

# Seek God's Face First

By Robert Moment

We all have an order to our lives, don't we? When we get up we have a routine and when we tackle different situations, we have a certain way that we do things. When you come to God, there is a method as well.

A method, you say? Yes, God has order to His life and, as a father, He wants to teach order to His children. If you are a parent then you know what I am talking about.

God is not necessarily hard to understand, but many people have such strong misconceptions that they blame Him when they don't get what they want.

Let's begin at the beginning. God is a spirit and those who worship Him *must* worship Him in spirit and in truth. That means we must meet Him where He resides. So, in order to worship Him or communicate with Him in spirit, we need His spirit within us. But, we'll get back to that in a minute.

**Realize this:** God is not a genie. When we want something He doesn't just show up to grant our wish. He does all of the work and we get none of the responsibility. Sounds good?

Wrong!

If you have ever watched your kids or the kids of your friends, they don't take very good care of things that they didn't sweat and toil over. When you have a personal stake invested, then you take better care of those things. There is a lesson here and God is all about lessons that help us to grow mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

If you are treating God like your own personal genie, then you have missed the point of the relationship process and are selling yourself short. God is loving, caring, powerful, protective, prosperous, loyal and a good listener. There are many other awesome characteristics but there is not room here to record them all.

God wants to get to know you and desires for you to understand Him. When you do, He can show you the deepest reaches of Himself. The revelations will bless your soul and your life. As humans, there is something innately lacking in our lives. It is the place where God is supposed to reside. That missing puzzle piece is returned to its space when we give our lives back to Him. That starts by asking Him to come into your heart. That invites the Holy Spirit to come into your life and get to work on your life from the inside out.

You might say that you need help with a problem right away and that is what God is for, but you couldn't be farther from the truth. God knows everything that you need in your life. He wants us to talk to Him about it because it shows that we trust our issues to Him.

But, remember what we said about how you view something that you have a vested interest in? When God helps you to solve your problems you learn. He is to be your first stop when you have a problem and not the last resort. We always encounter many more problems than we needed to when we do that.

## **Additional Scriptures:**

*And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

- Hebrews 11:6

*But from there you will search again for the Lord your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.*

- Deuteronomy 4:29

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# Life group prayer and praise

- **Pamela Dehnhoff** asks that we pray for their housing situation and protection from her youngest son.
- **Emma Benner** has not been feeling well, please pray for her.
- **Theresa Young, Sharon Young's sister** who lives in New York, has been in a coma because of her Lupus, is now responding to voice, the doctor's have given her a 50/50 chance of survival. Please pray for her and her family.
- **Dave and Pat Slater** from Arlington need prayer, he is dying from cancer and is in constant pain. ~ **Sheri**
- Please pray for my long time friend who is like my sister. After losing her mom this past Feb. she has lost her way and has turned from God. Please pray she finds her way back. Please pray for me, I have been feeling like my light is dimming and I want it to shine bright again, I need to be inspired again. ~ **Darcy Stanyo**.
- I am starting school on Sept. 20th and I need prayer, I am scared, pray that I stick to it and do well and don't give up or get frustrated. ~ **Dave McCormick**
- **Earl Stephen's mom Orline** is having quadruple-bypass surgery in October, please pray for her.
- **Susan Hubert** asks that we pray for **her son** in Bagdad.
- Praise the Lord for giving me another chance at sobriety. I've been drifting too long. I'm back, please pray for effective,

healthy growth. ~ **Chris Green**

- **Ruth LeMaster** asks that we pray for her **step son, Terry and his family** that they will be moved up to the top of the list for housing.
- **Donna Arnold** asks that we pray for housing for her ASAP.
- **Sharon Young** asks that we pray for **her father Jim**, he is doing better, his kidneys are responding to treatment, he still needs to be in the hospital until they get his meds regulated, he is in American Lake VA hospital.
- **Sandra Waldron** is having full replacement knee surgery on September 27th, please pray for her full recovery. ~ **Christen Weller (her mom)**
- **Mark Deiner** fell and is in a great deal of pain, please pray for him.
- **Cathy Fuller, Mouse's sister-in-law**, is suffering from kidney failure and is waiting for a new kidney.
- My son **Nathan** still needs a fulltime job. Pray for **my sister, Sharon and her son Johnny**, for strength and wisdom. ~ **Carol Kelly**
- **Kathy Chapman's** mother-in-law **Jeanne & Jeanne's** husband, **Mel Marcoux** still need 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 58 & 10:30am 203 \*\*\*Children: 9am 17 + 5 — 10:30am 26+ 9  
 \*\*\*Elementary: 9am 47 + 11 — 10:30 am 69 + 16 \*\*\*Youth Small Group: 25 + 5 —  
 Middle School: 13 + 2

## Pray for our Military

- **Jonathan Michaels Estrella**— son of Sharon Boswell.
- **Jason Bjazevich**—Megan Owenby's husband—Army Special Forces— Stationed in N. Carolina.
- **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.
- **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— Army National Guard —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 at Fort Lewis.
- **Aaron Chmielewski**—joined the Marines. Nephew of JoAnn Couturie
- **Shawn Berland**—deploying for 6 months
- **Andrew Sustaita**—serving on board the USS Abraham Lincoln

# Life Group Happenings

## all in the family

by Florence Miller

At this date **Lela Kerby** is still in the hospital, Room 702. According to the information which Lyle Gordon gave, Lela has good days and then some that aren't. Lyle will be talking to James, Lela's husband, on this coming Thursday and then perhaps we will have more news to impart to those who have been inquiring. In the meantime keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Our sympathy goes to **Pam Elkins** whose sister died last Wednesday, the 15th. Pam was there for her viewing on Friday and the Mass on Saturday. She came home on Monday.

An honor was bestowed on **Ruth and Ernest Hastings** (former FBC Everett pastor) by **Bible Study Fellowship** when two new buildings on the BSF campus in San Antonio, TX were dedicated in their name and called the Hastings Center. Ernest recently attended as the **Founding Chairman** of BSF and to celebrate its **50 years** of existence. He feels humbled by the honor and says he has three of the churches he pastored to thank for allowing him to serve and travel on mission and business trips in connection with BSF: Melrose Baptist in Oakland, CA,; Tenth Avenue Baptist in Inglewood, CA and Everett's First Baptist.

Bible Study Fellowship is still a strong, vital study group. Our Everett First Baptist is host to a large group of men, (450 strong!) who meet every Monday evening from September through May. Our present pastor, **Brian Harpell** was a former Board member and **John Van Dalen** is one of its present Everett leaders.

**Bret** would like to thank **Dan Dehnhoff** for the wonderful job he did with his pressure washer in the breezeway.

Don't forget the SAM booksale the third Sunday of the month. You can still bring books anytime, just mark the bag for **David Miller** and take it to the SAM desk in the Pacific Room.

# S.A.M. Happenings

September 27 - Board meeting 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

October 1 - Luncheon meeting 11:00 a.m. punch and socializing

11:30 salad bar

12:00 luncheon

1.00 program: The Street of Flags — presented by Hugh Fleet

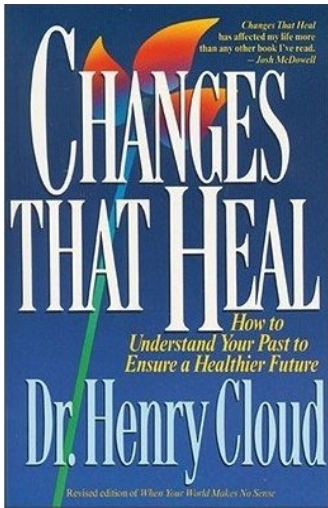
The Book (used) Room - B110 - will be open

*Would anybody be interested in befriending and encouraging*

*Navy women who have been attending our church and are now deployed?*

*We have several and have a need. Please contact Jeanne Iversen . if you would be willing to help in any way.*

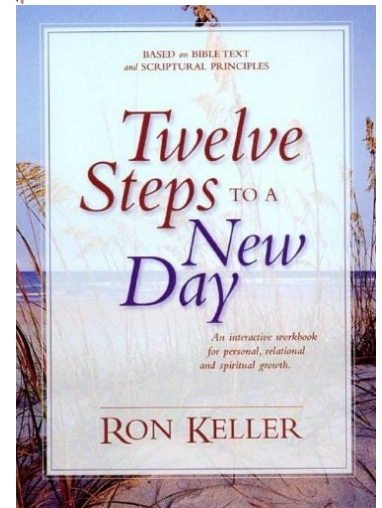
# Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities



We have two new **Women's Lifegroups** starting Wednesday, September 15th, 10-11:30 a.m. 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 360-563-2305 or Carol Kelly at 425-210-8595.

"*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 at 360-659-6462 or Pamela Dehnhoff at 425-303-8586.

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.



We still need boxes for Operation Christmas Child, you can put them in the large box in the Pacific Room and the Cascade Room.

## USHER CAPTAIN 2010:

September—Darrell Olson  
Marc Owenby  
October—Pete Sontra  
Lucky Elkins

## COFFEE HOUR 2010

September 26th  
**Ruelyn Nelson**  
Women of Purpose  
October 03  
**Dan Clark**  
Harbor Point Lifegroup  
October 10  
**Bill Erickson**  
Clipper Class  
October 17th  
**Tom Warren**  
Men of Integrity  
October 24th  
**Ted Oare**  
Silver Firs Lifegroup

