

Love One Another As I Have Loved You

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The gospels tell the story of the ministry of Jesus Christ. They also tell us what Jesus' wants us to do as His followers. Mainly He tells us to love one another. He even tells us how we should love, using His perfect life as the model.

John 15:9-12

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

How should we love one another? Jesus made it very clear. The Father loves the Son. The Son obeys the Father and remains in his love. Obey Jesus and remain in his love. This is not "I'll love you as long as you love me back". It's a commandment to love each other just as we are loved. Since we know that God and Jesus always love us, no matter what, then we should be glad to obey.

You are never wrong when you love...

If we don't obey does that mean God and Jesus stop loving us? I don't think that's what the scripture is saying. Jesus says we will remain in his love if we obey his commands. I think he's warning us that we separate ourselves from the benefit of his love

by our disobedience. He doesn't stop loving us, anymore than we stop loving our children when they disobey. But, we are taking ourselves out of his love. We stop experiencing it as long as we remain rebellious.

This must be why we are constantly called to repent. To acknowledge our sin. Then we can move out of the shadows and back into the light of God's love.

If you are thinking, this all sounds good, but there are some people you just can't love, don't despair. We all probably feel that way at times, especially towards those who have hurt and wronged us. Again, remain in Jesus' love. Jesus loves everybody. He will love others through us. It's just another example of why we must continually let Him direct our lives and control our wills.

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lifegroup prayer and praise

Please pray for the **Adam's family** in Arlington, **Don** just passed away this weekend. ~**Sheri**

Please pray for the salvation of **Frank, Shirley & Connie Cathcart** in Reno.

Praise God; **Margit McCowan's son Shaun** just got baptized. **Roseanne Nelson** has a chance for more work and the possibility of new clients. She also praises God for good friends.

Please pray for my relationship with my daughter and her family to get past old hurts and let us be friends again.

~**Roseanne Nelson**

Please pray for the **Thompson family**; **Craig** still has poor lung capacity, loss of balance and still is not walking very well (has had to relearn after the stroke).

Linda's father is not doing well either and has been given a couple of month's to live.

Would you please pray for my **mother-in-law**, she has to have a three-way bypass and her kidneys are not functioning well, pray that God will give her strength during this very challenging time. ~ **Carol Kelly**

Our daughter ran away and has made some bad choices, please pray for her.

Sharon Young asks that we pray for her **aunt Pat**, who has lung cancer, her lungs collapsed and she is semi-comatose and in Evergreen Hospital. Her husband has to decide what to do.

Please remember those in prayer that are caring for a loved one and facing medical problems themselves.

Please pray for **Mel's mom, Jeanne**, she has a mass in her lungs again and is having tests. Pray for wisdom for her and her doctors as they treat this. Pray for her spirit that she doesn't give up. Pray also for her

husband, **Mel**, who is showing signs of dementia. ~

Kathy Chapman

Darcy Stanyo asks that we pray for **her mother, Patricia**, who is recovering from an infection in her hip, she had hip surgery on the 18th, this has been ongoing for a year, please pray for complete healing at this time.

Kerry Bauer asks that we pray for **Larry's** recovery from viral meningitis (he is home now).

Sarah Walden, Christen's sister-in-law, has gotten a seasonal job, please pray that it will go fulltime.

Doug just received word that he is facing shoulder surgery, which has been scheduled for the 28th. ~**The Roulliers**

Please pray for me for relief from severe back pain ~ **Janet Tracy**

Please pray for **Dr. Charles Revis**, Executive Minister for ABC, who fell during a ski trip Dec. 3rd. He is home now and facing surgery in January. See the article on the bulletin board in the hallway.

My son, **Ron Phillips** has industrial poisoning and it has effected his kidneys and gives him headaches and has given him Jaundice. ~ **Bill Phillips**

Please pray with me to believe God for finances to attend an upcoming conference in January 2011. ~ **Christen Weller**

Lester Acosta, has invited **Pastor Brian** to be the speaker at his Leadership Summit in September, 2011. Pray for God's direction and provision as Pastor Brian prays about this decision.

Pray for those who have lost jobs or are seeking employment.

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**

Financial Update; January 2nd, \$13,805.68 — **Tithe envelopes** are now available in the Pacific Room.

Lela Meadow's Scholarship applications are now available to pick up in the office.

\The deadline is March 31st. Please see the bulletin for further instructions.



Pray for our Military

- **John Schwartz**—in Afghanistan—**Robin Schwartz** 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 Bjazevich**—Megan Owenby's husband—Army Special Forces— Stationed in N. Carolina.
- **Scott Harpell**—son of Brian & Lynne—Stationed at Fort Carson, CO.
- **Aaron Weston**—nephew of Ken and Kathy—Stationed in San Diego.
- **Eric Schmidt** — son of Gene and Pat Schmidt — Camp Fallujah, Iraq.
- **Benjamin Lagonia**—dear friend of the Naylor family—stationed in Manitoba.
- **Brett Love**—grandson of Wilma—Army National Guard—Serving at home.
- **Christian Chmielewski**—nephew of JoAnn Couturie' - in the Marines.
- **ENS Andrew E. Timpner** (fiancé to Christin Suthard) on deployment with USS Momsen.
- **Devin Abbitt**—nephew of Paul Abbitt - Marine, stateside.
- **Duane Neyens**—brother to Kathy Chapman—Army National Guard —is back at his home base in So.CA.
- **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



Life group Happenings

all in the family



by Florence Miller

It was so good to see both **Mel and Connie Tessness** at church on this past Sunday! They are both infection free and doing well although we can tell that the whooping cough took its toll on Mel with considerable weight loss. Our prayers are for a continued healthy future for both.

Both **Tom and Judy Warren** are ingesting pain killers more potent than Tylenol for their skeletal problems. Judy has been having a great deal of pain for two months, apparently from a pinched nerve although the many tests and doctors have not yet confirmed that. Tom also has had multiple physical problems for several years so please keep them both in your prayers.

The report from the **Reeves** is that **Ray** has been put on oxygen and is feeling better and **Betty** is healing. And the good news about **Michael Hall** is that he is cancer free. Praise God!

A big thank you to **all the women** who made fudge for Friday night's Christmas Eve meal, it was greatly appreciated by our guests!

Lela Kerby's memorial service is scheduled for January 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the Pacific Room.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to **Don and Marge Minor**, Don's brother **Jack** passed away on Monday. The service will be here at a later date.

Jerry Thompson's aunt Evelyn passed away peacefully on Tue. at 98 years of age. She will be missed.

Mary Blalock called the church office with an update to her recent knee replacement, she is doing very well and feeling much better. She is so grateful for the cards and especially the prayers during this time.

Our **2nd annual Mission Fair** is coming to FBC on Sunday, January 23rd. We'll have representatives from many of the outreach organizations your tithes and offerings support, and each will have information on the work they do and opportunities if you're interested in getting personally involved.

We're working on having live on-line interviews with the missionaries our youth mission team will be serving with this summer in Costa Rica! You won't want to miss this! And we'll even have food! We're planning a food booth where you can purchase lunch and the proceeds will go to our youth mission team's finances.

Those of you with small children will have the option to stay longer and know that your children are being cared for and that they'll be offered a light snack to keep those growling tummies satisfied! See you at the fair!!

***Adult attendance: 9:00am 51 & 10:30am 220 ***Children: 9am 11+7 — 10:30am 17+9

***Elementary: 9am 23+5 — 10:30 am 26+6

***Middle School: 11+3 — Youth Small Group: 15+4

Happy Birthday to . . .

Alvin Beesinger, Steve Dittoe and Wendy Roullier, (5th) Roni Chapman (6th) Julie Jodock and Frank Riddell (9th) Ralph Schapler (10th) and Chazaya Weller on the 11th.

Monday's Board meeting was, among other business, a tribute to the many volunteers who made the Senior Outreach Christmas program such an outstanding success. (or should we say, S.R.O. success). The comments from the overflow guests indicated how touched they were by the beauty of every aspect of the program. So congratulations to the traffic handlers, the shuttle drivers, the cook and helpers, the waiters, the people who moved tables and chairs, the ushers, and all who were in the program including the SAM singers, John Sinkevitch, Gene Dobson, Rev. Ken Weston, Pastor Brian Harpell and the bell choir and musicians from First Presbyterian as well as other vocalists from other

churches. January 7th - Luncheon meeting with Dick Conner as our program bringing instrumental and vocal music. Bill and Ginni Hamilton will be our greeters and Marge Minor will not only be supplying our always lovely table decorations but also will be giving the devotions.

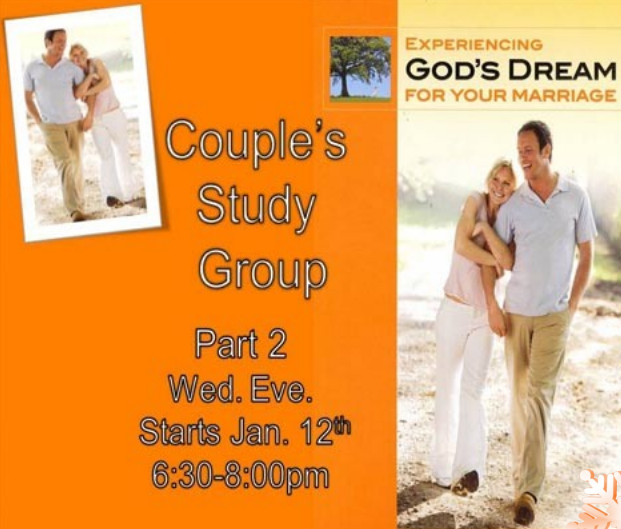
Future planned trips in the year 2011 are; attendance on March 5th at the Benaroya Hall to hear the Seattle Symphony with Marvin Hamlisch in *A Tribute to Cole Porter*. Reservations for that trip as well as for a May 7th trip to the Snohomish Vaudeville Show, the Leights Fantastic, can be made at the SAM desk on Sundays. Plan ahead! In fact, if you are not a member, why not join us and be included in all that SAM has to offer in the way of fellowship and missions.

Are you running out of a good book to enjoy while the rain or snow keeps us inside? Dave Miller has a wonderful library of used books from which to choose. \$1.00 per book is all it takes to help our mission funds and give you some enjoyment.

S.A.M. Happenings

Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

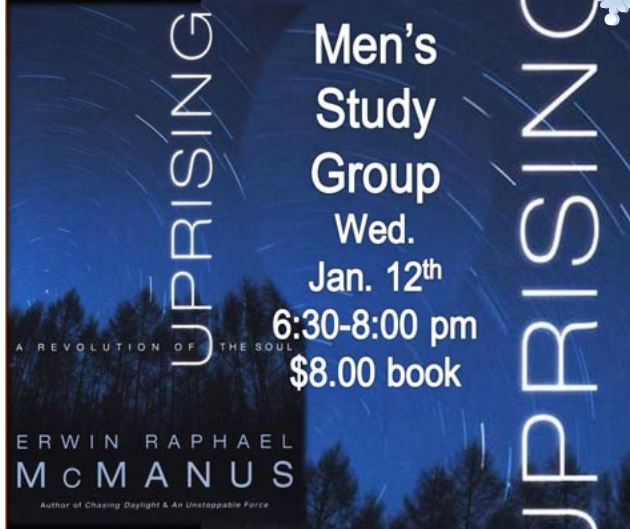
Upcoming Events



Couple's Study Group

Part 2
Wed. Eve.
Starts Jan. 12th
6:30-8:00pm

EXPERIENCING GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Men's Study Group
Wed.
Jan. 12th
6:30-8:00 pm
\$8.00 book

UPRISING
A REVOLUTION OF THE SOUL
ERWIN RAPHAEL McMANUS
Author of *Chasing Daylight* & *An Unstoppable Force*

USHER CAPTAIN 2010:
January—**Lucky Elkins**
Pete Sontra

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January 9th
Donna Wirt
Swahili Lifegroup

January 16th
Tom Warren
The Followers

January 23rd
Ken Ackerman
Men's Life Group



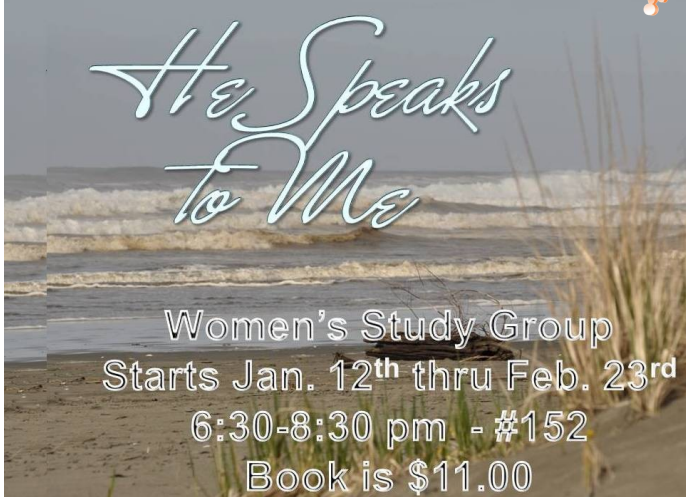
Ladies Breakfast
Sat. Jan. 29th
9-11 am
\$4.00

Special guest speaker: Christi Hardy
Sign up in the office
Or call 425-259-9166



Upcoming Wednesday Night Classes

Wednesday Night Kick-Off
January 12th
6:00-7:00 pm
Spaghetti Dinner
7:00-8:00 pm
Orientation For Upcoming Adult Classes
Childcare Provided



He Speaks to Me

Women's Study Group
Starts Jan. 12th thru Feb. 23rd
6:30-8:30 pm - #152
Book is \$11.00