

# A Time for Everything

Carelection

## Celebrate Recovery Update

In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we read that, *“there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”* Our lives, our activities and our ministries will always be marked by seasons – they will start and they will end. For some this may be discouraging news – who looks forward to the end of summer, and the start of Fall-Winter rains in the Puget Sound? But there is a reason for seasons – they prepare us for the next one. In God’s calendar there are many seasons – and each season is designed by Him to accomplish his purposes and bring about growth in our lives, even though we may not recognize this at the time.

In the Fall of 2006 we had the privilege of launching Celebrate Recovery here at FBC, and for the next three and half years we provided a place on a weekly basis for people to come with their hurts, habits and hang-ups and experience God’s transforming love. We would gather for a great meal, fellowship, worship, teaching, sharing of testimonies, small groups – and every so often for a BBQ, picnic and a volleyball game. As a result of this ministry people have given their lives to Christ, been baptized and have become active participants in the ministry of FBC – and for this we praise God! We have seen many people come through the ‘doors’ of CR – some stayed for a short time; some came, went and came back; and some have been with us since the beginning. This is in many ways a dynamic of recovery ministry.

Back in the spring of 2009 the CR leadership team sensed that something about CR was going to change. Since that

time the CR team has met regularly to pray and seek God’s leading in this transition, as well as receive council from our board of elders. The CR team, in continual conversation with the elders, has discerned that the season for CR at FBC has come to an end. This decision has been formed by the following factors: attendance at CR has decreased; some CR leaders have felt called to reduce their ministry load or to serve elsewhere at FBC; and we are in a season at FBC where we need to give more attention to launching and developing new Life Groups committed to our 3Cs, and training group leaders around our DNA of leadership: T.L.C. (teaching, leading and caring). **CR will conclude on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> with a dinner and party (6:15 – 8:00 p.m., Pacific Room)** – to celebrate what God has done, and to honor CR leaders and participants. Everyone who has been involved in CR at any point in its duration – as a leader, participant, or helper – is invited to come and celebrate and be honored. Your presence would be greatly appreciated.

Please be assured that FBC will remain committed to, “welcoming people as they are” and providing the support and encouragement to grow in their relationship with God and others – most especially through life groups. We want to thank the entire body of FBC for embracing and supporting this ministry – THANK YOU!! And again, we thank God for all that he has done through this ministry – to Him be the glory.

Yours Truly,  
Janet Duvarado and Allan Love.

January 27th, 2009

First Baptist Church

# Life group prayer and praise

- Please pray for **my son, Josh**, he is in wrestling at Everett High and he injured his arm. ~**Dan Anderson**
- Praise God for the many people who have been and are involved in the **Friday Nite Ministry**. Thank you for your support and service over the last 10 years!
- Thank you, Lord for **Lynn's** new job and that a door would open for **Ed** to have a stable job also. We are in need of a home. Thank you Lord for this new place for us to worship and connect. ~ **Ed & Lynn Biggs**
- Please pray that the Community Transit will NOT suspend their Sunday service starting in June, as this is my only mode of transportation to and from church services. ~**Eva LaStrange**
- Praise God that I finally found a coffee shop in Mill Creek "*Heart to Heart*" next to Jiffy Lube where customers and employees discuss their faith openly and minister to customers who seek answers. ~ **Darcy**
- Please pray for the **Knospe family, especially Kayla** who is having some issues with her breathing and needs to undergo a bronchoscopy. Also pray for **Cassie** as she is expecting and due in February. ~ **Shelly Rohde**
- Goalie for Brian's hockey team, **Jerry** has asked FBC to pray for his wife, **Heather** who just got diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Please continue to pray for **Sharon Young** as she is having a hard time with the loss of **her mother, Evva**.
- Thanks be to Jesus. Please pray for **my wife and friend, Lori**. May the Lord grant her healing. ~ **Ty Witucki**
- Please pray for **Mary Condon's grandmother** who has cancer for the fourth time that the doctors can't treat anymore.
- Please pray that our Positive Behavior Support Team will be able to help our new boy (**Steven**, 6) who was so badly neglected that he can't speak, eat without choking or relate to others. ~ **Kate**
- Please pray for **Chris, Kathy and Alyssa, their baby Addison** was born 3 months premature and just passed away. ~ **Joanne**
- **Gail Downing** needs to be rescued from alcohol, please pray for her.
- **Janet Tracy's mother Evelyn**, has stage 4 brain cancer, please pray for her and the family.
- Please continue to pray for the pain in my lower back. ~ **Carolyn Kelly**

## HAITI EMERGENCY RESPONSE

A magnitude 7 earthquake hit Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. with devastating results. You can help. Emergency donations can be made now by writing a check to FBC, marked "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief." —Pray for Haiti and its people. —Pray for the proper response of the world to this tragedy. —Pray for believers in Haiti to shine forth the love of Christ in this time of desperate need. Financial gifts can be directed towards Haiti simply by writing your check to FBC and indicating in memo line "Haiti".

Pastor Allan will be on sabbatical and out of the office from January 11<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>. During this time Allan will be completing the writing/dissertation piece of his doctoral degree in Missional Leadership.

**ATTENTION ALL FBC CHURCH MEMBERS:** your FBC Foundation Board has made a minor change to the By-Laws that govern the Foundation. The document is now available for your preview and comments. Pick up a copy in the church office on the front desk. The revised By-Laws will be available up until the date of the annual Church meeting (Feb. 7th, 9:00 am). At that meeting you, the church membership, will have the opportunity to ask questions and to vote to accept the minor revision to the Foundation By-Laws. Please be informed. Take some time to pick up a copy in the church office. Darrell Olson, Chairman, FBC Foundation

## 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

Guess who gets senior citizen discounts now? ..**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** to **Sheri Wiederspohn** who just celebrated her 60th birthday. Congratulations! And are you sure that's the correct age? She looks too young for that. Sheri wants to thank all of you who remembered her with cards and good wishes.

**Deanna Baird** is finished with her chemo, is thanking the Lord for that and is sporting a really cute hair style!

**Eva LaStrange** is very concerned about Community Transit's plans to suspend their Sunday and Holiday services starting in June. Of course the reasoning is because of the economic recession. This will also affect those people who use Dart Transportation because of disabilities or other special needs. She says that "It is a concern for me since it's my form of transportation to Sunday worship which is very important to me. Please pray that the Transit Co. will find another solution and reverse their decision." It also affects those who have Sunday jobs.

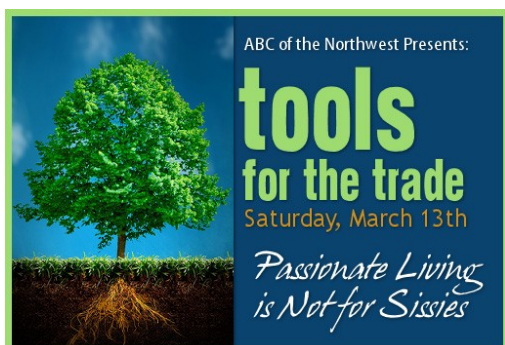
On Sunday, January 24th, 2010, **Everett Community Church** relocated its worship services to the Memorial Community Church facility located at 710 Pecks Drive, Everett, WA 98203. Brian Harpell writes that "it has been a real joy to be a part of the launch of this new congregation. Their plan from the beginning was to plant a multi-ethnic congregation in Everett and to be on our campus for one year. They stayed a little longer, looking both to North and South Everett, but on January 24th they moved South to one of our partnering ABC churches, Memorial Community on Pecks Drive. Praise God that they are growing up and spreading their wings! And thank you FBC for your support of this planting of a brand new church and in doing so, contributing to the mission of Christ!" Their worship services will begin at 2:00 p.m. every Sunday afternoon.

**Daniel Espy** of The Bridge in Snohomish proudly announces that the reason for his not being able to meet with the LLC group last Wednesday was because he and his wife became proud parents of a little **baby girl, Elia Hope**, born at 11:50 p.m. on January 20th and weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and 20 inches. Congratulations, Mom and Dad!

Further notes on **Alan Carter's** progress. His daughter writes: "Praise the Lord for He is good! We just found out Dad has been approved for 12 sessions of speech and occupational therapy!...Dad has also been dealing with thrush on and off. Thrush is a yeast infection on the tongue and can occur when the patient has been on antibiotics...It is hoped that it will not hinder some of the improvement Dad could make with speech therapy. Please pray for the thrush to be completely cleared away as well as the infection around his feeding tube. Please continue to pray along side our family for a miracle for my Dad."

ABWM's is hosting the monthly meeting on February 18th, Thursday for a noon lunch by Mary Beth. Please reserve your space by calling Faith Wallingford, or the church office, 425.259.9166 before the 15th.

Check out the **Mission Fair on Sunday January 31st** and view the many local service opportunities you could connect with. Of, if you are involved in a service/outreach ministry and would like to participate and display and share that information, call Donna Wirt. They are setting up on Saturday at 1:00 pm.



March 13th  
Manette Community Church-Bremerton  
with: Dr. Clay Ford, Cheryl Ford & Hannah Ford

Sign Up Now  
for  
**A Tribute to Stephen Sondheim**  
Feb. 26th  
**\$35.00**  
Leaves Church 11:00am

Stephen Sondheim is hailed by *The New York Times* as "the greatest and perhaps best-known artist in the American musical theatre." Marvin Hamlisch celebrates Sondheim in this very special tribute at Benaroya Hall  
Lunch is on you



May 14-15  
The Summit Church in Boise, ID  
with: Efrem Smith

# Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

## Update

Adult attendance: 295

Children: 9 am: 33+10      10:30 am 47+16

Youth Small Group: 14 + 3      Middle School 14 + 3

## Happy Birthday

January 27th

January 29th

January 31st

February 2nd

Priscilla Hahne

Kelly Brock,

Lee Nelson

Judy Warren

John Graham

Eva LaStrange

Kham Fong Sysengrath

### USHER CAPTAIN 2009:

February—Ron & Kay Olson

Craig Reisen

### COFFEE HOUR 2009

January 31st

Alex Tarin

20-30 Something

February 7th

Lyle Gordon

SAM

February 14th

David Karber

Open Door

February 21st

Bryan Blair

Life Group

February 28th

Darrell Olson

Foundation

March 7th

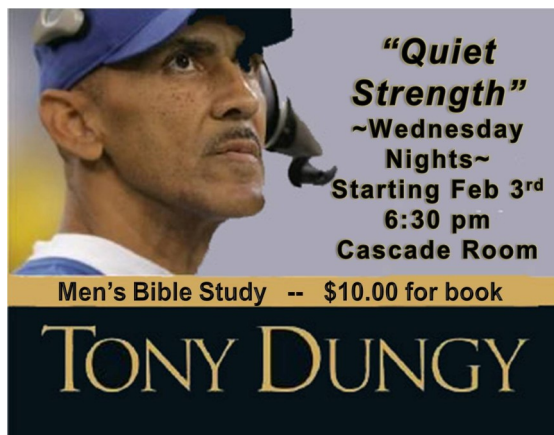
John Mullen

Life Group

## 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

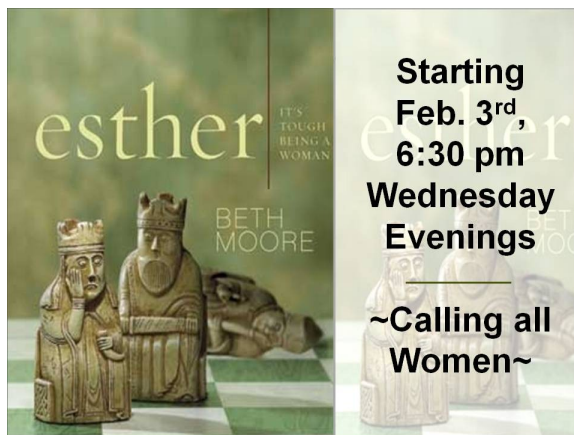
## Annual Congregational Meeting -- Feb. 7th - 9:00 am



**"Quiet Strength"**  
~Wednesday Nights~  
Starting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 pm  
Cascade Room

Men's Bible Study -- \$10.00 for book

**TONY DUNGY**



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IT'S TOUGH BEING A WOMAN

BETH MOORE

Starting Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evenings

~Calling all Women~

There are still some Offering Envelopes in the office.