

## Eagle Summit Ministry

### CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING

small and rural churches  
and their pastors.

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preaching, teaching & training



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## The Challenge of Vocational Ministry



[Death by Ministry](#) by Mark Driscoll focuses on the pressures of pastoral ministry and how to prevent pastors from becoming just another statistic. The following statistics were presented by Pastor Darrin Patrick from research he has gathered from such organizations as Barna and Focus on the Family:



- Fifteen hundred pastors leave the ministry each month due to moral failure, spiritual burnout, or contention in their churches.
- Fifty percent of pastors' marriages will end in divorce.
- Eighty percent of pastors and eighty-four percent of their spouses feel unqualified and discouraged in their role as pastor and spouse.
- Fifty percent of pastors are so discouraged that they would leave the ministry if they could, but have no other way of making a living.
- Eighty percent of seminary and Bible school graduates who enter the ministry will leave the ministry within the first five years.
- Seventy percent of pastors constantly fight depression.
- Almost forty percent polled said they have had an extra-marital affair since beginning their ministry. Seventy percent said the only time they spend studying the Word is when they are preparing their sermons.

### Pastors' Wives

- Eighty percent of pastors' spouses feel their spouse is overworked.
- Eighty percent of pastors' spouses wish their spouse would choose another profession.
- The majority of pastor's wives surveyed said that the most destructive event that has occurred in their marriage and family was the day they entered the ministry.

Pray for your Pastor and family. Look for ways to encourage them. Your Pastor deals with many negative situations that can drain his soul of strength, energy and passion. Allow him the luxury of a hobby, friends and exercise. If there are small children in his home, offer to babysit so that he can take his wife out on a date. If the Pastor has a healthy loving relationship with his wife and family, that will tend to translate into health and love in the church as well. The enemy is out to steal, kill and destroy. Don't let that happen to your pastor and church. Be determined to be a positive Godly encourager.

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## PRAYING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We currently have the tabernacle model set and I am detailing it down to even fur on the cattle and small tools used by the Priests and Levites. The addition of the larger 1/10th scale tabernacle furniture items would make this presentation even more impressive and memorable.

This would be a very valuable teaching tool. If you feel lead to give toward this project, just make that known with your gift. You can share in reaching others with the Gospel as displayed through the tabernacle.



### The Tabernacle Furniture Set—\$249

- We are currently behind \$1,500 in our 2009 budget. For the first time in several years, there were no funds for salary. This is a great opportunity to see how God is going to work. 😊
- We continue to save and wait for God's clear direction for a newer ministry vehicle.
- We would like to increase our Barnabas Fund to assist those in ministry with needs.
- Funds for new DVD teaching series to share with churches

**"ATTEMPT THINGS SO IMPOSSIBLE THAT UNLESS GOD IS IN THEM, THEY ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE."**



## SPRING STEPS CONFERENCE



**"STEPS"** = Scriptural Training & Equipping of Pastors of Small Churches

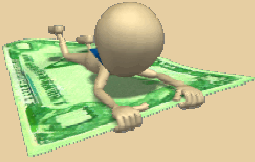


We had a great three day conference with Pastor Ron Schafer, his wife Lorna and their team, hosted at Valley Fourth Memorial Church in Spokane Valley. Fifteen pastors and wives were treated to great challenges from the Word to stay faithful, great fellowship and great food.

At this time, we are uncertain about the next conference here in the Eastern area of the state. Salem Heights church in Salem, Oregon has underwritten the conference and has donated many resources and hundreds of hours to make these conferences happen. The Fall conference was canceled due to low registration. Pastor Ron's health has also been a challenge. He has had three heart attacks and has severe arterial blockage, but is determined to "finish strong."

THANK YOU, Pastor Ron, Lorna and the Salem Heights Team for your faithful service to God's servants.





## WE MUST DEPEND ON FACTS, NOT FEELINGS

In These Wild Economic Times, we may sometimes feel like we are hanging on for dear life. We must remember to depend on the **FACTS** of God's Word, not our **FEELINGS**. Here are the **FACTS**:

Philippians 4:11-13, 19 . . . I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (NKJ)

Note that the supply is not "out of," but "according to." We are **NOT** draining God's resources. The Apostle Paul was well aware of this **FACT**. He learned to handle the responsibilities of having much and the challenges of having little, simply desiring his cloak, scrolls and parchments in the Last chapter of 2 Timothy. Living with less may be just the requirement for us to deepen our dependency on God. Is that a bad thing?

## Thoughts from Diane . . . THAT'S MY WHOLE FAMILY!



Kathryn is a sweet little first grader who rides my bus at the end of each school day. About that time of the afternoon I just want to get back to the base, clean and shut down my bus and go home. Recently, I was approaching her stop and saw a group of people in front of her house. I said to her "Kathryn, look at all those people in your front yard." I stopped the bus, she popped up and said, "That's my **WHOLE** family!" I wish you could have seen her face or the way she leapt off the bus and ran to meet them. I imagine your grinning now the way I did all the way home that evening.



Heaven is a place of endless possibilities. We have no way to comprehend the depth, width and breath of all that God has in store, but one thing I believe scripture teaches is that we will be with our family. In I Thessalonians 4:16&17, Paul tells us that when the trumpet call of God is heard the dead in Christ will rise first and those of us "who are alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." We are to encourage one another with these words! I know this has been said before but what a family reunion that will be.

There are those in this life who have been blessed with moms, dad's sisters and brothers and they all just seem to get along. Then there are those who have broken families in one way or another. You may not have a dad or one that cares. You may not have a mom or you may have one that gave you away. You may have brothers and sisters that never have a kind word to say. Perhaps you were born into a family that has a member that's murdered, or committed some other horrible crime. Yet those of us who have been born into the family of God have a rich heritage that cannot be matched by any earthly comparison. This hope is so huge that we only have glimpses of what it will be like then. All the broken, redeemed people of this life will be made new by God Himself. It causes me to remember the phrase of an old song that ends, "what a day, glorious day, that will be."

Kathryn, in obvious youthful innocence, loved the people she saw that day. It meant everything to her that they were all standing there in one, close knit group and she was about to join them. Right in front of me a movie was being produced that I'll never forget in this life and given to me by God. I'm so thankful He gives a glimpse of His glory from this shadow land. His Word talks about things like, Jesus preparing a place for us, streets of gold, a river flowing from the throne of God, new heaven, new earth and more. I hope you'll pick up your Bible today. Osmosis may work to a certain degree in gaining an impersonal knowledge of a lot of things, but a growing relationship with the Creator of our universe takes personal contact with the living Word of God. It's the best choice of a book you'll ever make. Then, get out there and do His work! The day is coming when your work will be done.

**I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane**

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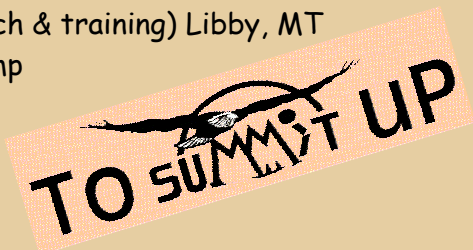


Would and you your family pray with us that more churches would catch a vision for reaching their “Judea” and be a part of encouraging God’s servants here in the Inland Northwest. There are dozens of Pastors serving in small communities who need our encouragement and assistance in reaching the people in their area. Your church could be a part of this dynamic ministry as well. Even if you cannot give financially, you could petition the God of Heaven for us and contact your church leadership as well to consider partnering with ESM.

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

- May 9 or 16—ESM Board Meeting
- June 5-6—Pastor Cory Andersen / Libby Church of God, (Outreach & training) Libby, MT
- June 15-19—Camp ALACCA, Harpster, ID / Teen Apologetics Camp
- June 20-July 4 / Family trip to Minnesota
- July 4-8—Ross Point Bible Camp, Post Falls, ID / Junior Camp
- July 8-10—Pinecroft, Newport, WA / Junior Camp
- July 12-16—Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp / 11-12 year olds Camp
- July 19-23—Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp / 9-10 year olds Camp
- July 26-August 11—Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA / Family Outreach

We are available for pulpit supply even on short notice.



We continue to pray for 10 more churches to PARTNER with us in “Serving God’s Servants.” Would your church consider PARTNERING with us?