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A word from our Minister...

Fa’atalofa ma fa’afeiloa fiafia atu i le Pa’ia ma le Mamalu o le tatou Aiga Lotu, o le **Malamalama o Samoa** mai mauga tetele se’ia pa’ia lava ona i’u. Fa’afetai i lo tatou Atua Paia, i Lana Tausiga Alofa o lo’o malutia ma malu puipuia ai le Tino o Keriso i aso uma.

Mālō le Soifua Manuia. Mālō le Tapua’i. Mālō le Tauata’i. Mālō le Fai Talosaga. Lenei ua tatou la’asia le Masina o Novema, e fa’apitoa ai le Fa’afetai / Thanksgiving i le Mālō Tele o le Unaiete Setete o Amerika, ma e momoli tele atu ai lā maua fa’afetai, ona o le sautualasi o le Alofa o le Atua Paia, ua ala mai ia outou le Ekalesia e pele i o maua loto.

Fa’afetai le alofa, fa’afetai le agalelei. O le Tatalo: ia outou manuia ona o Keriso Iesu i so’o se mea tou te ole atu ai i Lona Suafa Paia.

O la Paulo i lana tusi i le Ekalesia i Kolose; **“O mea uma fo’i tou te faia i le tautalatala, po o le amio, ia faia uma lava ia mea i le Suafa o le Ali’i o Iesu, ma le fa’afetai i le Atua le Tamā ona o Ia.” (Kolose 3:17)**

Ia manuia faiva ma tiute feagai ma aiga ta’itasi o le Ekalesia, manuia fo’i āoga a le fanau. E talosia pea i latou o lo’o gasegase ma puapuagaina la le tino, ia alofagia outou uma e le Atua, fa’afouina lo outou malosi i se tulaga manuia. Fa’apea ona talosia le fa’amafanafanaga o le Agaga Paia i ē nutimomoia ona o le malaga a le maliu ma le oti.

O Le Tapuaiga i Le Atua/ Worshipping God

- 11/7/21 at 9:30am –Communion Sunday/Worship
 - 11/14/21 at 10:00am - Worship
 - 11/21/21 at 10:00am- Worship
 - 11/24/21 (Wed) at 7:00pm- Thanksgiving Eve Service
 - 11/28/21 at 9:45am - Pre-Worship / 10:00am Worship
- Live Streamed on our Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/MalamalamaoSamoa>



Thanksgiving!

What are you Thankful for? To whom are you Thankful?

We approach this Annual Celebration with great expectation. The prospect of spending time with Family and Friends, to break bread and share in Fellowship -especially in these unique Pandemic Times – takes on an extra special meaning. Many of you will be traveling to be with Family. The Lord Bless your Travels. Many of you will be staying in put. The Lord Bless your Homes. Many of you will be working. The Lord Bless your Efforts.

The Apostle reminds us very clearly that as Christians, **“Thanksgiving”** is not a Annual Calendar event, focused on the last Thursday in November. This is what Paul writes: **(1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18) “16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**

(Ephesians 5: 20) “20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” As Believers and Followers of the Risen Lord, as His Body Gathered, we are to **“Give Thanks”** each and every day, always, for everything, in all circumstances for this is God’s Will in Christ Jesus for us.

As you gather around your Thanksgiving Table on Thursday, 25 November 2021 joining with your Families and Friends to Give Thanks; please don’t forget, that the Steadfast Love of the Lord, endures for you and me, not just on one day, but forever!

Praise the Lord!!

Advent!
Hope....Peace....Joy....Love.

The Four Candles that we light on the Four Sundays of Advent leading up to the Birth of the Christ Child, in the Manger in Bethlehem. A reminder to us, that as Thanksgiving leads us into the "Season of Goodwill" and "Peace to All People", Advent calls us to focus - not on the bright lights and neatly wrapped gifts - but on the long promised Messiah. Sent by God the Father to Redeem a Lost and Sinful World. In Him we find True Hope, Peace, Joy and Love! (Isaiah 6:9) **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!"**

(Micah 5: 2) **"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me, One who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days!"**

Ia Manuia Lava Le Aso Fa'afetai ma Le Vaitau o Le Ateveni!

Rev. Fa'afouina & Mrs. Tuitogama'atoe Solomona.

Pastoral Matters



The Second Confirmation Class for our Congregation will be offered in November of this year, with a view to Confirmation on **Communion Sunday, 5 December 2021**

(1) Youth: Ages 13 – 19 (2) Adults: Ages 20 and Older. The Dates/Times for class are **Saturdays** 11/13, 11/20, 11/27 and 12/04; 9am-10am in the Church Hall

If you are interested in taking part in these Classes, please contact me by email: fvsolo1@cox.net

-Fa'afouina.



FONO TATALO
Every Saturday Morning in
the Sanctuary 8:00am



WE PRAY FOR:

- *The Needs of our Nation and World...
- *This Season of Thanksgiving and Advent. That as Believers, as the Body of Christ our Hearts would be open to receive the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that the Child of Christmas brings to us and the world.
- * Continued Prayers for Healing, Hope and Help in this time of Pandemic. Let God's Spirit keep us true in our Faith and diligent in our Actions, as we care - not only for ourselves - but also our neighbors.
- *Our Mission Focus for this Month of November*

Our Neighboring Samoan Churches.

Our Congregation:

- *Every Household and our Membership:
- *Our Elders, our Families, and Children*
- *New Born babies and Expectant Mothers*
- *Those who are facing Health Challenges: **Latituaiva, Matavai, Tiana, Liva, Rosemarie, Matua, Moeifaga, Fagalima, Mase, Brenda, Vitolio, Carol, Julia, Elaine, Tracy, Nora, Loretta, Taotafa, Jade.....Merapi, Manusamoa, Leiloa, Taotafa, Afoafouvale, Etenauga, Grace, Karite,**
- *Those who are Grieving the Passing of Loved Ones...
- *Those who are Traveling during this month and especially during the time of Thanksgiving...
- *Those who are struggling in life with Work, Family, Faith, Personal Issues and Relationships....
- *The Work of our Church in this Month of November
- *Our Church Leadership and Branches and all our final efforts in 2021*

Click [here](#) to submit a Prayer Request on our website. Your prayer requests will be received by Rev. Solomona

Around Town at FSCCCSD...



SAMOAN CORNER:

“SĀMOA NE’I GALO” – “SĀMOA, LEST WE FORGET”

(Talatu’u ma Tala o le Vavau a Sāmoa – Proverbial sayings from Oral Traditions and Legends of Samoa)

(1) “A ‘asa i le tai, e mau i fanua faiva o le laulaufaiva.”

(A courtship of a maiden)

- a) If one strategy fails, try another one
- b) If the seaward side errs, let it be corrected by the inland side

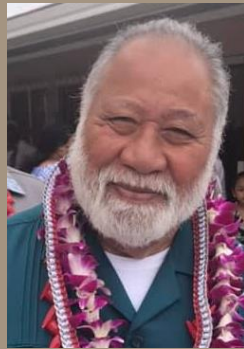
(2) “E toe totō lava i fanua tapu o le tapuāfanua”

- a) A person is hurt by their own trick.
- b) Misfortune will eventually find you.

(3) “Ua taligōfie fitā o le vasa i lō le mafutaga.”

(The Story of Malietoa Faiga)

- a) The death of a brother is much more painful than the perils presented by the ocean
- b) To suffer in spirit is worse than physical suffering



Member Spotlight *Deacon Komisi Savaiinaea*

Deacon Komisi Seigafo Savaiinaea was born on 12/27/1942 in the village of Amanave, American Samoa. At the age of 6 years, Komisi and family moved to Vaisigalo, Apia. Komisi attended Grade 2 School then District School in Sala’i’ua, Savai’i and then returned to Vaisigalo to attend Samoa College. Komisi left Form 4 College, worked for his sister and husband in Savai’i as a bus driver, and made his way back to Tutuila in August of 1962 and stayed in Amanave, his birth village. Komisi attended American High School for a few months, participated in White Sunday of 1962 then set off for America shortly after. Komisi arrived in San Diego in October of 1962 and stayed with his Aunt and Uncle on Ebbs Street. As soon as Komisi obtained his driver’s license, he put it to use transporting his family members to and from their daily destinations. Komisi attended FSCCCSD when services were being held on Market and 15th. In the evenings, when time would permit, he would head to 45th street to help do chores on the fanua where the FSCCCSD sanctuary was under construction. His main duties were to do anything that required heavy lifting and to make sure the workers had enough water.

In the summer of 1963 and after much thought about what path he wanted to take in life, Komisi chose that of the US Navy. The path took him to LA for his medical screening and then back to San Diego for boot camp. With a smile in his voice, Komisi recalls how the Samoan ladies who worked in the laundry room at the Naval Training Center would always call out to him and say hi as they did their work. Those ladies were Inita, Alofasau, Sala and a few others. Komisi’s first duty station was in San Diego aboard the USS St. Paul. He recalls how San Diego was a military town and during off days or liberty, all that’s seen throughout town were people in uniform having a great time. Komisi served in various duty stations and roles but his most memorable service was when he was a Company Commander at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. Being able to impact young lives was a fulfilling task. Mothers would approach Komisi and ask, how did you change my son?

In the late ‘60s, Komisi fell in love and started courting the beautiful Siulia Veve Tafao. Siulia promised to date him on one condition, that he start coming to church. And so he did. On 2/27/1970, Komisi and Siulia were married and embarked on a life journey together as a military family. Komisi and Siulia have 7 children, 10 grands and 8 great grandchildren, what a blessing! Shortly after his marriage to Siulia, Komisi became a Deacon of FSCCCSD in 1972. Komisi retired as a Master Chief after 30 years of service in the US Navy, thank you for your service Master Chief! After retirement, Komisi continued to work in the civilian world and only stopped because of the pandemic. Although he lives a somewhat retired life right now, he’s ready to go back to work if called upon.

In July of 2014, Komisi lost the love of his life as Siulia was called to be with our Lord, God bless her soul. Forging ahead through life without his love, Komisi found comfort and joy in his family and in doing the work of the church. Komisi beams as he tells of how thankful he is to live this long and to have been involved in the Church for the past 45 years: 30 years in Bingo service and 2 years as Elder Deacon. Komisi has been blessed to have found love again in his second wife Helen Slaughter whom he married in December of 2019. Komisi likes to stay active in his retirement. In recent times, Komisi has taken up sewing and has sewn his very first pair of pajamas! He’s also enrolled in plumbing and refrigeration school which starts on 12/13/21. Eventually Komisi also wants to enroll in a computer class to learn how to navigate the world wide web. Although Komisi’s favorite pastime is visiting the casinos, he finds greater joy in the volunteer work he does 4-5 times a week of distributing food to families in need. Komisi’s golden advice to his church family is to have faith and go for whatever goal is set before you. The only limitation is you. Stick with God and all things become possible, there’s nothing God cannot do! And you are the image of God!

FSCCCSD Little Lambs

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

3 John 1:4

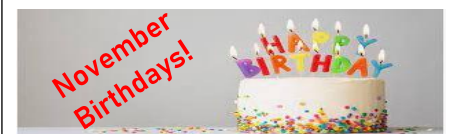
How do you show your thankfulness?

• I show I am thankful by saying ‘Thank you’ and giving them a hug or writing them a note.

Matalasi Tuimaleali’Ifano, 7 years old

• I show my thankfulness to God for bringing me into this world and to my family for buying things for me and I show my thankfulness to my family by giving them hugs and kisses.

-Tanielu Pinones, 9 years old



God’s Blessings and Happy Birthday to our Church Family Celebrating Birthdays in September:

- 6th: Tania Niumata
- 7th: Luaao Maeva
- 8th: Julienne Sotoa
- 13th: Fetuao Solaita
- 16th: Lyric Niumata
- 17th: Marie Taumua
- 19th: Kingston Osoimalo
- 20th: Cyrrona Solia
- 23rd: Alofa Osoimalo
- 27th: Tanielu Pinones
- 27th: Preston Sotoa-Solaita
- 30th: Elsie Solomuli

Email your birthday to fscccsd@gmail.com to include in future Connect issues..

In His Service...

Auā o lana lava galuega i tatou, na faia i tatou ia Keriso Iesu, in ia faia galuega lelei, na saunia anamua e le Atua, ina ia tatou savavali ai.
Efeso 2:10

NOVEMBER 2021 Sanctuary Cleaning Schedule



11/7: Sila'ila'i Gabriel
11/14: Luao Maeva
11/21: Tracy Sagale
11/28: Perelini Korla

Note: Please make arrangements if you need to swap weekends with a fellow church mate and then notify the Secretary. The complete cleaning schedule for 2021 can be found on the bulletin board in the Church foyer.

Looking Ahead At December:

12/5: Nu'u Faumuina
12/12: Tia Tafao
12/19: Lokeni Porter
12/26: Amu Amu Jr.
1/2/22: Ionatana Eli



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Sunday, 19
December 2021.

**Following Worship in
the Church Hall**



SUNDAY SCHOOL Plate Sale Fundraiser:



Sunday, 14 November
(After Worship in the
Hall)

Curry and Rice.
or
Beef Stew and Rice.

Baked Goods.
Fruit.
Water.
Cost of Plate: \$15.00
*Thank You for Your
Support!!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL "NIGHT OF CAROLS"



Saturday, 18 December 2021,

Beginning at 4.00pm.

The Sunday School will be visiting the homes of our Church family to sing Carols this year.

If you are interested in being visited or taking part, please let the Superintendent or one of the Staff know.

Choir Practices

Come join us and offer your voice and talents to the Lord

Chancel Choir Pese: Sat at 10am
Youth Choir Pese: Thurs at 6:30pm



CHURCH PROJECTS LIST

Below is our running list of Church projects. Thank you to those who have funded some of the projects, your gift is received with a grateful heart. For more information on the projects please contact Tulia Tafao, Vice Mod and Chairman of the Grounds Committee. at fsccsd@gmail.com.

Project	Estimated Cost	Funded?	Date Project Completed
Fence Repairs	\$400	Funding received, thank you!	
Church Carpet Cleaning	\$400	Funding received, thank you!	6/18/2021
Security Gate	\$10,000	Funding received, thank you!	7/3/2021
Hall Kitchen Oven	\$8,000 (estimate)		
16 Security Cameras	\$8,000		
Property Perimeter Fence	\$90,000 (estimate)		
8 Church Stained Glass Window Repair	\$6,000 each	Funding recieved for 1 window, thank you!	
Solar	Balance of \$62,000	Church Fundraiser/ additional \$1500 donation received, thank you!	

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

On behalf of the Administration, Teaching Staff and Children we would like to extend our gratitude to Parents, Guardians, Family and Friends who have supported the work of the Aoga Aso Sa so faithfully this year. We Praise God for your prayers, encouragement and generosity.

The year has gone by so quickly, and the children are growing up fast. We have enjoyed immensely and blessed with the privilege to grow them in the Lord Jesus, through His Word and example. We do not take lightly the charge laid upon our hearts as Teachers, and pray that the seeds of faith planted will blossom and flourish for the Glory of our God.

Lotu Tamaiti and Harvest Festival events were a great time of Praise and Fellowship! Thank you to all the families who prepared recitations and songs for their children, you all rock. Thank you to everyone who donated for the Movie Night and Harvest Festival, we pray that you enjoyed these wonderful times of fellowship.

Please take time to read the notices for our up and coming events. The more the merrier as the saying goes! God bless each household with Thanksgiving and the Joy of the Season.

-Superintendent Tuitogama'atoe Solomona.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IN NOVEMBER:

- *Sunday, 7 November – In Person Classes @ 8.30am.
- *Sunday, 14 November – In Person Classes @ 8.30am.
- *Sunday, 21 November – In Person Classes @ 8.30am.
- *Sunday, 28 November – In Person Classes @ 8.30am.



CHURCH BINGO IS PERMANENTLY CLOSED...

...as passed by the Congregation in the monthly Church meeting on 7/11/21. Click [here](#) to read the full memo.

Support and Resources

Kingdom Work

At the end of every month, we donate the plate offering from collected from the month to a Mission. God bless your giving for missions local and around the world.

Mission Giving:

September 2021 – Seafarer’s Friend
\$877.00 gifted.

October 2021 – Happy Life Children’s Home
\$1486.00 gifted

November 2021 – Our Neighboring Samoan Church

Click [here](#) to visit the Missions page on our website.

Seeking donors for our Sanctuary Flower Fund

Our weekly flower expense is approximately \$100 and we could use your help. If you feel led to donate to our Flower Fund, donate flowers for a specific Sunday, Occassion or in Memory of a loved one, please Venmo @Mele-Tafao with a comment of “Flower Fund” and details or contact any of the Church officers.



Your donation is greatly appreciated



The Steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases; His Mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your Faithfulness.
Auega / Lamentations 3:22-23

Just as God’s Love and Mercies are new every morning, may His beautiful creation of flowers be fresh and new every Sunday Worship as well.

An FSCCCSD MISSION-

GIVING THANKS: LOVE THY NEIGHBOR COOKOUT

“And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
Matthew 22:37-39

DATE/TIME Saturday, November 27th
12:00pm-2:00pm

LOCATION Eucalyptus Park-
436 C ST Chula Vista,
CA 91910

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFO!

- We will be handing out 150 lunch plates to those in need.
- All are welcome to join!
- To donate items/volunteer- please contact Siupolu Niumata.



Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.
1 Corinthians 10:24



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NOVEMA / NOVEMBER 2021

ASO SA/ Sunday	ASO GAFUA / Monday	ASO LUA / Tuesday	ASO LULU / Wednesday	ASO TOFI / Thursday	ASO FARAILE Friday	ASO TO'ANA'I Saturday
	1	2	3  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	4 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou Pese.	5	6 *8.00am Prayer Mtg  *10.00am: 'Au Fai Pese Tele.
7  9.30am: O Le Fa'amanatuga/ Communion. *Daylight Savings Ends*	8	9	10  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	11 6.00pm: Board of Directors Mtg. 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou Pese.	12	13 *8.00am Prayer Mtg  *9.00am: Confirmation Class. *10.00am: 'Au Fai Pese Tele.
14 8.30am: *Sunday School* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. *Church Monthly Mtg. *Sunday Sch. Bake Sale.	15	16	17  7.00pm: *Zoom Bible Studies*	18 6.30pm: 'Au Talavou Pese.	19	20 *8.00am Prayer Mtg  *9.00am: Confirmation Class. *10.00am: 'Au Fai Pese Tele.
21 8.30am: *Sunday School* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship. *Lafoga / Maintenance Offering*	22	23	24 7.00pm:  Thanksgiving Eve Worship	25  HAPPY THANKSGIVING REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD	26	27 *8.00am Prayer Mtg  *9.00am: Confirmation Class. *10.00am: 'Au Fai Pese Tele. *12.00pm: "Giving Thanks - Love Thy Neighbor Cookout"
28 ADVENT I Aso Sa Muamua o Le Ateveni 8.30am: *Sunday School* 10.00am: O Le Tapua'iga / Worship.	29	30	Our Mission Giving at the end of November will be donated to: Our Neighboring Samoan Churches 			