

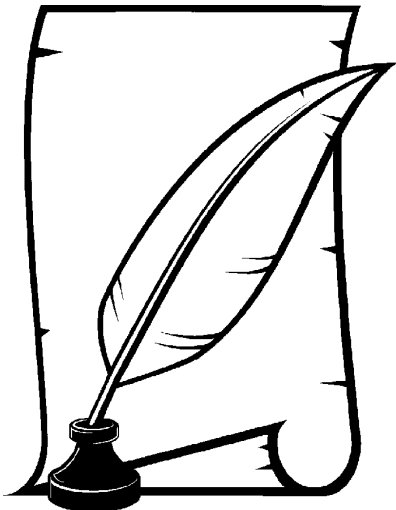
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A Word from the Pastor—Shoes

Until last week, my favorite pair of church shoes were in bad shape. For two years, they had slogged through Texas heat and slogged in Washington rain, held me up in the

Sunday pulpit, and heeled it across parking lots and lawns. Finally, the work that had been done in them was showing up on their scuffed and scruffy sides.

But last week, enough was enough. Not willing to give up on these, the most comfortable church shoes in the world, I summoned all of my expertise as the eldest daughter of an inveterate shoe salesman, and brought out the shoe polish.

Wow—what a difference. A little bit of shoe polish and a soft cloth went a long ways. What was cracked became supple. What was worn took on new life.

As I was polishing my shoes and thinking about all of the places they had taken me, I began to think about 1 Corinthians 12:

“The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the

contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.”

Of all parts of the body, my feet and the shoes that go on them are the parts I think about the least. But without them, I couldn’t do many—if not most—of the activities I love.

How many times in our life do we take for granted the very things that make our lives what they are? How often do we let the “feet” of our lives—the people, places and things that ground us and give us life—get scruffy and uncared for? How often do we not take the time to care for the indispensable, but often forgotten gifts that God has given us?

Caring for what God has given us doesn’t always need a lot of time. Like with my shoes, it might mean taking just 20 minutes to polish up a longstanding friendship with a phone call or ten seconds to make sure things are put back as they should be.

With a moment’s pause and a little bit of polish, what might have seemed old can again become new, and we will be reminded that what is weak is often indispensable.

-Pastor Britt



LOCAL MISSIONS

Tent City 4 Needs

Thanks to all who contributed supplies and quarters to Tent City 4. They are much appreciated.

Tools 4 School

We will be collecting backpacks and supplies for students in the Issaquah School District. These will be collected through **August 7th** 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaling \$365 this past month. Through our gifts, we participate in the many ministries that serve the hungry, the poor, the distressed, the refugee.



Bible Trivia

So Many Dreamers

1. Who told Pilate that a worrisome dream made it clear that Pilate was to have nothing to do with Jesus?
2. According to one Old Testament prophet, there will come a day when young men will see visions and old men will dream dreams. Which prophet?
3. Who repeats the words of this prophet in an early Christian sermon?
4. Joseph, Mary's husband, was warned in dreams to do four things. What?
5. In Nebuchadnezzar's famous tree dream, who is symbolized by the majestic tree that is cut down?
6. Daniel had a dream of four beasts rising out of the sea. What did they look like?

Source: The Complete Book of Bible Trivia, pp 27-28

July 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:

July 6th— Resident of Tent City 4

July 20th—Marcia Patton—Evergreen Association: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

August 3rd—Mergara Potts of Hopelink—Everyday budgeting

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

Board Meeting

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

Potluck Picnic

Join us for a potluck picnic at the Ross' home on Sunday, July 24th, shortly after worship.

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.

The gift of grace

Grace is something you can never get but only be given. The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you.

There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach and take it is a gift too.

~ Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

The Greater Church Community

Bar-B-Que Cook Off and Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, July 30th, 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, if you have any auction item(s) to donate.

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

Monday, August 1st, 7:10 p.m. start, Mariners vs. Red Sox at Safeco Field. Tickets—contact Clem at clemeba@comcast.net or 253-859-2226 by July 18th. Cost is \$17/ticket.

From The Spire—Seattle First Baptist Church Newsletter

A Special Organ Concert

Wednesday, August 3rd, 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.

Library Wall Art (Entry)

Anyone interested in joining a committee to solicit loans of artwork from the congregation for display on our library wall please contact Mary Cline, Moderator. We envision rotating contributions on a periodic basis.

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

1. His wife (Matthew 27:19)
2. Joel (2:28)
3. Peter, at Pentecost (Acts 2:17)
4. Go ahead and marry Mary, take a different route out of Bethlehem, flee to Egypt, return from Egypt (Matthew 1:18-2:23)
5. Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:5-17)
6. A lion, a bear, a leopard, and a monster with iron teeth (Daniel 7)

Special Dates in July

- Canada Day, Friday, 07/01
- Independence Day, Monday, 07/04



TO...

- 1 Linda Eastlick**
- 1 Dawn Weaver**
- 3 Lee Schubert**
- 6 Duane Bowen**
- 20 Kat McNicol**
- 26 Robert Burton**
- 27 Alice Good**

July 2016 at CCI

- Sharing the Adventure—07/06
- Board Meeting - 07/17
- Sharing the Adventure - 07/20
- Potluck Picnic - 07/24
- Bell Article Deadline - 07/25

At the center of it all

Psalm 118:8, the verse that falls in the middle of the Protestant Bible, reads, “It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans” (NIV).

The center of God’s Word reminds us to make God the center of our lives! No other person or possession can fulfill or save us. Only God is a safe, certain refuge, and we grow closer to him by grounding ourselves in his Word and his will.

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

Zoom out

On a computer screen, images can be magnified to show tiny details and make text easier to read. In the process, however, the “big picture” is lost. After checking various aspects of a project closely, it’s a good idea to “zoom out” again to be sure everything still looks as it should.

Likewise it’s easy to fixate on the tiny details of our lives (especially flaws in ourselves and others). We tend to enlarge our problems far beyond their actual size and totally miss problems taking a toll elsewhere. We may also forget the beautiful “big picture” of God’s care encompassing us. After tending to life’s details, it’s important to take a broader view to see whether our up-close perceptions hold true when we gaze on the work as a whole.

“Help us ‘zoom out,’ oh God,” prays Joshua DuBois in *The President’s Devotional* (HarperOne). “Widen our perspective and extend our horizon, so that we can more fully know your purpose this day, and every day.”