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## April 9 — Chris Faddis

Profiled by Tom Lang



Our Friday April 9th Zoom breakfast speaker, Chris Faddis, will be joining us from his home in Phoenix, Arizona. Chris is co-founder and President of Solidarity HealthShare, a national not-for-profit ministry that provides an alternative way to fund health care costs while protecting and practicing Catholic beliefs. He is also the author of “It is Well – Life in the Storm,” a book that chronicles the inspirational journey he shared with his late wife, Angela, as she battled cancer. Today, Chris is married to Jennifer, and they have five children: Gianna, Augustine, Maximilian, Zelie, and Francesca.

On Easter Sunday 2011, Chris’s late wife, Angela was admitted to the hospital after an emergency room visit revealed a large mass in her colon and multiple masses in her liver. The diagnosis was stage IV metastatic colon cancer with no chance at a cure.

Upon doctors informing the couple of the news, Angela’s words to Chris were, “Jesus still rose, so we will trust.” This statement became the couple’s mission as they strived to trust in Christ and prayed for healing. A friend set up a support page on Facebook, and the couple shared their journey with thousands.

Chris remarked early on that he felt God would use this journey for His glory. Angela also knew God sought to purify her through this journey. Both of those things happened as thousands watched online as they walked this painful road. Angela was indeed purified, and she “surrendered with joy” to God’s will, even though that meant death. God was glorified as many were drawn closer to Christ through the couple’s journey.

During their journey, the couple realized that they were meant to write a book to tell their story — a story of trust. After Angela passed away, Chris continued writing, and the self-published book, “It is Well – Life in the Storm” was released on October 1, 2013. To date, nearly 10,000 copies have been sold, and audiences around the country have been inspired by Angela’s faithful journey.

Solidarity HealthShare was born out of Chris’s frustration with the healthcare system and has experienced tremendous growth since opening to the public in 2016. Solidarity’s goal is to help its members pay for affordable healthcare by sharing each other’s eligible medical expenses while staying true to the moral teaching of the Catholic Church and protecting the sanctity of all human life.

**Visit [cpbcfresno.org](http://cpbcfresno.org) to make your reservations. Current CP&BC Fresno members will be emailed the Zoom meeting ID and password once we receive your RSVP. If you miss the meeting, members may request access to the online recording for up to a month after the meeting date. You must be a current member. Send your request to [speakers@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:speakers@cpbcfresno.org).**

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# From Crèche To Cross

By Norma Williams – St. Anthony of Padua, Fresno

We came to His crèche at Christmas:

The babe, the infant, helpless in Mary's arms,

Too young to understand the impact of Herod's decrees,

The angel alleluias, or the wise men's search.

We knelt and sang "Silent Night," touched by the Incarnation

Yet not threatened by it.

But time passed. He grew, studied in the temple,

Matured, preached, healed, taught, recruited fishers of men.

We listened to the stories, read the gospels, heard witnesses testify.

We wondered, questioned, entertained doubts,

Perhaps felt a Presence we could not, or did not, choose to identify.

Dusty roads of Palestine were not so different

From urban streets of modern metropolises.

Shepherders or steelworkers, the message one for all:

Timeless, clear, non-threatening no more.

We are faced to decide if He is who He says (or He isn't),

That He did what He did (or He didn't),

Healed the blind and lepers (could that be?),

Turned water into wine (an illusion?)

Hard message, demanding surrender, no half-truths or ambivalence.

Remember how Pilate, hoping to wash his hands of responsibility,

Stepped right into the middle of the Nicene Creed for all eternity.

The innocuous Bethlehem babe became a challenge to the status quo.

Betrayal and false witness left Him alone in Gethsemane's garden.

Scourged, mocked, crucified between two thieves,

For what the agony, for whom the suffering?

But the tomb could not hold Him.

Though He descended to the depths, death was not permanent.

He rose, ascended to the Father, atoned for our sins.

From the retrospect of the Resurrection, look back now to the crèche,

But this time see yourself there: infant in wisdom, helpless,

Yet a little Christ-like if you accept the sacrifice, surrender the self.

Let the seed grow and spread as you walk your own Jerusalems,

Suffer your own Calvaries, fall on your knees before the Indescribable Gift:

Saviour, Redeemer, Shepherd, Servant, Messiah, Master, Judge,

Son of the Blessed, Source of Salvation, Wonderful Counselor,

Friend of the Sinners, Guardian, Protector, Refiner, Head over all things,

Chosen and Holy, Alpha, Omega, Door to the Father, Lord Most Majestic,

Our Bread of Life and the Bright Morning Star.

ALLELUIA!

March 2001

## Upcoming Events

- **May 14, 2021**
- **June 11, 2021**
- **No meetings in July and August**

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To join, contact [Sally salauritz@att.net](mailto:Sally.salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378



## Business Person of the Month—Patrick “Pat” Ogle



Jr. Pat Ogle — with central valley valley stops in Bakersfield, Visalia, and Fresno — celebrated 78 years of blessed living in March. Appreciative of

his professional opportunities, Pat values most his family that has resulted in 55 years of marriage to Kathy, three married children, and seven grandchildren.

Pat also cherishes his God-led spiritual path including 56 years at St. Paul’s Catholic Newman Center, and as a charter board member of CP&BC, and a board member for Christian Businessmen Connection. Pat is indebted to religious mentors and friends that encourage a disciplined Christian walk utilizing Bible studies.

Pat used his Fresno State degree in Radio-Television Broadcasting for a 16-year career in news and sports reporting before serving as Executive Director of the Bulldog Foundation for 28 years. In 2009 he transitioned to part-time employment as a Development Officer focused on planned gift solicitation and special projects.

## Speaker Recap – Vicki Quade

By Norma Williams

Playwright/producer Vicki Quade entertained from Chicago via Zoom on March 12. The creator of Nuns4Fun, a goal is to help Catholics remember their catechism. “There’s likely not a lot of negotiating at the Pearly Gates,” she reminds us. Participants were asked what they gave up during Lent in childhood and now — since for the past year we’ve already given up so much. Answers ranged from anger to chocolate to scotch, as well as not giving up but rather taking on something new for the holy season.



Discussing our Easter duty to attend Mass, receive communion, and confess sins, she reviewed definitions of venial and mortal sins, asking attendees to identify which was which from a list of examples.

Samples of her humor included:

Do animals go to heaven? We know there is at least one since scripture says Jesus will return riding a white horse!

Jesus ran away from home and was long grounded by Mary for bad behavior, since nothing is known of him in the 18 years between ages 12 and 30!

Vicki looks forward to returning to producing her comedy shows at the Royal George Theater in Chicago as well as continuing to help with school and church fundraising. During Lent, Vicki’s “Late Night Catechism – Laugh Your Sins Off” was live streamed as part of Chicago Theater Week.

Nuns4Fun gives back to real sisters and their orders, many of which do not receive diocesan, social security, or governmental support.

### Pope’s Worldwide Prayer April Intention

#### Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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**CP&BC Membership Dues:** Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due June 30, 2021. The deadline for the 2022 Membership Directory is December 31, 2021. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2021 directory is underway.

**Reservations:** Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at (559) 434-2722 or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

**Membership Directory:** For the 2022 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2021 is the deadline to reserve ad space for the 2022 Directory. December 31, 2021 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising is available at [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org)

**Prayer Network:** CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally ([salauritz@att.net](mailto:salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

**Website:** Please be sure to visit [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

## **Mission Statement:**

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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