Welcome!

If you are visiting Church of the Foothills for the first time, we extend a warm welcome to you and your family! Our worship services are designed to communicate the basic truths of the Christian faith. Every attempt has been made to present Biblical principles which are both understandable and relevant for all who attend. There are many opportunities for you to become involved in the life and ministry of our church. You will find a Welcome Brochure in the seat pocket in front of you. Please take one home with you today so you may become better acquainted with Church of the Foothills. As our welcome to you, enjoy a free cup of coffee with us at the Connection Cafe anytime between 8 & 11a.m. We are so glad you are here today and look forward to getting to know you better!

-Pastor Brian Long

Sr. Pastor Brian Long

Journeying Through the Hardship
Ruth 1:19-22

Ruth:
A Prequel to Christmas Present

Merrychase Campus
Live!
In the Worship Center at 8, 9:30 & 11a.m.

Video Café
Third floor of the Education Center at 9:30a.m.

re:new Site
re:new
4060 Flying C Road, Suite 21
9:30 & 11a.m.
This Week at Church of the Foothills

Sunday, November 20

Sunday Services in Re:new, Live! & Video Café
Sunday Seminars, 9:30 & 11a.m.
Children’s Sunday School, 8, 9:30 & 11a.m.
Focal Point Student Service, 11a.m.
IMPACT Young Adults, 7p.m.

Monday, November 21

Men’s Basketball, 6a.m.
Dorcas Quilters, 9a.m.

Tuesday, November 22

Men’s Bible Study, 6a.m.
Women’s Bible Study, 8:45a.m.
Awana, 6:20p.m.

Wednesday, November 23

Men’s Basketball, 6a.m.
Women’s Bible Study, 7p.m.
Sr. High Youth Group, 7p.m.

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!
Administrative Office & Merrychase Campus Closed

Friday, November 25

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Saturday, November 26

No Events Scheduled

Pick up a box and a shopping list in the Get Connected Center

Feed A Family Program

More info. inside this Worship Guide.
Beth Moore’s, Stepping Up
Kay Arthur’s, Precepts

Weekly Need: $ 3,500.00
Last week’s Imagine/216 blessing: $ 823.62
Note: You may do your giving online. Go to www.cotf.org and click on

216 Bridging the gap with prayer, fasting and support
Sr. Pastor, Brian Long

Journeying Through the Hardship

Ruth 1:19-22

Living far from God ________________ on us. (19)

Life is hard. If you try to live it and navigate it and endure it
____________ ____, it’s times worse.

Journeying through hardship involves ________________ about
where you are. (20-21)

If ________________ have brought on our suffering, we need to
own that, receive the correction though painful, and return to the place
of blessing.

Are you ________________ in your life?

Additional steps of faith required to journey through hardship.

1. __________ on God’s faithfulness in the past.

“Remember in the _______ what God has taught you in the
_________” - Pastor Steve Brown

2. Stay connected with a ___________________________.

God graciously blesses Naomi and Ruth and
________________________, through the Bethlehem community.
“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times” (Micah 5:2).

3. Stay connected with God through basic ________________________.

Time spent reading the Bible, in prayer and in worship increase our ________________________.

4. Recognize that sometimes pain is ________________________.

Sometimes God allows pain and struggle in our lives to _________ us out of certain patterns of living or to _________ us into new opportunities.

Conclusion:
Journeying through hardship requires ________________________ rather than a focus on pain.

Next Week’s Focus: Ruth 2:1-17
Read ahead and get ready to dig in!

A copy of today’s message will be available online at cotf.org/sermons-venue.
You can also get a CD copy at the Administrative Office.
What's New at Church of the Foothills

Feed A Family Program:
We have a great opportunity to provide for our foothills community all year long, not just through the holidays. We are assembling emergency food boxes for families in need. These boxes will provide basic nutritional foods for a family of four, for four days. Please pick up a box and a shopping list from the Get Connected Center at the Merrychase campus, fill it with food, and return it back to the campus or church office.

Women's Spring Bible Study:
Sign-ups for our spring study start soon during our morning & evening Bible Studies. Two different studies are offered: Beth Moore's Stepping Up, a journey through the Psalms of Ascent and Kay Arthur's Covenants, a Precepts study taught by Jan Schultz. Both will run simultaneously during our morning group. Spring studies begin Jan. 10 & 11. To sign up, call Donna Parsons at (530) 622-6503 or Julie Tripp at (916) 933-4168.

Workout Before Worship:
Staring today, you can get a jumpstart on your New Year's health resolutions. Join Certified Personal Trainer John Matias for "Workout Before Worship" on Sunday mornings. This fun, high energy, one hour, cardio group workout will meet at 6a.m. & 7a.m. at Full Throttle Fitness (formerly Overcome) located at 2750 Greenwood Lane in Cameron Park. Whether you work out everyday or it's been awhile, this is a great way to wake up and get your morning of worship started! The cost of each workout is $10 per person. If you have questions or want to register, call or email John at (530) 210-1201 or areyoutenacious@hotmail.com.

Agape Christmas:
Save the date of Friday, December 2 for our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange, hosted by Matt & Tracie Hilliker! Watch for more info.

Multi-Church Christmas Event:
Lessons & Carols will be held on Friday, December 2 at 7p.m. at Holy Trinity Church in El Dorado Hills. Join clergy, choir and musicians from Church of the Foothills and four other area churches for a special evening of Bible readings, congregational carols and choir performances. Admission is free. Interested in singing in the choir? Contact Pastor Eric at the church office. Rehearsal date is Thursday, December 1 at Holy Trinity.

It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas:
Stay up on all-stuff-Christmas by using these resources: Sunday Worship guides, our website at www.cotf.org, the Get Connected Center in the Family Life Center, posters located around campus & the re:new site, and our monthly newsletter, The Connection, coming soon to your mailbox. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please contact Debbie at the church office or email her at debbie@cotf.org.
Church News

Congratulations New Members!

Operation Christmas Child Update:
Thanks to your generosity, 438 children around the world will receive Christmas gifts and news of Jesus this holiday season! Thank you for your generosity and support of Samaritan’s Purse!

JOY Group...just older youngsters

Christmas Event:
Reserve the date of Saturday, Dec. 17 for our Annual Christmas Catered Dinner. Enjoy an evening of Christmas carols led by Suzanne Weissenberg, dinner served by Youth ministry students, and special speaker Pastor Raed Awabdeh of the Arab Learning Center in Sacramento. Sign-ups start next Sunday, Nov. 27 on the patio.

Here to Serve

Compassion Ministry:
We exist to serve those in our church who have various needs in their lives. We offer meal delivery coordination, prayer, hospital visits, memorial reception service and more.

For more information or if you or someone you know has a need, please call Barbara Fossgreen at (530) 626-6486.

All Prayer Chain requests may be emailed to prayer@cotf.org.

Newly available for free: a Dell printer, a toaster oven, a Little Tike piano & xylophone, a pair of Heelys skate shoes. Items needed: microwave, shelves or cabinets, fireplace poker unit, leaf blower, artificial Christmas tree. Check the list often! To inquire about or post items, email exchange@cotf.org or call Joan Scoville at (530) 676-7916.
Weekly Need to Fund the Budget: $44,875.24
Last Week’s Blessing: $23,928.11
Great Commission: $340.00

Note: We manage our budget in alignment with giving. When giving falls short, some ministry programs will not be funded.
You may do your giving online! Go to www.cotf.org and click on Resources or use your smart phone - with your bar code scanning app, scan this QR code and go directly to the giving page.

Women’s Ministry

Annual Christmas Brunch:
Tuesday, December 13 from 8:45 - 11a.m. in the Worship Center. Our own Diann Tabb is our guest speaker and we’ll sing some carols. Space is limited so sign up quickly at the Women’s morning Bible study or call Donna Parsons at (530) 622-6503.

Women’s Retreat 2012
April 13-15 at Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe. Watch for registration starting in December!

Student Ministry

For your Holiday Calendar:
Make note - there is NO Focal Point mid-week groups on Wednesday, November 23rd & Thursday, November 24th. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your family!

Jr. High New Year's Invasion:
December 29-30 from 5:30p.m.-7a.m. This all-nighter includes stops at Scandia Fun Center, Sky High Sports, LazerCity, Bowling and In-n-Out! All this for only $75! Gift Certificates are available & make a fantastic Christmas present. Watch for more details!

High School Winter Camp:
Mark your calendars for this amazing weekend retreat on February 17-20 at Zephyr Point in Tahoe. Watch for more details!

Volunteer Opportunities

re:new Communion Team:
We are looking for servant-hearted folks to help serve monthly communion at re:new! No experience needed and a five minute on-the-job training is provided. The time commitment is monthly on the first Sunday, or serve when you can at which ever service you normally attend. Please contact Nancy Hill at hill1998@gmail.com or (530) 295-3623.
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