



Pastor's Ponderings



Our Mulligan Moment

It seems that last month has brought us a lesson in golf-course spirituality, since life on the links can keep our souls in balance and bring us closer to God. Terrie Burbank shared an article "What Golf and God have in Common" with us at adult Bible study last Sunday. It reminded me of my collection of books and articles on the subject. (Yes, there are a few – including my favorite, "Golf in the Kingdom").

While there is no way the experience of golf can be equated with a deeply spiritual, mystical experience there are some lessons for our spiritual lives to be learned from golf. Golf can be spiritually therapeutic, and as a game offers some significant insights into how God wants us to live.

Millions head for golf courses every day including Sunday. Apparently, they find golf to be more satisfying and intriguing than church. What's the draw here? Perhaps this weekly ritual is its own kind of "sanctuary." Golfers may be savoring a form of spiritual growth that they struggle to attain in the course of our standard Sunday service.

People persistently line up to shell out big dollars for the raging golf phenomenon because, quite frankly, it's good for their souls. Not great for their wallets ... or even their moods ... but for their souls. Golf is a game that pushes players to attain perfection in driving, pitching and putting -- a goal that is clearly unattainable for human beings. Even the greatest players in the world hit some ugly, awful, embarrassing and just plain bad shots. And frequently, even a really good shot can take an unfortunately bad bounce.

M. Scott Peck in his book about golf and spirituality teaches:

- * Be attentive to the hazards ahead of you, but empty yourself of your fear of them.
- * Strive to do your best, but empty yourself of your concern with your score.

- * Learn from every mistake, but empty yourself of any shred of self-hatred for your imperfections.
- * Compete, but empty yourself of shame that you are not measuring up.
- * Play to win, but if you fail to do so, empty yourself of any remorse.
- * **Use your mulligan.**
- * Take an unplayable lie.
- * Play one hole at a time.



These are tantalizing tips for the game of life, as well as for the game of golf. We are healthiest in spirit when we are as humbled by events of even a game.

Among all of the quirks and lessons of the game is the one that is not actually legal according to the rules—the "mulligan." Make a terrible shot and, among friends, you may have the opportunity get a "do-over" I tried looking up the origin of the term and it is unknown.

Nevertheless, we had thought that we had made an excellent shot with the shared pastor agreement – but it took a bad bounce.

Now we get our mulligan – our "do-over" -maybe even apply a few life lessons from golf. The Session will review demographic information about Corona to see if there is anything new. We will discuss other options for the future. We will have a town hall meeting or two. Timm High will preach at Corona in July and be available for discussions after worship. The Session will process what it is hearing and we will "tee it up" for our next shot at a plan for the future.

Grace and Peace,
Henry



PS: The surgeon is pleased with the procedure he performed on my left eye. I'll see you more clearly next Sunday, and, after our "mulligan" on the plan for the future, see a way forward for FPC Corona

From your session

At our May meeting:

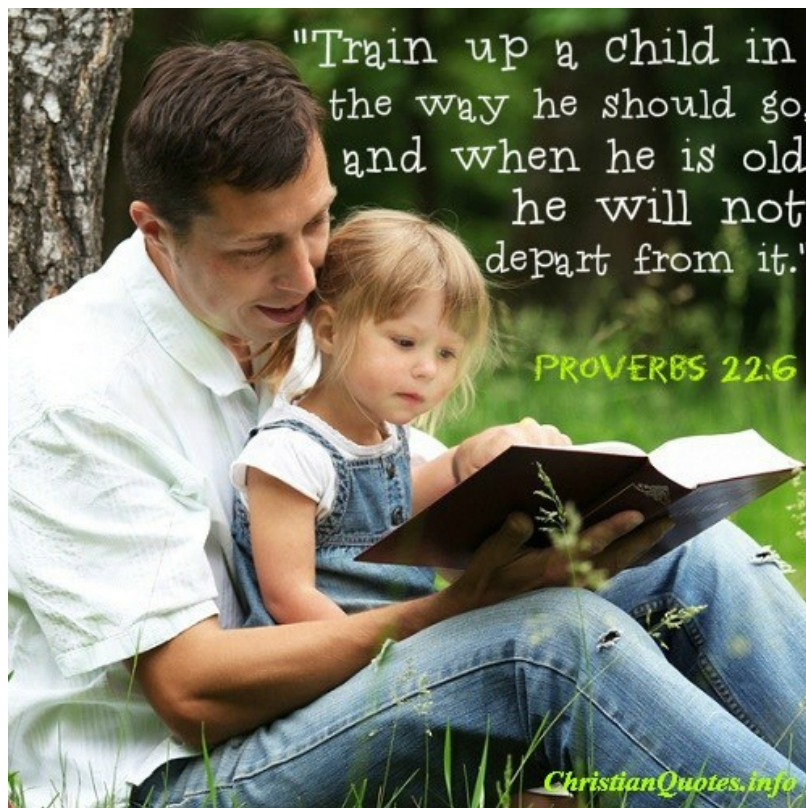


- ◇ Voted to record the death of Doriece Griffin in the church membership roll book.
- ◇ Voted to allow the Riverside-Corona Model-T Ford Club to unload their trailered cars on our parking lot on July 4 for the Corona 4th of July parade.
- ◇ Approved the request from Community Bible Study to use the church on Tuesdays for their 2018-19 schedule.
- ◇ Rev. Timm High, Presbytery Leader for Mission and Vision/Stated Clerk, will provide pulpit supply On July 8 and 15.
- ◇ Pastor Henry will take two weeks of vacation beginning August 13.
- ◇ Voted to purchase 2 wireless mics and a receiver.
- ◇ Adult Bible study will take a break for the summer.
- ◇ Becky Bane has contacted Teen Challenge about providing a choral and skit program in worship (*note: Sunday, October 28, has been confirmed*).
- ◇ Voted to renew Pastor Henry's Transitional Pastor Covenant for another year, effective May 1, 2018, with no changes.
- ◇ The portrait/biography project will be put off until the fall.

GENERAL FUND	May 31, 2018	Year to Date Totals
Income	6,506.05	44,966.43
Expenses	7,331.54	36,825.39
Net Income	-825.49	8,141.04

DEACONS FUND	May 31, 2018	Year to Date Totals
Income	360.49	1,715.07
Expenses	49.91	1,198.81
Net Income	310.58	516.26







JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1..... *Awu Ncha (Sarah)*
- *Sam Grozav*
- 17..... *Teri White*
- 27..... *Ann Gudmundson*

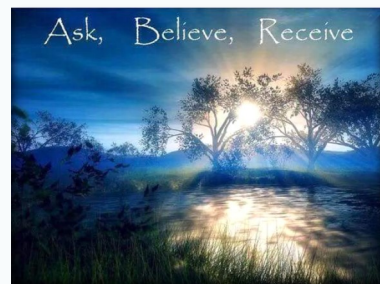
JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2..... *Steve & Kim Linville (2012)*
- 6..... *Ty & Elizabeth Talbert (1982)*
- 17..... *Lew & Cory White (1956)*



PRAY DURING JUNE FOR THESE FAMILIES

- * *Mike & Brittany Jager*
- * *Margaret Jameson*
- * *Geri Lister*
- * *Stan & Elaine Lively*
- * *Jean Marsh*
- * *Don McNeil*
- * *Pete & Marilyn Mittelstadt*
- * *Awu Ncha*



June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Presbytery 9:30am, 1st Presbyterian Church San Bernardino</i>
3 <i>Worship 10:30am</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Worship 10:30am</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Worship 10:30am Happy Father's Day</i>	18	19 <i>Loving Needles 6:30pm</i>	20	21 <i>Session 10am</i>	22	23 <i>Women's breakfast & Loving Needles</i>
24 <i>Worship 10:30am</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30

*Vietnamese Church
every Sunday at
1:30pm*

*Adult Bible Study
resumes in September*



*Last Sunday of each
month is Food
Donation Sunday.*



*4th Saturday of each month,
Women's breakfast,
Original Pancake House,
Norco, 8am
Loving Needles, 9:30am*





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9:30AM Adult Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
Sunday School (nursery care available)
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