

Love and Hate

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).

The Greek word for hate means *"to love less by comparison."* Jesus is calling us to have a love for him that is so all-inclusive, fervent and absolute that all our earthly affections cannot come close.

Think about it: Do we know what it is like to come into his sweet presence and ask nothing? To reach out to him only because we are grateful that he loves us so completely?

We have become selfish and self-centered in our prayers: "Give us...meet us...bless us...use us...protect us." All this may be scriptural, but the focus remains on us. Even our work for the Lord has become selfish. We want him to bless our service to him, so we can know our faith is genuine. The Lord is more interested in what we are becoming in him than in what we are doing for him.

Someone reading this may be hurting because doors of ministry have closed. He or she may feel "put on the shelf." Someone else may think he would be more useful to the Lord on some needy mission field. But I say we cannot be more useful to the Lord than when we minister love to him in the secret closet of prayer. When we seek the Lord, when we search his Word endlessly to know him, then we are at the peak of our usefulness. We do more to bless and satisfy God by being shut up with him in loving communication than by doing anything else.

Whatever work he might open up for us to do, at home or abroad, will flow effortlessly out of our communion with him. He is more interested in winning our whole hearts than in our winning the world for him.

This is not to demean fervent soul-winning labors, but to state that all Spirit-blessed evangelism is birthed in communion. The witness who is often with the Lord in prayer will be given the wisdom, the Holy Ghost timing, and the power to do the will of God.

Read this devotion online: <http://www.worldchallenge.org/en/devotions/2010/love-and-hate>

Life group prayer and praise

- **Sandra Waldron** is having full replacement knee surgery on September 27th, please pray for her full recovery. ~ **Christen Weller (her mom)**
- **My son** is being sent to Iraq, please pray for his protection, please pray for **my daughter** who has lost faith and is addicted to drugs and please pray for me and my struggles. ~ **Susan Hepbert**
- **Donna Arnold** asks that we pray for her partner to get off drugs and for them to have a better relationship and for all 5 of my kids and my grandchildren too.
- Please pray for me, for work and that the Good Lord will bless me with good, righteous, God fearing people and for spiritual and financial prosperity. ~ **Bruce Young**
- **Mark Deiner** fell last week and is in a great deal of pain, please pray for him.
- I have pain relief in my right knee, I had the shot and it's feeling better but I still need prayer for continued healing ~**Eva LaStrange**
- **Cathy Fuller, Mouse's sister-in-law**, is suffering from kidney failure and is waiting for a new kidney.
- Please pray for **Mel Tessness's mom**, 91, who needs to have her defibrillator battery changed, it's major surgery. Please also

- pray for traveling mercies as **Mel** and **Connie** travel to South Dakota to be with his mom at this time.
- My son **Nathan** still needs a fulltime job. Pray for **my sister, Sharon** and **her son Johnny**, for strength and wisdom. Pray also, for my sister's daughter **Karen** that she makes wise choices. ~ **Carol Kelly**
- **Sharon Young** asks that we pray for **her father Jim**, he is in Costa Rica and needs to come home ASAP for medical treatments that he can't get there, pray that he comes home quickly.
- Please keep **Dan Cook** in prayer as they seek answers to some medical concerns.
- **Rose Toscano** is asking prayer for continued healing for her children.
- **Kathy Chapman's** mother-in-law **Jeanne** & **Jeanne's** husband, **Mel Marcoux** as they are in waiting mode for their health issues. **Jeanne** will have a new CT scan in Sept. to see if any further treatment is needed for her lung cancer and **Mel** will go back for a recheck on his heart late in the fall, the doctors will decide at that time if they will be putting more stents in or will do surgery. Please keep them in prayer.
- 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: 9:00am 60 & 10:30am 216 ***Children: 9am 12 + 5 — 10:30am 21 + 12

***Elementary: 9am 24 + 5 — 10:30 am 30 + 5

***Youth Small Group: 19 + 4 — Middle School: 14 + 5

Are you missing, ANYTHING? We have quite a few coats and sweaters in the long hall next to the Worship center, if you could, please check and see if one of them is yours. We need to clear that out for the coming winter and will donate anything left by the 5th of September.

The new Ross Point memory books are now at the Adult Discipleship table in the Pacific Room. They will be kept in the library for a time. We have VBS CD's in the office, if you purchased one and haven't picked it up, please do so now.

It is September and we are starting our Fall American Baptist Mission Ministry with an out-standing program. We will meet Thursday, Sept. 16th with a noon luncheon by Mary Beth. We are hoping for a good attendance to welcome retired Pastor Art and Carolyn Johns as they present a program on their mission to Nagaland (near Burma). These former headhunters are now a Christian nation. Please make your reservations with Faith, or call the church office 425.259.9166.



Life Group Happenings

all in the family

by **florence miller**

How thoughtful! In the midst of their trauma, **Jim and Lela Kerby** took the time to express their appreciation for the cards and prayers during Lela's emergency hospitalization and the eventual amputation of a her lower leg and foot. She is still in Colby, room 402 at this time.

SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENT! Lyly and Larry Gallagher are having a baby! A shower for the little one will be held on Saturday, September 18th at 7 p.m. in the Pacific Room at First Baptist. Lyly and Larry have been attending FBC for several years and were married by Pastor Brian in 2007. She's from Indonesia and he's from Oregon. The summer after their marriage they went to Jakarta, Indonesia for a month so Larry could meet her family. Larry and Lyly are both a part of our usher team and have served in the balcony for the past year. Please **RSVP to Betty Reeves or Pam Elkins** they hope to see you there.

Earl Stephen's mother had a heart attack on Wed., Sept 26th and is in the Colby hospital. Her name is **Orline VanPatten** and is a nurse. She has a blown valve as a result of her chemo years ago. Also, one of her sisters was killed in a car accident just two weeks ago so she is dealing with a lot of sadness and stress. Please pray for her.

Mel Tessness' Mom, Georgia, is having surgery on Wednesday, September 1st. Her defibrillator batteries are going dead. Normally this is a simple operation but, Mel writes: "my mother is 91 and had a hard time the last time this happened. She has been sick most of the summer and they have been working hard to build up her strength." Mel and Connie will be driving back to Belle Fourch, SD (Mel's hometown) to be with his Mom.

We received this note from Romola Edwards; *"I do miss all of you. Thanks for sending the CareNexion—my computer is up and running so I can get it online. The settling in is going ahead but I'm taking my time. The business things are a priority for me now. "Greetings to all,. Romola."*

A note from VOA indicated that we donated 21 pounds of food this last month.

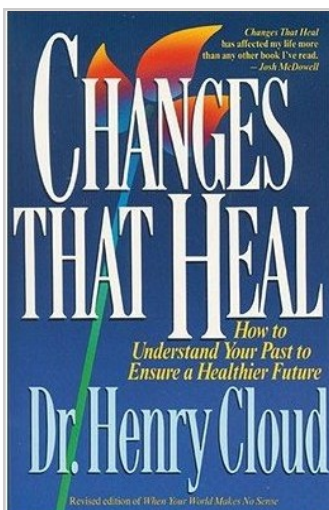
S.A.M. Happenings

If you are over the age of 55 and would like to have some more friends of the Christian variety our Senior Adult Ministries group would be a wonderful way to acquire some friendly and fun ones. Although it is too late to sign up for this Friday's Sept. 3rd lunch, you could still attend the program which will start at 12:45. Then you would be one step ahead to joining us on October 1st for our next monthly luncheon. Or for the September trip...

September 22nd - Red-Tail Canyon Farm Hayride and BBQ in Leavenworth. The cost is \$35.00 with our vans leaving our parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Be sure to sign up soon at the SAM desk in the Hospitality room. **Dave and Mary Ann Karber** are the hosts.

The **Summer Aire chorale** will be performing on **September 19th** at First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. with an ice cream social to follow. Along with the choir of First Pres. are singers from our church who are also in the chorale: **Dolene Posey, Anita Prinzing, Lois and Tony Tysseling, John VanDalen.** The program consists of Gospel spirituals performed by the chorale and soloists.

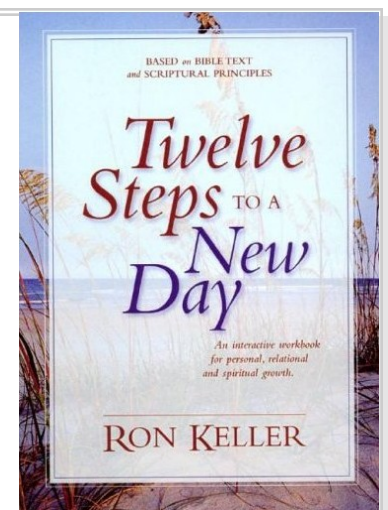
News about our Senior Seniors from **Mary Bane** are included in a letter to **Faith Wallingford**: **Eloise Lambright** had been in the hospital again with vomiting and dehydration but is now back home but not doing well. **John and Alice Eisenman** still live in Modesto and have health problems. **Tom Marr** calls Mary occasionally and seems to be doing well.



We have two new **Women's Lifegroups** starting Wednesday, September 15th, 10-11:30 am here at FBC. **"Changes that Heal"** is one and the cost for the book and workbook will be \$20.00. The class will be held in the Fireside Room (B106). For more information please contact Eva LaStrange or Carol Kelly .

"Twelve Steps to a New Day" by Ron Keller will be in room B105 and the book will be \$12.00. For more information about this class please contact Deanna Baird or Pamela Dehnhoff .

To sign up for either one of these classes, you can fill out a yellow communication card, call either one of the teachers or call the church office at 425-259-9166.



Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities



2nd →

3rd →

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2010-07-18	Wlking in the Love for One Another
2010-07-25	Walking in the Light
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September—Darrell Olson
Marc Owenby

COFFEE HOUR 2010

September 5th
Gene Dobson
Klahaya Class

September 12th
Frank Riddell
Lake Stevens Lifegroup

September 19th
Deanna Baird
Life Issues

September 26th
Ruelyn Nelson
Women of Purpose

Happy Birthday



September 3rd, **Brian Linari**
September 5th, **Jack Swartz**
September 6th, **Ron Shane**
September 7th, **Lisa Uptagrafft**