

## WELCOME

### Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

**We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.**

**FHNew** - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church. Or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**: Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

**FHBaptism** - One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

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## ONGOING/UPCOMING

- **MomCo** - [Foothills MomCo - Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **Bible Recap: Read through the Bible in a Year** ([Linda Kraft - The Bible Recap - Foothills Church](#))
- [Pour Over with the Pastor](#) – Feb 16, 11-12pm in Atrium, Coffee, Childcare provided. Find out what we are all about, get connected, learn about next steps in your faith journey.
- **Mission Bake Sale** – February 9 – 10:30-12:30
- **Annual Corporate Body Meeting** – Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 pm

**INTRODUCTION: Interim Pastor Trent Renner****WHO IS OUR ENEMY?** (*Scripture taken from New Living Translation unless otherwise noted*)

Can you imagine the United States Marines going to fight in a war and not know anything about the enemy they are about to face? It would be disastrous!

Knowing the enemy helps us count the cost and know what we are up against. As you learn about the enemy, you must be a person guarded in prayer. Do not take our enemy lightly: he's very dangerous – his desire is to steal, kill, and destroy. But he's predictable!

**THE WORLD LIES IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE**

- **1 John 5:19 (NLT)** *"We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one."*
  - Demonic = Chaos (tragedy)
  - Satanic = Organized and strategic plan to destroy God's ways (malevolent)

**SATAN — THE GOD OF THIS AGE**

- **2 Corinthians 4:3–4** *"If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God."*

**SATAN — THE RULER OF THIS WORLD**

- **John 14:30** *"I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me,"*

**SATAN — THE COMMANDER OF THE UNSEEN WORLD, THE SPIRIT WHO WORKS IN THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE**

- **Ephesians 2:2** *"You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God."*

**SATAN HAS MANY DEVICES FOR LEADING A BELIEVER INTO SIN**

- Satan tells lies, as he did to Adam and Eve (Genesis 3), and when people believe his lies, they turn away from and disobey God's truth
- **2 Corinthians 11:1–3** *"I hope you will put up with a little more of my foolishness. Please bear with me. For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband – Christ. But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent."*

**SATAN MAY INFLICT PHYSICAL SUFFERING, AS HE DID WITH JOB**

- **2 Corinthians 12:7–9** “. . . even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, *“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”* So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.”

**SATAN — A SERPENT WHO DECEIVES**

- **Revelation 12:9** *“This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.”*

**SATAN — A LION WHO DEVOURS**

- **1 Peter 5:8–9** *“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.”*

**SATAN — THE GREAT TEMPTER. GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF SIN, NOR DOES HE TEMPT PEOPLE TO SIN; THIS IS THE WORK OF SELF & SATAN**

- **James 1:13** *“And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.”*

**SATAN — DRIVEN BY PRIDE AND ARROGANCE**

- **Isaiah 14:12-15** *“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. For you said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the North. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.’ Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.”*

**SATAN — A MURDERER AND THE FATHER OF ALL LIES**

- **John 8:44** *“For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”*

**SATAN’S TACTICS...**

- **Romans 12:2 (NIV)** *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

**TRUE OR FALSE:**

- Christians can be used by Satan to help his evil purposes.

**HOW DO WE PREVENT SATAN FROM GETTING ON THE INSIDE?**

- **Philippians 2:3-5** *“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”*
- Satan can’t use you if
  - You stick to the Word of God
  - Resist his lies
  - Keep your faith in Jesus and His Word

**HOW DO I BEAT THE DEVIL AT HIS “GAME?”**

- Admit that in this Life Story, there is already a Star and I AM NOT IT!
- Admit the following...God’s Name is I AM! My Name is I AM NOT!
- Die to self
  - **Galatians 5:24-25** *“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.”*

**MY BATTLES IN LIFE ARE NOT WITH OTHER PEOPLE!**

**Ephesians 6:12** *“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”*

**WITH WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD TODAY . . .**

- Can you now understand why bad things happen to good people?
- How people easily walk away from Scripture’s truth?
- How we compromise the Word?
  - **It is because of Lucifer’s tactics & strategy**

**THE GOOD NEWS...WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR ENEMY?...**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:9-18** *Therefore, God elevated him [Jesus] to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

*14 Do everything without complaining and arguing, 15 so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. 16 Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. 17 But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. 18 Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.*