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We are continually striving to improve our web site, to provide more resources and make it more functional for Pastors. We are so grateful to our daughter Dawna and her husband, Rich for the many hours they have spent in developing our web site. They continually have new and fresh ideas. That's where the idea came to have our newsletter carry the same visual theme as our web site. I think it's GREAT. What do you think? If you are able, send us a note or e-mail with your thoughts and comments to ghippe@integrity.com.

Last weekend when we were out of town and I received a Saturday night phone call from a Pastor who was ill and needed someone to preach for him the next morning. We were in Portland, so I was not available to assist and I did not have my list of contacts readily available. I suggested to the Pastor that he go to our web site and contact one of the men through the "Pulpit Supply" list that is found there. I felt badly that I was not available personally to assist, but was very encouraged to learn that he did go to our site and was able to reach one of our other men who was able to preach for him the next morning. I love it when a plan works.

We are adding links to other sites to assist with sermon and lesson preparation, current event issues, apologetics and creation/evolution sites and more. We will also be adding PowerPoint presentations that can be adapted as needed. We will add new sites and information that you and others suggest. Past newsletters can be referenced on our site along with a continually growing number of articles that can be downloaded and printed for special occasions. "Serving God's Servants" is our continual goal.

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of small communities & rural America.
Eagle Summit is good for the health
of small churches & rural Pastors . . .



Your Son for a Quarter . . .



Several years ago, a new preacher moved to Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet".

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver with a smile replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking lately about going to worship somewhere. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday" When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold Your Son for a quarter."

What price do you place on your character and integrity?

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read.

MINISTRY VAN UPDATE "OLD FAITHFUL" KEEPS CHUGGING ALONG



After consulting with our mechanic, we were advised to NOT purchase the 1998 van that we were considering. There was concern over some serious undercarriage corrosion issues that we were told would be problematic. Because of the generosity of one of our supporting churches and another donor, we have now opened a savings account and we have a good down payment toward a newer vehicle when we locate just the right one.

A few weeks ago, I was allowing the enemy to cause me to dwell on a number of negatives involving family issues, finances, health and ministry. At the moment, it was overwhelming. I opened the mail that day to find another generous gift toward the van. After a time of reflection, tears and gratitude I simply thanked the Lord for this encouragement. It was a reminder from God, at just the right moment, that He is in control. To each donor, we "Thank You" for being sensitive to God's direction.

After the latest servicing of our current 1993 Chevy van, we also learned that the engine problem that was first diagnosed does not appear to be as serious as originally thought. I asked our mechanic if he "healed" the engine. He got a good laugh. We will monitor the engine issue and continue to carefully maintain the van, but for now all appears to be well with the engine so we will NOT be facing a major repair. Continue to pray with us for God's clear direction. We will be putting a lot of miles on the van in ministry travel this summer. When possible, we are also using our personal vehicle to minimize expenses. The great thing about the van is that when I am holding a camp or VBS, I can travel with all the extras I need to make the most impact.

If you would still like to donate to our Van Fund, simply indicate that with your gift. We are grateful for your continued financial support.

JUST A THOUGHT: Do you think God is aware of the price of a gallon of gasoline?

An Investment In Eternity Will Accumulate Eternal Dividends.

Family Update: Please Continue to Pray with Us.



Life has its continual challenges. It seems the more we attempt to serve the Lord and invest in the lives of others, the more the enemy throws in our path. Just as we are praying with some of you with family, health and financial challenges, we ask that you continue to pray with us for courage to face challenges with God's strength and not our own.

At times, life can simply seem to overwhelm us. The temptation is there to become angry, disappointed or discouraged. We must not. At times, the temptation is there to give up. We must not. These are the times that we must depend upon God and seek His encouragement from His Word. The enemy wants to keep us discouraged, depressed, defeated and overwhelmed. If he can accomplish his mission of destruction, he can keep us ineffective in sharing the love of God and the truth of the Gospel. Recognize the tactic of the clever one. "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small." Proverbs 24:10

I was recently reminded of the fact that we are either running toward God or away from God. Let's pray for each other that the challenges in the road of life draw us closer to our loving Creator.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYER



Thoughts from Diane . . . Children Matter

I remember hearing that still, small voice when I was four or five. My Mom would always send us to Sunday school but not attend herself. I can remember odd things like being put in a pew during church with people I did not know. I remember observing communion from underneath the plate that was passed over my head. One time I was given a piece of something that was red and tasted like red licorice. There was the time in Sunday school that everyone was told to bow their heads for prayer. I didn't know what prayer was so I looked! I was given a very stern look and even at five knew embarrassment. I had no memory of ever hearing the name Jesus or who this Jesus was. I did understand the sting of knowing when I'd done something wrong. I had quite a journey to Christ.

My bout with heart disease, at the age of nine, caused me to wonder what life was about. I became terrified of dying. I attended a Bible school at about the age of eleven. I made a plaque with the name of "Jeasus" written on it. I did not even know how to spell His name correctly. I knew I wanted to know who God was and wanted a relationship with Him; I just didn't know how to get to Him. I would lie in bed at night listening to my heart beat.

I woke up one morning to the sound of a siren and flashing lights. My friend's father had died of a massive heart attack. The terror in my heart overcame me. My great aunt was a nun who had spent her whole life in a convent. I thought if I made the sign of a cross it would "get me close to God." It didn't work. When I was fourteen a friend invited me to a youth activity. Praise God for youth workers in church! After the fun came the message. The youth pastor simply told us all that we were sinners and that our sin separated us from God. Even at the age of fourteen I knew I was a sinner. The pastor showed me from the Bible that Christ died for my sins. He simply read God's words to me and finally, I found the answer I was seeking. I asked God to forgive me and invited Christ to become a part of my life. I went straight home that night and told my dad what had happened. He said, "That's nice, it'll go away." I was crushed, but did not give up. I did not know how to pray, but I asked God to show me where I should go to church. Within the week I had an answer.

I've come a long way since then. Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belong to such as these." Who are you to the children in your life? Do they "catch you praying?" Do they see your love of God's word? The Holy Spirit may be working on the inside, what impression are you making on the outside?

I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane

Our Continuing Mission:
**“Serving God’s
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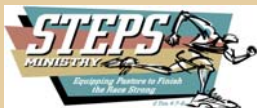
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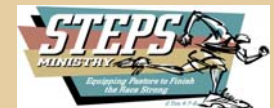


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FALL PASTORS' CONFERENCE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ENCOURAGE YOUR PASTOR TO ATTEND

A TIME OF SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT & INSPIRATION WITH PASTOR RON SCHAFER

OCTOBER 28-30, 2008

Host: Foothills Community Church, Spokane, WA

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

- June 1 & 8— Elk Community Church, Elk, WA
- June 15— First Baptist Church, Electric City, WA / John McCain
- June 22—St. Maries, ID / Hippe & Elk Community Church, Elk, WA / John McCain
- June 29—Elk Community Church, Elk, WA
- June 30-July 2—Pinecroft Junior Camp, Newport, WA
- July 6—First Baptist Church, Electric City, WA & Elk Community /
- July 11—Family Outreach, Morgan Acres Church, Spokane, WA
- July 14-18—Camp ALACCA, Harpster, ID
- July 21-25—Summer Family VBS, Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA
- July 28-August 1—VBS, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
- August 3-7—VBS, Juliaetta Community Church, Juliaetta, ID
- August 23—ESM BOARD MEETING
- August 31—Special Outreach, FBC, ST. Maries, ID



**We continue to pray for 10 more churches
 to officially join with us to
 “Serve God’s Servants.”
 Would your church consider
 partnering with us?**