

COMMEMORATION

Dear Jesus,

As we gather together this Christmas to celebrate Your birth, may we begin to see the world with Your grace and understanding.

You taught us how to love one another; help us to remember to share this love with others, taking the time to look into their eyes, to hear the message of their hearts sometimes hidden behind their words, and to appreciate the deep worth of each person who crosses our path.

You taught us how to do the right thing; remind us that You are always with us, even when we think no one is looking. Help us also take time to seek You in the quiet of our hearts, homes, and churches. Bring peace to every part of our world, every room of our homes, and every corner of our hearts.

We thank You that You didn't stay a baby in a cradle but grew up to be our loving Savior.

Dear Jesus, may You be born again in us this day. Amen.

***The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."***

***Luke 2:10-12***

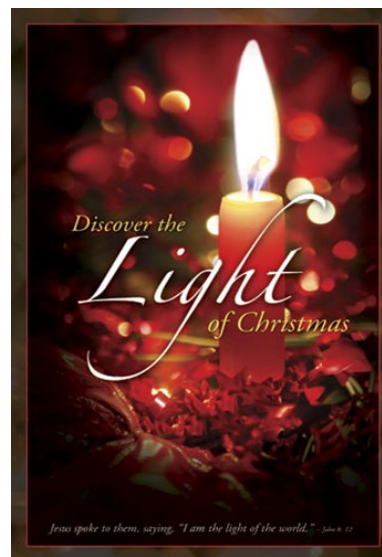


**“On behalf of the Pastoral Staff at FBC we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.”**

# Life group prayer and praise

- **Jim Webster** asks that you pray for him, he needs wisdom and to find a job.
- **Roni Chapman** is in the hospital, her blood pressure was too high.
- Please pray for **Sharon Young's mother Evva**, she was moved to Virginia Mason hospital from her nursing home because of what they thought was staph, it turned out to be MERSA and Tuesday her white blood count was so low they are giving her a blood transfusion. Please pray for the family, if they can't get this under control the doctor's are afraid for her life.
- **Christen's brother Bill**, is having his tonsils removed on Wednesday, please pray for quick healing and no complications from surgery.
- Please continue to pray for **Rose Toscano** as she recovers from back surgery at home. She called on Monday to say thanks to all who have helped, she has feeling in 1/2 her foot and is doing much better but still has a long way to go. She just loves phone calls and visits.
- My son **Stephen** is still in the hospital but has all the tubes removed and is moving on to rehab at Harborview. Praise God and pray that he can come home really soon. ~ **Robert Johnson**
- **Please continue to pray for Karla Signs**, she is has lots of headaches still, please pray that God will heal her and relieve her headaches and that she can get into Mayo Clinic soon . ~ **Sandra Signs**
- **The Women** give a big thank you for all the stuff you gave us!
- **Carolyn Kelly** asks that we pray for her son **Nathan**, he needs to get a job.
- I am an alcoholic, and my life is so unmanageable. I was homeless but now have a home and am looking for a job. Please pray for me that I stay sober and my life can get back on track. ~ **Marie Hazard**

Christmas Eve Service,  
Thursday, December 24th, 6:00 pm  
Please join us as we  
usher in the  
Birth of Jesus  
with a candle light service  
"Finding Joy".



## 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



# Life Group Happenings

## All in the Family

by *florence miller*

**Esther Friesen** has moved to an Adult Family Home, on Alverson Blvd, Everett, WA. She more than likely will not be returning to Washington Oakes but her hip is feeling lots better and she is no longer in so much pain.

**Sharon Young** asks prayer for her **Mom - Evva Young**. She was taken to the hospital recently with bed sores so critical she needed surgery. It was diagnosed that she has MERSA and Sharon was told she is probably terminal. The Mersa is under her skin and unless they can get it under control it will just keep eating away. Evva is in Virginia Mason Hospital, and is in need of your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Dan Clark** who is now officially President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington State Society of Healthcare Engineers!

**Pastor Allan** will be on sabbatical and out of the office from January 11th to February 7th. During this time Allan will be completing the writing/dissertation piece of his doctoral degree in Missional Leadership. He began this degree in January, 2006 and is looking forward to completing the program. Please be in prayer for Allan during this time as he completes this final piece.

The Wednesday, December 12th Herald carried the obituary of **Clifford Bromling** who passed away in October of this year, complete with his picture. We mentioned it in October but if anyone who remembers him from years ago, or perhaps had him as a teacher in the Everett School system, they can look up the item on the internet. It gives an interesting listing of his many accomplishments. Daughter **Clifflyn** lives in Mukilteo and son **David** in Oaksdale.

**Lois Hudspeth** moves this Wednesday from Washington Oaks to Bellingham to live with daughter **Loye** and son in law **Jerry Kramer**. Lois has a wonderful outlook on change, since, as she says, all of life is change and it can be handled well with the Lord's care and love. .

Further notes from Washington Oaks: **Lisa Baer** brought a Cub Scout group of around 15 or so into the dining room to serenade us with Christmas Carols and hand out Christmas tree ornaments.

**Priscilla Hahne**, who has a very caring heart, has been seen visiting **Lois Hudspeth** often for lunch. The two of them stopped in the private dining room this past Tuesday to visit with the Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study group who were there being hosted by **Florence Miller** in her apartment and then for lunch. Attending were **Phyllis Allen, Bobbi Backstrom, Marguerite Bacon, Darlene Hegeberg, Jeanne Iversen, Oma Kiniry, Wilma Love, Edie Richardson Shirlene Walker and Eve Haney**.

As we come to the end of the year, your Board of Elders want to thank you for your faithful giving through the year. Much ministry and many lives have been touched by your generosity, and FBC continues to have a reputation in our community for practically sharing the love of Christ with people.

At the same time, all of us are aware the present financial climate in our country with many losing their homes, losing their jobs or losing hours of employment. The needs in our community have never been greater, and yet we have not felt led by God to reduce our commitment to help people.

This is all to say that presently, we are down \$10,000 of receipts for the same period last year and we are behind in our giving to our ministry budget. We are not gripped by fear. Our faith is strong and our faith is in the Lord. We are believing God to speak to hearts—perhaps yours—about a yearend gift to your church.

What a great Christmas gift idea! A gift to your church family so that we can continue to bless our community by sharing the love of Christ! Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this!

God bless you and Merry Christmas! Pastor Brian

Last Friday we gifted over 130 guests with Christmas bags containing socks, candy, cup of noodles, hand warmers, "snowman soup" hot chocolate fixings and fast food gift cards. Many thanks to the ladies who fixed an amazing casserole of ham and creamy, cheesy potatoes!

I'm very excited about having Christmas "at our house" this Friday!!

As I previously wrote, we are planning quite an evening for our guests. We will serve dinner at the regular time of 5:30 and I have asked for volunteers to act as waiters and waitresses for our guests. (Reminder to servers; please arrive by 4:30 in time to participate in pre-dinner prayer.) We have Christmas tablecloths along with placemats colored by our kids church and will be decking the tables with our best finery. The "Out-A-Tooners" have officially retired and been replaced by what started as a musician with a guitar that has grown to a full band ready to entertain our guests. *Happy Birthday Jesus* cake will be served for dessert and many bakers have put their skills to work making fudge to send home with our guests.

Pre-Christmas Day thanks to all who have already jumped in and been willing to adjust their family schedules or opted to bring their families with them to serve those without families to go to!! What a joy to be part of amazing people caring for our community. Thank You Everyone!! Have a Blessed Christmas week! Chris

Friday Night Update

# Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

**Update**  
**December 20th**

Adult attendance: 287

Children: 9 am: 39+11 10:30 am 51+23

Youth Small Group: 7 + 2 Middle School 9+3



December 28th, Jennifer Keep  
December 29th, Bobbie Backstrom  
LaVon McCallum  
Patty Pederson

**Tithe envelopes are  
now available in the  
Pacific Room**

## **USHER CAPTAIN 2009:**

December—Darrell Olson  
Marc Owenby

January—Pete Sontra  
Luckey Elkins

## **COFFEE HOUR 2009**

December 27th

Kay Olson

Home Fellowship

January 3rd

Frank Riddell

Lake Stevens LG

January 10th

Dan Clark

Life Group

January 17th

John VanDalen

The Followers

January 24th

David Brock

Men's Life Group

## Help Needed

We need your help to put our Advent decorations away for the season!! Please join us at **10am on Wednesday, January 6th - 2010.** Let us know if you will be able to help so we can plan lunch for you. Any questions ??- call Ruelyn.

## Lela Meadows Scholarship

**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COLLEGE STUDENTS, POST GRADUATE STUDENTS:** Application for the 2010 Lela Meadows Scholarship are available, beginning January 4th in the church office. To be eligible to apply you need to be a current and active member in our church. Application deadline is Wednesday, **March 31st, 2010 at 4:00 pm**

## AVALANCHE RETREAT

4th thru 8th Grade Avalanche Retreat is coming soon! Register now with either Pastor Nathan or Pastor Alex—cost is just \$70.00. They will be going to Cascade Meadows Camp in Leavenworth on January 29th, returning on the 31st. You won't want to miss this exciting time, playing in the snow, inner tubing and having fun and fellowship with your pals. Experience God in the snow.

**The office will be closed Monday, Dec. 28th & Monday, Jan. 4th**