

Our connection to the Congo

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Did you know the money you give to support FBC is divided into different ministries? One of those ministries is our Outreach Program, and some of those funds go to support two missionary families serving in the Congo – **Glen and Rita Chapman** and **Mike and Jill Lowery**. They serve in the same area through International Ministries, and they serve in similar ways.

And – both couples are coming to visit FBC this spring! The Chapman's will be here Sunday, March 18th and will give two presentations on their life and work. The Lowery's will be here in April (we're working out the date now).

Here's a bit about the work of both families.

Jill and Mike Lowery work with the Congo Baptist Community (CBCO), continuing the work American Baptists began in the Congo over 100 years ago.

Jill works in mission education, women's ministries, and with youth. Mike is a professor and administrator at the Pastor's Institute in Kikongo where he teaches New Testament and prepares pastors for rural ministry in the Bandundu region of Congo. He also participates in the preaching schedule of the local churches in Kikongo and in other churches when invited. Mike is involved in Information Technology and maintains the e-mail communication system and computers in Kikongo. He is researching the costs and availability of satellite Internet connections for Kikongo. Jill and Mike find ways to use their gifts to serve in the International Protestant Church of Kinshasa. Jill is very involved in Youth Ministries there, while Mike is currently serving as pastor of the church.



Mike & Jill Lowery and family



Glen and Rita Chapman

Glen and Rita Chapman train Congolese students and their spouses, preparing them for ministry in their hometown in the rural environment. Glen also teaches pastoral students at the Kikongo Pastor's Institute where he is professor of Old Testament, African religions, and Baptist distinctives. He projects evangelistic movies as well as educational videos on medical and health issues such as malaria, HIV, and dysentery in the rural areas where he travels by boat and by PPC (powered parachute) flight. Rita directs and teaches at the Women's School, and she continues

to develop and improve course materials for the pastors' wives. She teaches illiterate women to read and also serves as an active member and counselor of the parish women's fellowship.

You'll be hearing more about their scheduled visits with us in Everett, and you can read more about them on the International Ministries' website at www.internationalministries.org.



Lifegroup prayer and praise

- * Pray for **Mark Deiner**, balance, speech and the stretch of his right arm.
- * **Charmaine Carter** asks that we pray with her for the return of her daughter, that it will happen sooner than later.
- * Pray for my relationship with my mom, **Patricia**, pray too that she will turn to the Lord for salvation. ~**Darcy Stanyo**
- * Please pray for my son, **Kris**, to find Jesus in his life. ~ **Laura Duncan**
- * Pray for steady work and my new job. ~ **Chris Green**
- * Pray for **Karl and Linda Allen**, and family, he is in the midst of chemo. Pray also for **Gerry and Phyllis Allen** who are Karl's parents.
- * Pray for **Pastor Brian's mother, Norma**, who is in the hospital in Boca Raton, FL. She is in serious condition and could not be transported back to Nova Scotia.
- * Please pray for my cousin, **Jean Hughes**, in OK who has many health problems. ~ **David Miller**
- * **Nina Baxter, 92**, a friend of mine, fell and broke her pelvis, please pray for healing. ~ **Darcy Stanyo**
- * Please lift up **Monica** in prayer, she has cancer of the bone, brain & more. ~ **Jane Rodriguez**

- * Please pray for **Lena Peterson**, she has a rare blood disease, she has not responded long-term to the treatment. She is the **daughter of David, granddaughter of Mary Ann & Bob Peterson**
- * Please pray for **my cousin Joel**, who has an aneurism and is in Harbor view ICU. ~ **David McCormick**
- * **Jodene Walker**, my good friend, she is in the middle of some really heavy chemo. ~ **Kathy Chapman**
- * Please be in prayer for our confirmation team as they prayerfully seek God's choice of a person to fill the Adult Discipleship Pastor Position. The position has been retitled *Community Life Pastor*. Member of the confirmation team are: **Frank Riddell, Nathan Yocum, Randy Kienzle, Bryan Blair, Carol McKissick & Ruelyn Nelson**.
- * Please pray for **Ron Newman and Shirley Garnhart**.
- * Please remember **Karl's parents** in prayer. ~ **SW**
- * My friends son, **Jon Michael McFarland**, found out his brain cancer has returned, please pray for him. ~ **Patti Ingalls**
- * Prayer for my children to return to the Lord ~ **JS**
- * Please remember to pray for our son-in-law **Al Carter** who had a stroke on 3/29/09 and is totally paralyzed. ~ **Lysle & Lois Pickard**

Happy February birthdays to...

Jennifer Enger, 15th
 Jeffery Boggie, 16th
 Bernice Dye & Steve Enger, 17th
 Betty Resseguie, 19th
 Karen Kaess, 21st



Pray for our Military

COFFEE HOUR Schedule

February 19th — **Shawn Lane**
 N. Everett Men's Lifegroup
 February 26th — **Dan Clark**
 Harbor Point Lifegroup
 March 4th — **John Mullen**
 Smokey Point Lifegroup
 March 11th — **James & Debra Estep**
 Mixed Lifegroup
 March 18th — **Ruelyn Nelson**
 Women of Purpose

- **John and Robin Schwartz** both stateside in Everett.
- **Jason Peery**—Oregon National Guard—heading to Iraq for a year, brother of Jennifer.
- **Jonathan Michaels Estrella**— son of Sharon Boswell.
- **Jason Bjavezich**—Megan Owenby's husband—Army Special Forces— Stationed in N. Carolina.
- **Scott Harpell**—son of Brian & Lynne—Stationed at Fort Carson, CO.
- **Eric Schmidt** — son of Gene and Pat Schmidt — Camp Fallujah, Iraq.
- **Benjamin Lagonia**—dear friend of the Naylor family—stationed in Manitoba.
- **Christian Chmielewski**—nephew of JoAnn Couturie' - in the Marines.
- **ENS Andrew E. Timpner** (fiancé to Christin Suthard) on deployment with USS Momsen.
- **Philip Ankney**-LCPL Afghanistan Cousin of MaryAnn Peterson.
- **Jeffrey Lillard**—son of Barbara Lillard — Srg. In Army, Stationed at Fort Lewis.
- **Aaron Chmielewski**—joined the Marines. Nephew of JoAnn Couturie
- **Shawn Berland**—deploying for 6 months
- **Andrew Sustaita**—serving on board the USS Abraham Lincoln
- **Duane Neyens** brother to Kathy Chapman—Army National Guard —is back at his home base in So.CA.

Lifegroup Happenings

all in the family

by Florence Miller

CONGRATULATIONS! to **Floris Krag**, she will be 101 years old on the 23rd of February. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her on this special day. Her address is: 4421 122nd Place NE, Marysville, WA 98271, if you would like to send her a card.

John VanDalen likes to wear casts it seems, cuz he was skating, yes, I said roller skating, last Tuesday and he fell and broke the small bone in his right wrist. He has to wear the cast for just two weeks, the doctor thinks that he knows how to be careful with the arm now, what do you think? Please pray for healing as it does hurt.

A BIG thank you to **Lois Caldwell** for the many years of cookie service here at First Baptist Church. She has baked thousands (maybe more) cookies for Communion Sundays. If you think of it, remember to thank her.

Karl Allan is in need of prayer for his cancer. He is not doing too well and like you to know that he appreciates all the prayer warriors out there that pray for God to move in this life threatening situation. You can get more of an update on his condition if you go to this website: CaringBridge.org/visit/KarlAllen.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: Dr. Ernest L Hastings, American Baptist pastor and founding chairman of Bible Study Fellowship, International went home to be with his Lord on December 4, 2011. A service celebrating his life, ministry and witness will be held at **Everett's First Baptist Church, WA on Sunday afternoon, March 4th at 3:30 pm.**

Bob Dixon has a new address: 19303 Fremont Ave. N. MS 75, Courtyard CC208, Shoreline, WA 98133, his phone number is 425-879-1581 and I am sure he would love to hear from you!

SWITCHED COATS: It has come to my attention that someone has a coat that isn't theirs—I know this was an accident cuz mine wasn't as nice as the London Fog that I now have. I am missing a light-weight tan (don't know the brand) coat with a zipper up the front—just like the one that I am currently wearing—could this one be yours and you have mine? I would love to switch with you. Please call **Ruth LeMaster—425.737.8600** or come and see me on Sunday.

BREAKING NEWS! On Friday, February 17th at 10:30 am, Everett's First Baptist Church is launching a monthly (every third Friday) "Traditional Worship Service" to reach out to seniors in our community. Like our Cafe Worship and Gathering Worship services on Sunday, this service will focus on worshipping God by drawing people to a growing commitment to Christ; a growing connection to the body of Christ and a growing contribution to the mission of Christ. The next service will be March 16th.

Please continue to pray for **Ron Newman**, he is in good spirits. Pray for healing in his foot. He is at Prov., on Pacific Ave. Room #504. He would love visitors.

Hey FBC I'm looking for a few volunteers to work in the **Espresso stand**. Parents of youth, are you aware that the proceeds from the stand help your kids??? Please let me know if you would like to help us out. This could be something you do with your high schooler. I would love to have at least 4 volunteers. I'm also looking for a volunteer that could pick up donuts each week at Haggen's in Lake Stevens, I have a standing order there and I just need them to be picked up prior to 8am. **Kathy Chapman** (contact 425-259-9166 if interested)

Singers needed for Easter Ensemble

We have an IMMEDIATE NEED for three sopranos, one alto, one tenor and three bass singers to sing on Easter Sunday. Singers need to be able to learn the music on their own. If interested, contact Dick Conner at (425)353-2768 or e-mail to Duckcon@msn.com

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: I last had my Bible at church on January 1st. I recall leaving it on a table in the Pacific Room. It likely does not have my name in it but it is quite distinctive. It is in a black cloth case with a beautiful picture of an eagle and the verse Isaiah 40:31 on it. My beloved Bible is leather covered; one half of the front cover is brown and one half is blue. It is a parallel Bible with both NIV and Message versions. It has bright yellow post it notes inside the back cover with prayer requests from the ladies at the jail. I have scoured the church looking for it but would appreciate anyone else looking - maybe it ended up in someone's car or home... **Chris Frizzell**

Lifegroup Connecting Opportunities



CONTRIBUTING CLASS

Discovering Your Gifts for Ministry

Wed. Feb. 22nd-Mar. 28th - 6:30-8:00 pm - B56

Sign up now 425.259.9166

The poster features three small photographs showing people engaged in various activities: one person playing a trumpet, another in a kitchen setting, and a group of people in a classroom or workshop.



Traditional Worship Service

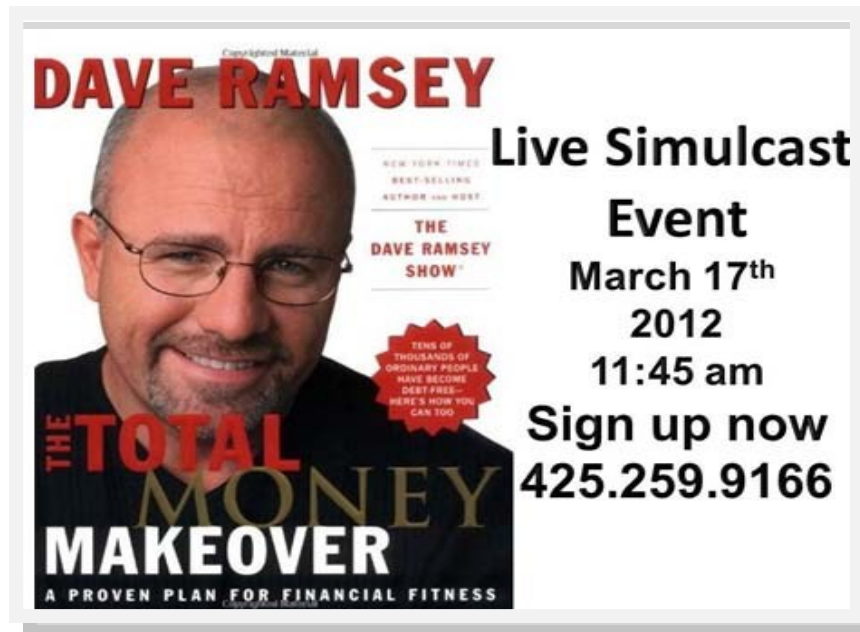
Friday, February 17th
10:30 am

Dr. Brian Harpell, Teaching
Rev. John Sinkevitch, Worship

First Baptist Church, 1616 Pacific Ave., Worship Center

Reaching out to those who would connect with a traditional worship experience

The poster has a background of musical notes and a photograph of a church steeple against a sunset sky.



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The poster features a portrait of Dave Ramsey wearing glasses and a dark shirt.

First Baptist Church of Everett will host The Total Money Makeover LIVE! Simulcast on March 17 at 11:45am – 5:00pm in the main campus. We are the only host site in the City of Everett and Snohomish County and it will be open to the public. Total Money Makeover LIVE! is the largest personal finance event in the country. At Total Money Makeover LIVE!, Dave shares a financial game plan that is simple enough to live by but smart enough to actually work! It's a day full of inspiration, hope and good advice. It's the most fun you'll ever have talking about money. Cost is \$29 per workbook if you register through the church office, \$39 if you register online.

Commit to the person of Christ **Connect** to the body of Christ **Contribute** to the mission of Christ