

WELCOME HOME

Our vision: Experience and share the love of Jesus.

*"Delight yourself also in the Lord,
and He shall give you the desires of your heart."
Psalm 37:4*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity! We came within \$10,000 of meeting our Operating Income budget of \$1,244,500. We also gave over \$100k to missions. Wow, God is good!

YOUTH GROUPS

High School & Middle School groups start again this week in the Life Center. High School is Mondays at 7:00 PM. Middle School is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Calling all women. Believers will now meet in the Life Center with a new study led by Kristin Tucker. **Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 PM.** Email carolyn.garcia@commpres.com for info.

GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday **Nights of Worship** are the place to be. Pastor Brenden Brown of Hillsong San Francisco will be sharing. **Thursday, January 17 at 7:30 PM.** Bring a friend!

FINANCIAL PEACE

Get rid of debt using biblical tools. This nine-week class starts **Sunday, January 27** in the Life Center. \$100 per family. **More info at tables outside after Sunday services.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We'll pray, review the 2018 Annual Report, receive the 2019 budget and vote on the Terms of Call for Pastor. All CommPres members can vote.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for our **22nd annual VBS 2019!** PreK is June 10-14. K-5 is June 17-21. **Online registration begins Monday, February 18.**



Encounter nights are growing! The Lord is moving powerfully, people are meeting Jesus, and those that are wanting to go deeper in God's love are experiencing Him in fresh ways.

January 13, 2019

Hymns: 635 & 429

services

Sun 8:00 am Traditional
Sun 9:30 am Contemporary
Sun 11:11 am Blended
Sun 6:00 pm Encounter
Thurs 7:30 pm Contemporary

Childcare provided
on Sunday morning & night.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR Rev Dr William A Lewis

I married into a family with a bunch of smart people. This Christmas the families gathered and during this time a late night, four-hour conversation happened. Uncle Steve, a mathematician, scientific researcher and otherwise brilliant mind, explained that with billions of galaxies the probability of life elsewhere is high. However, he went on to share that as no one has ever contacted us and about the unique elements that are required for life on earth. Distance from the sun and the necessity of the moon in our world's rotation suggest earth could be the only planet with life on it.

I mentioned research I had found that the Big Bang at the birth of the cosmos produced equal parts matter and antimatter. Every scientific model that currently exists predicts matter and antimatter, being perfectly equal, should violently combine and immediately go out of existence. In other words, why is there anything at all? Other physicists agree the universe according to science shouldn't exist. Our existence is one giant, inexplicable head scratch.

The theologian in me jumped on this. The universe is here because God spoke it into existence with a purpose in mind, because He made us in His image to have a relationship with us.

While we shouldn't be here, the fact is we *are* here. Titus 1:2 states God promised before the beginning of time that He would secure eternal life for us with Him. Ponder the things that had to occur for you to be here: your parents and grandparents and great-grandparents and all the previous generations had to meet, fall in love, become families and succeed in helping their little ones survive and thrive in a dangerous world. Somehow, all those improbable things happened. Not to mention the fact that when you were in the biggest race of your life, competing with over 250 million sperm cells, you won! "Your eyes saw my unformed body...all the days that were ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to pass." Psalm 139.

Your life is not an accident. Your existence is not an anomaly. Just as God spoke distant quasars into existence, God spoke a word of love over all the circumstances of your life. You are here to experience and enjoy God now and forever.

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