

# The Bell



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## **A Word from the Pastor**

### **—*Connected***

Last week the chair of deacons from the church I served in Dallas, Texas, called me to catch up. As we were talking, she asked what the Baptist world was like here in the Northwest, and it gave me a chance to reflect on our history as a part of the Evergreen Association.

For those of you who haven't heard the story of Evergreen's formation, it is marked by God's provision and grace. In July, Marcia Patton, our Evergreen executive minister, is going to come and give us a fuller picture of our association's past, present and future.

Maybe it's because I was raised in a church with no denominational affiliation, but I have a deep appreciation for being formally connected with other Christians. Our connection to the wider body of Christ—both as American Baptists and as a part of the Evergreen Association—allows us to do *more*, not less.

Just think. This past month, we were able to assist those affected by the Japanese and Ecuadorian earthquakes through our giving to the ABC's One Great Hour of Sharing. We had opportunities to become friends with brothers and sisters from

different cultures because of opportunities like Japanese Baptist's Sukiyaki dinner or Casa de Oración's Cinco de Mayo party. We were given glimpses of what God is doing around the globe with updates from our missionary partners in Haiti.

Our connections set us free to do and be more than we could if left to ourselves.

In the month of June, our connections are going to be strengthened. Four of us younger Evergreen clergy from the Seattle area are going to exchange pulpits as a way for our churches to get to know one another. So for the month of July, you will get to hear what God is up to in the Evergreen Association and in the ministries of Queen Anne Baptist, Japanese Baptist, and Burien Community Church.

I'm looking forward to the fruit of what will come from getting to share our life in Christ as we exchange pulpits. We have been connected to the Body of Christ. And next month, we are going to get a glimpse of how much fun being connected can be.

-Pastor Britt

## **Tent City 4 Meal Preparation**

Wednesday evening, **May 11<sup>th</sup>**, is the date planned to provide a dinner to the residents of Tent City 4. TC4 is currently located at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church; 1121 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish. Please contact Janine Cooper at (425) 829-1142 or Woody Ross at (206) 406-8655 if you are willing and able to help.



## **Marcia Patton Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

On May 29, 2016, Dr. Marcia Patton, Evergreen Executive Minister, will celebrate the 40th year anniversary of her ordination. The celebration will be held at First Baptist Church of Salt Lake City, UT. There will be a special worship service and dinner in her honor.

## **Bible Quiz**

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

- A. Hegai
- B. Haman
- C. Mordecai
- D. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)

Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels

## **May (& some June) 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:

May 4<sup>th</sup>—Bev Ziarko—Hearing Loss information session

May 18<sup>th</sup>—Alex Kaul—Habitat for Humanity

June 1<sup>st</sup>—Mylinda Baits—American Baptist Missionary

June 15<sup>th</sup>—Erica Maniez—Issaquah History Museum

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

### *Board Meeting*

Our monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, shortly after worship. Board members please plan to attend.

### *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.

## **Coming in June—Rotating Pulpits**

Preaching from the CCI pulpit about Evergreen Values during the month of June let's welcome:

June 5<sup>th</sup>—Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Burien Community Church—"Learning Community"

June 12<sup>th</sup>—Sean Brown, Queen Anne Baptist—"Unity"

June 19<sup>th</sup>—Jennifer Ikoma-Motzko, Japanese Baptist—"Cultural Diversity"

June 26<sup>th</sup>—Britt Carlson, Community Church of Issaquah—"Acceptance"

## **The Greater Church Community**

### *Casa de Oración—Cinco de Mayo celebration*

Saturday, **May 7<sup>th</sup>**, 5-8 p.m. 4th Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration benefitting Casa de Oración and Evergreen Association. The event will be held at Panther Lake Community Church; 10630 SE 240<sup>th</sup> St, Kent, WA. Tickets are available from Evergreen Association, (253)859-2226 or [clemba@comcast.net](mailto:clemba@comcast.net)—\$15/person, \$30/family.

### *Prayer requests—from Evergreen Association newsletter*

- Association churches seeking pastors
- The health of Yosh Nakagawa and Barry Briscoe
- Sister churches: Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church; Church of the Covenant in Palmer, AK; First Baptist Church in Palo Alto, CA; Daystar Baptist Church.
- Data Collection Design Team (to determine who Evergreen is, what Evergreen is thinking, and what our future hopes are). The work is to be done throughout 2016.

## **Ruth—a Pentecost story?**

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go ... Your people will be my people ..." [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: lovingkindness—all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth's story. For in it, God unites two enemy peoples for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.

## Special Dates in May

- Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, 05/05
- National Day of Prayer, Thursday, 05/05
- Mother's Day, Sunday, 05/08
- Pentecost, Sunday, 05/15
- Armed Forces Day, Saturday, 05/21
- Trinity Sunday, Sunday, 05/22
- Victoria Day (Canada), Monday, 05/23
- Memorial Day, Monday, 05/30

*Birthdays  
to  
Celebrate*



**TO...**

**1 Clem Winbush  
17 Keith Hansen  
18 Roma Bowen  
31 Charlotte Scherer**

## May 2016 at CCI

- Sharing the Adventure—05/04
- Board Meeting - 05/15
- Sharing the Adventure - 05/18
- Bell Article Deadline - 05/24

# 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. **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*

## Procrastinators

A pastor waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but many cars were ahead of the pastor at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

“Sorry about the delay,” said the young man. “Everyone seems to wait until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”

The pastor chuckled, “I know what you mean. It’s the same in my business.”

## Quiz Answers

1. C (See Esther 2:7)
2. A (See Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9)