

Crumbs

The woman with the vexed daughter persisted in seeking Jesus. Finally, the disciples urged their master, "Lord, send her away, get rid of her. She won't stop bothering us." Note Jesus' response to the woman's pleas: "He answered her not a word" (Matthew 15:23). Evidently, Christ ignored the whole situation. Why would he do this? Jesus knew this woman's story would be told to every future generation, and he wanted to reveal a truth to all who would read it. So, he tested the woman's faith by saying, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (15:24). Christ was saying, "I came for the salvation of the Jews. Why should I waste their gospel on a Gentile?"

Now this statement would have sent most of us on our way, but the woman didn't budge. I ask you, how often do you give up on prayer? How many times have you grown weary and reasoned, "I've sought the Lord. I prayed and asked. I just don't get any results"?

Consider how this woman responded. She didn't reply with a complaint, or an accusing finger, saying, "Why are you denying me, Jesus?" No, Scripture says just the opposite: "Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me" (15:25).

What follows next is hard to read. Once again, Jesus rebuffed the woman. Only this time his reply was even harsher. He told her, "It is not meet [right] to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs" (15:26). Once again, he was testing her.

Now the mother answered him, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table" (15:27). What an incredible reply. This determined woman was not going to relent in her pursuit of Jesus. And the Lord commended her for it. Jesus said to her, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour" (15:28).

Beloved, we are not to settle for crumbs. We have been promised all the grace and mercy we need for our crises. And that includes every crisis involving our families, saved or unsaved. We've been invited to come boldly to Christ's throne, with confidence.

By David Wilkerson

Life group prayer and praise

- **Greg Knudsen**—23— in Harlan, IA ,was diagnosed with a brain tumor, he has been thru 25 treatments and needs our prayers.
- I have three different infections, pray that they don't become on going because if they do, surgery would have to be done. ~ **Linda Royer**
- The **Keeps** ask that we pray for travelers to Israel with the message of peace and reconciliation in that region.
- Please pray for the **Kyla Knospe** who is having some issues with her breathing and needs to undergo a bronchoscopy on April 20th. ~ **Shelly Rohde**
- Please pray for **Jane Rodriguez's family**, that they could come to a mutually agreeable understanding and that her brothers would be sensitive to the wishes of the rest of the family.
- **Rose Toscano** asks that you would please pray for her.
- Please continue to pray for the pain in my lower back. My son, **Nathan** still needs a fulltime job, please pray that his part-time job can turn into that.~ **Carolyn Kelly**
- **Sandra Signs** needs prayer.
- Please pray for **ZoAnn McBride**, she is in need of two people to rent rooms from her.
- Please continue to pray for **Camp 3:16** and it's mission in Mexico.
- Please pray for my 18 yr old daughter **Amanda Peterson**. ~**Debra Waldron**
- Please remember to pray for our son-in-law **Al Carter** who had a stroke on 3/29/09 and is totally paralyzed. ~ **Lysle and Lois Pickard**
- Please continue to pray for **my dad's** health. ~**Sharon Young**

FBC for Christ Mission Offering Sunday, April 25th



Brian Stewart



Bryan Blair

Pray for our Military

- Jonathan Michaels Estrella— son of Sharon Boswell.
- Jason Bjazevich—Megan Owenby's husband—Army Special Forces— Stationed in N. Carolina.
- Joel Ellis—son of John & Midge —Serving in Iraq.
- 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.
- David Coyle—son of Karen Mark— residing in Seattle, member of the National Guard.
- Adam Flynn—a young Marine safely home and out of military.
- Brett Love—grandson of Wilma—Army National Guard-Serving at home.
- Robin Swartz - Serving in the military - currently home in Everett.
- 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—Nat. Grd. Afghanistan.
- Philip Ankney-LCPL Afghanistan Cousin of MaryAnn Peterson.
- Jeffrey Lillard—son of Barbara Lillard — Srg. In Army, Stationed in Afghanistan.
- Aaron Chmielewski—joined the Marines. Nephew of JoAnn Couturie



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Life Group Happenings

All in the Family

by Florence Miller

John Van Dalen is very pleased with the result of his cataract surgery last week and reports that he went to work the next day after surgery and won't need glasses except for reading. He said that already colors seem brighter!

Did you see **Betty and Ray Reeves** picture in the Herald? A good one and an interesting narration written by their "kids" whom their parents "survived" through the years. It's all about their 50th Anniversary on April 14th. **Congratulations** Betty and Ray! We're glad they emerged virtually unscathed from those parenting years -- but did you know that Betty used to be six feet tall? They invite you to celebrate with them after service on Sunday, April 25th right after the 10:30 morning worship for cake and coffee in the Pacific Room.

It was a shock to learn this past Thursday of the passing of our long-time member, **Eleanor Peterson**. She was a devoted and tireless worker for the Lord in many capacities through the years and will be particularly remembered by the American Baptist Women of the Northwest as well as the class she taught on Sunday morning. One moment she was enjoying her rose garden with Joy, her daughter and the next she was being greeted in Heaven. The memorial is scheduled for May 6th, here at FBC, time to be determined. She will be missed here at FBC but is dancing around the throne. The church office received a call from the family wanting to thank the church for all the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy they have received. Thanks so much, **Ruth, Ruby, Dave, Dan, Jon, Kaye & Joy**.

Another thank you note received was from the Manett Community Church thanking us for letting their youth use our building for a sleep-over last weekend. Some of the comments were: thanks so much for letting us stay in your beautiful church! What a blessing you've been to us! Thank you for your hospitality. What a blessing you are! Thanks so much for opening your church for us." were just some of the comments on the card.

Debbie Benedetto is in the process of having a memorial stone bench permanently placed in front of the Community Center (to the left as one goes up the stairs). She is asking for interested church members who would like to have the name(s) of their departed loved one memorialized. The name will be engraved, polished and secured on the bench. There is space for only 45 names so it will be on a first come basis, so don't delay! The cost is \$40.00. There will also be an engraved cross along with a Bible verse. You may pick up a form at the information center of you may contact Debbie at debbiebenedetto@yahoo.com or Oma Kiniry @425-353-9315 for more information.

In the Everett Herald's column, Seems Like Yesterday 50 Years Ago (1960) and published on Friday, April 2, 2010 was the following: "Everett's First Baptist congregation and its church school members would bid farewell to the church building on the 2900 block of Lombard Avenue, their home for more than 40 years. Tomorrow would be the last services there. On April 10 they would move into their new building at Pacific and Wetmore avenues." Those of us who can remember that move can't believe it's been 50 years!

The Volunteers of America thanked us for the 27 pounds of food which were delivered from the collection grocery basket located in the Narthex. It is easy to overlook this basket but still, there are many generous members filling it. Check it out and make that total add up to 50 pounds!

We have 5 hydrangeas left for purchase. They are \$20.00, please call **Ruelyn**, 425.870.1824.

Now is the time to register for Ross Point camp. Mark your vacation calendars etc. Questions, feel free to email **Steve Dittoe** at stevedittoe@verizon.net. Dates for Ross Point are July 25th thru the 31st.



Join us for VBS...As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will learn about God's amazing love and His Word, the Bible! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks— all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children.

Where: FBC Campus

When: June 28th-July 2nd

Time: 9am-12:00

Who: Kindergarten-5th Grade



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Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

Greeters needed

Greeters needed: Carol Kelly is looking for a few good people!
We have a need for more greeters during the services on Sunday morning.

USHER CAPTAIN 2010:

April— Pete Sontra
Lucky Elkins
May— Craig Reisen
Ron & Kay Olson

COFFEE HOUR 2010

April 18th
Vince Ivelia
AM Men's Group
April 25th
Mel Tessness
Church Elders
May 2nd
Bill Erickson
Clipper Class
May 9th
Tom Warren
Men of Integrity

- April 14th Donna Wirt
 - April 16th Bill Bennecker, Steve Linari,
Fred Prinzing, Lori Witucki
 - April 17th Arlee Barker, Laura Young
 - April 18th Devon DeCelles
 - April 19th Lois Mach, Nicolas Blair
 - April 20th Nelda Smith, Jerry Thompson
- Happy Birthday

Update

April 11th, 2010

Adult attendance: 265

Children: 9 am: 25 + 11 10:30 am 46 + 13

Youth Small Group: 11+2+14+4 Middle School: 11+2

Senior Adult Ministries

If you are 50 years old or more you are invited to join us for a once a month gathering for food, fellowship and excellent programs. This happens on the first Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the social hall of the church. Our membership now totals 141! The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and the annual dues are \$10.00. We raise money for missions, mostly local, by various projects throughout the year.

Coming Events:

May 3 - Board meeting

May 7 - Luncheon meeting Program will be a gifted performer portraying **Corrie Ten Boom**.

May 8 - Bus trip to Snohomish to view the **Snohomish Vaudeville**. The bus leaves at 1:30 from the parking lot. Cost: \$8:00

June 4 - Luncheon meeting with the annual **Nifty Nineties Celebration**, our fund raising used **book sale** and installation of new officers

July 16 - annual picnic at Kyak Point

Reservations for the luncheons (including the \$7.00) must be made by the Tuesday before the Friday luncheon. See Shirley Schapler at the SAM desk in the Hospitality area. A first-time visitor receives a complimentary meal when a reservation is made.

Check out our NEW Women's & Men's Bible Studies

ANointed TRANSFORMED REDEEMED
A Study of David
Beth Moore, Kay Arthur & Priscilla Shirer

Wednesdays,
April 21st
6:30 pm
CC - #156

\$13.00 for the book

DISCOVERING HOW TO IMPACT YOUR WORLD

UNCOMMON DARE TO BE COMMON

Men's Bible Study
\$8.50 for the study book
Wednesdays
April 14-May 26th
6:30-8:00

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