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BEGINNING OUR 18TH YEAR

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Meet Our ESM Board/TEAM

Without your prayer, financial support and encouragement, ESM could not exist. God has also given us a great T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) of advisors. Our new board president, Todd Lathan, is our third since our inception in 1996. Dr. George Rodkey was our first president and joined us in a faith adventure to lead our team for over ten years. Dr. and Mrs. Rodkey are in their nineties and still faithful pray for us and encourage us financially.

John McCain served for several years as our second president. John and Cinda needed to move back to Missouri to assist with family health care challenges. We stay in touch and appreciate their insight.

From left to right below: Adrian Stumbaugh, Dennis Whitworth, Cindy Lathan, Todd Lathan, Dick Whipps and Jim Plunkitt. Craig Hinnenkamp, pictured to the right, was not available for the group picture.



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At our September board meeting, the resignation of Vicki Jorgens was reluctantly accepted. Vicki has served with us since the inception of Eagle Summit. She is a faithful friend and encourager. We will miss her servant's heart and insight, but health challenges have forced her to cut back on commitments. She will remain on our advisory team. Thank you, Vicki for serving with us.



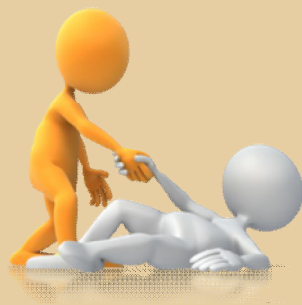
Our newest board member, Dr. Dick Whipps. Dick has been a faithful member and leader at New Hope Bible church for many years. He has also been a friend to us and our dogs. He and his wife, Joann, have encouraged us over the years.



Just for fun, I have introduced Doc to others as my personal physician and then let them know he is a veterinarian, the best. We are very thankful to have Dr. Whipps join our ESM board/TEAM. His heart for the Lord, ministry experience and insight are great assets.



ESM BARNABAS FUND

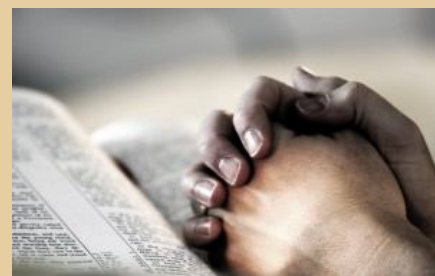


We are well aware that it is vital not only to know and do the will of God, but also to be sensitive to God's timing, to do what God wants at the right time. In a recent conversation with a pastor, I was made aware of the hurt and challenges he and his wife were facing. My immediate thought was to encourage him with a check for \$500 from Eagle Summit. The timing was obviously not what God wanted or funds would have been available.

Our heart is to be able to meet needs like this through our Barnabas Fund. We continue to develop plans to see this account grow and seek the Lord's direction as to how to make others aware of the positive impact and encouragement that this assistance would afford pastors, their families, churches and communities.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH US IN PRAYER . . .

- George II continues being treated for vascular complications. One positive, the infection is under control. He has had to increase the Coumadin medication along with injections. A different specialist and new tests identified three clots in the veins in George's right leg. With the increased medication, the hope is that the existing clots will correct themselves. Laser surgery is being considered. George has to have his blood levels checked once or twice a week. Keep praying for his healing.
- Diane had to make another visit to an urgent care facility (10.26). Despite her best efforts to stay healthy, she has a sinus and lung infection and is on another round of antibiotics and breathing treatments.
- Praise - Elk Community Church has asked Charlie Scott to begin preaching on a regular basis.
- Praise - First Baptist Church, St. Maries, ID has called a new pastor, Dale Harrison. Dale and Nancy began serving at St. Maries in mid October.
- Praise - Lind Community Church has an interim couple with Village Missions serving with them now.





Thoughts from Diane . . . Blaming God



I'd been a part of God's family for about two years. I knew nothing about choosing a church when I had finally found Jesus but I did know enough to pray and ask Him to show me what church I should go to. Through a wonderful friend and the family she lived with I was provided a way to the church I attended. I loved my church I grew in Christ and made new friends. I was shown the importance of reading God's Word every day.



One of the things I'd felt God had shown me was that I had a heart for missions. As I got older one of the greatest privileges I had was to give back a portion of my earnings to missions. I also had small opportunities to participate in missions within my church and also opportunities to travel where there were mission opportunities. One of those occasions was to be a counselor at a junior high camp; I was seventeen years old.

There was a man there who was studying for the ministry. He was in his late twenties and married. I considered him someone I could look up to, respect and trust. He was at the same camp working at the canteen. Not only did he work in that area when it was open he also slept there. It was the last day of camp, everyone was packed up and ready to go. I wanted to go and say goodbye to my friend before I hopped on the bus. I went to the canteen to look for him but I couldn't see him. I poked my head in the room and saw that he was lying down. He said "come here." I never gave it a second thought. Yes, at seventeen I was that naïve. I walked over to say goodbye and tell him I would see him in church the next day. When I got close he grabbed my arm, pulled me down and kissed me. I was sickened and shocked and I ran as fast as I could to the bus. I never told anyone.

Unbelievably, I decided I would go to church the next day. This man actually had written a note, handed it to me and walked away. I read the note. He begged my forgiveness and asked me not to say anything. I don't recall anything else in the note. I ripped it in a thousand pieces and threw it away as though it was poison. I never spoke to him again. I never said anything about what he'd done. I'd heard his name again in my early thirties. I found out from a pastor's wife that he'd committed adultery throughout his marriage with women that were in the churches he pastored. He had died of a major heart attack in his fifties.

No one is immune to an attack from God's enemy. There is no kind of an attack that is omitted from Satan's arsenal. God wants us to be prepared. I hadn't been a very mature Christian at that time but I knew that what that man did had nothing to do with the God of the universe. What he did was evil, my God is perfect. My God saw me through this horrible act. This man was under the control of the evil one. We need to be prepared for any attack throughout our lifetimes. Don't blame God when evil happens. Be prepared through His Word to withstand the attack. God will see you through as He has seen others through, even to the point of death.

Ephesians 6:10-18 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil . . ."

Standing firm! Diane II Corinthians 15:58



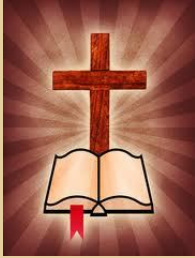
Approaching Need . . . New Laptop Computer

We need wisdom in beginning to look for a new laptop computer and software updates. It is a bit frustrating to have to keep on top of this, but technology changes so rapidly it is next to impossible to stay current. Our present computer has a few glitches and is several years old (to some it is ancient). We do have time to look and make a wise decision regarding this purchase. If the Lord impresses you to help with a financial gift toward this, simply indicate that with your gift and include the word "COMPUTER." Your gift will gratefully be used accordingly.



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Our prayer is that you may have a wonderful Christmas Holiday with family and friends and that your New Year will be filled with opportunities to deepen your relationship with your Creator.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

August 11 & 18—Banks Lake Bible Church, Electric City, WA

August 18—St. Maries Baptist Church, St. Maries, ID (Jim Plunkitt)

Charlie Scott @ St. Maries Baptist and Elk Community Church

August 24 —Elk Community Church, Elk, WA / September 14 —ESM Board Meeting

September 8—Inchelium Community Church, Inchelium, WA / Sunday School Rally/ Morning Service

Lifeline Ministries, Colville, WA (leadership meeting)

September 11—Lifeline Ministries, Colville, WA / September 16—Mending Fences (leadership meeting)

October 6—Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA

October 19— New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Mission's fund raiser

October 21—Mending Fences, Spokane, WA / Leadership Meeting

November 10—Valley Fourth Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Mission's Conference

November 16—ESM board meeting

TO SUMMIT UP



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

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