

# Advent Season

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## What Do Advent Decorations Stand For?

As you make your Christmas Journey, enjoy the special symbols of the season. Advent colors are purple for repentance, pink for joy and white for Christ. You will see these colors in the Pacific Room and Community Center star decorations on the trees and in the Advent wreath. The Advent Wreath has 5 candles... The first purple candle, the hope candle symbolizes the promises the prophets delivered and the hope we have in Christ. The second purple candle is the candle of the Way, as Christ is the Way and Christ is the light sent into the world to show them the way out of the darkness. The third candle, the candle of Joy, indicates the only lasting joy to be found in life on earth is through Christ.

The fourth candle is the candle of Peace, reminding us that Christ came to bring peace to both the world and people's hearts. Without Christ there is no peace. The center white candle represents Christ himself, born to save people from their sins. This celebrates the fulfillment of prophecy and is lit on Christmas day.

In the Worship Center we have used silver, white and gold tones to emphasize the royalty and worth of our King. This is a setting for worship and praise for the gift of the season, Christ, God's only Son.

As Christ came into the world and became the Light of the World we have several Advent reminders of the light that Christ brings to us to "light our path and show us the way". The sun, moon and stars are the light provided by nature, man adds candles, lanterns and light bulbs, but the real Light is in the scriptures when Christ became the Word in Flesh. Take time during this season to think about what lights your path, directs your way and illuminates your faith!

December 1st, 2010

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# Life group prayer and praise

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** is also having knee surgery on Dec. 7th, please pray for her also.

**Betty and Ray Reeves** could use prayer for their health. Betty is recovering from a broken right foot and Ray continues to struggle with his breathing. Also for **Gene and Bev Dobson** for their health.

**Roseanne Nelson** asks that we pray for her relationship with her daughter to be reestablished and healed. For God's personal presence in a personal crisis.

Please pray for **Mel Tessness** who has been sick for three weeks with some kind of bronchial infection. Please pray that the doctors can pinpoint the cause and prescribe the medication or bed rest he needs for a complete recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Dale Smyth** as he has brain cancer. He is undergoing radiation treatments everyday at Swedish. Please also pray for **his wife Peggy** for strength to care for **Dale** at his home. ~ **Debbie Benedetto**

Please continue to pray for my sister **Mary** who has advanced cancer. She is very sick and needs treatment. ~ **Darlene Hegeberg**

My mother heard from home that her only niece has spinal cancer. Could I ask you to keep **Mom, her brother Gene, cousin Brianne, and the rest of the family** in your prayers? ~ **Nick Pawlak**

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.

**Dave and Pat Slater** from Arlington need prayer, he is dying from cancer and is in constant pain. ~ **Sheri**

## Financial Update November 28th, \$11,124.87

\*\*\*Adult attendance: 9:00am 75 & 10:30am 228 \*\*\*Children: 9am 20+ 5 — 10:30am 19+ 10

\*\*\*Elementary: 9am 32 + 5 — 10:30 am 41 + 4

\*\*\*Middle School: 13 + 2 — Youth Small Group: 21 + 4

## 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

CONGRATULATIONS on the retirement of **Marc and Oneita Owenby**!! Marc writes: "We were in the old small shop for just 9 months before moving into the current location in August 1st, 2000. FBC threw a Surprise shop 'baby' shower on October, 1999. We were in business a total of 11 years. Sure went by quickly. Oneita left her position as office administrator of FBC when Megan had our twin grandchildren (Dec. 2006) and went to work in the shop in the Spring of 2007.

"I have such warm and heartfelt thoughts when I think of the outpouring of the support and love manifested in the gathering of our church family for the surprise shower. Everyone was so good about keeping it a secret and I was oblivious to the ruse that got me down to the old Solid Rock Cafe that evening. I was overwhelmed when I flipped on the lights in that darkened room and saw the faces of all the people that cared for us. I would tell others that during the last 11 years, sure there were times when deadlines, bills and challenges would present themselves. I would get concerned about how I was going to pay this or that but always had "enough" to meet our needs. During all that time we never had to lay anyone off or cut anyone's hours while still maintaining a staff of 9 employees. There were times when nothing was left over but there was always "enough". *"Be anxious about nothing and in all things present your requests to God and He (me exhaling) will give you the peace that transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"*.

I have never forgotten or devalued the initial and continued support of FBC members and friends that have allowed ONB to service their automotive needs. Oneita and I were able to (and the timing was perfect) sell our successful business to **Dave Kerr and his wife Shelley** and retain all of the personnel that made ONB a respected operation.

On the morning of October 29th I asked Dave if I could pray, and without hesitation he said that he would love that. We held hands and I thanked God for how he has always affirmed and blessed our business and provided protection. I asked that he continue to do so for Dave, his wife Shelley and all of our employees and their families. I prayed that God and the people that He chose surround Dave and would be his unfailing resource and support and that he would not "be anxious". Thank you Jesus!

As far as Oneita and I, we have been closing down the legal entity of the business, paying all the bills, taxes and legal obligations and anticipating the ending costs involved. We have already booked our airline tickets for December and will spend Christmas in NC with our **grandkids, and Megan and Jason**. (notice who gets top billing). **Zach** is also flying in from AZ to join all of us. What a great Christmas! When we get back, I have a lot on my "to do" list. Oneita told me that she gave me the first 40 years but the next are hers. She's right!

As part of Scott's work with the US army he was out of the country for a few weeks. **Scott's** medical training was put to good use in Africa where he and co-workers summited Mount Kilimanjaro at 19,341 feet.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** The **Rodriguez family; Jane, Omar and Zack** welcomed new baby **Gwendolyn Elaine** on the morning of November 29th. She weighed 7# 1 oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Our dear friend and faithful servant, **Faith Wallingford**, is grieving the loss of her son, **Steve** who passed away this past week. Our prayers go out for **Susan**, Steve's wife and for Faith.

**Mary Blalock** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at the Colby campus. She will be there for three or four days prior to time in rehab. Altho cell phones aren't allowed in the hospital and we're not sure about rehab, she gave us her cell number 425-345-8964. But I'm sure she would appreciate calls on the hospital bedside phone.

When **Ginnie Hamilton** visited **Dee Eckstrom** in the hospital she found Dee witnessing her faith to the person sharing her room. Faith in action! Dee is now home and slowly recovering. "I'm getting there" she positively reports. However, the pain, so far, hurts as much as before surgery. Continue the prayers for her!

**Abe and Sarah's Kids**, a ministry to foster families, received \$523.00 through our Thanksgiving Eve worship service offering. Praise the Lord! And thanks to all who contributed to this ministry or food for our local VOA!

Operation Christmas Child Results from FBC: We shipped off 180 shoe boxes last week! The Wednesday night children's program had a great time filling 31 of those boxes – and some wrote letters to the child that will receive their box. Thank you, FBC!!

Congratulations to **Carl and Sandra Signs** for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary last month on November 26th, 2010.

**December 11th, Saturday** will be the SAM trip to the Taproot Theater.

Tickets are \$27.00 The bus will be leaving at 11:00 a.m. Sign up at the SAM desk!

# S.A.M. Happenings

# Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

## Friday Nite Christmas Dinner

**CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER** 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 [eagleacs@juno.com](mailto:eagleacs@juno.com) or 425.778.2432.

## Happy Birthday

December 1st      **Brian Harpell**  
 December 2nd,    **Chris Green**

**TAPROOT THEATRE**  
C O M P A N Y



**Improv Christmas Comedy Night**  
 December 5th 4:00 and 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Everett  
 1616 Pacific Ave, Everett  
 425-259-9166  
 \$5.00 or 4/\$15.00

Dessert and family pictures to follow  
 Childcare provided

### **USHER CAPTAIN 2010:**

November—Craig Reisen  
 December—Marc Owenby  
 .....Darrell Olson.....

December 5th  
**Laura Oversvee**  
 Women of Purpose

December 12th  
**Marty Visser**  
 Sunday AM

December 19th  
**Florence Miller**  
 Women of Purpose

December 28th  
**Dan Clark**  
 Harbor Point Lifegroup



A Christmas Gift  
for Everett's Seniors

Friday, December 3rd, 2010

1:00 pm

Free Christmas Musical

FBC of Everett—Worship Center

## 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](mailto:preschool@fbc-everett.net) to sign up for the date night.

**A big thank you to all who decorated the church for Christmas! It is BEAUTIFUL! ! ! Great job!**