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The Significance of Our Eagle Summit Logo



This is our son Ben's design and artwork. This keeps him ever a part of our ministry. Since his death in an automobile accident in October of 2002, this is a personal reminder of the joy of relationships that lies ahead in eternity.

The eagle soaring above the mountains . . . We have the power through Christ to overcome the pull of sin and death and soar to new heights. It is only as we rely on power from the Spirit of God that we can begin to see new vistas and gain an eternal perspective. Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (NKJ)

The mountains symbolize the struggles that are replete in our lives. We have been promised problems and valleys. It is the updrafts from the warmth of God's love that facilitate our ability to rise above the problems of life and begin to see things from God's perspective. The mountains are also a reminder that for every valley, there are two peaks. John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (NKJ)

The broken "I" - a constant reminder of the need to battle pride in our lives and focus on the eternal rather than the temporal.

Psalms 51:17 "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart-- these, O God, You will not despise." (NKJ)

The all encompassing sun in the background is a reminder of the light that we are to share with a dying and needy world through the local church. Along with the "T," the sun is also a reminder of God's Son, Who gave His life on the Cross for the church, which is God's designed agency to reach a lost world.

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Welcome Our Newest ESM TEAM Member . . .

Mr. Dan Churchwell

Pictured here is Dan with his daughter, Sojourn (3 years old) and Dan's wife, Julie, with son, Ariston (1 year old).

We appreciate Dan's passion for the Lord, his background in ministry and his heart to serve with us to Serve God's Servants.



The Well



One day, a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried relentlessly for hours while the farmer tried to figure out how to retrieve him. Although he pondered the situation for a long time, the farmer couldn't think of a workable plan to save the donkey.

He reluctantly decided that since the donkey was old and the well was dry, his only choice was to fill the well with the donkey still in the bottom. The farmer invited his neighbors to come over and help him fill the well as quickly as possible. They each grabbed a shovel and

began to throw dirt into the well.

When the donkey first realized what was happening, he cried horribly, but after a while, he quieted down. The farmer looked down into the well and gasped at what he saw. The donkey was doing something amazing. When a shovel full of dirt hit his back, the animal would shake it off and step up on to the higher ground. As the people continued to shovel the dirt down the well, the donkey continued to shake it off and take a step up on to the new layer of fill. Eventually the donkey stepped right up over the edge of the well and trotted away!

Life will shovel all kinds of dirt on each of us. The trick is to shake off the dirt and then use it to take a step up. We can get out of the deepest wells if we refuse to become buried by our failures and disappointments. Each one can become a stepping stone to a better life. Shake it off and take step up!

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Galatians 6:9 (NKJ)



Remember these simple rules to be happier and more fulfilled:

1. Free your heart from hatred. 2. Free your mind from worries. 3. Live simply. 4. Give more 5. Expect less.



Family Update: Please Continue to Pray with Us.

- Our son, George II, is in need of employment.
- George II's wife Shannon is still facing some health challenges.
- Grandchildren (George II's children) challenges—pray for wisdom, right choices and discernment for all involved in decisions that need to be made to meet current challenges. We are grateful for all who have been praying and who have helped financially with this most difficult situation.
- Diane's health — Among other health challenges, Diane has been battling a severe digestive problem for the past six months. At a recent visit to the doctor's office, we learned that she has a serious fungal infection. She is now on a treatment regime involving limited food intake and medication and we are praying that she can get well without a more aggressive treatment.
- Diane's brother Jim is still facing health challenges, fighting a serious staff infection. He is still undergoing rehabilitation and is not able to work. He has spiritual needs that must be addressed as well. Pray for his healing and an open heart to respond to God.



Thoughts from Diane . . . It's Just Not Right

It's been a long time, long enough to let my guard down. As I was driving my regular school bus route, I left University High one afternoon. I'd barely pulled on to the road and a mini riot broke out. It involved about six or eight students. It began as an unpleasant experience and only escalated. This has happened in the past and I usually end up pulling one or more students to the front and giving the whole bus a lecture the next day. All that happened, but I failed to see the worst of it. One student, a girl who was used to having her way, made things much worse. When I tried to talk to her privately she ended up swearing at me, yelling, ordering that I keep my mouth shut and then dismissing me as she demanded to be released off the bus. Over the next three days her mother got involved as well. Next came the principle and of course all the witnesses. I ended up being told by my authority that the mother was considering filing harassment charges against me and I hadn't said a word! To say I became angry would be accurate. Then I was also told to let it go like none of it had happened. I'd done nothing yet I was tried and convicted without a hearing. Then what happens? A few days later, the student boarded my bus with a smirk on her face with an adult to watch her board to make sure she was not "harassed" again. Now comes the hard part. My sinful heart called out for justice or at least a little revenge. I had a decision to make and it wasn't easy. This student had become the enemy in the flesh to me.

I've been reading in the book of Matthew and the Lord made some huge impressions on me while going through chapter 6:9-15. I made a note of it in January in the journal I keep while reading so I could use it in this newsletter. The account I've given above happened in February, one month after God gave me these verses. The Lord brought the scripture before the lesson He needed to teach me again. Verses 14 & 15 say this, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." I made the decision to forgive her and pray for the salvation of her soul. It still isn't easy, but when I pray, God lifts the anger and hurt and replaces it with a desire to see this student come to know Christ. He reminded me again, men are sinful, that's why they need a Savior.

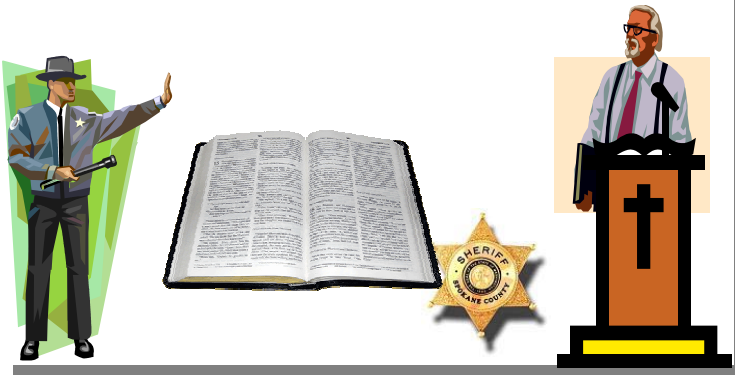
You may be facing similar trials. I'm sharing this to help you to realize that God doesn't leave you out there alone. His wonderful Word keeps us on track. It's not easy, I truly understand. Let me tell you, the reward of obedience is so much better than justice or revenge or resentment or bitterness. We need to leave justice in the hands of our Creator.

- Standing Firm, Diane - I Corinthians 15:58

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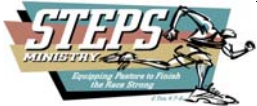
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Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

December 23—Mending Fences Ministry / A.M. Service

January 26—ESM Board Meeting

February 17, 24—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA

March 8—ESM Board Meeting

March 27-28—Global Focus Seminar at Northview Bible Church, Spokane, WA

April 13—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, Lake Roosevelt, WA

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April 22-24—STEPS Conference, Foothills Community Church

You could be our ambassador by contacting leaders in your church to explain the mission and purpose of Eagle Summit. You could direct leaders to our web site for further information.

We continue to pray for an additional 8-10 churches to officially partner with us to “Serve God’s Servants.”

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