

Everett pastors revel in Rose Bowl rivalry

Alex Tarin and Nathan Yocum have plenty in common. Tarin is 31. Yocum is 34. Both are married. Each has a baby son. They even work at the same place, First Baptist Church of Everett.

Then there's football. When it comes to college football fandom, these guys part ways — big time.

Today's Rose Bowl game may not be of the highest interest to UW Huskies or WSU Cougar fans, but for Yocum and Tarin it's the pinnacle of football buddy rivalry.

Tarin, a children's pastor at the church, is an avid University of Oregon Ducks fan. His team will take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., starting at 2 p.m.

When we talked last week, Tarin was already wearing an Oregon Rose Bowl T-shirt. On his door at work were two Oregonian newspaper articles about Ducks football.



Alex Tarin
Children's Pastor He's such a fan that on the church Web site, www.fbc-everett.org, the "Meet the Team" photo of Tarin and his wife, Becky, was taken on a Ducks game day at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Ore. As much as Tarin loves his Ducks, he has nothing on Yocum, who's just as wild about the Buckeyes.

Yocum, the First Baptist Church student pastor in charge of sixth-grade through high school programs, was still on a holiday visit to Ohio when we talked Monday. His family lives in Grove City, just outside Columbus.

Waiting to leave a message on his cell phone, I listened to a rousing march. When Yocum answered, I learned that his phone's hold music is "Le Regiment." The Ohio State University Marching Band traditionally plays the march while forming "Ohio" in a script pattern on the Ohio Stadium field.

Although they're both loyal fans, neither man is

an alumnus of the University of Oregon or Ohio State University. Tarin, the Ducks fan who lives in Lake Stevens, went to Northland Baptist Bible College in Wisconsin. And Yocum, of Everett, attended Cincinnati Christian University. His love for the Buckeyes predates his college years.

"When I was in sixth grade, I started selling Coke at the Ohio State games. They let us do that as a fundraiser," Yocum said. "For three years, I got to go to all the home games."



Yocum and his brother, Jeremy, talk often about Ohio State football, and during the games they chat via Skype.

Nathan Yocum
Youth Pastor

Both Tarin and Yocum traveled to games this year. After Oregon beat the USC Trojans 47-20 on Halloween in Autzen Stadium, Tarin said he was seen on ESPN with other revelers. And Yocum was at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 3 for Ohio State's 33-14 win over Indiana University. "I fly back for a game every year, but it was too hard to get tickets for Ohio Stadium," Yocum said.

Tarin will watch today's game at home with family and friends. Yocum won't be there, he'll still be in Ohio. He had planned to fly back to Seattle today, but when he made his reservation he forgot about the difference in time zones.

"He scheduled his flight home during the Rose Bowl," Tarin said. "I let him know, so he switched his flight."

To each other, both men said, they have predicted that their rival will win. They're pastors, after all, with charitable natures. "That's what we say to each other's face," Yocum quipped.

"In my heart, Oregon is going to win of course," Tarin said.

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Life group prayer and praise

- Please pray for **Chris Nelson's mom, Stephanie Bloemendaal** in OR, she has colon cancer that is inoperable.
- Please pray for **Brenda Satterfield and her family**, Brenda was diagnosed with Small Cell Lung Cancer and given 2 months to live in Feb. 09. God is good and she is weak but cat scans show no sign of cancer. She is still suffering from the effects of radiation and chemo. ~ **Kristy DeMuth**—Grace Baptist, Atlanta GA
- **Gail Downing** needs to be rescued from alcohol addiction, please pray for her.
- Please pray for my grandma with cancer and pray for me, my mom passed away just after Thanksgiving in 2009. ~ **Mary Condon**
- **Darcy Stanyo's mom, Patricia** had surgery, please pray for her quick recovery.
- Please pray for my best friend **Stacey** that she does not have breast cancer. ~ **Priscilla Hahne**
- **Janet Tracy's mother Evelyn**, has stage 4 brain cancer, please pray for her and the family.
- Please pray for **Ruth LeMaster's step son, Terry**.
- **Jim Webster** asks that you pray for him, he needs wisdom and to find a job.
- Please pray for **Sharon Young's mother Evva**, she is back in ICU at Virginia Mason with MERSA. And please pray for **Sharon** that she can handle what is ahead of her and that she would be able to take care of her own health issues.
- My son **Stephen** is leaving the hospital to go to rehab! Praise God, he is feeling like he is on the road to recovery!. ~ **Robert Johnson**
- Please continue to pray for **Karla**, she 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**
- Please continue to pray for the pain in my lower back. ~ **Carolyn Kelly**

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 completing the program. Please be in prayer for Allan during this time as he completes this final piece.

Celebrate Recovery at FBC—Current Schedule

Tuesday, January 12th—CR Meeting...**New Schedule: Meal (6:15 pm start) and Open share Groups (7:00 pm start)**

This new schedule will continue on until mid-February.

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

I just talked to **Esther Friesen**, she's accepting the change that occurred recently in her life, albeit reluctantly. She lives in a nice home but unfortunately the three other women who live there are bedridden so she doesn't have any interaction with anyone except the helpers. She has the living room and TV to herself but needs more to read. Her back is hurting along with her hip although she feels the hip is improving somewhat. The home phone # is 425-339-0174 although she hopes to get her own phone.

We received a note from **Kim Edwards**: Hello Dear Friends, Since a number of you have asked, the memorial service will be this Friday, January 8, 3PM at Grace Community Church in Auburn - From **Dad's** latest blog update: **Bettie's** memorial service will be at Grace Community Church, on Friday, January 8th, at 3:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow the service in an adjacent room, and will include a pot-luck meal. There will be an opportunity for a few brief stories and memories of Bettie to add to the celebration of a life well-lived. We'll conclude with a couple of songs by my dear brothers in the Northwest Sound Men's Chorus that you won't want to miss. Hint: bring tissue. If you are able, it would be such an honor to see you there. Thank you all so much for your prayers for her and encouraging words to me over the past six months since her stroke and diagnosis. You have given me the comfort and encouragement to 'hang in there' when my heart felt so heavy.

Delores Heller passed away December 14th. She was a former member or out church. Her memorial is scheduled for Jan. 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Seattle First Baptist Church

Sharon Young's mom, Evva who had been hospitalized with MERSA is now back in the nursing home, is alert but still in lots of pain. The infection has not worsened and the Dr. has said that she now has a 50 per cent survival rate. At the printing of this, Evva is back at Virginia Mason Hospital in ICU and the infection is bad again.

A notice from SAM Board members, **Tom Warren or Ralph Schapler** reminding groups to let the church secretary, **Joanne**, know dates you need the vans so they may be put on the calendar.

This is a note from **Chris Frizzell** about **Janet Tracy's mom, Evelyn**: Please pray for strength, support, and wisdom to make tough decisions during this difficult time... Janet Tracy's mom has been up and down with health issues for a number of weeks. Janet put her in the hospital on Tuesday after she seemed paralyzed on her left side. On Wednesday, the doctors told her and Janet that she has an inoperable brain tumor. They spent the rest of the day running more tests.

Today we sat with Evelyn as the Neurologist explained that the scans show she has no other tumors in her body. She has been experiencing painful headaches and those are from the tumor in her brain. It is not operable because it has no definite edges and is growing quickly - on the MRI it looks like wispy smoke. They consider it to be a Stage 4 cancer. They believe she won't live longer than 6 months. Her end of life will likely come in the form of her going to sleep and not waking up as the tumor causes fluid build up and swelling in her brain.

Janet and Evelyn are meeting with the Palliative Care team at the hospital today (12-31) to discuss nursing care facilities and ways to manage quality of life. Janet's brother is up from Oregon and staying at Evelyn's house until arrangements for an estate sale can be made and to sell the house or at least get it on the market. Janet's dad built the house in the 60's and he died 5 years ago from Parkinson's. Evelyn turned her life to Christ after her husband's death at age 77 and is plugged in well at a Baptist church in Stanwood. **Her pastor, Mitch**, was there yesterday and again today. Evelyn talks about being ready to see **Jesus** and would love to shake hands with **Moses!** The oncologist was in about an hour ago and has revised the neurologist's prognosis of 6 months to "weeks".. Thank you for your care and prayers - Chris

And a note from **Pastor Brian: Dear Ruelyn and Decorating Team**: Your church family wants to express its deep gratitude to all of you for the amazing job you did this advent season decorating the church for Christmas. You and your team put in an incredible amount of hours decorating the church and then, when the advent season was over, taking all the decorations down. But what we want you to know is that your dedication to Christ and His work here at FBC did not go unnoticed. The beauty and simplicity of this year's decorations and the clarity of the theme enhanced tremendously our worship of Christ, God's gift to us at Christmas. So on behalf of a very grateful congregation, hear me say a big **THANK YOU!**

Friday Night got off to a great new year as we celebrated new beginnings with pizza on January 1st. Prayer requests are many: Anon - I would like prayer for loyalty, and to give better advice. **SY** - continue to pray for mom. She is going to have emergency surgery. Please pray for me as I'm emotionally broken. Please pray for **L&JH** for health issues **E** - please pray for **K** not to have so many seizures. I hope and pray for my mother in heaven is safe. **KM** - for **E** and his love for me. I prayed for a love for life - I received that in **E**. Anon - please pray for **JC** - may God find his way into his heart. Anon - for **Little J** - may the Lord seek you out to fill you with spirituality **W** - for **B** - every day is a blessing. **M** - I love you all and everybody else. God Bless us all. Anon - The meaning of life is: 1) To believe in the one and only God and believe that Jesus and what he did on the cross for us. 2) To care and love one another whether they do right or wrong. 3) To reach out to help others and care for people in need.

MP - The wisdom and knowledge to stay on the clean and sober path the Lord of Lords wants for me !!! **BA** - Thank you for dinner. May we all have a happier New Year **RD - MC, S, S, L**, Family and Friends **SZ** - myself for happiness and job. **SR** - for **HR** - soften his heart, **KL** - safe. Have a blessed New Year! - **Chris**

Friday Nite Update

Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

Update January 3rd

Adult attendance: 282

Children: 9 am: 19+10 10:30 am 64+13

Youth Small Group: 11 + 3 Middle School 17 + 2



January 9th Julie Jodock, Frank Riddell

January 10th Ralph Schapler

January 11th Chazaya Weller

January 12th Dan Cook, Julie Smith

*Tithe envelopes are
now available in the
Pacific Room*

USHER CAPTAIN 2009:

January—Pete Sontra
Luckey Elkins

February—Ron & Kay Olson
Craig Reisen

COFFEE HOUR 2009

January 10th
Dan Clark
Life Group

January 17th
John VanDalen
The Followers

January 24th
David Brock
Men's Life Group

January 31st
Alex Tarin
20-30 Something

February 7th
Lyle Gordon
SAM

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**

Congrats to Kathy Chapman on the birth of her new grandson, way to go Roni! He was born on Friday, January 1st at 12:18 am.

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.

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