

# Golden Nugget

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## A Word from the Pastor

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."*

**John 15:13-16 NIV**

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Romans 8:38-39 NIV**

While there are many pastors out there who have been preaching sermon after sermon on COVID-19 and all of the worldwide issues surrounding it these past few weeks, and will continue to do so likely for several more weeks, I have deliberately focused my sermon series on Mark away from the pandemic, aside from occasional mentions or tie-ins, and have instead decided to focus on preaching and teaching Mark as I would in "normal times." I haven't done this to make light of the pandemic, or to



downplay its seriousness; rather, I have done it because all we are hearing about in the news, on social media, and in our everyday lives is the pandemic, and I wanted our time together through the sermon videos to provide you with a respite from all of that. After all Psalm 46:1 tells us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." So, I wanted the 45 minutes to an hour that you are watching the sermon videos to be a place of respite and refuge for you in this time of trouble.

However, I fully acknowledge all of the serious issues that this pandemic has raised and, as the isolation and quarantine has dragged on longer and longer, the emotional and spiritual toll that it can take. In fact, as I have been talking with all of you over the last several weeks, a common theme that has arisen is a feeling of isolation and a longing for social interaction, especially at church.

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So, I thought that this article would be a good opportunity to try to lift some spirits and talk about the fact that, no matter what happens, we have a Savior who is our friend and who has promised that He will never leave us. This is a truth that I talked about in my sermon on Mark 1:9-13, but I wanted to take some time to look at it a little more closely.

I know that every single Christian knows that Jesus loves them; that is something that is widely taught and preached upon, and it is something that comes shining through throughout all of Scripture. But, how many of you really think about the fact that Jesus is your *friend*? He said so Himself right there in the Gospel according to John! That's a significant truth because it means that Jesus isn't like some far-off, distant relative who loves you though they are not particularly close to you or even really know you that well; instead, He is your close, personal *friend* who is there for you for the ups and the downs, for the good and the bad. He is someone you can talk to, someone whose shoulder you can cry on, someone you can laugh with. He is a confidante, a mentor, a counselor, and a conversation partner. Think of your best friend in the entire world, and all of the great conversation and memories that you have had together...that's what Jesus is for you.

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Church of the 49ers,  
where God is the gold. We serve  
and worship God in spirit and in the  
truth of the scriptures. We live by faith  
and will be known by our love  
for others and our voice of hope.

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1 through March 31, 2020 (exclusive of other income/expenses)

	Budget	Actual	Difference Over/(Under)
Income	\$66,837	\$55,078	(\$11,760)
Expense	\$63,253	\$58,332	(\$4,921)

Net Ordinary Income as of March 31: **\$3,254.34**  
Mortgage Balance as of March 31: **\$70,794.76**  
Mar. 2020 Mortgage Principal Payment: **\$904.70**

## A Note From the Executive Committee

It's easy to recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has affected not only individuals but organizations as well. The church is no exception. On March 13<sup>h</sup>, an executive committee was formed to make necessary decisions on behalf of Session during this time of social distancing and sheltering at home. The committee members are: Pastor Keith, and Elders Jim Brandt, Roger Haughton and Dean Cunningham. We agreed to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00PM via teleconference. We have met as such seven times.

The primary purpose of meeting weekly is to decide whether to continue forgoing Sunday worship services, committee meetings, Bible studies, Community Dinners, or any church related meetings normally conducted in a face to face venue. In order to keep some semblance of church normalcy, Pastor Keith has recorded Sunday sermons and published them on YouTube.

Pastor Keith has posted excellent summaries of our weekly meeting by e-mail to the congregation. Fortunately, no significant issues needing immediate attention by the Executive Committee have occurred.

In anticipation of returning to what might be a new normal for society, we have received comprehensive guidance through a Facebook group of pastors that will be a great help to us in the near future.

**Jim Brandt**  
Committee Member

## Interfaith

### Community Social Services

During this period of shelter-at-home, Interfaith is open on a limited basis Mondays through Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm. Practicing social distancing, clients can come in for free groceries and toiletries, or even have their items delivered by volunteers. Until the Stay-at-Home order has been lifted, other services (clothing, showers, etc.) are not available.

Interfaith Community Social Services has been blessed to receive many thousands of dollars from organizations and individuals to purchase the food and toiletries they are giving out; and markets and others have donated produce,

meats, other food items, and paper products, etc. A couple of Interfaith volunteers have been busy making cloth masks too.

To protect the Interfaith volunteers and clients, the restroom, counters, carts, etc. are being cleaned on an hourly schedule.

The Church of the 49ers was one of the founding churches (1988) of this necessary outreach for people of Tuolumne County who are experiencing hard times. We continue to support Interfaith and supply volunteers.

**Vi Morgado**  
Interfaith Liaison

# 49er Family News

Due to Governor Newsom's order to not congregate in groups and shelter at home in an effort to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, the Church of the 49ers did not hold worship services on March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 19, 26. As the May *Golden Nugget* goes to print, we still cannot worship together (in person anyway) until the governor's order has been lifted.

During this "dark" period, Pastor Keith is preaching his sermons each week on-line. If you use the Internet and haven't received emails from Pastor

Keith with the link to his sermons, visit [www.churchofthe49ers.com](http://www.churchofthe49ers.com) or contact me to get Pastor Keith's email address.

Also, if you haven't heard from your Deacon recently, and want to know how to contact your Deacon or Pastor Lee, contact me for that information. We want to be certain we stick together as a "family" during this crisis.

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## May Birthdays

*Happy birthday to you,  
Happy birthday to you.  
May the Lord bless you  
And keep you,  
Your whole life through.*

May 4	Jennie Moiso
May 15	Darrol Davis
May 20	Jean Peters
May 21	Cathy Crawford
May 23	Gary Davis
May 26	Jim Bowin
May 26	Tom Kimura

## Happy Anniversary!

**Gary & Leslie Davis**  
35 years on May 18

**Monty & Dana Youngborg**  
6 years on May 31



Mr. Grace (the church cat) is still guarding the church campus and feeling mighty lonely without you all coming around on Sundays, and Keith, Lee, Deb and others during the week.

On April 18th, Gary Davis was providing some handy-man expertise to the property (safely outdoors), but when he sat down to take a break, Mr. Grace promptly elevated himself to Gary's back.

Mr. Grace is well-fed (every morning), but anxious for company.



## Word from Pastor

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But, more than that, He is a friend who has promised that He will never leave you, that there is nothing in this universe that could separate you from Him. If I wanted to reword the passage from Romans above to make it even more relevant to today, I could say, "For I am convinced that neither coronavirus nor its cure, neither re-opening the economy nor quarantine, neither social-distancing nor face-masks, nor any pandemic, neither panic nor isolation, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The point is, that even with everything going on in the world, even if you have been stuck in your house for weeks on end; none of us have been alone, none of us have been isolated, because Christ has been right there beside all of us this entire time; He has been there as a source of comfort, companionship, and love.

I know that the feelings of loneliness and isolation during this time of quarantine are real; but I also know that the love and friendship of the Lord Jesus Christ is very real. My hope, and my prayer, is that if/when you begin to have these feelings, you would remember that the greatest friend you could ever have is right there beside you, He has His strong, loving arms wrapped around you, He wants you to talk to Him and let Him know how you are feeling. I am so looking forward to the day that we will all be able to start gathering together again; but, until that time comes, let us all take comfort and refuge in the fact that this time of quarantine is giving us the opportunity to hang out with our good and true friend, Jesus. You are not alone, the God of the universe and the Savior of mankind is right there with you!

May the blessings of the Father and the peace of the Son be with you all,

**Pastor Keith**



## God's Glory Across the Earth

As some of you know, for about the last 20 years I have represented our church in an organization known as Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). CWF is made up of representatives from many of our Christian churches in Tuolumne County. We promote Christian beliefs and work toward spreading the word of God, all the while leaving our denominational differences at the door.

As our membership has dwindled throughout the last few years, we are unable to monetarily support various causes as we were once able to do.

However, we have continued to celebrate the National Day of Prayer by gathering together in worship on this very special occasion.

Recognizing the global challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, we in CWF still feel the need to unite in prayer on Thursday, May 7. So, as a well-known politician has said, "We have a plan for that!"

Although we cannot physically be together, CWF requests that we all pause whatever we are doing and wherever

## Sermons and Scripture

Pastor Keith began a new sermon series April 5th, called "The Gospel According to Mark: Three Years That Changed The World." For all those with email, he will send a link so you can listen/watch them online.

### May 3

Mark 1:14-20  
"Gone Fishin'"

### May 10

Mark 1:21-34  
"It's a Miracle"

### May 17

Mark 1:35-45  
"The Loud-Mouthed Leper"

### May 24

Mark 2:1-12  
"Get Up and Walk"

### May 31

Mark 2:13-22  
"Going Against the Grain"

Visit [churchofthe49ers.com](http://churchofthe49ers.com) to listen to past sermons (before March 2020). Click on "Worship" and "Sermons" and then the small white triangle on the left underneath each sermon listed. The audio includes the Scripture verses being read and goes right into the sermon.

we're doing it, on Thursday, May 7, at 12 noon and pray. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14

Any questions, call me at 588-9876. May our Lord fill you with his many blessings.

**Nora Neves**

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## News from Allen Graham, Missionary

Hello Church of the 49ers family! In spite of all the restrictions you are facing now, I trust you are well and taking advantage of this time to draw closer to God. In a world of so much uncertainty, it is comforting to know that our God is unchanging and all powerful.

Last month I told you about Spain's 28-day period of shelter-in-place. Well, May 2nd marks Day 49! Yes, we've had several extensions. Thankfully, as of that date, we will now be able to go out for an hour of exercise per day. The schedule is assigned by age ranges. We are hoping more restrictions will be lifted on May 9th. One thing is for certain, we must be diligently praying for our government leaders. No leader in the world has experience in guiding their country during a pandemic. They need our prayers.

I hope you are praying for the Muslim world during this time of Ramadan, which will end on May 23rd. In talking to many of our media and development partners in the region, all are experiencing a great increase in inquiries about Jesus. We feel a lot of this has to do with the threat of the Coronavirus, which is causing people to consider their eternal home. May the Holy Spirit move in mighty ways to lift the blinders of Islam in the remaining days of Ramadan.

Do you remember the story of the five missionaries martyred in Ecuador in January 1956? They were hoping to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Waodani indigenous tribe in the Amazon Rain Forest of eastern Ecuador. One of the Waodani men who led the attack was Mincaye Enquedi. He and many other Waodanis later became Christ followers and today the tribe is predominantly Christian. Many books have been written about this encounter and the amazing act of forgiveness by

family members of the martyrs upon the Waodani tribe. If you have not done so, I would encourage you to see the movie, *The End of the Spear*.

Mincaye died April 28, 2020 at home in the tiny village of Tzapino of natural causes related to old age. He was between 88 and 91 years of age. (In the jungle, detailed birth registries are uncommon.) He was great proof of God's redeeming and transforming power. As my local colleagues and I were talking about his death, one said, "Can you imagine the meeting in heaven between Mincaye and the five martyrs?" Wow! How true? "What man meant for evil, God meant for good."

**Genesis 50:20**



In 2001 when I was directing National Radio for HCJB Ecuador, I had the privilege and honor of meeting Mincaye when he was visiting Quito. It was amazing to meet the person that I had read so much about; a living miracle of God's redemption and grace. Elisabeth Elliot wrote more of this story in her book, *Through Gates of Splendor*. Have you not read it? Please do so. You will be inspired!

Please be safe and please be praying.  
Many blessings from southern Spain.

**Allen**



## What is Love?

If I could squeeze the essence  
Of love from life's grand pose,  
I'd search for its pure innocence  
In the dew drop on a rose;  
I'd listen for the hatchling's yawn  
From which its first song springs  
I'd breathe the fresh pine-dawn  
Scented air the new day brings.  
Then I'd watch the grandeur  
Of a lake-swept thunder storm  
Strike emotions texture  
With lightning's white-hot form.  
In trying to recover  
The essences found here,  
The rose dew I'll discover  
in my newborn baby's tear.  
The sweetest living heart song  
Found in my baby's laugh,  
The freshness is the talcum  
Scented child upon my lap.  
But when the stormy weather  
Makes our emotions tug,  
It draws us close together  
As we share a special hug.

**By Denella Kimura**

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## Mission Committee

Tina Cruz, the counselor at Columbia Elementary School, contacted our church merely to ask if we were all okay. Deb Johnson forwarded the message to the Mission Committee. Judy spoke to Tina a few days ago to thank her. Tina told her that the students and families at Columbia Elementary were doing well. She says the students are getting bored but the staff is doing a great job reaching out to them. The school is focusing first on mental health and well being rather than on academics. Devices were provided to any students who didn't have one and "hot spots" are being set up so they will have access to the Internet. For those with children under 18, food is delivered. In the past, our church has contributed to the school's emergency fund. At this time, there hasn't been a need but the fund is there if a need arises. Tina thanked our church for our support and generosity and wished us all well.

**Judy and Roger Haughton**  
Co-Chairs Mission Committee

## Community Dinner Update

Unfortunately, there have been no meals served since Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – almost two months! As you can imagine, this is a very difficult time for most of us who work each week shopping, cooking, serving, cleaning, etc. as we know many of our Monday night friends were struggling even before the virus, and now are having even a more difficult time. We do know that Nancy's Hope has been helping the community by providing meals several times a week and also has her store open daily for community members to "shop" for food supplied by AATCA. Recently our church made a donation to Nancy's Hope to assist with some of the expenses.

In addition to the donations available through Nancy's Hope, our weekly food donations from Safeway and Calvary Chapel have continued every Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The food items are brought to Faith Hall and set up on the porch, and are monitored throughout the week. Usually about 80%-90% of all donations are picked up throughout the week by people who stop by. On Friday

or Saturday we clear the porch, throw away unclaimed items and begin again.

We have hope of getting back into the kitchen and preparing meals in the future – however there is not a plan yet. Like everyone else, we are unsure of when it will be safe and exactly how long we will be "sheltering at home." It is a complicated thing...trying to live a normal life, when nothing is very normal! We ask for prayers for guidance from our church family that we will know when the time is right for us to begin our mission once again by preparing meals and offering friendship to those in our community on Monday nights!

Blessings to you all,

**Margie Fooshee & Suzanne Williamson**  
Co-Chairpersons



## From Barbara Broad, 49er Choir Director

While we're all sitting at home and looking for interesting things to do . . . one amazing world that's available to us on the Internet is YouTube. And there's lots of good Christian music there. The challenge is to find it.

I picked some choices from anthems the 49er Chancel Choir has recently sung. I tried to get a variety of sources, one from Italy and one from Germany. Perhaps you'll see others you'd like to listen to. If you have earbuds, the sound is always better with them.

**Choir Sanctus and Benedictus** from St. Cecilia Mass by Gounod, in concert in Italy with orchestra  
[youtube.com/watch?v=IOu4FUYzbig](https://youtube.com/watch?v=IOu4FUYzbig)

Or a version for men's voices in German  
[youtube.com/watch?v=-Q7rpX5JAsE](https://youtube.com/watch?v=-Q7rpX5JAsE)

**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring** by J.S. Bach, RCA Recording (skip the ads)  
[youtube.com/watch?v=S6OgZCCoXWc&t=99s](https://youtube.com/watch?v=S6OgZCCoXWc&t=99s)

**Seek Ye the Lord** by Roberts, at the Presbyterian Church in Seoul, in Korean  
[youtube.com/watch?v=4qc0kK3W-kU](https://youtube.com/watch?v=4qc0kK3W-kU)

And I hope you'll find other YouTube offerings you'd like to listen to!!



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## Church & Community

By Dick Dyer, historian

After reflecting about this *Golden Nugget* topic, I knew it would be improved with elaborations by geologists, anthropologists and archeologists. I do defer to these scholars as I simplify their manuscripts. Also, I must confess, in my research about our church and community my “profound pleasure” was in discovering new information about our historic church as an integral part of old Tuolumne. What follows could be somewhat of a History 49 lesson encouraging readers to more fully appreciate the relationship of church and community.

Many millennial years ago the church sanctuary site was covered by a great sea. In time the initial land that emerged revealed a recently-formed thin crust. Today, if we carefully inspect the western foothills along Highway 108, we can identify telltale imprints where ancient ocean waves repeatedly etched the earth crust leaving visible impressions. Furthermore, along the highway some travelers have speculated about the curious formations of tombstone-like monuments protruding from the grasslands. A bewilderment? Not at all. Oceanographers have identified such distinctive rocks as common underwater formations in ancient seas.

Millions of years ago the current Sierra Nevada Mountains emerged, however after several geological upheavals their heights were considerably above Mt. Whitney’s 14,495 feet. During successive volcanic eruptions basaltic lava streams completely covered the rivers including the original “Stanislaus River” canyon. The lava flow after cooling and eroding formed several conspicuous “table mountains” near the Columbia site and elsewhere.

After many geological eons of rainfall and erosion, the lava flow remained isolated above the surrounding foothills;

a new Stanislaus River carried High Sierra water into the valley with enormous quantities of upland topsoil. After the volcanic eruptions subsided, a cooler environment with heavy rainfall introduced verdant forests and grasslands into enriched soil. Ultimately the forests of various pine and oak trees provided valuable resources for the inhabitants. The enriched soil contained many edible bulbs, herbs and fibers for gatherers. An abundance of wildlife occupied the habitat including grizzly bears and California condors.

Into this diverse environment arrived a migrating native group, possibly from the Great Basin to the east. Anthropologists have not fully identified them nor their culture. Initially they resided along the current Stanislaus River, built temporary dwellings and etched petroglyphs onto riverside rocks. Only meager information has been obtained about their activities. Today the New Melones Reservoir has completely inundated the few remaining reminders of these ancient sojourners. In recent years, we have acquired considerable information about the Central Sierra Miwok who settled in the same area, probably after 1300. Also they were without a written language but were able to provide descriptions of their livelihood. Their small encampments surrounded what was to become Columbia. One site was at what is now Columbia College. A band in a “village” of perhaps a few hundred was located in the hills near the future 49er Church; their settlement was “Wolanga-su.” A rough track led through the Columbia site into the woodlands and nearby waterways. For uninterrupted decades the simple lifestyle of these

hunter-gatherers enabled them to provide sufficiently for the small bands.

Change came abruptly. In 1827 Jedediah Smith with two of his party of trappers crossed the Miwok habitat near the Stanislaus River. After a harrowing eastward trek over the Sierra near Ebbetts Pass, they rejoined a larger group of trappers at Bear Lake (Utah). In 1841 the Bidwell-Bartleson Party of thirty-four immigrants crossed the Sierra near Sonora Pass enroute to Sutters Fort (Sacramento). Both pioneer expeditions were in the vicinity of the local Miwok encampments as well as the unoccupied 49 Church site.

In 1850 the Hildreth Party of prospectors followed the established Miwok track and camped at a nearby creek (parking lot today). The next morning, they discovered GOLD in unexpected quantities. The pastoral environment changed, never to be the same. Nearby prospectors discovered particles of gold in the auriferous gravel beds under the elevated lava flow.

Around Columbia’s gold-rich limestone deposits an increasing number of mining camps emerged.

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Columbia in 1852

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In the ancient past, limestone deposits had been sculpted into “grotesquely shaped formations” after acidic rainfall percolated into the soil; in places large caverns and underground water passages were sometimes formed in the bedrock. (Some years ago, Columbian Tuffy Harthorne told me occasionally he used to hear water flowing underground through the porous limestone subsoil near the present 49er Church.) Even the “plaza” near the future site of the church parking lot was excavated leaving exposed limestone boulders as a reminder that the overburdened soil throughout the “diggings” was to be removed as prospectors sought “glory holes” where golden treasures were located. Around the church campus we see Gold Hill, Gold Street and Gold Springs. Is it possible the location of the church sanctuary is God’s Gold?

**Side Note:** *Have you heard the rumor that rich gold deposits under our church have yet to be excavated?*

We have in our church archives a photograph of a sign at the sanctuary asserting the site is REV. GEORGE CRICHTON’s CLAIM. In any event, historic Columbia had one BONANZA after another until in a few decades there came a time of BORRASSAS (unproductive mines). Many popular novels include passages such as: “Columbia was the greatest gold producer in the early days in the southern mines, perhaps the entire Mother Lode.



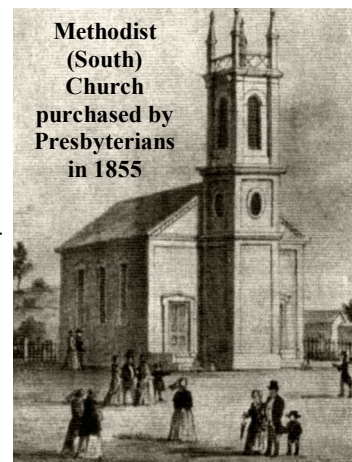
In only a few years prospectors were rewarded with a hundred million dollars.” Even today old prospectors remind us that “...there is still more to be had.”

In the 1850s, immigrants arrived at the camp – miners, merchants, ministers. At the onset we read they had a reputation: the young unattached miners exhibited regular boisterous behavior during their weekend sprees. However, change was evident even before Columbia was incorporated as a city in 1857 (temporarily). The concerned citizens demanded decent behavior. Indeed, most miners were from worshipping families in the East and foreign lands; their deeply felt Christian values led to the organization of not less than five active churches of various denominations. Additionally, a Jewish “minyan” (small worship group) met in a rented hall. A Chinese Joss House provided some relief for the often abused Asians, located across from the church “plaza.”

In June 1852, Rev. Isaac H. Brayton, a Presbyterian pastor, wrote, “A fine house has just been built here. The lower floor is to be used as a church, and the upper floor as the Masons’ Hall (corrected). A private school, one of the earliest in Columbia, used the lower floor but only for a few weeks in 1852. (It was not until 1855 that the State and local agencies provided operating funds for public schools.) The structure’s board and batten walls were lined with colorful canvas. The wood and canvas pews were movable to accommodate different groups. Nevertheless, the inadequacy of this

Methodist (South) Church was evident. Despite its condition it was purchased in 1855 by a recently organized Presbyterian group; they sought a sanctuary after appointing Rev. John Henry Brodt as their pastor in December 1854. The hastily constructed church served the popular congregation for almost 10 years.

In early 1864 the “dilapidated” structure was taken down after a Presbyterian canvassing committee received financial and labor pledges to establish a new sanctuary on almost the original site of the old church.



Recent research indicates the Presbyterian Women Committee raised a major portion of the estimated \$3,000 construction cost. On October 8, 1864, the *Union Democrat* editor wrote, “The ladies... exhibited great energy and considerable taste...” in providing a lath and plaster interior. It was reported to be 52 feet in length and 40 feet in width with a gallery and included ample room for 350 worshippers. The editor recommended a trip to the 48-foot belfry rooftop as it provided “...a splendid bird’s-eye-view of the romantic city of Columbia.” The new sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia was dedicated November 6, 1864 as a result of the visionary leadership of Pastor William Martin. The ceremony was declared a “brilliant soiree.” The *Union Democrat* editor wrote on October 8, 1864 that the Rev. Dr. Martin “...in a neat little speech thanks the performers for the agreeable (Columbia Brass Band) entertainment....then pronounced the benedictions.” Later, the editor added “It is without a doubt the finest church to be seen anywhere in the southern mines.”

As I conclude, it is evident that our omnipotent God of nature enabled our forebears to uncover admirable “treasures” for CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

Dick Dyer, Co-Chair History Committee

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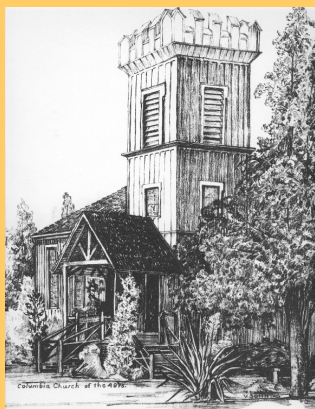
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