

Making Disciples Through Friendships and Relations

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Friendships and relationships are vital. When my daughters Carey and Crystal attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, I occasionally visited them. While at Asbury, I loved to browse through the college library. One day, I stumbled onto a book entitled, Why Jesus Never Wrote a Book. The book was actually a series of sermons that an old time preacher compiled in the 1800's. The first chapter was a sermon called, Why Jesus Never Wrote a Book. The chapter began, "Throughout history, almost every religious leader wrote a book, so why didn't Jesus?" The preacher's answer; "Because friendships and relationships change people, not books." His point was that if you want to fill someone's head, give him a book; if you want to change someone's heart, make him your friend.

"Jesus" was God's method to change the 12 - and he didn't give them a book - he gave them himself. Jesus created a small group environment that gave his disciples a natural sense of belonging, care and accountability.

In his book, What Wives' Wish their Husbands Knew about Women, Dr. James Dobson says, "The reason the average woman would rather be beautiful than smart, is that she knows that the average man can see better than he can think." The truth is, we all see better than we think. Jesus knew that and that's why he wanted his followers to be with him in a variety of life settings.

Use your imagination. What lessons did his disciples learn when they saw Jesus let sinful people touch him? Or hold children on his lap? Or weep at Lazarus' tomb? Or rebuke the Pharisees? Or get alone to pray? Or wash their feet in the upper room?

The idea of making life the classroom is the way Jesus prepared the twelve apostles. Who are you discipling? Do you spend time together in a variety of life settings? When it comes to making disciples, people can see better than they can think.

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First Baptist Church September 7th, 2010

Life group prayer and praise

- **Praise God! Brooklyn** is doing better, she is playing, running like a 3 year old and she will be starting school for her first time on Sept. 14th and is looking forward to it. ~ **David McCormick**
- Pray that my fiancé **Benjamin McDaniel** will find it within him to trust and believe in God again and attend church with me on Sunday. ~ **Christina Roth**
- I'm broken and need God's help. ~ **James Lile**
- **Donna Arnold** asks that we pray for housing for her ASAP.
- School starts this week, please pray for a year of learning academics, social skills and safety for all. ~ **Kate McDonald**
- **Pam Elkins** left on Wed. to be with **her sister, Paula** who has advanced Alzheimer's and is dying. Pam would like us to pray for a peaceful passing and traveling mercies.
- **Sharon Young** asks that we pray for **her father Jim**, he is in the VA hospital in Seattle. He is fighting the treatment, please pray that he will respond to treatment.
- **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**

- **Mark Deiner** fell 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** return from South Dakota next week.
- **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**
- 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.

***Adult attendance: 9:00am 71 & 10:30am 191 ***Children: 9am 13 + 5 — 10:30am 15 + 11

***Elementary: 9am 24 + 5 — 10:30 am 30 + 6

***Youth Small Group: 15 + 3 — Middle School: 13 + 3

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**

Some of our office staff were celebrating the last vestige of summer this past Labor Day weekend: **Joanne Starr and her husband, Steve**, were on their Harley visiting Hurricane Ridge on the Coast and also Winthrop in Eastern WA. **Sheri Wiederspohn and her husband Karl** traveled to Ellensburg for the Rodeo enjoying a good time in spite of the cold weather. The **Allan Love family** experienced the Monroe Fair for the first time and tried out some of the wild rides. Of course everyone spent the holiday in one way or another including those who did practically nothing at all and enjoyed it, maybe, with a good book. Another of our staff that enjoyed the long weekend is Financial secretary, **Sara Naylor**. She will be leaving us to go to her other job full time, she will be missed very much. She is being replaced (I know, who can replace her) by the very capable **Chris Frizzell**. It seems Chris already knows the program, so things should go very smoothly for Chris.

Recent news is that **Lela Kerby** had been transferred to the Sunset nursing home and then suffered a heart attack. It was fluid build up which caused the attack. They are now monitoring her and when she is ready she will be returning to her nursing home. Continue with your prayers for her.

EMTs were called to the church this past Sunday at the end of the service for **Judy Mitts**. She was having a pseudo-epileptic seizure, it was called, and taken to the hospital. She has since been released and we are thankful for that.

SAM is once again having a **used book sale**. The books now have a permanent home in **room B110** (near the downstairs kitchen) and will be open on **Sunday, September 19th** after the 10:30 church service **for all** to peruse and purchase. They also will be available on the third Sunday of both October and November. The books are \$1.00 or six books for \$5.00. All monies collected go into the SAM mission fund.

S.A.M. Happenings

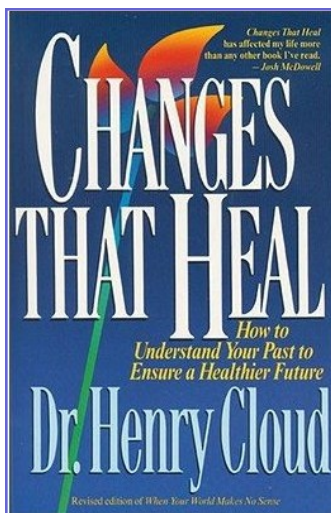
A good gathering of SAM members attended September's luncheon and program. There were also many announcements including the good report of the free will donations to our rest stops. Those monies help us fulfill our commitments to the many missions we serve. A great thanks of appreciation to **Tony Tysseling** who heads it up and the many who helped in the booth, some in the dark, lonely hours of the night.

David Miller told of the new placement of our used books for sale. They are now neatly arranged and on display in Room B110. The room will be open on Sunday the 19th after the 10:30 service for anyone in the church who would like to purchase books. Also, the book room will be open on the third Sunday of both October and November. The books are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. All proceeds go into our missions fund.

Our SAM membership is growing with the welcoming of new members : **Dick and P.J. Connors, Carol Kelly, J. Lindsay, Dick and Doris Qualey and James and Dorothy Rothnie**. Great to have them "on board"!

A welcome visitor was former pastor **Ernest Hastings** from Penny Farms, Florida. (That's Not funny farms)

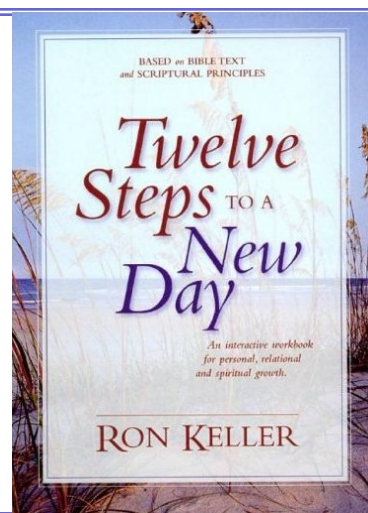
Upcoming date: Sept. 22nd join us for the Red Tail Canyon Farm Hayride and BBQ—sign up now, just \$35.00 each.



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 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

Lyly and Larry are having a baby! Please come and celebrate the upcoming birth of the Gallagher's first baby at a shower Saturday, September 18th at 7 pm in the Pacific Room at First Baptist Church. 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 Laura Oversvee. Hope to see you on the 18th at 7 pm.



Craigslist Responded - You DO make a difference!

Did you see the great news that broke over the Labor Day weekend? Craigslist received enough pressure that they shut down their "adult services" section! Advocacy works! Thanks to all of you who have helped bring this about by adding your voice and strengthening ours.

The exposure around this Craigslist service and the \$36 million profit it generated in just one year has shed light on how such on-line classified businesses support a U.S. slave market

Today's most marketable slave is an American child under 18 years of age, ensnared through manipulation and violence by a predator who sells her for sex on the Internet.

Please pray for the launch of Water's Edge Church this Sunday, Sept 12th, our newest ABC Northwest church! Pray for Pastor Dave Lodwig and the new church's launch team.

A new ABC-NW church has been in the development stage for several months. The name of the church is Water's Edge Church and the church planter is pastor Dave Lodwig. Dave is targeting southeast Vancouver, WA where thousands of families live without a local neighborhood church. Although there are several mega-churches in Vancouver, he is convinced there is a great opportunity to establish a community-oriented style church in the southeast part of the city, known as Fisher's Landing.

He started developing the new congregation's launch team in late 2009. Along the way Dave reached out to the ABC-NW because he wanted his new congregation to be in a supportive and accountable relationship with American Baptists. Dr. Revis has worked with Dave in establishing the Region's relationship with the new project. More recently Dave received a "Recommendation to Plant" from the Discovery Center, a rigorous assessment process conducted by the GHC Network (a ministry arm of ABCW, aka, Growing Healthy Churches). The public launch of the new church will take place this Sunday, September 12. For more information check out the church's web site: www.watersedgevancouver.com. (It's an excellent site!)

USHER CAPTAIN 2010:

September—Darrell Olson
Marc Owenby

October—Pete Sontra
Luckey Elkins

COFFEE HOUR 2010

September 12th
Frank Riddell
Lake Stevens Lifegroup

September 19th
Deanna Baird
Life Issues

September 26th
Ruelyn Nelson
Women of Purpose

October 03
Dan Clark
Harbor Point Lifegroup

October 10
Bill Erickson
Clipper Class

September Birthdays

September 8th **Dolene Posey**
Lauren Tarry

September 9th **Mischa Hall**
Sybil Hammond

September 10th **Yolanda Decker**
Wilma Love
Jim Smith Jr.
Hyesook Johnson

September 11th **Ken Weston**

September 12th **Scott Harpell**

September 13th **Dennis Milner**

