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A Word from the Pastor

—In Carnation

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body.” —1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Wherever I have lived I have always found a place to walk.

In Lake Oswego where I grew up there was the winding way through neighborhoods. In Seattle for undergrad there was the urban path by the canal. In North Carolina for grad school there was the bark chip trail along the edge of Duke’s East Campus.

Four months ago, however, I moved to a house down a steep driveway, off a busy road, a mile outside of Carnation, and there was no place to walk. The hour a day I spent swinging my arms in the fresh air suddenly disappeared.

The hour’s absence prompted me think about what it means that we Christians believe in the incarnation—that God became flesh. We put our faith in the fact that God in Jesus has a heartbeat and a brain and a body like us. The incarnation means that God takes bodies seriously.

And that means we need to as well.

As I meditated on the incarnation, I began to pray for a walk. And where of all places did I find that walk? In Carnation. God’s message was loud and clear.

Walking is my way to remember that God cares about all of me. Not just my mind, not just my soul, but my body also. It’s a reminder that I need to treat my body gently because my body is not my own.

What are ways that you can treat your body gently? Is it by sitting outside for five minutes every day in the fresh air? Is it making sure you are eating plentiful, nutritious food? Is it stilling yourself in prayer? Maybe for you it’s something else entirely.

God loved us enough—bodies and all—to take on flesh. Let us honor God by honoring the legs that let us move and the hands that let us touch. For we are temples of the Holy Spirit, bought with a price, and gifted for God’s glory.

-Pastor Britt

Reflections: Haiti Mission Team III— **from Rev. Dr. Keith Madsen**

Eleven members of churches in the Evergreen Association traveled to Haiti March 2-10, to view and participate in our American Baptist mission there. What we discovered there was *progress!* The Evergreen Association has previously hosted mission trips in 2012 and 2014. On those trips we helped start a new school for children in an especially poor community.

On this trip we hoped to see the finishing of the first floor (six classrooms) and we got really close. ... Finishing work still needs to be done, but it is hoped that within a few months the first floor will be ready for use! ...

Our mission workers are installing new water pumps in more villages, and our hospital is expanding services.

Haiti Mission Update—from Nzunga & Kihomi

“Greetings. We are coming to thank you—all of you—the supporters of mission around the world. Your support does not go in vain. It has saved lives and will continue to save lives. The bad storm we had lately in our country destroyed the roof of the Haitian Baptist Convention eye clinic. This clinic has been the backbone for many poor patients to receive quality care in a country with no insurance for the poor. It was urgent that we repair the roof before the next rain destroyed the eye equipment.

Thanks to your support through International Ministries of American Baptist Churches around the world, thanks to the understanding of all those working day and night in our office, our cry was given priority and today the eye clinic is covered with a brand new roof. Its ministry is continuing without interruption. And its equipment is saved.

On behalf of all our past and present patients, we say MESI AMPIL (thanks a lot). Thank you for keeping us in your daily prayers. It is only because of those prayers that we are safe now.”

Serving Him in Haiti,
Nzunga & Kihomi



*Report from the
Mission Field*

April Church Events

Sharing the Adventure Fellowship

Plan on joining us for our upcoming Sharing the Adventure fellowship sessions. We meet here at the church from 12:00-1:30 pm. We will have a potluck meal, prayer time, sing some hymns or choruses, and have a short program. Please bring sandwiches, soup or a salad to share. Here is what is scheduled:

April 6th—Game Day

May 4th—Hearing Loss information session

What other experiences would you like to have us schedule for future Wednesdays?

Board Meeting

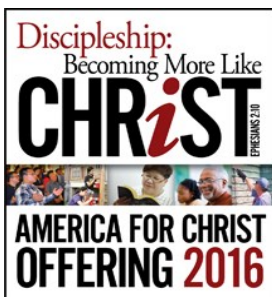
Our monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 17th, shortly after worship. Board members please plan to attend.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

We will hold our quarterly congregational meeting, with a focus on missions, after worship, Sunday, **April 27th**.

Adult Forum

Are you seeking a deeper understanding of scripture? Join us as we follow Jesus Through His ministry for an in-depth view of His words and actions. The forum meets at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. You are welcome.



America for Christ Offering

Thank you to all who contributed to the America for Christ Offering. A total of \$390 was collected.

Evangelism Tip

We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

~ Madeleine L'Engle

The Greater Church Community

Japanese Baptist Church—Sukiyaki Dinner & Cultural Show

Japanese Baptist Church will be hosting their annual Sukiyaki Dinner on Saturday, April 30th. Meat and vegetarian options will be available. This is a free event, donations are encouraged to help local charities. Dining will be from 3:00—6:30 p.m., a cultural program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Address: 160 Broadway, Seattle. Parking is next to the building. See www.jbcsettle.org for more details. Anyone wishing to attend, contact the office. We can arrange a car pool.

Answers to last month's CCI Crossword Puzzle

1. Who of these was not a nurse: Mary Cline, Jean Griffith, Juanita Frye, Charlotte Scherer, Carol Schubert, Marilyn Boone? **JuanitaFrye**
2. What's the name of the Indian restaurant in our complex? **ChaatnRoll (missing an 'a', though)**
3. What person donated the rock that was used in our old church? **RayReeves**
4. "Hymns for the Living _____." **Church**
5. What was the name of the church bus? **JollyGreenGiant**
6. What member was former mayor of Issaquah? **KeithHansen**
7. A pair sisters. A color, a flower. **HazelRose**
8. At our Rainier Boulevard location, what did the kids love to watch? **Salmon**
9. Who did not work for Puget Power? Woody Ross, Lee Schubert, Al Hunter, Bob Burton. **LeeSchubert**
10. What is our pastor's full first name? **Brittany**
11. Who is our current moderator? **Mary Cline [shift column right one square]**
12. Whose parents were both pastors of our church? **GraceLongton**
13. Whose husband was the project manager when we built our Mountain Park building? **DaisyCox'**
14. Whose wife threatened to divorce him if he sneezed in church? **FredLind**
15. Which pastor's two children both served Baptist retreat centers? **RussHendrickson [Dave Hendrickson & Kathleen Hendrickson]**
16. Who made our cross? **DuaneBowen**
17. Who is the head of our church? **Jesus**
18. Noah's sign from God. Dick's cherished dream. **RainbowLodge**
19. A countess's husband, a man in our midst. **Earle**
20. We are _____ Baptists. **American**

Special Dates in April

- National Volunteer Week, 04/10-4/16
- Earth Day, Friday, 04/22
- Administrative Professionals Day, Wednesday, 04/27



Birthdays

TO...

- 1 Britt Carlson**
- 4 Earle Jones**
- 6 Sherry Pepke**
- 7 Austyn Little**
- 12 Elvira Lindsay**
- 18 Anita Karr**

April 2016 at CCI

- Guest Preacher Gregg Sneller, International Ministries - 04/03
- Sharing the Adventure - 04/06
- CCI Office Closed - 04/07-04/08
- Board Meeting - 04/17
- Sharing the Adventure - 04/20
- Quarterly Congregational Meeting - 04/24
- Bell Article Deadline - 04/25

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Perhaps you would like to add these church family members to your prayer concerns:

1. **Craig & Karyn Akishin** -
*350 N 190th St, Apt C215
Shoreline, WA 98133*
2. **Daisy Cox** - *at University House*
3. **Jane Forbes**
Kirkland, WA
4. **Don & Alice Good**
Bellevue, WA
5. **Elvira Lindsay** - *at Aegis Living*
6. **Martha Nordhagen**
Adams House, Oregon
7. **Don Schuller**
Canterbury House, Auburn
8. **Dody Tweeddale**
Cascades Adult Family Home, Bellevue

Fools for Christ

April Fools' Day isn't a religious holiday, though it may date to Pope Gregory XIII and his new calendar. In 1582, he shifted New Year's Day from April to January, and people who didn't believe the change were called April fools.

April Fools' Day may also be connected to the lightheartedness that comes with warmer weather, as well as to medieval Christian festivals that involved pranks, disguises and a temporarily inverted social order.

Yet, in Scripture, such reversal characterizes the kingdom of God. In 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, St. Paul writes that the gospel seems foolish to people who don't know Christ, that God uses the "foolishness of our proclamation" to offer salvation to all and that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Jesus "foolishly" inverted the social order, saying the last will be first and the first, last.

So if on April 1—and every day—we live as "fools for Christ," we're precisely what he calls us to be!