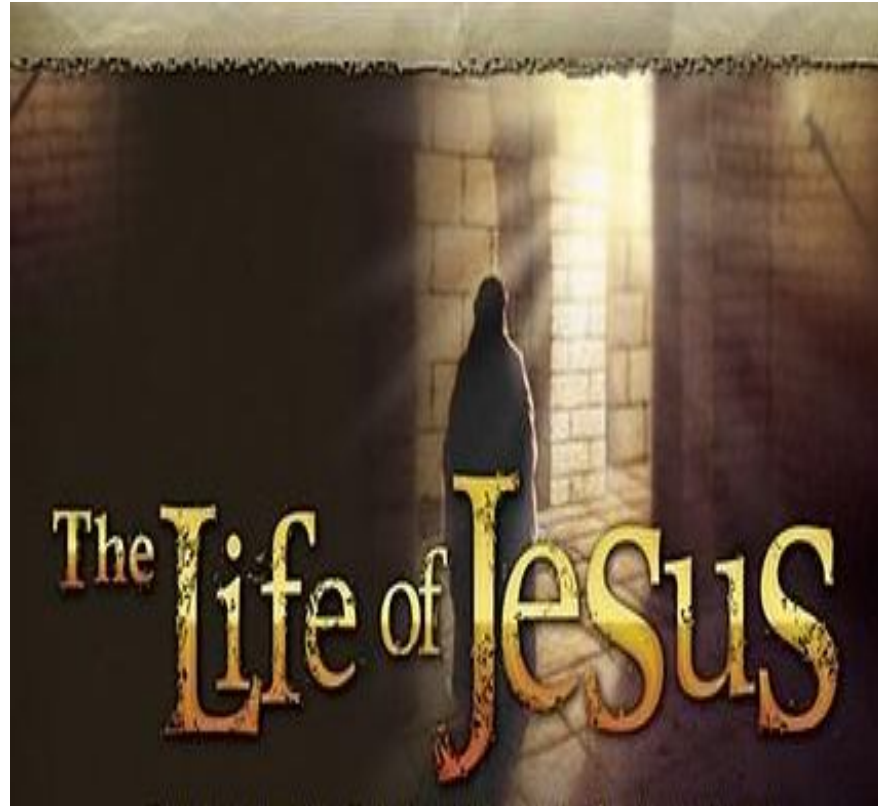


Welcome to

# The Foothills



February 19, 2012

### ***Our Mission***

*Foothills Fellowship exists to be a worshipping community of God's people whose lives are shaped by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and who participate in the mission of God's kingdom by proclaiming the good news locally, nationally and globally.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP / FEBRUARY 19, 2012

\* *Please stand if you are able.*

## **Today we are celebrating Scout Appreciation Day.**

Our scout programs are a key component in our ministry to impact the children and young adults in our community. The mission of the Boy Scouts is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Mission of the American Heritage Girls is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

## **WORSHIP IN SONG \***

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 116) \*

*We desire to live lives that are wholly devoted to the Lord, impacting and shaping every area of our lives. This call to worship is a call for God's people to reorient their lives in submission and worship of the King of kings.*

MINISTER: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**ALL: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

MINISTER: What shall we render to the LORD for all his benefits to us?

**ALL: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

## **WORSHIP IN SONG \***

### **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), but - because of the death and resurrection of Jesus - "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Confession of our sin and then reveling in the assurance God gives us of His forgiveness through Jesus is something that God's people ought to engage in daily, and this is why we do it each week when we gather.*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we have often tried to please you with our righteousness instead of pleading the righteousness of Christ. We have tried to cleanse our sins by becoming "better" Christians rather than receiving forgiveness through your blood. We have constructed idols for pleasure and for ambition, and have not been joyful in your presence, nor rested in your accomplishment. We have sought satisfaction in vain activities and in setting our own course instead of trusting in your daily provision.**

**Merciful Father, continue to purge our darkened hearts with the light of your gospel. Help us not to fear the cleansing work of your Spirit, but make us eager for it, help us delight in it, and let us rejoice with unspeakable joy that we are being conformed to the image of your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Prayer of Silent Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon* (From Romans 4:24-25)

MINISTER: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

*God will credit righteousness to us who trust in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **SCOUTS PRESENTATION**

### **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

*Jesus Christ is the King over all things and the Head of our church. Therefore, thanking Him, bringing our requests to Him, seeking guidance from Him, and listening to Him through prayer is at the core of all we do.*

During the month of February, we will be praying through our church's core values on Sunday mornings. Today, we will pray through the values of *Intentional Families* and *Holistic Discipleship*.

## **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS \***

*Everything we have comes from the Lord, and all throughout the Scriptures, we see that He expects His people to be extremely generous with the resources He has given them. By taking an offering each week, we have the opportunity to worship the Lord and exhibit our trust in Him by giving back to Him a portion of what He has given to us for the furthering of His kingdom both here and around the world.*

## **DOXOLOGY \***

*Since this chorus was written in 1709, the church universal has been singing it as a response to the Lord for His countless blessings. We will sing this each week after we take the offering as an act of corporate worship and as a reminder that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." (James 1:7)*

## **SCRIPTURE READING \***

*We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life. Therefore, we give the reading of Scripture a high place in our worship services.*

### **Isaiah 43:18-25**

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. <sup>22</sup> "Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel!" <sup>23</sup> You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. <sup>24</sup> You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. <sup>25</sup> I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

### **Psalms 41:1-3, 12-13**

LEADER: Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Lord, you have upheld us because of our integrity, and set us in your presence forever.

**ALL: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen!**

**2 Corinthians 1:20-22**

For all the promises of God find their “Yes” in Jesus. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. <sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup> and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**Mark 2:1-12**

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

**SERMON**

*Jesus Reveals That He Is Able to Forgive Sins*

*Mark 2:1-12*

*Pastor Mike Potter*

**SONG OF RESPONSE \***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See the back of the bulletin.

**BENEDICTION** (From Titus 3:4-5. 15)

MINISTER: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Therefore, let us go forth to serve the world as those who love their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen!**

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*After the benediction, please help transform the worship center into a dining room for our communion meal by stacking and moving all the chairs to the edge of the room, setting up the tables, and then placing chairs around the tables. Thank you!*

*Please prepare each week for the Sunday worship service by reading the upcoming Sunday's order of worship online at **[www.thefoothills.us](http://www.thefoothills.us)**. It's available for viewing every Friday morning.*



## What's happening at the foothills . . .

### **Welcome Visitors**

Please take a moment to complete the Visitors Communication Card in the bulletin and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

### **Boy Scout Recognition Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School Classes** (no Sunday School today)

**Engage**, Mike Potter, Room 104

**Introduction to Christian Ethics**, Andrew Streett, W Ctr

**Leading an Evangelistic Bible Study**, Jim Lasché, Rm. 102

**College—Precepts**, Kerry Smith, Pastor's office

### **Teen Nursery Volunteers...**

Feb 19—Jaylen Koons, Alyssa Conway

Feb 26—Esther Burton, Juliet Lasché

**Communion Meal TODAY** during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome.

**Ash Wednesday Service—Feb 22 @ 7 pm**

**Voter Registration—Mar 4** in the foyer during Foothills Café

### **WOW Bible Study offers 2 Bible Studies beginning the week of Mar 5**

- \* Mondays at 10am in Room 101: Stepping Up, Beth Moore's 7-week study of the Psalms of Ascent led by Michelle Potter
- \* Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Room 101: Walking in the Way led by Rosemarie Briggs. Please sign up in the lobby.

### **Talent show—Mar 17**

Solo and Group Acts are being sought for our fun talent show. Let Chris Tegard know if you would like to participate. For the rest of you, set aside the date for a great evening of fun and fellowship.

### **Our deepest sympathy**

Is extended to the Nelson family in the loss of Carol's mother this past week.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Need</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Delta</b>
Feb. 12, 2012	\$7,600	\$7,354	-\$246
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$53,200</b>	<b>\$46,744</b>	<b>-\$6,456</b>

The \$7,600 weekly need represents our minimum need - as this still requires us to transfer \$3,450 from our reserves each month to meet our budget. Anything given over the weekly need of \$7,600 reduces the amount we need to take from our reserves. If our giving stays at this amount or falls below it as the year goes on, the elders will be required to make additional cuts to our budget.