

The Parish Pulse

Greater Parish of the Cascades Newsletter
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From Pastor Worth's Desk

On April 26, 2011 I attended a pastor only screening of the soon to be released movie, *Courageous*, from the creators of *Fireproof*. The movie synopsis gives us the highlights of this well made production. "Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, and their partners are confident and focused. They willingly stand up to the worst the world can offer. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood.

While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they're quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark.

They know that God desires to turn the hearts of fathers to their children, but their children are beginning to drift further and further away from them. Will they be able to find a way to serve and protect those that are most dear to them?

When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God ... and to their children?

Protecting the streets is second nature to these law enforcement officers. Raising their children? That will take courage."

As I watched the movie I was reminded of the importance of father's in the lives of their children. It reminded me that as a dad and granddad I needed to be involved in the lives of children and grandchildren. The statistical research is clear when fathers are absent, the family is in trouble. Children with little contact or no contact with their fathers are more likely to live in poverty, drop out of school and become involved in drug and alcohol abuse; girls are more likely to become pregnant as teens; boys are more likely to be involved in crime, violence and destructive behavior. **Men, we need to be involved in our families.** Our society needs us to step up and become the leaders in our homes as God desires.

As I drove home from the movie my thoughts turned to the approaching Mothers and Fathers day holidays and my parents. I reflected on my job as a dad and once again realized that my job is not done, it is never finished, I am a dad forever. Then my thoughts turned to Sue and I realized that without her and her tireless work I could not be the father I want to be. It truly takes both of us working together to build a strong Godly family. Many years ago I made the commitment to lead my family into being a Joshua 24:15 family, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Men, I encourage you to be leaders of your home too. The movie reminded me of the importance of that commitment I made. It was

a good reminder. I want to encourage you to see the movie *Courageous* when it opens at the movies September 30, 2011.

Additionally, here are a few resources that can help each of you build Godly homes.
MOPS - for those moms of preschoolers, it is a place to find support and encouragement.
Focus on the Family Web site: focusonthefamily.com resources for both men, women & families

Family Life , marriage retreats, parenting ideas etc. web site: familylife.com
Family First.net is another web site that will connect you to resources to strengthen the family and helping you make family your top priority after God. They have a web site for mom called, imom.com, one for dad called, allprodad.com and one for the family called familyminute.com

The National Center for Fathering, fathers.com provides resources for men that will help them become outstanding dad's.

I pray these resources will help you to build strong Godly families that love God.

Pastor Worth

Esther Simpson, long time member and Elder at Cle Elum Community Church passed away April 6, 2011 at a Moses Lake nursing home. No memorial has been set at this time.

Dick Bourne, former member of Cle Elum Community Church passed away Easter morning in Ellensburg where he and Rose reside. No memorial has been set at this time.

Jean Burrows of Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church passed away Easter morning in Roslyn. Jean's memorial will be held Saturday June 4th 1:00pm at Mt. Pisgah in Roslyn.

Marion Schneider passed on this past week. Pastor Worth will officiate at her memorial at Haven of Rest Funeral Home in Gig Harbor Saturday, May 14th at 2:00pm.

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Upcoming Events

May 2nd and every Monday evening 6:30pm is Men's group. Men's group gets together and talk about the Bible. Call Pastor Worth at church office for more info. 674-2472

May 3rd - Tuesday 6pm - Cle Elum Community Church Board meeting. Meetings are open to all members

May 4th Wednesday - Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Women meets the first Wednesday of each month
May 4th and each Wednesday eve 7pm - Celebrate Recovery group meets at Cle Elum Community Church - this group is for people with all types of addictions and are looking for freedom in Christ. Any questions, please call Ed Carlson 674-2499

May 5th - Thursday - National Day of Prayer. 6:30-9am come to breakfast at the Christian Life Assembly Church at 3rd and Montgomery, Cle Elum. Noon- come to the Cle Elum City Park (skate park) and service and prayer and worship. It is so important to be praying for our nation. Service is outside, so dress appropriately.

May 8th Sunday - Mother's Day

May 9th Mt. Pisgah Session meeting 4pm @ Cle Elum

May 10th - Tuesday 5:30pm **MOPS group** - also meets Wednesday May 18th 10am @Cle Elum

May 14th - Saturday - Younglife fundraiser: Camp Koinonia noon - 4pm Chilifeed and hoedown

May 15th - FOOD BANK SUNDAY

May 15th - Sunday - Clean up Cle Elum day (meet after the 10am service and after the 11:45am service) to go out with team members and clean up designated streets. Wear your work clothes to the Cle Elum church and bring gloves. We will provide garbage bags and will take care of the trash. It's a great time to learn more about your team mates and do something wonderful for our community.

May 20 - 23rd - Friday - Monday - Mt. Pisgah hosts the Indian John Hill Rest Area weekend. They will need people to take 4 hour shifts to make coffee and hand out cookies to travelers. It is fun to volunteer to work at the rest stop. If you can give some of your time, please call Rosie Dewey 649-3507.

May 24th - Tuesday 7pm - Cle Elum Stewardship meeting

May 29th - Sunday - Singspiration 6pm @ Mt. Pisgah church

May 30th - Monday - Memorial Day



May birthdays

05/02 Kim Dellinger
05/03 Steve Rogers
05/03 Jackie Tate
05/04 Daniel Sater
05/11 Eby Repin
05/13 Chuck Wallick
05/14 Barb Olstad
05/15 David Dunn
05/17 Don Morris
05/19 Haakie Dennie
5/22 Joan Irwin
05/22 Hannah Rainwater
05/24 Tony Bulson
05/25 Kathy Spear
05/25 Stuart Stewart
05/29 Dorothy Hendry
05/29 Don Isley
05/29 Matt Wilson
05/29 Kristi Rainwater
05/31 Larry Knox

June Birthdays

6/01 Bill Beattie
6/01 Craig Juris
6/02 Marilyn Lund
6/02 Jayde Holbert
6/05 Joe Turner
6/06 Hunter Rodarme
6/07 Larry Larson
6/09 Randy Laarsch
6/10 Cheryl Holbert
6/12 Pat O'Connor
6/13 Wanda Coffey
6/13 Matt Brumfield
6/14 Victoria Zencak
6/16 Kathy Juris
6/16 Cindy Rogers
6/17 Arlene Lumsden
6/18 Lila Knox
6/20 Shamae Juris
6/23 Barbara Prater
6/25 Tori Hockenbury
6/25 Jeremy Rosecrans
6/27 Peter Zencak, Sr
6/28 Elenor Hockenbury
6/29 Mandi Freniere
6/29 Emma Lindelof

May anniversaries

5/03/ Graham, Joey & Judy
5/04/1985 Luchau, Tony & Cindy
5/09/1992 Darrow, Tom & Elaine
5/14/1983 Ragland, Frank & Judy
5/20/1977 Wise, John & Linda
5/24/2002 Colden, Ted & Suzi



June Anniversaries

6/01/ Holbert, John & Cheryl
6/10/2000 Melbardis, Eric & Sharon
6/12/1952 Ballard, Beverly & Chuck
6/15/1973 Turner, Joe & Linda
6/20/1970 Lund, David & Marilyn
6/20/1975 Coffey, Robert & Wanda
6/21/1980 Jones, Gordon & Carolyn
6/24/1995 Dewey, Neil & Rosie
6/25/1971 Isley, Don & Becky
6/25/ O'Connor, Pat & Jackie
6/26/1998 Callan, Brad & Christina
6/28/1969 LaBore, Bill & Gloria
6/28/1986 Aldrich, Anna & David

Food Bank Sunday - 3rd Sunday of each month Cle Elum Community Church

Cle Elum church has a red bucket by the front entrance door in the foyer. Please bring non-perishable foods, baby foods, baby items(diapers, etc) for the community Food Bank. Peanut butter, cereals, beans, pastas, soups, etc are appreciated. There are many people in this community in need of the basic needs of life and your contribution either in food or money are greatly needed. If you wish to donate money, please note "Food Bank" on your check or on the envelope. Thank you.

Community Wide Christian Women's Retreat Camp Koinonia Sept 30th -Oct 1st

Mark your calendars for this year's retreat. Get to know women who are like-minded in Christ. Christie Miller will be our speaker this year and she will speak on how to be a "Heart wise woman". Sounds intriguing doesn't it girls? So, start saving your money - the cost this year is only \$65.00 for the entire retreat (cabin, food, speaker, fun).

Bake Sale and Yard Sale

July 2nd at the Cle Elum Community Church to benefit (provide scholarships) the women's retreat. We need donations for the yard sale and bake sale (no clothing or shoes, please). Baby items sizes 0-2T accepted. We also need volunteers to help with the yard sale and bake sale. If you can help in any way, please contact Carol Tomicich 674-4026.

HOW DRY IS IT IN TEXAS?

It is so dry in Texas that the Baptists are starting to baptize by sprinkling, the Methodists are using wet-wipes, the Presbyterians are giving out rain-checks, and the Catholics are praying for the wine to turn back into water!

Mother's Day, Sunday May 8th

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her...Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.." **Proverbs 31:28**

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