

Eagle Summit Ministry

CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING

small and rural churches
and their pastors.

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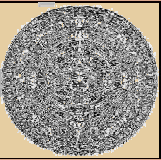
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Now In Our 16th Year

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2012 . . .THIS IS IT! ARE YOU PREPARED?



Some believe that according to the ancient Mayan's, 2012 will mark the end of the world as we know it. What should we expect on December 21, 2012, when the Maya's "Long Count" calendar marks the end of a 5,126-year era? Part of the 2012 mystique relates to the stars. According to journalist Lawrence Joseph, on the winter solstice in 2012, the sun will be aligned with the center of the Milky Way for the first time in about 26,000 years. This means that "whatever energy typically streams to Earth from the center of the Milky Way will be disrupted on 12.21.12 at 11:11 p.m. Universal Time."

Most scholars doubt that the ancient Maya concluded great meaning from anticipating this alignment. It is doubtful they were even aware of what the configuration would be. Astronomers generally agree that there is no record that the Mayans would think the world would come to an end at this point. It intrigues me that many believe these predictions and will plan their 2012 calendar accordingly, but then reject the plain truth of Scripture. I am reminded of Paul's words in Romans 1:21, 22 "For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools."

BE ASSURED, WE ARE **NOT** PLANNING OUR 2012 CALENDAR BASED ON AN ASSUMED MAYAN PREDICTION. **WE ARE TO LIVE, LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS AS IF EVERY DAY IS OUR LAST, BUT PLAN AS IF WE WILL BE HERE FOREVER. THAT'S OUR GOAL.**



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You . . .

To all who gave to Eagle Summit this year, our board and I **THANK YOU** so much for helping us reach our 2011 budget and beyond. With all the financial challenges so many faced this year, it is a tremendous encouragement to be able to report God's blessing through you. We are humbled and energized by the fact that you would share God's blessing in your life with us and enable us to continue to **"Serve God's Servants."** We are trusting God that this New Year will bring God's continued blessing and empowerment to accomplish His will through your partnership with us.

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You Helped Us Purchase the Following Ministry Tools

- New VIDEO PROJECTOR with HDMI accessories
- "Doing The Right Thing" Study Material
- Logos Bible Study software upgrade—remembering Danny Acosta's love for God's Word



Thanks



Psalm 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
His faithful promises are your armor and protection."
**There is nothing to fear about tomorrow;
God is already there.**

Cut out the picture to the left and
hang it in a place where you will
see it often as a reminder of

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
and as a reminder to
PRAY FOR US.



O.K., the birds in the picture
are not eagles, but close enough.

New Year Encouragement

God will honor and reward your faithfulness. It may not be today, it may not be tomorrow, but your reward will come. Galatians 6:9-10 "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

WOW! ESM VAN UPDATE

MAY 2012

\$26,500

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY AS GOD REMINDS YOU.

GIVE AS GOD ENABLES YOU.

You **ARE** Making a Difference

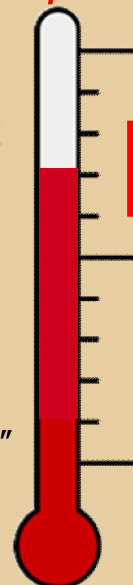
THANK YOU, SO MUCH



GIVEN TO DATE

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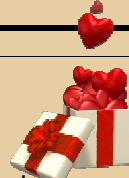


Your partnership
continues to help
keep us on the road
"Serving God's Servants."





Thoughts from Diane . . . LOVE



I vividly remember the first time I saw my husband! I was a teenager on a church bus headed to camp. I was sitting at the back of the bus; he was sitting across the aisle in the front. My first impression was, he was cute. About two years later, our paths crossed again in my first year of Bible college. It wasn't until we went on a "blind date," the following summer, that my heart felt the jolt of something special. I loved dating, even though our time together was limited by our class schedules. We talked a lot and went on dating outings. It may sound boring, but I came to know him well through all those words. I left the next semester to work and prepare for our wedding. The letters he wrote to me during that time are priceless. I know God knit our hearts together. We shared everything I ever thought love could be, even before I really understood what love was.



I can recount the beginning of my relationship with God. The day all my most puzzling questions were answered, is another vivid memory. Sitting on the floor of a roller rink, the youth pastor preaching the gospel and then coming to the end of the search I'd been on for so many years. The tremendous moment of salvation from the weight of my sin brought a peace I'd never known. I was fourteen and to this day I can say it was the most important day of my life. My dad told me what I experienced would "go away," but thank God, HE does not break His promises. Psalm 17:7 "Show the wonder of your great love . . ."

I've learned a lot about love throughout my life. The love of my earthly family has been consistent. I've been overwhelmed this year especially with the way my brothers supported me through the death of our Mom. The love I've known with my husband has shown me much about who God is. George has been faith-

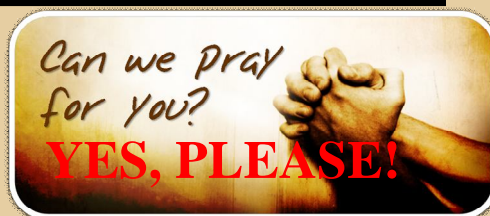


ful, long suffering and diligent in everything God has given him to do. He continues to strive to know God and to become more like Him. I love and appreciate him more today than the day we married. The love of God is the most important love I could have ever known. God's love brings every good and perfect gift that life has to offer through Jesus, who died on the cross for me. I cannot comprehend the depth of that love, but it's a journey I'll continue throughout eternity. Do you know that God has such love for you that He sent Jesus to die on a cross for your sin? Will you accept His gift? It's the greatest love relationship you will ever know.

II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane

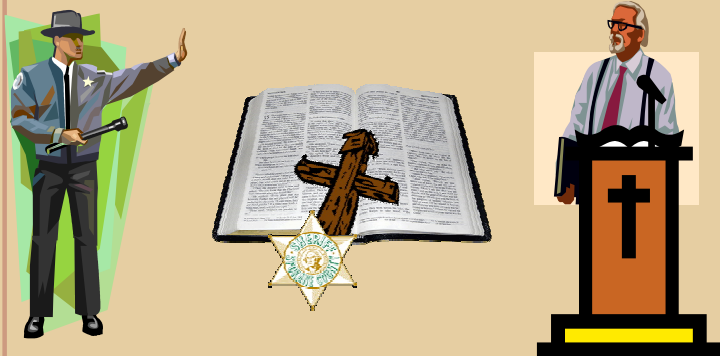
Partnering With Us In Prayer

- **Praise:** For the generous financial gifts of friends of our ministry. We made the largest monthly account deposit in our history and were able to meet our entire 2011 budget, with a great start for the New Year. There was also a significant donation toward our van. Thank you once again for helping us as we strive to "Serve God's Servants."
- **Praise:** Diane has been feeling some better and has had more energy. After we all battled the "Christmas flu," she may have another lung/sinus infection. She needs an immune system overhaul.
- Please continue to pray for our son, George II. He is still unable to work or walk for more than five or ten minutes without severe pain. The possible surgery is not going to happen. We are still at a loss as to how to help him get well. We need God's wisdom and understanding.
- As most of you are aware, our friend and ESM bookkeeper for over fifteen years, Grace Trescott, went Home to be with the Lord in October. Please pray for God's comfort for her husband, Bob.
- Thank you for praying for Pastor Gary Ogden serving at Elk Church. He is doing better and even canceled his upcoming surgery. Continue to pray for strength and complete healing without surgery



Our Continuing Mission Focuses On:

"Serving God's Servants"



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Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

In November and December, we planned, prepared and reorganized several areas of ministry. In review of our 2011 calendar, we had 51 speaking opportunities. At least 9 came to know Christ as Savior.

January 8 —Opportunity Baptist Church A.M./P.M., Spokane Valley, WA

January 18—Cornerstone Christian School Chapel, Spokane, WA

January 23—Mending Fences, Leadership Meeting

March 12—Cedonia Community Church / AWANA Club

April 13-15—ALACCA Bible Conference, Adult Camp, Harpster, ID

Now's the time to plan for summer family, teen and kid's camps along with VBS and special outreach

Programs for your community. Contact us if we can be of assistance and serve with you.

TO SUMMIT UP

We Are Available for Pulpit Supply, Even on Short Notice.

Does your church need a speaker for special outreach, AWANA Club, Sunday School, teen or kid's camps, family camp or other special event? Contact us by phone or e-mail. We are here to serve.