

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Acts 15:36-16:15





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Acts 16:6-8



MACEDONIA

THRACE

Black Sea

PAPHLAGONIA

Philippi Neapolis

Samothrace

Propontis

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

Troas

MYSIA

GALATIA

Ankara (Ankyra)

Lesbos

Pergamon

Thyateira

PHRYGIA

Agean Sea

LYDIA

Philadelphia

Antioch in Pisidia

LYCONIA

Mazaka Caesarea

ACHAIA

Corinth

Albani

Smyrna Sardis

Ephesus Hierapolis

Lycosia

CAPPADOCIA

CILICIA

Miletos

CARIA

LYCIA

PISIDIA

PAMPHYLIA

Attalia Perga

Lycosia

Lystra

Thebe

Tarsus

Selucia Parra Antioch

SYRIA

Santorini

Patmos

Cos

Rhodes

Myra

Cyprus

Salamis

Paphos

Mediterranean Sea

Paul's Dilemma Acts 16:6-10

Where Are We Going?





This Ship Has Not Gone Down!

Virtual Forerunners (Greeters)

KFC and Interhigh

MCs and Worship Leaders

Tech behind the scenes

Virtual Home Groups

Mission and Compassion

Reopening Task Force

Facility & Finances

Hospitality & Outreach

Deeper Engagement in Scripture

HEBREWS

UNSETTLING TRUTHS

LITURGICAL ADVENT

MANUSCRIPT STUDY

STEWARDSHIP

JOHN'S GOSPEL

GUEST SPEAKERS

LUKE

ISAIAH

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Spring & Summer of 2020

New Bible Studies formed:

- Summer Bible Study (led by Sharlene Low/Acts!)
- Thursday Bible Study - increased attendance and frequency
- Cupertino Home Group revived
- Friday Women's Bible Study formed for working moms
- Women's Monday Evening Discipleship Group

Zoom Mid-Week Activities began:

Fitness & Kickboxing; WWO, Christian Yoga, Thursday Draw Time, Happy Hour Tea Time/Explorer Workshop, Open Fellowship



Leave Meeting

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4/29/2021

The Ship Discovered New Ports of Entry!



And perhaps added a few decks to the
cruiseline...



“Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.”

Acts 15:36

Rest, Reflect, and Retreat

**To notice how
GOD at work
among us**





**“As they traveled from town to town,
they delivered the decisions reached
by the apostles and elders in
Jerusalem for the people to obey.”**

Acts 16:4



“So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.”

Acts 16:5

Trust the Sovereignty of the Holy Spirit

“Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia,

having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, **but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.**

So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.”

Acts 16:6-8

Our IWG Workshops impacted many beyond OVCC



WS-1	WS-2	WS-3	WS-4	WS-5	WS-6		
Biblical Foundations	Lectio Divina	Visio Divina	Listening Prayer	Inner Healing	Prophecy	OVCC	non OVCC
23	14	18	30	33	25	34	27
						56%	44%

God Directs Us thru Vision, and We Respond

9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” **10** After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready **at once** to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. **12** From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

Acts 16:6-8

We learn to Hold Expectations Loosely

“On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer.

We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.”

Acts 16:13

VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT GROUP... (?!)



**Community Enjoyed
Care Expressed
Courage Required
Calling Clarified**

**God helped every
single person make
progress in pursuing
“true call.”**

**We companioned each
other along the way**

Accept the Hospitality of Others!

“One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. ‘If you consider me a believer in the Lord,’ she said, ‘come and stay at my house,’ And she persuaded us.”

Acts 16:14-15

As we continue journeying...



May we be open to
the work of God within and around us

God's connecting us to many other churches

FRIDAY
APRIL 2
AT 12:00 NOON

GOOD FRIDAY VIRTUAL SERVICE

7 LAST SAYINGS

OF JESUS CHRIST FROM
7 WOMEN PREACHERS



 Pastor Rev. Dr. Marilyn Bussey St. James AMEZ Church San Mateo, CA	 Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon Congregational Church of San Mateo, CA	 Senior Pastor Rev. Sydney Webster Trinity Baptist Church San Mateo, CA	 Pastor Rev. Christine Teng Henson Orchard Valley Christian Church Sunnyvale, CA
 Pastor Rev. Deborah Lewis-Virges Saint Mark AMEZ Church East Palo Alto, CA	 Senior Pastor Rev. Debra Murray First United Methodist Church Palo Alto, CA	 Senior Pastor Rev. Susan Von Riesen Palo Alto Vineyard Church Palo Alto, CA	

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IV STANFORD

MENLO.CHURCH

Peninsula Bible Church

FIRST PALO ALTO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SILICON VALLEY

He is growing our heart for gospel-centered racial justice



<http://bit.ly/STRONGER-TOGETHER>

God loves to get away with us



Going on an Adventure with God Is
TRANSFORMATIVE

KIDS invited to...

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

*Homeridge Park,
Santa Clara*

July 5-9, orchardvalley.org/vbc
(\$40/child, \$30/2nd child)

Ages 4-11 **9-11:30 am**

**volunteers WELCOME too!*





YOUTH invited to go...

Glamping in Gilroy!

June 12-13

WOMEN invited to a RETREAT

near Sequoia National Park

Oct 20-22



Any interest in a *Couples Retreat*
working with **the Enneagram**?

Or an *EMT Retreat* with **other church
leaders**?

The possibilities are very exciting.





Leave Meeting

MHK: Where Is This Ship Headed Next?



*Orchard Valley Christian Church * Is sponsoring an in-person celebration of*

Mother's Day

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021

Time: 2 pm to 3 pm

Place: Raynor Park, picnic site 4
Parking off Partridge Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Cautions: Masks required.
Social distancing.

Activities: Mothers – pampering with salon-quality manicure in minutes
Children – creating Mother's Day gifts, games
Family – photo to commemorate this event

Bring: Blankets for sitting on the grass
Masks

POC: hospitality@orchardvalley.org



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Grow series - coming soon



Do you want to GROW spiritually?

Do you want to become spiritually effective?

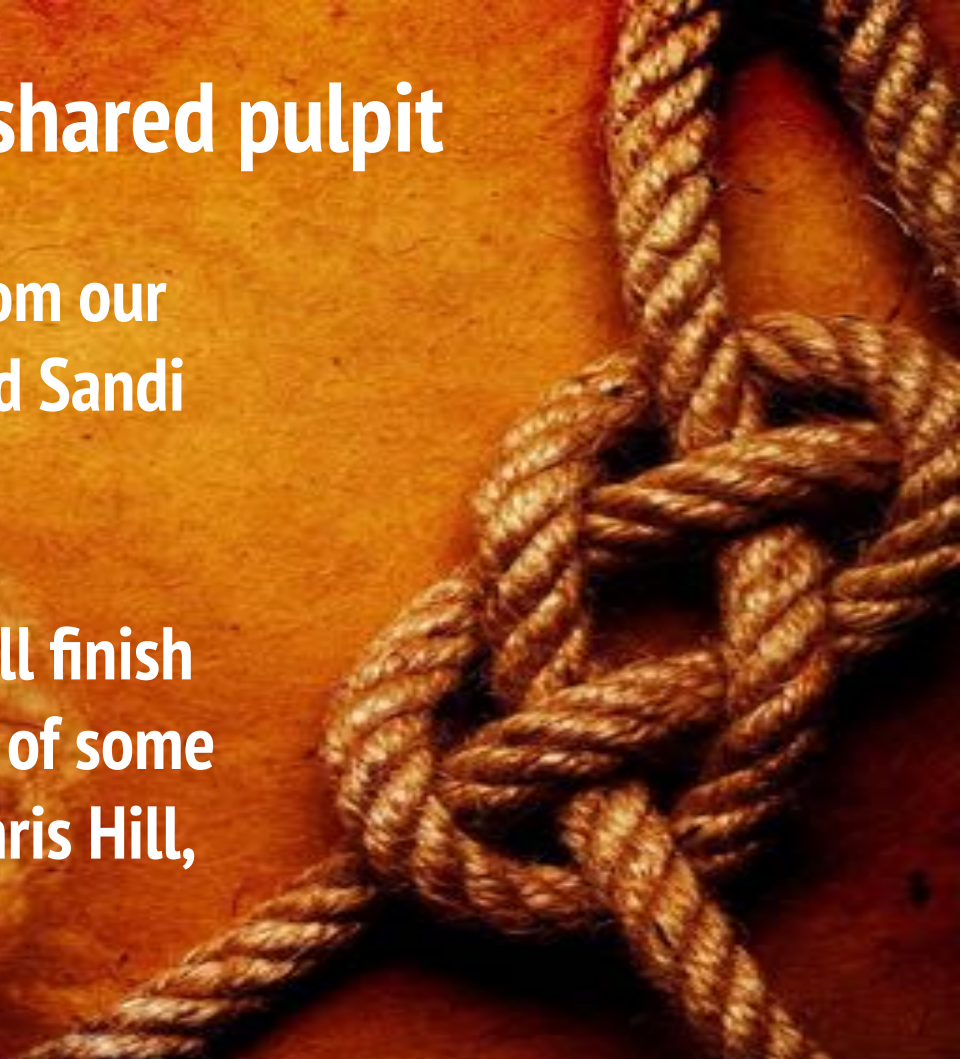
Do you want to help others GROW?



We really appreciate our shared pulpit

Next week, we'll get to hear from our very own Monica Sakamoto and Sandi Chan on Mother's Day!

Then Pastors Mark and Tina will finish our Isaiah Series with the help of some guest speakers (May/June) - Chris Hill, Joey Le





Our NEW Message Series will kick off on June 27

1. **Hope**
2. **Joy**
3. **Peace**
4. **Calm**
5. **Rest**
6. **Play**
7. **Delight**



CROWD-SOURCED CONTENT!

When YOU come across a relevant passage, song, image, video - share it!

Vote on Possible Titles for the Series? (votes so far)

Teach Me How to Find... (3)

How Do We Recapture? (3)

A Return to Radical Living (2)

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Church Meeting Facility & in-person reaching out

Office

Church buildings

Schools

Outdoor Events

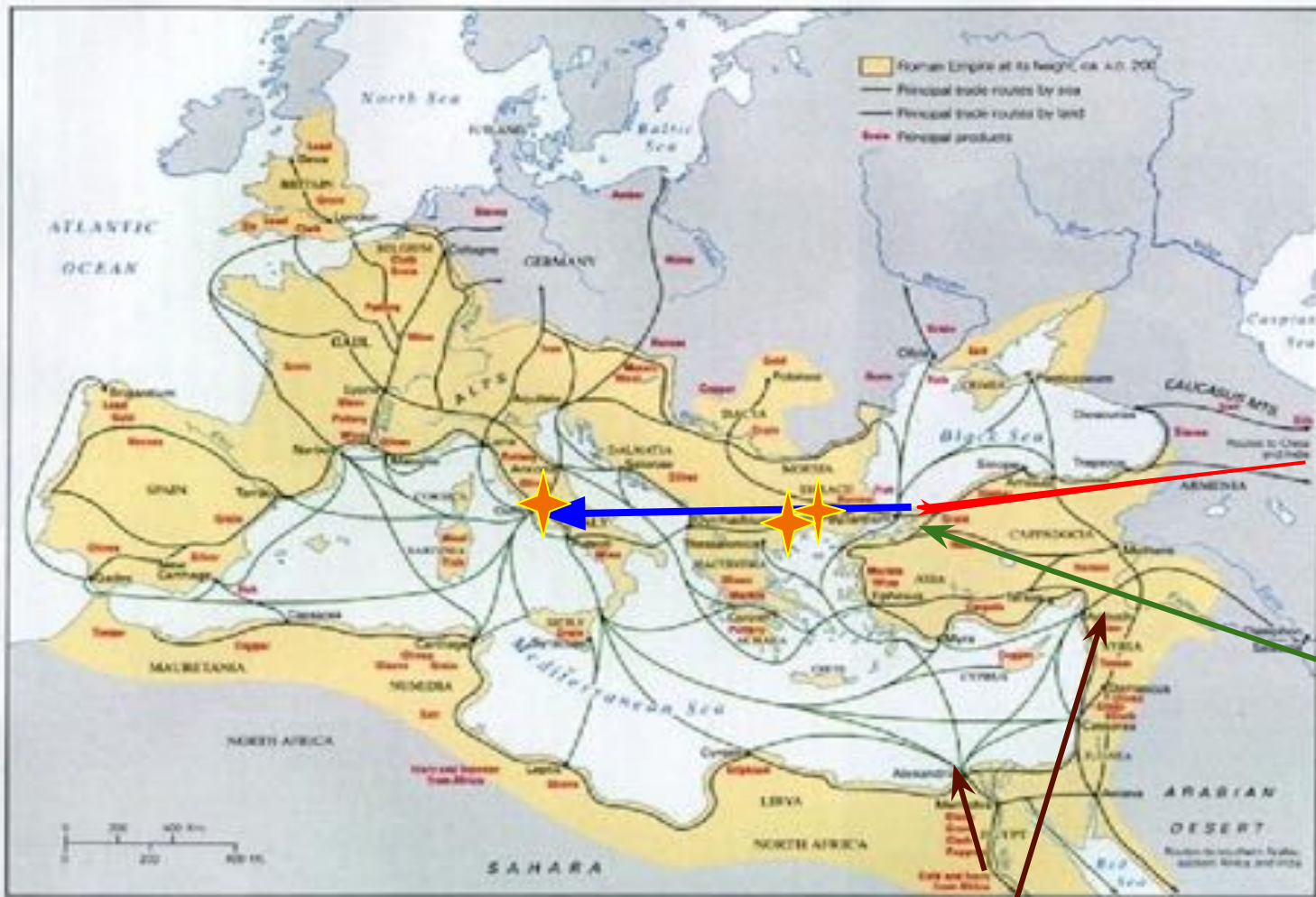
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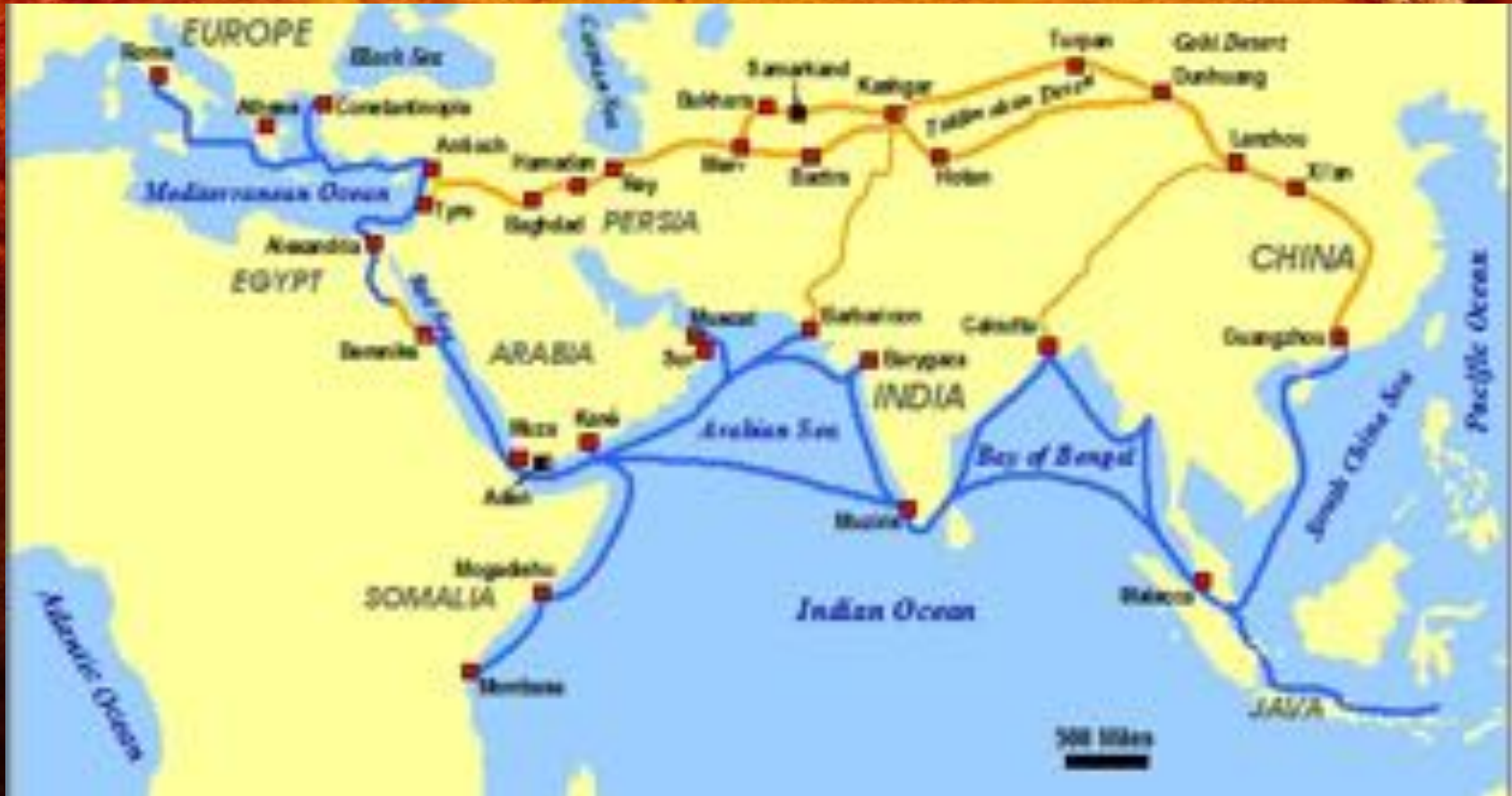
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Roman Trade Routes



New Frontiers



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Where Next for OVCC?
Where Next for you?



May God keep connecting us to New Young Families

And that's continuing! Thanks to the work of the Hospitality Committee -
Mother's Day Nail Painting this coming Saturday - VBC in July

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