

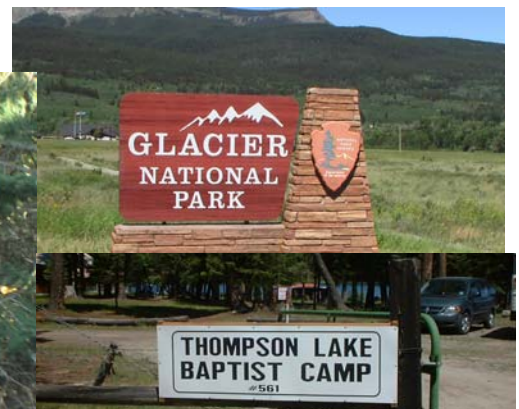
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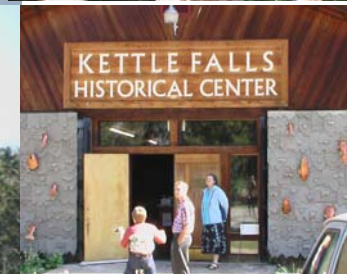
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SIGNS OF OUR TIMES . . .



IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE CORNER OF THIS "CEMETERY" SIGN IS THIS "DEAD END" SIGN. REALITY IS STRANGER THAN FICTION.



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"Serving God's Servants"

Blessings & Challenges

We are continuing to ask God for at least 10 more churches to consider supporting our ministry on a monthly basis. These churches could share with us in the blessing and challenges of serving God's servants in small communities. We are also encouraging larger churches to catch a vision for extending their Jerusalem. The potential for encouraging a Pastor and people in a small church and reaching out to the lost and needy in a rural setting is tremendous. Teams of teens and adults can be trained to serve in Vacation Bible Schools, teen outreach and maintenance service in a community or for a church.

As we have shared in the past, an increase in our monthly support would free up time taken from other employment to make contact with Pastors of larger churches to share our vision and to keep in contact with Pastors in outlying communities. Within the past few months, I have become aware of six Pastors we have worked with over the years who have resigned their churches. Two of these men are no longer in full time ministry.

We have just learned of a similar ministry to ours called STEPS. (**STEPS** - **S**criptural **T**raining & **E**quipping of **P**astors of **S**mall churches) Pastor Ron Schafer and his son Jeff began this ministry about four years ago. The purpose of the STEPS ministry is to encourage the Pastors and wives of small churches. They are hosting the first conference of its kind in our area this week at Foothills Community Church. I am

going to attend as much of the conference as I possible. We hope to officially partner with this ministry of encouragement to more effectively serve God's servants. I will give you a report of this in our next newsletter. What a great encouragement to us to learn of men with the same passion from the Lord to bless those in ministry who are often forgotten.

Our search continues for a ministry replacement van. We are looking for a 2003—2005 low mileage vehicle similar to the van pictured here. A full-sized van would be ideal for all the ministry "tools" we carry with us. The high top would be nice, but not a must. We are open to what ever vehicle God makes clear we should purchase. You could pray with us that God would lay it on someone's heart to donate a van to our work. Wouldn't that be incredible?



Another encouragement, I recently had a mechanic friend tell me to bring any potential van to him to let him look it over to make certain it is mechanically sound. He let me know also that he is looking for a vehicle for us as well. When we locate the right van, our plan is to sell our existing vehicle and use those funds to build a carport and apply remaining funds toward a newer vehicle. Pray with us for just the right vehicle at just the right time and for God's funding provision.

News of Our ESM Board of Directors

We have had some changes to our board of directors. Our new President is Rev. John McCain. John has been a part of our board for about two years. He is presently seeking God's direction for future ministry. With John's heart for the Lord, enthusiasm and experience in ministry he is a great asset to our work.

We will also miss the enthusiasm of our friend, Don Anderson. Don has "retired" from our board due to obligations of his Family Ministry at His Place Church in Post Falls, Idaho. Don, thank you for your servants heart. May God continue to use you.



Thoughts from "the other Diane," Dawna . . .

Guest Writer Dawna Stafford

My guilty pleasure...I love to watch Donald Trump's "The Apprentice". As I watched the second to last episode there was a particular scene that got my attention. If you don't watch the Apprentice, don't let me loose you here. Keep reading because I do have a point.



It's down to the final 4 out of an original group of 18 enterprising candidates vying for the coveted title of "The Apprentice" and the career opportunity of a lifetime working for the legendary business tycoon, Donald Trump. In this episode "The Donald" sends the final 4 to a party to meet the 5 already chosen apprentices from the previous seasons of the show.

Now here's the good part. You've got this group of 4 tenacious candidates all competing with each other for a career opportunity that will no doubt change their life forever. One of the eager candidates pleads with the winning apprentices for any advice that they can give him in this last leg of the race. They all lean forward as if to more quickly and efficiently receive this unsurpassed wisdom. One apprentice confidently says, "Put your best foot forward". Another says, "It's now or never." then a third, "Put the pedal to the metal. Go 90 miles an hour and figure out what you're made of." Another apprentice says, "You gotta taste it." Then comes my personal favorite, "Stay true to yourself."

Maybe you need to know me personally to hear my sarcasm in referring to any of the above bits of advice as "wisdom." In all seriousness, there is not a hint of insight in those cliché statements which completely lack any practical application.

Having nothing to do with "The Apprentice" and in great contrast, there was a man named Oswald Chambers who lived in the late 1800's and early 1900's. He only wrote one book in his lifetime but there are more than 30 titles that bear his name. All but one of his published works were compiled by his wife Gertrude, a court stenographer. His other works were printed from her shorthand notes of his messages. Here are Oswald's words of advice:

"One of the greatest hindrances in coming to Jesus is the excuse of our own individual temperament. We make our temperament and our natural desires barriers to coming to Jesus. Yet the first thing we realize when we do come to Jesus is that He pays no attention whatsoever to our natural desires. We have the idea that we can dedicate our gifts to God. However, you cannot dedicate what is not yours. There is actually only one thing you can dedicate to God, and that is your right to yourself (see Romans 12:1)."

Now lean forward and receive this unsurpassed wisdom. Just try it. Go ahead and lean forward to show your eagerness. (if you're anything like me you still won't lean forward)

"If you abandon everything to Jesus, and come when He says, "Come," then He will continue to say, "Come," through you. You will go out into the world reproducing the echo of Christ's "Come." That is the result in every soul who has abandoned all and come to Jesus."

Now that is some real life changing advice for the definitive opportunity of a lifetime. Sorry apprentices, you have been trumped.

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost For His Highest - Getting There (3)

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

April 1 - Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA
April 20 - Mending Fences Leadership Meeting, Spokane, WA
April 15 & 22 - Grace Church, Deer Park, WA
April 29 - Living Hope Free Methodist Church, Priest River, ID
May 5 - Moody Graduation / 4th Memorial Church, Sprague, WA
May 12 - Diane at Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA / Ladies Group
May 13 - Loomis Community Church, Loomis, WA
May 3 - National Day of Prayer, Elk Community Church, Elk, WA
May 18 - Mending Fences Leadership Meeting, Spokane, WA
June 2 - ESM board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane, WA
July 9-12 - Juliaette Community Church VBS, Juliaette, ID
July 31-Aug 3 - Alacca Bible Camp, Harpster, ID / Junior Camp

We will also be available for continued pulpit supply as doors of opportunity open.

To Summit Up

The greatest ABILITY is Depend-ABILITY. Can your Pastor count on you to be faithful with what you have volunteered to do in your church? Do you know your spiritual giftedness? Are you using your spiritual giftedness to further the work of God's Kingdom? What greater way to encourage the heart of your Pastor?