

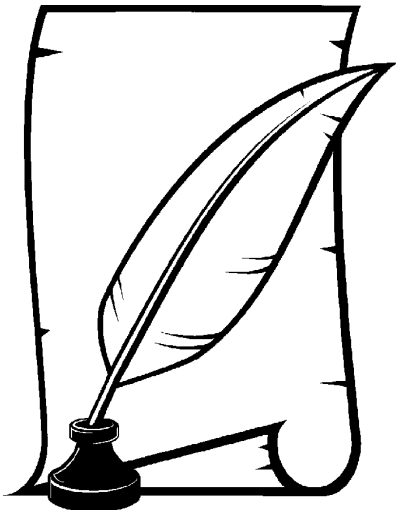
# The Bell



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## **A Word from the Pastor—*Aiming Your Heart***

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. —Matthew 6:21*

There are a lot of things that want our attention in

this life, aren't there?

Candidates want us to vote for them. Advertisements want us to watch them. Friends want us to go here. Kids want us to do that. Everyday, there are decisions that demand to be made.

Last year, I had a big decision to make. Should I move back to [the] Pacific NW *without* a job, or should I stay in the South *with* a job? As I tried to figure out the way forward I ran across a song by the Portland singer, M. Ward. He sings, "And if there's one thing that I've learned/ Brother, you know you're gonna get burned/ If you don't know where your love is aimed."

We all know how my decision turned out—here I am! I arrived at that decision, however, by thinking through where my love was aimed.

Christians call the figuring out of the

direction of one's heart "discernment." Discernment is using the gifts God has given us—prayer, wise friends, Scripture, perhaps a pro/con list or two—in order to take our next step of faith.

Discernment isn't having a bolt of brilliance hit you from heaven and discovering every detail of the next five years of your life. It's about figuring out where your treasure is and then moving in that direction. Discernment is gaining the clarity and courage we need to be able to reach forward towards life instead of getting burned by our apathy or despair.

So let us take heart. God has not left us without the gifts we need to make good decisions. With Christ at our side, we can pick up our hearts, aim them at our desires, and make our life's decisions in confidence. For neither height nor depth, life nor death, good decision nor bad, can keep us from the love God has for us in Christ Jesus. Thank heavens!

-Pastor Britt



## LOCAL MISSIONS

### Tools4School

We will be collecting backpacks and supplies for students in the Issaquah School District. These will be collected through **August 7<sup>th</sup>** and delivered to Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank for distribution. As we did last year, we will also collect cash. Janine Cooper will use the funds to purchase backpacks. If donating for this be sure you clearly designate your contribution for 'Tools4School'. For the list of requested supplies see the whiteboard by the fridge or check with Linda at the office. Please buy supplies on the list.

### A small laugh

“God warned a man named Lot to take his wife and flee out of the city,” said the Sunday school teacher, “but Lot’s wife looked back and was turned to salt.”

A curious boy then asked, “What happened to the flea?”

### Bible Trivia

#### **So Many Dreamers**

7. In Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the statue, what four metals are mentioned as composing the statue?
8. One of Gideon’s soldiers dreamed of a Midianite tent being overturned by an unlikely object. What was it?
9. When God came to the young Solomon in a dream and asked him what he desired, what did Solomon ask for?
10. What three Egyptian officials did Joseph interpret dreams for?
11. God protected Jacob by sending a dream of warning that Jacob should not be pursued or harmed. Who received this dream?
12. Who irritated his brothers by telling them of his dreams?
13. Who slept on a stone pillow at Bethel and had a dream of a stairway to heaven?

Source: The Complete Book of Bible Trivia, pp 29-30

## August 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 a potluck item to share. Here is what is scheduled:

August 3<sup>rd</sup>— Mergara Potts of Hopelink—Everyday budgeting

August 17<sup>th</sup>—Pastor Britt—we learned about ‘Doodle Prayer’ during our last prayer session with Britt, now we will learn about ‘Lectio Divina’. Lectio divina (divine reading) is a traditional practice that teaches us to listen to the God revealed in scripture and then to respond.

Contact Pastor Britt if you have an idea for a future session.

### *Board Meeting*

Our monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, shortly after worship. Board members please plan to attend.

### *Quarterly All-Church Meeting*

Our 3rd Quarter All-Church Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a short business meeting to update everyone on the financial health of the church, with the balance of the meeting focused on evangelism and outreach. We have wonderful opportunities to reach out to our neighbors as the apartments across the street open for occupancy and Salmon Days is celebrated. What would we, as a community, like to do to reach out during this time?

### *All-Church Retreat*

The Reeve’s family has graciously offered us the use of their cabin on Lake Kachess again this year for our annual Retreat. We will meet Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, here at the church at 10:00 am to carpool to the cabin. The plan will be to return after a shared dinner. Janine will provide us with lunch and we are asked to contribute to the potluck dinner. There is a full kitchen, including a microwave.

### *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. We’d love to see you here, we’re having some great discussions.

## CCI Office

Linda will be on vacation the week of August 1st. The office will not be staffed during her break. Call to be sure Britt is in before stopping by the office.

## The Greater Church Community

### *Bar-B-Que Cook Off and Auction Fundraiser*

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Cedar River Trail Park, Renton, WA. Tickets are \$20 each. The food spread will include: Ribs, chicken, brisket, green salad, potato salad, corn on the cob, baked beans, and cake. Water will be free, pop \$1. Contact Clem Winbush at [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net), if you have any auction item(s) to donate.

### *Take Your Pastor/Church Leader/Friends to the Ball Game*

We are past the deadline for ticket purchases, but if you are interested, give Clem a call and see if there is still a possibility of getting some. Monday, **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, 7:10 p.m. start, Mariners vs. Red Sox at Safeco Field. Tickets—contact Clem at [clemeba@comcast.net](mailto:clemeba@comcast.net) or 253-859-2226 by **July 18<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$17/ticket.

### *From The Spire—Seattle First Baptist Church Newsletter*

#### **A Special Organ Concert**

Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m., there will be a fun summer program of organ music and 4-hand duets, including the premiers of two American Guild of Organists award-winning pieces held at Seattle First Baptist Church. Admission is free.

#### **Answers to Bible Trivia on p.2 (don't look, yet, try the quiz first!!)**

7. Gold, silver, brass, and iron (Daniel 2:31-35)
8. A cake of barley bread (Judges 7:13)
9. An understanding heart and good judgment (1 Kings 3:5-10)
10. The pharaoh, his baker, and his butler (Genesis 40-41)
11. Laban, Jacob's father-in-law (Genesis 31:29)
12. Joseph (Genesis 37:2-11)
13. Jacob (Genesis 28:10-15)

## Earthy Prayers

In English translation, the Psalms often sound smooth and polished, sonorous with Elizabethan rhythms and diction. As literature, they are beyond compare. But as *prayer*, as the utterances of men and women passionate for God in moments of anger and praise and lament, these translations miss something. ... As *prayers* they are not quite right.

The Psalms in Hebrew are earthy and rough. They are not genteel. They are not the prayers of nice people, couched in cultured language. ... Only as we develop raw honesty and detailed thoroughness in our praying do we become whole, truly human in Jesus Christ, who also prayed the Psalms.

~ Eugene H. Peterson's introduction to Psalms, in *The Message*

# Happy Birthday!



## **TO...**

- 6 Marilyn Boone**
- 9 Carol Schubert**
- 10 Geri Anderson**
- 13 Dick Birdsall**
- 15 Jacquie Powell**
- 28 Dody Tweeddale**
- 30 Vernon Rogers**
- 31 Talyn Little**

## August 2016 at CCI

- Sharing the Adventure—08/03
- Board Meeting - 08/14
- Sharing the Adventure - 08/17
- Quarterly All-Church Meeting - 08/21
- All-Church Retreat - 08/27
- Bell Article Deadline - 08/24

## 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. **Norma Arehart**—at Home
3. **Daisy Cox** - *at University House*
4. **Jane Forbes**  
*Kirkland, WA*
5. **Don & Alice Good**  
*Sylvania Senior Care, LLC  
Sammamish, WA*
6. **Elvira Lindsay** - *at Aegis Living*
7. **Martha Nordhagen**  
*Adams House, Oregon*
8. **Dody Tweeddale**  
*Cascades Adult Family Home, Bellevue*
9. **David and Stephanie Hansen**  
*Centralia, WA*

### Sad News

We are saddened to learn that long-time member Don Schuller passed away on July 27, 2016. We will provide funeral/memorial details as we learn of them. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers as they adjust to his loss.