

Why Some Groups Aren't on Mission ...Selfishness

by Jason Gordon

Everything we do as followers of Christ is related to mission. Or at least it should be.



We are very good at making things all about us, aren't we? Being in a small group is one of those areas where it gets really easy to shift the focus inward. We come to a group because we want to grow, meet new people, gain a connection. And soon enough, if things continue on, the group is all about the needs of the people in the group and mission gets shifted to the back burner.

There aren't very many of us that come into a group thinking that it would be a good opportunity to make something all about us, but we can easily go there. How many times has a real need come up in my group only to think to myself, "Can we speed this up? Sunday Night Football is on in 10 minutes!"

I offer to pray for their needs and we go on our way. I feel like a real jerk for feeling that way. I guess all of us have to be honest that sometimes we just aren't on the

same page with God. We don't want to be the answer to the prayer we are willing to pray because that would be messy and take the focus of our lives off of us.

Yet, how many times are WE the ANSWER to our own petty prayers for hurting people around us? We use prayer as an excuse to **NOT TO DO ANYTHING**. I know for me, I need to **STOP PRAYING**, and **START ACTING** on the promptings that God gives me when I do pray.

We lead our groups to the level of closeness and growth that we choose to be involved in. If we lead out on mission, our groups will follow. If we lead out in selfishness, our groups will be closed, self-serving, ugly representations of the Body of Christ.

Will you choose to lead out on mission?

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Life group prayer and praise

- We would very much appreciate your continued prayers as **Janine** follows God's direction in her ministry to Thailand and Cambodia, She arrived in Cambodia on Friday and will be there for 2 weeks. Please pray for unity and maturity within the team as they work with one another in tough physical circumstances towards common goals **Chris Frizell**
- **Jodee DeFever** is home now after her surgery, everything went fine. She is able to get up and walk a little, Please continue prayers for her as she recovers
- Pray for one of my students & family traveling to Tehran for a month to visit family ~**Janet Duvardo**
- I will be moving to Salem, Oregon the end of July, Please pray for a safe and smooth move. ~ **Romola Edwards**
- **Michael Hall** has received word from his Dr. that he has Prostate Cancer. The prognosis is very good that it is operable and/or treatable with Radiation. Decisions need to be made and prayer is desperately needed to make the right decision. Please support Michael and **Marcia and the kids** as they go thru this very trying time, put them on your prayer list and let them know they are not alone.
- **Pamela Dehnhoff** asks that we pray for **middle son** to find work and a place to live that is safe and their **youngest son and daughter-in-law** to find Jesus.

- **Brooklyn McCormick** needs prayer for her active juvenile arthritis, that her new medication would successfully treat the swelling and pain.
- Please pray for me & my situation with my neighbors father, things are bad with his abusive behavior and language and I'm afraid. Also pray that my externship will finish in the next 2 wks, I still need 80 hrs. And pray for **Nina** who graduates 5th grade and begins a new journey in middle school ~**Darcy Stanyo**
- Please continue to pray for my mother-in-law, **Ramona Anderson**, who has been diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma.. ~ **Ann Anderson**
- **Kathy Chapman's** mother-in-law **Jeanne** has lung cancer. She will be having radiation therapy starting this week. Pray that it takes care of the cancer and that it doesn't burn her and that she has no ill effects. Also pray for **Jeanne's** husband, **Mel Marcoux** for healing for his heart, he has 2 blocked arteries. The Dr's are going to wait a few months before trying to clear them due to radiation burns from the previous stents that were put in.
- **John and Linda Royer** need a ride to/from Ross Point .
- Please pray for my niece, **Karen**, she needs strength and guidance.~ **Carolyn Kelly**
- Please remember to pray for our son-in-law **Al Carter** who had a stroke on 3/29/09 and is totally paralyzed. ~ **Lysle and Lois Pickard**

Adult attendance: 240

Children: 9 am: 15 + 5 10:30 am 17 + 7

Youth Small Group: 7 + 2 Middle School: 15 + 4

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—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 in Afghanistan.
- Aaron Chmielewski—joined the Marines. Nephew of JoAnn Couturie
- Shawn Berland—deploying for 6 months

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Life Group Happenings

all in the family

by Florence Miller

Oneita Owenby just returned from two weeks in North Carolina visiting her daughter and family - especially her's and **Mark's** twin grandchildren who are now very active 3 1/2 year olds. Asked if she is tired, she agreed but said it was mostly from the 100 degree heat which was every day she was there, along with 80% humidity. How we all appreciate our air-conditioned Northwest!

Perhaps the older members of our church will remember **Doris Fellows** who sang in our choir. She had recently been living in Washington Oakes' Retirement community until her passing this past week. Her current married name has been **Anderson**. She was a very friendly lady and remembered her time in First Baptist.

Jack and Mary Elaine Burgess enjoyed having son **Matt** with them this past week. During that time, the family along with friends, held a gathering at Mission Beach in memory of **Jim Erickson** who passed away a year ago. Mission Beach was a favorite spot of Jim's.

Apparently I tried to make an accident story even better. **Jeanne Gillman** did fall and she has had a shiner to attest to that, but although she did trip on a mat while carrying some supplies, she "just" ran into a wall, not a counter corner. Also, although at the time only three workers were there, others showed up so, apparently, no other workers are needed (but perhaps welcome?) There were an amazing 165 Friday night diners last Friday. **Chris Frizell** and her workers do an awesome service!

Others from our church who are practicing and singing in the September 19th Hallelujah Chorus at First Presbyterian church, are: **Anita Prinzing, Bev. Smith and Dolene Posey**. Have I left others out?

Chris Frizell writes that their daughter, **Janine** is currently serving on a 2 week mission in Cambodia and Thailand. The team is working hard on a construction remodeling project in the mornings and then go to a school down the street to interact with the students and do a bit of English as a Second Language teaching. Electricity is not always reliable, last night there were no fans to cool them off and sleep deprivation and the heat is affecting their attitudes. So far all are healthy with just a bit of dehydration. They are learning to drink cold drinks fast before the un-sanitized ice melts and causes digestive issues. We appreciate your continued prayers—please pray for unity and maturity within the team as they work with one another in tough physical circumstances towards common goals.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS! to **Gloria and Allan Love** whose house sale was closed this Tuesday

Now is the time to register for Ross Point camp. Mark your vacation calendars etc. Questions, contact **Steve Dittoe**. The cabins and lodges are all full, but you can still take your RV and/or tent. Dates for Ross Point are July 25th thru the 31st.

Please bring your family and friends to First Baptist Church for our annual 4th of July **Fun In The Sun** street fair, 2:00-4:00pm. It will be held on Wetmore street between Pacific and 32nd. Watch this publication for more information as the time draws near. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 425-259-9166 and they would be glad to sign you up. If you have a canopy that you would let us use, you can bring that into the office anytime, please mark it with your name and phone number so we can return it to you.

Ron Newman will be heading out to pick up fruit soon, get your orders in for cherries now!

***You will want to be present on Wednesday, July 7th at 11:45a.m. to begin a stimulating study of the first three chapters of Revelation. Dr. Fred Prinzing and his lovely sidekick, Anita, are contributing ten weeks to this riveting study of the seven churches. We invite you to the Pacific Room each Wednesday from 11:45 to 1:00 for a Bible Study you won't want to miss! See you then.

** The SAM Picnic is Friday, July 16th. at Kayak Point Park. Bring either a salad or dessert. The cost is \$5.00. Chicken or BBQ ribs will be provided along with cups, utensils and coffee. Time: Noon until ? If transportation is needed, the two church vans will be available. They will be leaving the church parking lot at 11:15 a. m. There will be an extra cost of \$2.00 for the van. Be sure to sign up at the SAM desk in the Hospitality Room. And, oh yes, pray for sunshine!!

*S.A.M.
Happenings*

Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

July 4th service
is going to be on
July 3rd
at 6:00 pm.

Our new **Walking in the Light, Life and Love of God** devotional, group questions booklet will be available for a small donation (\$2.00) beginning July 3rd at our Saturday evening service. As a congregation we will have an exciting, life transforming venture as we work our way through 1 John this summer starting Sunday, July 11th.
Booklets will be available in the hospitality room.

We need canopies now for Fun In The Sun, bring into the office with a label, please.

Financial Update
June 30th, 2010
\$11,557.06

USHER CAPTAIN 2010:

July—Luckey Elkins
Pete Sontra
August—Ron & Kay Olson
Craig Reisen

COFFEE HOUR 2010

July 4th—**FUN IN THE SUN**
CHURCH SERVICE IS
SATURDAY NIGHT AT 6:00 PM
No Coffee will be served

July 11th
David Brock
Men's Life Group

July 18th
Mel Tessness
Elders

July 25th
Pat Alvarez
Outreach



• June 30th Mary Ann Karber
• July 2nd Lori Major
• July 3rd Darcy Stanyo
• July 4th Kate Gordon
• July 5th Lois Tysseling
• July 6th Barbara Hansen

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