

## Weekly Prayer Focus

Please pray for the church here and around the world.

FMCSB Family: Kaylie Grant; Edward and Karen Guajardo; Phil and Astrid Guenthart; Shirley Guenthart.

Bible Study/Small Group: *Wednesday Morning Prayer*, meeting in the sanctuary every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m.

Children's Ministries Leaders: Preschool teachers Christine McLain, Emma Mitchell, Grace Rynn, and Jess Chambers.

Cliff Drive Care Center: The teachers for the two and three-year-old classes, Norma Ramirez and Santos Espinosa.

CDCC Families: Kali Sweeney, Parker Thompson, Diana and Alice Tokareva, and their families.

Santa Barbara Churches: Carpinteria Valley Baptist Church on Maple Ave.

FM Conference: Pastors Adrian and Briana Greer at Foothill Community in Azusa.

Justice/Outreach (Local Missions): Pray for Recovery Ranch, a men's structured sober living placement in the Santa Ynez Valley. They aim to give men of all ages the opportunity to work on a receive healing for the things that lead to dependence on alcohol and drugs.

Missions, Impact Latin America (ILA): Pray for house church leaders in Peru and Venezuela to lead with integrity, teach scriptural truth, and serve to build "one another up in love and good deeds." Pray for Alf Leon, IMPACT's regional mentor for Perú, and the network coordinators he coaches.

Praying for the Global Church, Algeria: Like much of North Africa, following Jesus in Algeria remains very difficult. State pressure on Christians has increased to a level not seen in years, and recent years have seen multiple church closures. Please pray that God would be with Algerian church leaders and Christians who have seen their churches close. Ask God to intervene and help believers find a way to meet together. Pray that God would protect them from abuse and oppression from family and community.

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### **Bone Marrow Drive for Tammy Lashlee**

*April 5th, 5-8pm, Upper Room*

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### **Young Adult Game Night**

*April 13th, 7:00pm, Upper Room*

Young adults: Get ready to break out your well-crafted strategies, competitive spirit, and dedicated teamwork for a night filled with laughter, friendly competition, and great company. We're having a game night on April 13th from 7-10pm. This is a great opportunity to unwind, play, and build meaningful connections with other young adults. We'd love to see you there!

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March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday

Worship services 8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

## Call to Worship

Praise Songs *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
*Only a Holy God*  
*Sing It Again*

## Pass the Peace of Christ

## Connection and Giving

## Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song *Same God*

Ministry in the Word Rev. Doug Ranck  
“Facing Our Denials”  
Luke 22:31-34; 54-62

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Response Song *Goodness of God*

## Benediction

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Rev. Colleen Hurley-Bates — Lead Pastor  
Rev. Doug Ranck — Associate Pastor of Youth and Pastoral Care  
Rev. Danielle Garcia — Associate Pastor of Administration  
Rev. Nikki Ramage — Associate Pastor of Adults and Spiritual Growth  
Jake Elliott — Pastor of Worship, College, and Evangelism Ministries  
Phil Guenthart — Local Licensed Pastor  
Sandy Patterson — Director of Children's Ministries  
Delanie Sabac — Director of Cliff Drive Care Center Children's Programs  
Madeline Schulte — Director of Communications  
Rev. Dr. Helen Rhee — Appointed Pastor, Church History Professor at Westmont College  
Rev. Shannon Balram — Appointed Pastor, Asst. Dir. of Residential and Community Living at UCSB  
Rev. Scott Williams — Appointed Pastor, Systems Engineer at UCSB

## FMCSB Loves Children & Youth

Infants and Toddlers (birth-2 years old) Our youngest ones are cared for in Millie's House! This facility is designed specifically for our little ones with cribs, toys, and an outside play area for toddlers. It is located in the lower parking lot. Nursing mothers may use the private room just off the foyer.

FM Kids (Preschool-5th Grade): The preschool children meet below the sanctuary and this week's lesson is “Jesus Dies and Lives Again” (Matthew 26-27; John 18-20:20). The elementary students will be doing Easter stations in the Upper Room.

FM Youth (6th-12th Grade): Our youth (6th-12th grade) will be worshipping with our church family for Palm Sunday, March 24 and Easter Sunday, March 31. We will be back for “Sunday Study” on April 7.

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Are you new with us?

Find out how to connect at FMCSB!

- Please fill out a Connection Card (found in the pews) and drop it into the offering plate. We would love to get to know you.
- Visit Connection Central on the deck for more information about the activities of the church or visit our website ([fmcsb.org](http://fmcsb.org)).
- Listen to our most recent sermons and classes on our website ([www.fmcsb.org/media](http://www.fmcsb.org/media)) or find all our sermons on iTunes or your favorite podcast app.
- FMCSB has a pastor on-call each day of the week. To connect with the pastor on-call, contact them at (805) 694-6982.
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## Who We Are

We are a part of the branch of Christians known as Methodists, and we believe the Bible is God's inspired and authoritative Word. As we follow Jesus Christ, loving God and loving others is at our core. We believe that the Holy Spirit heals the brokenness in our lives and helps us to reach out with God's love.

As an active church with an emphasis on love, we are a community of people who care for each other and extend that care to others in our city through various ministries every day of the week.