

# **SECOND'S MATTERS**

## **November 4, 2020**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **From Our Administrative Team**

At last Sunday's congregational meeting it was approved to add John Mellema as an Administrative Elder and Ken Wolffis as an Administrative Deacon to the Council. Their installation is scheduled for this Sunday.

We are blessed to be able to worship in person this Sunday! Out of an abundance of caution, we ask that you wear a mask as you enter the sanctuary, leave the sanctuary and while singing.

Thank you, The Administrative Team

A complete set of our Guidelines for Worship in the Sanctuary during COVID-19 can be found at the top of our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SecondCRCFremont>

### **From Your Pastor's Desk**

[Click here to listen to Pastor Doug's Tank Talk from November 4.](#)

### **From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk**

I am so mentally tired this week. The weight of this season of life and the number of decisions I have to make every day weighs heavily on my mind. I feel as though I am constantly in an internal struggle between my trust in God's sovereignty and my level of anxiety. Some days it is easy to fear, and others it is easy to trust. I bet many of you have felt the same way over the last few weeks.

This week in Young Life, we talked about the parables of the lost things found in Luke 15. The image I used to help illustrate the point is this picture of a tree in my neighbor's yard. The tree is going through a barren season, but it is still beautiful. We talked about how we are walking through a collective barren season. It might look different for each of us, but we are living in a world that is not the way it was meant to be. What Luke 15 reminds us is that, no matter how barren the season of life we find ourselves in, God is right in it with us. He is the Good Shepherd looking for the sheep, He is the woman rejoicing when she finds the lost coin, and He is the father running towards us and ready to embrace us. Today that is the Hope that I cling too, and promise I believe in. It is my prayer that whatever barren season you might be walking through, you be reminded of who walks alongside you in it.



### **Sunday Worship, November 8**

This Sunday we will install our two newest Council members, John Mellema and Ken Wolffis. Pastor Doug's message based on Psalm 129 will be "Carry on, My Weary Son."

### **Student Ministries information for Worship, November 1**

- Prior to coming to church, we ask parents to check their child's temperature and check for COVID/cold and flu symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms or have had exposure, please join us online.
- We encourage parents to take their students to the bathroom prior to worship.
- Volunteers and student helpers will wear a mask while in class with students.
- Hand sanitizer will be used before entering the classroom.
- After worship, please pick your student up from their classroom.

### **Our Church Family**

COVID has been contracted within our congregation and some of our members are self-quarantined. Pray for recovery and for protection for everyone.

Pray for **Roger Folkema's** strength and recovery following his latest round of chemotherapy.

### **Congregational News**

#### **Pre-Worship Service Prayer Gatherings**

The Sunday morning pre-worship service prayer gatherings will be held in the library starting on Sunday, November 8. Please consider joining with us around 9:05, as together we lift up the service and our church to the Lord in prayer.

#### **Christmas Shoe Boxes for Appalachia Reach Out**

It's time to fill Christmas boxes for children in Inez, KY served by ARO. The boxes are on a table in the lobby with information on ages and necessary instructions. Boxes need to be filled, wrapped, tag attached to the outside, and returned by Tuesday, December 1. Remember you just need to wrap the container but not the individual items in the container. Thank you for reaching out in the name of Christ to children in Kentucky who will be delighted to receive a box of fun things...just for them.

#### **Offerings**

Our Deacons welcome our support for our congregation's financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account, or card at this link: [Online Giving](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online then, download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings are:

- November 8 – Back to God Ministries
- November 15 – Chaplaincy and Care Ministry
- November 22 – Bethany Christian Services

#### **Stock the Pantry**

For the month of November the requested items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, and/or rice. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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