

The Sack Lunch

CareNzection

I PUT MY CARRY-ON IN THE LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT AND SAT DOWN IN MY ASSIGNED SEAT. IT WAS GOING TO BE A LONG FLIGHT. 'I'M GLAD I HAVE A GOOD BOOK TO READ. PERHAPS I WILL GET A SHORT NAP,' I THOUGHT.

JUST BEFORE TAKE-OFF, A LINE OF SOLDIERS CAME DOWN THE AISLE AND FILLED ALL THE VACANT SEATS, TOTALLY SURROUNDING ME. I DECIDED TO START A CONVERSATION.

'WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?' I ASKED THE SOLDIER SEATED NEAREST TO ME. 'PETAWAWA. WE'LL BE THERE FOR TWO WEEKS FOR SPECIAL TRAINING, AND THEN WE'RE BEING DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN.'

AFTER FLYING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT SACK LUNCHES WERE AVAILABLE FOR FIVE DOLLARS.. IT WOULD BE SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE WE REACHED THE EAST, AND I QUICKLY DECIDED A LUNCH WOULD HELP PASS THE TIME...

AS I REACHED FOR MY WALLET, I OVERHEARD A SOLDIER ASK HIS BUDDY IF HE PLANNED TO BUY LUNCH. 'NO, THAT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY FOR JUST A SACK LUNCH. PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE WORTH FIVE BUCKS. I'LL WAIT TILL WE GET TO BASE.' HIS FRIEND AGREED.

I LOOKED AROUND AT THE OTHER SOLDIERS. NONE WERE BUYING LUNCH. I WALKED TO THE BACK OF THE PLANE AND HANDED THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT A FIFTY DOLLAR BILL. 'TAKE A LUNCH TO ALL THOSE SOLDIERS.' SHE GRABBED MY ARMS AND SQUEEZED TIGHTLY. HER EYES WET WITH TEARS, SHE THANKED ME. 'MY SON WAS A SOLDIER IN IRAQ ; IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU ARE DOING IT FOR HIM.'

PICKING UP TEN SACKS, SHE HEADED UP THE AISLE TO WHERE THE SOLDIERS WERE SEATED. SHE STOPPED AT MY SEAT AND ASKED, 'WHICH DO YOU LIKE BEST—BEEF OR CHICKEN?' 'CHICKEN,' I REPLIED, WONDERING WHY SHE ASKED. SHE TURNED AND WENT TO THE FRONT OF PLANE, RETURNING A MINUTE LATER WITH A DINNER PLATE FROM FIRST CLASS. 'THIS IS YOUR THANKS..'

AFTER WE FINISHED EATING, I WENT AGAIN TO THE BACK OF THE PLANE, HEADING FOR THE REST ROOM. A MAN STOPPED ME. 'I SAW WHAT YOU DID. I WANT TO BE PART OF IT. HERE, TAKE THIS.' HE HANDED ME TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

SOON AFTER I RETURNED TO MY SEAT, I SAW THE FLIGHT CAPTAIN COMING DOWN THE AISLE, LOOKING AT THE AISLE NUMBERS AS HE WALKED, I

HOPED HE WAS NOT LOOKING FOR ME, BUT NOTICED HE WAS LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS ONLY ON MY SIDE OF THE PLANE. WHEN HE GOT TO MY ROW HE STOPPED, SMILED, HELD OUT HIS HAND AND SAID, 'I WANT TO SHAKE YOUR HAND' QUICKLY UNFASTENING MY SEATBELT, I STOOD AND TOOK THE CAPTAIN'S HAND. WITH A BOOMING VOICE HE SAID, 'I WAS A SOLDIER AND I WAS A MILITARY PILOT. ONCE, SOMEONE BOUGHT ME A LUNCH. IT WAS AN ACT OF KINDNESS I NEVER FORGOT.'

I WAS EMBARRASSED WHEN APPLAUSE WAS HEARD FROM ALL OF THE PASSENGERS.

LATER I WALKED TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE SO I COULD STRETCH MY LEGS. A MAN WHO WAS SEATED ABOUT SIX ROWS IN FRONT OF ME REACHED OUT HIS HAND, WANTING TO SHAKE MINE HE LEFT ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS IN MY PALM.

WHEN WE LANDED I GATHERED MY BELONGINGS AND STARTED TO DEPLANE. WAITING JUST INSIDE THE AIRPLANE DOOR WAS A MAN WHO STOPPED ME, PUT SOMETHING IN MY SHIRT POCKET, TURNED, AND WALKED AWAY WITHOUT SAYING A WORD. ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS!

UPON ENTERING THE TERMINAL, I SAW THE SOLDIERS GATHERING FOR THEIR TRIP TO THE BASE. I WALKED OVER TO THEM AND HANDED THEM SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. 'IT WILL TAKE YOU SOME TIME TO REACH THE BASE... IT WILL BE ABOUT TIME FOR A SANDWICH . GOD BLESS YOU.'

TEN YOUNG MEN LEFT THAT FLIGHT FEELING THE LOVE AND RESPECT OF THEIR FELLOW TRAVELERS.

AS I WALKED BRISKLY TO MY CAR, I WHISPERED A PRAYER FOR THEIR SAFE RETURN. THESE SOLDIERS WERE GIVING THEIR ALL FOR OUR COUNTRY. I COULD ONLY GIVE THEM A COUPLE OF MEALS. IT SEEMED SO LITTLE...

A VETERAN IS SOMEONE WHO, AT ONE POINT IN HIS LIFE, WROTE A BLANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO 'THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA "FOR ANY AMOUNT; OF UP TO AND INCLUDING MY LIFE." ' THAT IS HONOR, AND THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WHO NO LONGER UNDERSTAND IT.

PRAYER:

'LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS IN YOUR LOVING HANDS. PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US. BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE SELFLESS ACTS THEY PERFORM FOR US IN OUR TIME OF NEED. AMEN.'

firstBaptistchurch August 25th, 2010

Life group prayer and praise

- **Cathy Fuller, Mouse's sister-in-law**, is suffering from kidney failure and is waiting for a new kidney.
- Please pray for **Mel Tessness's mom**, 91, who needs to have her defibrillator battery changed, it's major surgery. Please also pray for traveling mercys as **Mel and Connie** travel to South Dakota to be with his mom at this time.
- Praise God, **Brooklyn McCormick's** new medication is working. She is running and playing just like a normal 3 year old!
- I want to thank God today for 29 days of sobriety. I also would like prayer for my family. ~ **Regina Lane**
- **Shirlene Walker** is a caregiver and has asked that we pray for her charge **Dan Orona**, he is suffering from lymphoma and needs healing.
- My son **Nathan** still needs a fulltime job. Pray for **my sister, Sharon** and **her son Johnny**, for strength and wisdom. Pray also, for my sister's daughter **Karen** that she makes wise choices. ~ **Carol Kelly**
- My co-worker, **Cathy Matschler's daughter Jyoti** has been in the hospital since the 29th of July, she was just transferred to UW. She has been diagnosed with encephalitis and is in a semi-vegetative state. Pray that the doctors have wisdom and that they have a plan. ~ **Wendy Roullier**
- **Sharon Young** asks that we pray for **her father Jim**, he is in Costa Rica and needs to come home ASAP for medical treatments that he can't get there, pray that he comes home

quickly.

- Please pray for **Sherra Ellis' grandfather, Don Craig**.
- **Tonya Fuller "Mouse"** I need prayer for everyone in the trailer park where I lives. They all do drugs and I have been clean 8 days !!! They need God.
- Pray for pain relief in my right knee, it's feeling a bit better but we are going to try a different shot, pray it will work, otherwise I am facing surgery. ~**Eva LaStrange**
- Please keep **Dan Cook** in prayer as they seek answers to some medical concerns.
- **Rose Toscano** is asking prayer for continued healing for her children.
- **Kathy Chapman's** mother-in-law **Jeanne & Jeanne's** husband, **Mel Marcoux** as they are in waiting mode for their health issues. **Jeanne** will have a new CT scan in Sept. to see if any further treatment is needed for her lung cancer and **Mel** will go back for a recheck on his heart late in the fall, the doctors will decide at that time if they will be putting more stents in or will do surgery. Please keep them in prayer.
- **Pamela Dehnhoff** asks that we pray for **middle son** to find work and a place to live that is safe and their **youngest son and daughter-in-law** to find Jesus.
- 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**

***Adult attendance: 9:00am 70 & 10:30am 198 ***Children: 9am 17 + 5 — 10:30am 20 + 5

***Elementary: 9am 20 + 5 — 10:30 am 33 + 6

***Youth Small Group: 4 + 4 — Middle School: 13 + 21

Financial Update August 22nd, 2010 \$9,880.26

Are you missing, ANYTHING? We have quite a few coats and sweaters in the long hall next to the Worship center, if you could, please check and see if one of them is yours. We need to clear that out for the coming winter and will donate anything left by the 5th of September.

The new Ross Point memory books are now at the Adult Discipleship table in the Pacific Room. They will be kept in the library for a time. We have VBS CD's in the office, if you purchased one and haven't picked it up, please do so now.

Life Group Fair



Sunday Morning
Sept. 12th
In the Pacific Room

“looking for a place to connect to FBC
...then check out the fair!”

Life Group Happenings

all in the family by **florence miller**

Our Christian friend, **Lela Kerby** is in the hospital and in need of many prayers. Perhaps you remember **Lela and James** as members and regular attenders at the 10:30 service. Lela is also blind. She was taken to the hospital on Friday evening with gangrene in her foot. The nurses cleaned the bottom of her foot as best they could but on Saturday morning the Doctor told her that they would have to amputate. **Pastor Brian** visited her and said that "understandably she was in shock, upset and fearful. Her husband James was there and he is a good support. They lost a daughter to cancer in the last six months" **Pastor Allan Love** visited Lela on Sunday and said that the update plan is to amputate her infected foot/lower leg on Wednesday, that is if she has the strength for it. However, **Gloria and Lyle Gordon** also visited Lela after Allan had been there and talked to husband James in the hall. He said the way she has been sedated he's not sure she understands the plan and he knows from previous discussions that she does not want an amputation. So, please, many prayers are needed for decisions and acceptance. Lela is in General Hospital, room 403.

Our church sanctuary will be busy on Wednesday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. as **Trinity Lutheran College** holds its Fall opening convocation. Our pastor, **Dr. Brian Harpell**, has been asked to be a part of the processional and will bring words of greeting and a brief statement. **Dr. Jeffrey Mallinson** of the college stated in a letter that they are interested in continuing to develop relationships with all Christians in the area who share their commitment of bringing the Bible to the lives of men and women. "*Our faculty and staff come from a variety of Christian backgrounds and I want our students to know of quality worship options locally and you (First Baptist) are a great option for them.*"

Fred and Anita Prinzing are back from their trip to Michigan and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of their first church. Although there were not many of the original members still there, it was a good time.

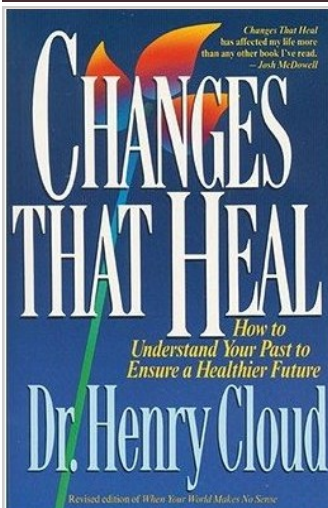
Our most friendly, accommodating custodian, **Bret Paddock**, has been on his hands and knees (not particularly praying, although he may have been driven to that too,) as he scraped years of wax off the classroom floors. He still has more rooms to go, but those that are finished are beautiful! Thank you Bret! **Brett** would also like to thank all of the participants in the church cleaning. What an awesome job you did! Great job guys! God Bless you all! ! !

S.A.M. Happenings

Board meeting is this **Monday, August 30th, 1:00 p.m.** Board members will want to start this new season with a "full house" and positive ideas!

SAM Luncheon, Friday, September 3rd at 11:30 a.m. I hope everyone has already signed up and will be there to greet again our friends and welcome those who are new. Also to listen to the announcement of our first trip of the Fall. It will be to the **Red Tail Canyon Farm in Leavenworth** for a BBQ and Hayride on **September 22nd**. Those who have gone on this trip before will tell you what a fun, good food time they had. A sign-up for that event can be done at the luncheon.

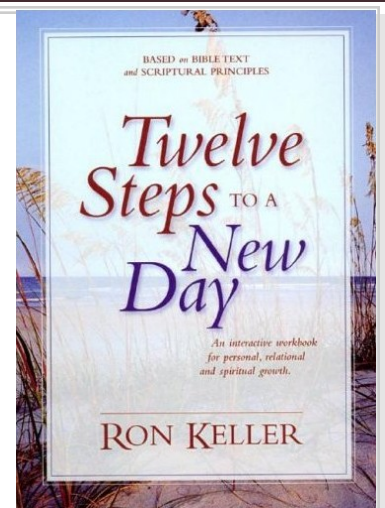
Summer Aire Hallelujah Chorus will be **Sunday, September 19th at Everett First Presbyterian Church , 3:00 p.m.** with an ice cream social to follow. See Tony or Lois Tysseling or John Van Dalen for particulars.



We have two new **Women's Lifegroups** starting Wednesday, September 15th, 10-11:30 am here at FBC. "**Changes that Heal**" is one and the cost for the book and workbook will be \$20.00. The class will be held in the Fireside Room (B106). For more information please contact Eva LaStrange 360-563-2305 or Carol Kelly at 425-210-8595.

"**Twelve Steps to a New Day**" by Ron Keller will be in room B105 and the book will be \$12.00. For more information about this class please contact Deanna Baird at 360-659-6462 or Pamela Dehnhoff at 425-303-8586.

To sign up for either one of these classes, you can fill out a yellow communication card, call either one of the teachers or call the church office at 425-259-9166.



Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities



2nd

3rd

4th

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Date	Title
2010-07-11	Walking in the Fathers Great Love for Us
2010-07-18	Wiking in the Love for One Another
2010-07-25	Walking in the Light
2010-08-01	Walking Your Talk

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Check out our FBC website @ www.fbc-everett.org this is how to get our weekly sermons at home.

We are going to discontinue selling the CD/DVD's of the services. They are now available online for everyone to preview. Here is a brief "how-to" to get to that section in the website. Just go to www.fbc-everett.org, click on #1 TEACHINGS and follow the arrows #2 and #3 and you should be up and running (#4).

USHER CAPTAIN 2010:

September—Darrell Olson
Marc Owenby

COFFEE HOUR 2010

August 29th
Dave Karber
Open Door Class

September 5th
Gene Dobson
Klahaya Class

September 12th
Frank Riddell
Lake Stevens Lifegroup

September 19th
Deanna Baird
Life Issues

August 28th Jan Barker
August 29th Beverly Smith
Shirlene Walker
August 30th Bill Erickson
Judy Mitts
August 31st JJ Burgess
Jack Frazier