



# THE SPIRE

## Special Dates:

- **Women's Retreat**  
October 7-9
- **Prayer Service for Healing**  
October 9, 7:30 p.m.
- **Facing the Inevitable Adult Ed Series**  
*Sundays in October*
- **Amor Ministries Potluck**  
October 14, 6-8 p.m.
- **Amor Ministries Wine & Cheese Fundraiser**  
October 15, 4-6 p.m.

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*From the Pastor,*  
**Rev. David G.  
Watermulder**

## The Warmth Cluster

Earlier this year, there was a big controversy in the smallest state in the country.

Rhode Island, or "Lil' Rhody" as some people call it, was looking for a new marketing campaign to help boost tourism. They wanted to show off their beautiful coastline, their amazing restaurants, and to draw in weekend visitors who normally might just go to Boston instead.

So, after a year of work and a LOT of cost, they came up with the paradoxical saying, Rhode Island: "Cooler & Warmer." As soon as this slogan was released, people started criticizing it. There were jokes all over social media about it. It became a crisis for the Governor, who accepted the resignation of the state's chief marketing officer, and who canceled contracts with companies and recouped some of the cost of the project.

It turns out that it is really hard to be both "cool" and "warm." And I've been thinking about that recently, for our life together as a church.



There was an article this month in the Washington Post with a headline that said, "To attract young people to your church, you've got to be warm. Not cool." This article was written by a group of researchers from Fuller Seminary who were trying

to understand the faith lives of young people. They interviewed over 1,300 young churchgoers to try and find out why young people chose to go to church.

The surprising results were that young people weren't attracted to what was "cool." They didn't talk about the latest technology or the "laser light show" in worship. What young people did talk about over and over again was a group of words that the researchers called the "warmth cluster."

Words like welcoming, accepting, belonging, authentic, hospitable, and caring. According to this research, young people don't want "cool," they want "warm." These words have to do with connecting with other people, with being welcomed warmly, with having people remember their name or look out for them on a Sunday, or ask about their lives.

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(continued from page 1) Here's the good news: our church probably isn't very cool, but our church is actually very warm. You feel it when you walk in on a Sunday morning and are greeted with coffee and donut holes. You see it with people of all ages standing around and talking about their week. You feel the warmth when people get up to "pass the peace" with someone who is on the other side of the sanctuary.

Again and again when I talk to visitors and new people at PCLG, they say that they are looking for warmth. Welcome, acceptance, community, belonging, and hospitality. And I want to encourage you as you read this today in two ways.

First, our church is known for being warm as we welcome people in. Here's a pat on the back from your Pastor—you're doing a great job!

Second, I want to encourage you to consider taking these findings to heart. What would it look like for you to be a person who seeks out the new, the young, the visitor, the different. What would it mean for you to share the warmth of Christian hospitality with the folks that you see on a Sunday?

These are exciting times for our church family as we move through the Fall season together. And as we do, let's learn from the experience of Rhode Island. If we have to choose between "cool" and "warm," let's choose to be warm, welcoming and loving every single time.

Peace,  
*Pastor Dave*



## Get to Know Others at

### *Tables of Eight*

Did you know that PCLG has a program that makes it easy and fun to get to know other members of our church “family”? At *Tables of Eight* we form groups of eight to ten adults, singles and couples, who agree to share a meal together four times over a six month period. Any adult member of the congregation can join (ages 18 to 108). It’s a great way to meet new people of all ages without committing all of your precious free time.

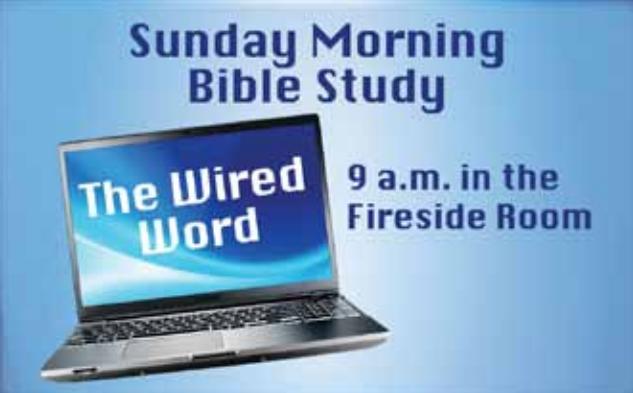
Each group decides when they will meet and what kind of meal they will have -- pot lucks, picnics, pizza at a pizza parlor or whatever. The idea is to meet, eat, laugh, have fun and get to know one another. By meeting four times, we get beyond the “getting-to-know-you” conversations like ... Where do you live? ... How many children? What do you do? ... etc. We really get to communicate with each other at a personal level.

This is not a family event, although we would like to encourage parents of all ages to attend. This is a chance to interact with other adults. If you’ve participated before, an attempt will be made to group you with people that have not been in your group before. If you participate for a few sessions, you will be surprised how many people you really know when you attend Coffee Fellowship after worship on Sundays!

Our next session will be November, 2016 through May, 2017. We will be taking sign ups at the coffee hour during the month of October or you can contact Mary Jane Humphrey at 963-6005 or [maryjhumphrey@comcast.net](mailto:maryjhumphrey@comcast.net).

### Prayer Service for Healing

Do you need prayers for physical, mental, or emotional healing for yourself or someone close to you? If you want to take your prayers for healing to the next level, come and experience our Prayer Service for Healing this fall. It will be led by Julie Lasher, a member of PCLG staff who does Visitation Ministry, and held on 4 Sunday evenings this fall at 7:30 pm in the chapel. Upcoming dates are October 9, November 6 and December 4. Please contact Julie with any questions at 408/656-8419 or [julie.lasher@pclg.org](mailto:julie.lasher@pclg.org).



Our Sunday morning Bible Study continues! This year we are using *The Wired Word* curriculum which is based on articles that have appeared in publications or on the web during the previous week. This was very popular last year. Students will receive the lesson to be studied by email on the Friday before we meet and can review it if they desire. As in the past, this is a drop-in Bible Study and it is not required that you read the lesson before we meet. On Sunday morning, we will look at the suggested Bible verses and discuss the lesson. If you don't have email, you can still attend. Everyone is invited. We meet in the Fireside Room at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more information, or to receive the lesson by email, contact Mary Jane Humphrey, [maryjhumphrey@comcast.net](mailto:maryjhumphrey@comcast.net).



# Children's Ministry

## God's Place October 2016:

**Preschool Lessons:** This month the Preschool class will continue to explore God's unfolding story with Bible lessons on Joseph, Moses, and Hannah.

**Kindergarten – 5th Grade Lessons:** As we explore this year's theme, Belonging to God, we will see how people of faith often struggle between everyday experiences and their relationship with God. Last month we learned the story of twins, Jacob and Esau. This month we continue the story of this family with a look at the struggles and triumphs of Jacob's favorite son, Joseph. As we follow him from Canaan to Egypt, we learn that even during troubled times, Joseph maintained a strong faith in God.

**FAITH AT HOME:** Take time this month to sit with your child and explore these stories in the Bible. Simple ideas: locate the stories in the Bible, check out a Bible or one of the story books in our Children's Ministries library on these various lessons. Have your child create artwork that reflects the story.

**Kickoff Sunday:** What a celebration! Thank you for signing up to serve as a Sunday School Teacher. Without our volunteers our program would not be as strong as it is. Congrats to our raffle winners David, Moriarty, Pam Bancroft, Chris Daly, Amanda Bierly, and Madeleine Wills!

### Christmas Pageant:

This year, we are trying something new in God's Place - Michael Taylor will work with the 2nd – 5th grade children on the Christmas Eve Pageant, during their lesson time. We understand that some of you may be traveling for the Christmas Eve service, and that is ok. Your children will still be part of the lesson/practice.

The official script has not yet been written, but Michael always puts together a great story to be shared with the congregation. We hope as many children as possible will be here to participate. See the practice dates under the section "Dates to Remember".

#### Kindergarten & 1st Grade

We are hoping to have Rita work on a song with this group to be shared during the Christmas Eve worship. Again, please let me know if your children will be here Christmas Eve to sing so we can plan accordingly.

#### Preschool

Usually, we invite our littlest friends, in the Preschool, to sit up front, and we set out angels wings or shepherds costumes if they really want to be part of the program.

### Important Dates

**October 2, 16, and 23:** Children will have Joyful Voices practice during God's Place

**October 30:** Joyful Voices will perform during Time For Young Disciples. Children will share the song they learned during the month as part of worship.

**November 13:** 3rd Grade Bible Presentation during Time For Young Disciples.

**December 10:** Parents Day Out, 10am – 1pm. Please RSVP to Lauren Froman.

**December 4, 11, 18:** Christmas Pageant Practice during God's Place

**December 24:** Children will meet prior to 4pm service for a Christmas Pageant run through

### On-line Volunteer Sign up

Sign up to volunteer in God's Place! Sign ups on the church website using SignUp Genius, or email Lauren Froman at [pclglauren@gmail.com](mailto:pclglauren@gmail.com)



# Youth News

A wise friend said to me recently, “It feels like September 3rd but it’s October!” Is your life accelerating as fast as mine seems to be?



Here in the youth ministry of PCLG, we’re excited to announce our student co-leaders for our next Love of God (L.O.G.) retreat: Nolan Carlen (pictured, left) and Lucas “Cinderblock Johnson” Kernan (pictured, right). Nolan is a junior at Leigh, Lucas is a senior at Mitty, and both are kind-hearted gentlemen and talented actors. These guys will be working with our youth staff volunteers and a team of students to prepare for our 24th L.O.G. retreat coming



December 2-4. L.O.G. is a community-bonding, faith-forming, seed-planting retreat. Students invite friends and friends become part of the PCLG community. If you’d like more information about L.O.G. for a student you know, please contact me at [fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com) or 408-472-0208.

We are also excited to welcome our new Elder for Youth Ministry, Essie Asher, to the team. Essie moved to Los Gatos when her kids were mostly grown, but her son, Ross, was part of the youth group before leaving for college. Essie has been an enthusiastic supporter and advocate for youth ministry before taking on this Elder role, so she’s perfect for this new role.

That said, it’s a bittersweet moment to say “thank you” to my dear friend, Carlo Panighetti, who has served as the Elder for Youth Ministry for the last six years. If you’ve known Carlo for much of this time, you know how much he’s grown and how integral he is to so many ministries in our church. We’re not saying goodbye at all because he’s part of the youth staff volunteer team, but I do want to say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Before any of us know it, our Thanksgiving and Christmas plans will be booked and overscheduled. I hope you can find some rest and recreation in this busy six weeks before the “holidays” begin, some time to imagine what 2017 might look like for you and your family.

Blessings!

Steve  
[fainer@gmail.com](mailto:fainer@gmail.com)

## Youth Group Sunday Schedule

**SNiFF** - Middle School Youth Group meets 5 to 6:30 p.m.

**Y.G.-** High School Youth Group meet 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

**FRAT**  
FRIENDS, RELIGION, AND THEOLOGY

A group of young adults are sitting in front of a church building, smiling for a group photo. The church has a large, ornate cross on its facade. The background features a colorful, pixelated graphic with the letters "FRAT" in large, bold, black letters. Below "FRAT", the words "FRIENDS, RELIGION, AND THEOLOGY" are written in smaller, white, sans-serif font, each word aligned under its corresponding color in the pixelated background.

If you would like information or to be kept in the loop about future meetings and activities of our College Ministry group, FRAT (Friends, Religion, And Theology), please contact Jackson Bordelon at [jbordelon2222@gmail.com](mailto:jbordelon2222@gmail.com). FRAT meets about once a month during the school year for a shared meal, Bible study and fellowship. During longer breaks from school, they meet more to catch people home from school!



## Music Notes



# From the Music Director

On September 24, the choir had a day-long retreat. The retreat gave the choir the opportunity to take a more focused look at vocal technique while familiarizing themselves with upcoming music for the season. It was also a wonderful opportunity for the choir to come together in fellowship and faith.

Looking ahead to the music of October, we will be singing some very exciting and inspirational music. In support of Rev. Watermulder's sermon series "Fear(less)," the choir will sing, "Be Not Afraid" from Mendelssohn's Oratorio, Elijah.



### ***Schubert's Mass No. 2 in G***

The choir will continue to sing movements from Schubert's second Mass in G, singing the first movement, the Kyrie. The shortest of Schubert's masses, the Mass in G was composed in 1815 over a few short weeks. The Mass in G is a favorite of choirs as it is the easiest of his masses and yet still displays the charm and melodic gift that Schubert was so famous for. The Mass in G was a relatively unknown piece for many years as it was "usurped" by Robert Führer, who was the director of Prague's St. Vitus Cathedral. Schubert died quite young at 31 years of age. His surviving brother, Ferdinand Schubert, was a very effective advocate of Schubert's music and was instrumental in bringing Führer to justice the outcome of which was prison for embezzlement. The original score wasn't printed until 1845, some 30 years after its composing.

The mass features a very modest string orchestration, though a more fully orchestrated version has been recently discovered. The movements feature the Ordinary of the Mass with six movements; The Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and Benedictus, followed by the Agnus Dei. Soloists are used effectively, but sparingly.

While the mass is somewhat easy to perform making it a stalwart selection of smaller church choirs and high schools, it retains all the elements of music that make Schubert, one of the earliest of the Romantic period composers, a memorable and effective composer.

Schubert is perhaps best known for his German Lied. Using the poetry of early German Romantic Period poets such as the famous Goethe and Schiller. Schubert collaborated with living composers and along with his individual art songs, he wrote many song-cycles, or epic poems with a single arching story or theme. One of his most famous art songs is the "Erlkönig" or "Elf King." He captures the drama of the poem wonderfully with the voice and the piano, challenging the singer to express the multiple characters of the poem. Check it out on YouTube.

*All the best!*

*Michael Taylor, director of music  
michaeltaylor@comcast.net*



# Facing The Inevitable



*A Christian Approach to Death & Dying  
A Series Held Each Sunday in October at 11:30 a.m.*

With a team of experts, PCLG will be hosting a Sunday series focused on a Christian approach to death and dying. You may come to one or all five after service starting October 2, 2016. The goal is to provide critical information, on difficult topics, in a consumable way.

Session titles are as follows;

- Dying isn't Just for the Old and Sick--Let's Talk About It
- Burial and Cemetery Options--What You Need Know
- Planning Your Own Memorial--It's a Gift to the Living
- Death, the Law and You
- Grief, Hospice and Dying with Dignity

Topic leaders include: Thomas J. Barger, Attorney at law; Rev. Jack C. Longley; Pastor David Watermulder; Dr. Julie Lasher, Ph.D. and Mazy R. Ahiers, along with a special guest speaker.

Feel free to drop in on one or more class this month! If you have additional questions, please email Mazy Ahiers at [aimee9292@yahoo.com](mailto:aimee9292@yahoo.com).

## Bookends

PCLG's Book Club meets once a month, and new folks are always welcome!

Contact Sue Hansen for more information:  
[paigeturner007@hotmail.com](mailto:paigeturner007@hotmail.com).

**September**  
Film~ Albert Nobbs  
starring Glenn Close

**October**  
Nine  
by Jeffrey Toobin

**November**  
The Wright Brothers  
by David McCullough

**December**  
Ella Minnow Pea  
by Mark Dunn

**January**  
The Lost Garden  
by Helen Humphreys

**February**  
Swans of 5th Ave  
by Melanie Benjamin

**March**  
The Secret Chord  
by Geraldine Brooks

**April**  
On the Move  
by Oliver Sachs



## COME JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!

PCLG has partnered with  
Amor Ministries Capital Campaign

Join us for one or all of the events below and see what  
our long time mission partner is doing in Mexico.

Find out how you can make a difference in GROWING HOPE for the Future

Contact us at: [grow@pclg.org](mailto:grow@pclg.org)

**one**

All Church potluck  
**October 14th 6-8pm**  
Church Social Hall  
Sign up genius  
Bring a desert or a salad

**two**

Wine and Cheese  
**October 15th 4-6pm**  
TICKETED EVENT  
Cost \$25.00

**three**

PCLG Coffee Hour  
**October 16th after church**  
One last chance to  
see presentations and  
ask questions.



# Financial Report

Dear friends,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful autumn weather and getting adjusted to new schedules, which often start at this time of year.

At the end of August, PCLG is running a deficit, but it is lower than we projected in our budget. Our year-to-date income is at 101% of budget and our expenses are at 96% of budget, leaving us with a deficit of \$12,030 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$47,006 at this time.

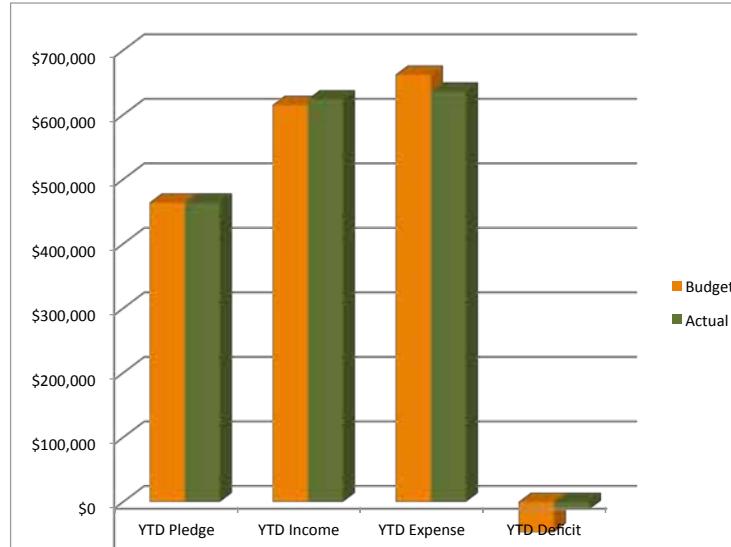
As we approach year-end, this is a good time to check on the status of your giving and make adjustments. You can also start thinking about how you would like to contribute to PCLG's mission in 2017. If you wish to have a copy of your giving statement please contact me. My email address is [kristy.cole@pclg.org](mailto:kristy.cole@pclg.org), and the office phone is 408-356-6156. I'm on extension 21.

All pledge and giving information is kept confidential. You may pledge and give online at [www.pclg.org](http://www.pclg.org).

Many thanks for your generosity to PCLG.

In Christ,

Kristy Cole, Church Administrator



## News

Happy Birthday Growing FootPrints! This month we will celebrate 23 years as an outreach program of the church. I will be leading TYD on October 16th in celebration of the occasion. I look forward to visiting with you!

The 2016-2017 GFP Board:

Pastor Watermulder...Executive Director Beth Hobbs...Chairman

Eleanor Gallmeister...Staff Volunteer/Support Angelina Coates...GFP Parent Representative

Lisa Watermulder...GFP Parent Representative Cory Mullins...GFP Director

Carolyn Rosen...Session Elder

A BIG thanks to Karen Loomis who will be leaving our board as the Children's Ministry Elder.

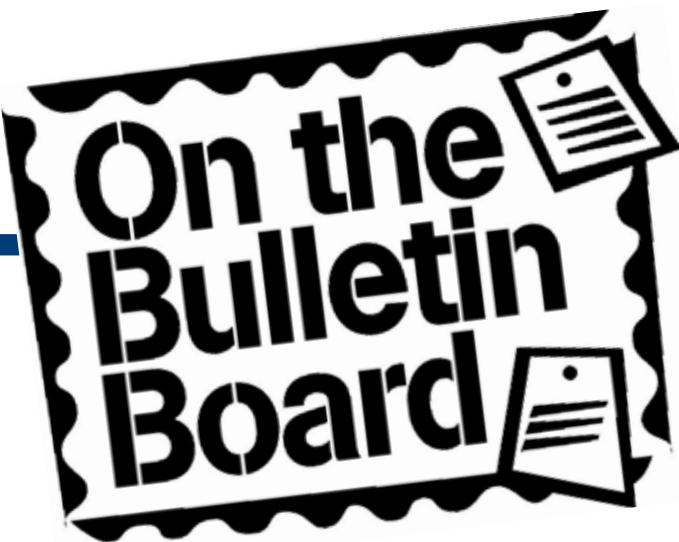
Thank you all for your service to the PCLG Early Childhood Education Program!

Blessings,

Cory Mullins, Growing FootPrints Director [growingfootprints@yahoo.com](mailto:growingfootprints@yahoo.com).

Mission Statement: Every child is a child of God, and deserves our respect, protection, attention and affirmation. Therefore, every child is worthy of our unconditional love, kindness and care.

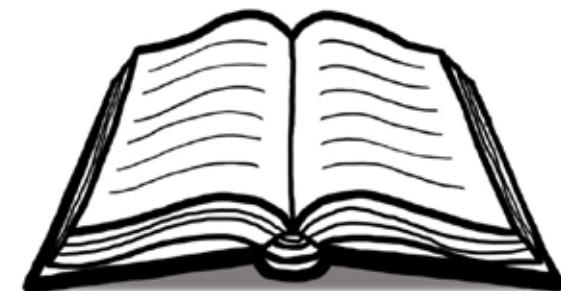
Our mission is to: Provide a safe, comforting place where a quality, nurturing early education program is offered to assist parents in our community in developing their child's physical, mental and spiritual well-being.



Have a short note for the next issue of *The Spire*?

Submit your bulletin board items to

[carlo@pclg.org](mailto:carlo@pclg.org)



### **Would you like to read the scripture in church?**

Each week, we have a different person read the scripture during the worship service. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Mary Jane Humphrey, 408-963-6006 or [maryjhumphrey@comcast.net](mailto:maryjhumphrey@comcast.net).



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# PCLG at-a-Glance

## WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

Adult Education	9 a.m.
Worship in the Sanctuary	10 a.m.
"God's Place" Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Time	11 a.m.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Men's Bible Study	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.
Theology on Tap	1st Monday	8 p.m.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Friends, Food, Fellowship	2nd Saturday	6 p.m.
The Voyagers	3rd Saturday	Fellowship & Service
Buoys & Gulls	Various	Various
Mates	Various	Various
Senior Stretch & Movement	Wed/Fri	9:30 a.m.
Happy Paint	Thursday	10:00 a.m.
Bookends	Various	Various
CoveKnit Group	Wednesday	7 p.m.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Home AM Groups	3rd Thursday	9:30 a.m.
PCLG AM ("WoW") Group	Thursday	10 a.m.
PCLG Noon Group	2nd Thursday	12 p.m.

## COVENANT GROUPS

Baker/Attwood Covt.	Monday	10:00 a.m.
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## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Los Cascabeles	Tuesday	6 p.m.
Chancel Brass	Wednesday	7:45 p.m.
Worship Band	Thursday	7 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Chancel Strings	Friday	7:30 p.m.
Joyful Voices	Sunday	11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	Sunday	6:30 p.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle School SNiFF	Sunday	5 p.m.
High School YG	Sunday	7:30 p.m.

*Don't forget—Deadline  
for the November SPIRE  
is 2:00 P.M. Thursday,  
October 20.*



## October Birthdays

3	Joan Brown	18	Steve Daly
4	Doug Lynner	20	Tchacho Modia
	Jim Stoner		Kim Delevett
	Heather Chunnic	22	Hendrika Harris
5	Roger Heath	23	Willis Brown
6	Sinjutha Nagalingam		Pat Garland
10	Sophia Alzaidi		Damon Kvamme
11	Maurice Otto	24	David Heath
12	Frank Jones	25	Pam Bancroft
13	John Lundell	26	Jan Wilson
14	Maria Schroeder		Ron Rose
16	Sue Hansen	31	Brian Heath
17	Rebecca Rohrer		

## Anniversaries

12	Bill & Kristy Cole
23	Julie & William Lasher
25	Kathy DeMerit & Jim Souther Peter & Kim Delevett



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# *Women's Retreat*

October 7-9

*Ephesians 3 & 4 - Rooted in Friendship*