

Merry Christmas and a Hilarious New Year

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In the Taproot Spirit of the Season:

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If I could rent a plane that would pull a banner this season it would say, FBC has amazing Life Groups....Thank you to all of you.

I am always blown away at how easy FBC events are to facilitate. We could not have hosted Taproot theatre this past Sunday without an army of Life Group volunteers. I love hearing people say, “Would you like me to bake more cookies?...Are you sure you have enough? ...is it too late to volunteer? I had so much fun last year and I’d love to help again if you can find a job for me to do.”

It doesn’t seem to matter what job people are asked to do, the desire is simply to make the night fun for those who attend. I had a blast with you all, whether it was taking out the trash, vacuuming, or cleaning up afterwards....you all had such a great attitude. I know that this kind of attitude passes on to our guests, giving them a sense that they are welcome and valued here.

I cannot say it enough; you all are a joy and a pleasure to be in ministry with....you love to love your community. Let’s continue to seek to reach this county for Jesus Christ, for if they see the love of Jesus on our faces, maybe they will turn and seek His face.

Gloria Love.

firstBaptistchurch December 8th, 2010

Lifegroup prayer and praise

Praise God, **my sister Mary's** treatment seems to be going in the right direction. They were able to use her own stem cells and her blood count (white and red) is going up! ~**Darlene Hegewald**

Praise for the hard work SAM put in for the Christmas program, it was awesome. ~ **The Brundages**

Please pray for the **Hall family**. **Michael** is scheduled for surgery at UW on Dec. 20th.

Please keep **Lois and Lysle Pickard** in your prayers, as they deal with health issues.

Pray for my neighbor, **Adam Bogart** who is battling colon cancer and has 4 children, who are not Christians, pray that I would be a good neighbor to them. ~ **Arlan Johnson**

David McCormick asks that we pray that **Christy** does not get laid off from her job as they are making cuts. Praise God, **Christy** got her GED 12-2-10 and I passed all my classes in my first quarter in ECC!

Darcy Stanyo asks that we pray for her financial needs—she needs a job, let's believe for her that she will get one soon. Also, please pray for her friend **JoAnna and her**

family, that they find a new home this week, Please pray for strength and faith to be strong.

Praise for a new opportunity for low income housing—I would like to be able to move before my lease expires in Feb. and that I would be able to work enough to meet expenses. ~ **Roseanne Nelson**

Please pray for **Dr. Charles Revis**, Executive Minister for ABC, who fell during a ski trip Dec. 3rd. He has a spinal concussion. Please pray for healing. You can send words of encouragement thru Facebook.

There is a great need right now to support the **VOA**. They are at a time when they need food and donations are running low. Church, we need to reach deep and support this very worthwhile cause, let's see the food basket in the Narthex fill up with donations of food. ~ **Tom Warren**

My son, **Ron Phillips** has industrial poisoning and it has effected his kidneys and gives him headaches and has given him Jaundice. He is in one of those periods now. ~ **Bill Phillips**

Please pray for **Jan Dexter** as she recovers from knee surgery. **Mary Blalock** had knee surgery on Dec. 7th, please pray for her also.

***Adult attendance: 9:00am 55 & 10:30am 205 ***Children: 9am 26 + 5 — 10:30am 21 + 11

***Elementary: 9am 25 + 6 — 10:30 am 33 + 6

***Middle School: 16 + 3 — Youth Small Group: 12 + 2

Pray for our Military

- **John Schwartz**—heading to 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.
- **Robin Schwartz** - Serving in the military - currently home in Everett. **John Schwartz** leaving for Afghanistan in October.
- **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

Faith Wallingford called with the following "Thank You": We do appreciate all the prayers, phone calls and cards with the expression of sympathy from our church family. We just received word from the donor program that they were able to use Steve's corneas (he was signed up on his drivers license) so now two people have been helped. We praise God for this program and urge everyone to sign up for it. It is so easy to do and can help so many." **Susan and Faith Wallingford**

Mel Tessness, chairman of our Elder's team, has been diagnosed with whooping cough. Fortunately no fluid was found in his lungs but prayers for Mel's quick recovery are needed. Whooping cough is a highly contagious disease, especially for children and seniors. Fortunately most children get the shot as newborns, but after ten years need a booster shot. Good hygiene such as washing your hands is always important. Pastor Brian, who had been with Mel earlier in the week, got an immunization shot after he learned of Mel's diagnosis. For your information, the disease begins with symptoms of a cold and a mild, dry irritating cough. After this, one to two weeks later, the typical coughing bouts set in. The coughing continues until no air is left in the lungs. After this comes a deep intake of breath that produces a heaving, whooping sound when the air passes the larynx (windpipe) which gives rise to the name of the disease. Let's all pray that Mel's cough disappears quickly with no ill effects and that no one else becomes infected.

Other prayer requests are for **Mary Blalock** who had surgery just this past Tuesday on her knee. She is in the Colby campus hospital in room #815, possibly for three days before she goes to rehab at the Pacific Campus.

Prayer for **Ron Newman's daughter, Rachael**, who had major hip surgery on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at Swedish. This is her second surgery on that hip. Pray also for **Ron** as he pays tax!

Sheri Wiederspohn, our receptionist, asks for prayer for her friend's husband who just had another stent put in after a five year lapse. Sheri asks that our prayers be that God will move in his heart and become real to him.

Sheri also asks for prayers for **Dave Slater**, another friend from Arlington, who has terminal cancer and is in a great deal of pain. Fortunately, both he and his wife Pat are saved Christians and he is ready to go home if that is what God wants so we will pray for the Lord's will.

Lela Kerby is in a nursing home where **James** says she will undoubtedly stay. James is well looked after by his loving family.

We also received a note from **Beryl Curry**: "Dear FBC church family. Seasons greetings and blessings from Judson Park! Just a personal word of thanks for your sharing with others including me this year. To be remembered thru BIM's offering always reminds me of our time at FBC and others of our church family. I've dreamed of getting up there for a visit and someday may surprise you all."

We delivered 40 pounds of food to VOA. Thanks to all who donated, now and thru the year.

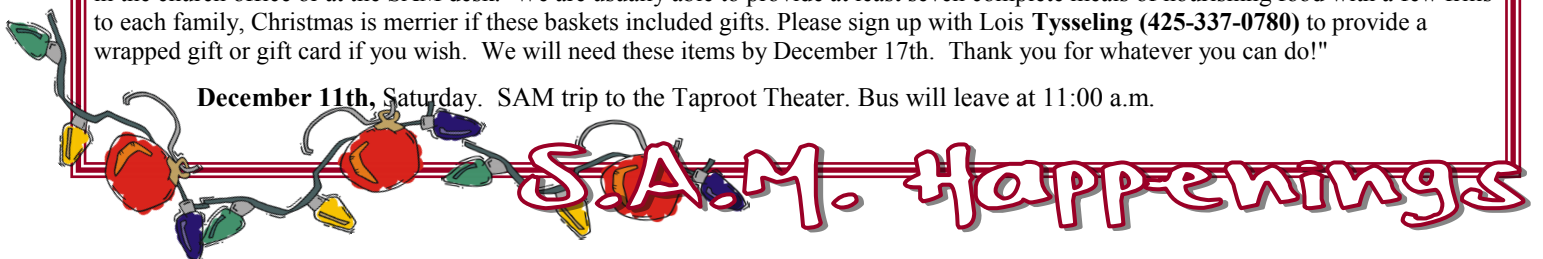
Lois and Tony Tysseling sent the following: "Our S.A.M. folks are still quite amazed at the tremendous turn-out for their Concert for Seniors on Friday, December 3rd. The official attendance was 540 guests. The quality of the concert's 68 musicians and the speakers was absolutely top-notch! Even though we were the host church and had many participants, the variety and expertise in the repertoire would not have been possible without the support and participation of four other churches, especially First Presbyterian, Everett. We'd also like to express our appreciation to all of those who helped with the luncheon prior to the concert, especially Laura Oversvee, our caterer, who prepared for 172 including 50 in the chorale from other churches plus spouses and guests.

It was a beautiful way to usher in the Christmas season and give glory and honor to the coming birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you to each of you, because everyone had a part in this outreach." ~ **Tony and Lois Tysseling**

And we, the S.A.M. members, owe a big **thank you** of gratitude for the many hours of work which **Tony and Lois** gave, plus their inspiration in arranging the whole program into a magnificent outpouring of love and praise for our Lord.

Now we need some help from YOU to provide a Merry Christmas for the same six family units we helped at Thanksgiving. If you would like to contribute food items, we need **canned fruit, canned vegetables** or **canned soups**. You may leave these, marked SAM in the church office or at the SAM desk. We are usually able to provide at least seven complete meals of nourishing food with a few frills to each family, Christmas is merrier if these baskets included gifts. Please sign up with **Lois Tysseling (425-337-0780)** to provide a wrapped gift or gift card if you wish. We will need these items by December 17th. Thank you for whatever you can do!"

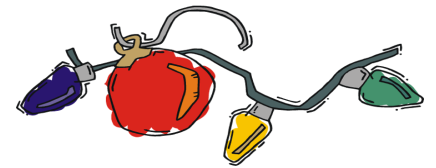
December 11th, Saturday. SAM trip to the Taproot Theater. Bus will leave at 11:00 a.m.



Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

Friday Nite Christmas Dinner

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER (Dec. 24th) with our Friday Night Guests. We have candlelight, tablecloths and music already planned. Our children's department have already had the kids decorate placemats and the ladies of the church are preparing fudge. We need people to host and hostess tables. Last year we had 50 volunteers and would like the same again this year. We need help preparing food beginning at 11am and need hosts and hostesses by 1:30. We plan to be done in plenty of time to enjoy the Christmas Eve service in the sanctuary. Please RSVP to Chris at



Happy Birthday

December 12th, Jamin Weller
December 14th, Linda Rivers

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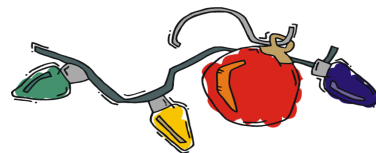
December—**Marc Owenby**
Darrell Olson

December 12th
Marty Visser
Sunday AM

December 19th
Florence Miller
Women of Purpose

December 28th
Dan Clark
Harbor Point Lifegroup

January 2nd
Frank Riddell
Lake Stevens Lifegroup



Parent Date Night

Parent Date Night & Christmas Shopping night on Friday, December 17, 2010 from 5:00-9:00. This is a time where parents can bring their kids to the church and go Christmas shopping together. Drop the kids off at the Community Center where they can have a great night of activities, snacks, movies and games. The youth will be accepting donations for their upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica. Connect with preschool@fbc-everett.net to sign up for the date night.