

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

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 saw an accident on the way to church on Sunday, pray for the people involved. ~ **the Royers**
- **Nounou Ruboneka** asks that we pray for her job and her school, that she can achieve her goal.
- **Brooklyn McCormick** needs prayer.
- Prayer answered! ~ **Gary Cox**
- Please pray for me as I start my externship, June 20th in a pediatric clinic, that all would go well and I will be offered a job. ~ **Darcy Stanyo**
- My mother-in-law, **Ramona Anderson**, has been diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma, Drs. don't give much hope but we have a hope: Romans 5. Please pray

- for strength and healing. ~ **Ann Anderson**
- **Cathy Chapman's** mother-in-laws husband, **Mel Marcoux** needs prayer for healing for his heart, he had two stents put in and needs two more at the end of the month.
  - **John and Linda Royer** need a ride to/from Ross Point .
  - **Ron Newman's mom** has an infection in her blood and her kidneys are barely working, please pray for her.
  - Please pray for **Sara Mae Zell**.
  - Please continue to pray for the pain in my lower back. My son, **Nathan** still needs a fulltime job, please pray that his part-time job can turn into that.~ **Carolyn Kelly**

**Adult attendance: 266**

**Children: 9 am: 36 + 12      10:30 am 54 + 14**

**Youth Small Group: 10 + 4      Middle School: 17 + 3**

## Congregational Meeting: June 27th 9:00 am Buisness Reports are ready now



A Memorial Bench in remembrance of your loved one, is being placed at First Baptist Church. Cost for each name is \$40.00 and is available on a first come, first served basis. We only have 14 places left, so get your order in now so your loved one won't be missed! Please call Debbie Benedetto, or Oma Kiniry, for more information. Please make your check out to Debbie/Memorial Bench, you can pick up an application in the Office.

## 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—on US soil, heading to El Paso, TX then CA.
- Philip Ankney-LCPL Afghanistan Cousin of Mary-Ann 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

**CONGRATULATIONS !! to DOCTOR ALLAN LOVE** on the completion of his doctoral studies and the receiving of his degree of Doctor of Ministry at his graduation this coming Sunday, May 30, 2010 at Vancouver B.C's First Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. Our church congregation has received a cordial invitation from the President of Carey Theological College to attend and celebrate this momentous occasion. Maps of the location are available in our church office.

A note received from John Van Dalen: This morning (Tuesday, May 25th) I had the second cataract surgery completed. Right now I am typing this with one eye with anticipation of seeing with both eyes without contacts or glasses for the first time in my life. It is a miracle of science and the skill of the doctor and nurses who helped him. Praise the Lord for his small gifts. (Editor's comment - That's quite a feat - typing with one eye instead of ten fingers!)

**Lysle Pickard** had a fall this past Sunday evening which required a trip to the hospital and 14 stitches in his head. His heart rate was also low and so they kept him until this Tuesday. Marilee, his daughter was with him at the time of the fall and has been with Lois during Lysle's hospital stay. Our prayers for their situation.

**Dotty Duncan's** memorial service will be Sunday afternoon, June 20th. At 3:00 pm. Our prayers go out to the family at this time of sorrow. She was a very special lady and a wonderful clown and will be missed at Fun In The Sun.

**Fran Diamond's** Memorial Service will be on July 20th at 4:00 p. m.

**Brooklyn McCormick**, three year old daughter of **Christy and David McCormick**, suffers from juvenile arthritis and is in a lot of pain. She was taken to Children's Hospital often for hydrocortisone shots in her hips and ankles. In addition, her hemoglobin and white blood cell count is low and will need additional trips to the hospital for more blood tests. She will also be receiving a new medication and the family is praying it will help and have no side effects. Join the family in those prayers!

Now is the time to register for Ross Point camp. Mark your vacation calendars etc. Questions, feel free to email **Steve Dittoe** at [stevedittoe@verizon.net](mailto:stevedittoe@verizon.net). 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.

The Senior Adult Missions (SAM) is anticipating June's program with a special recognition table for those age 90 or over (The Nifty Nineties); installation of new officers and the semi-annual used book sale. Dave Miller is in charge of the sale and he says there are some current, hardback novels by popular novelists plus plenty of good paper backs, all going for \$1.00 or 6 books for \$5.00. It is suggested that on that day, June 4th, an 11 a.m. arrival time will give everyone a chance to browse before lunch is served.

New officers to be elected at the May meeting and installed at the June luncheon are: Presidents - Lyle and Gloria Gordon  
Vice Presidents - Karen and Pete Kaess; Secretary - Shirley Schapler; Treasurer - Sara Naylor; Assistant Treasurers - David Miller and Jeanne Gillman; Members-at-Large - Eva LaStrange, Bernice Dye, Bill Deller, Laura Oversvee

Don't forget that dues are now due. Only \$10.00!!

## S.A.M. Happenings

Join us for VBS...As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will learn about God's amazing love and His Word, the Bible! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks— all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children.

**Where: FBC Campus When: June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Time: 9am-12:00**

**Who: Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**



# Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

Here is a list of the supplies that are needed for VBS this year. If you could help in any way, please bring your things into the Office, we will update this list as needed. Thanks! ! !

- Crepe paper-various colors
- Bag of white Rice (10 Bags) small individual size
- Paper towel tubes (100)
- Ball of twine (2) thin twist
- Elmer's glue—small school size
- Construction Paper (Various colors)
- Paper Plates (700)
- Paper Cups (700)
- White T-shirts (Various Kid's sizes)
- Rubber bands (300)
- Brown Paper Grocery Bags-Standard Size (300)
- Five Gallon Buckets (2)
- Tarps (3) any size
- Wire Coat Hangers (100)
- Various gift cards to Winco or Wal-Mart

## V.B.S. SUPPLY LIST

We need canopies now for Fun In The Sun, label them please.

### USHER CAPTAIN 2010:

June—Darrell Olson  
Marc Owenby

July—Luckey Elkins  
Pete Sontra

### COFFEE HOUR 2010

May 30th  
Alex Tarin  
20-30 Something

June 6  
Sherra Ellis  
North Everett Life Group

June 13  
Barb Menia  
Women of Purpose

June 20th  
Darrell Olson  
Foundation

June 27th  
John VanDalen  
The Followers

## Greeters Needed

Greeters needed: Carol Kelly is looking for a few good people! We have a need for more greeters during the services on Sunday morning. If you would like to help out.

## Happy Birthday

- May 26th Marge Minor
- Samuel Blair
- May 27th Chris Wojahn
- May 29th Mary Lapham
- Bruce Toscano
- Amy Wright
- May 30th Bud Bacon Jr.
- May 31st Florence Miller—Happy 90th!

