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"Serving God's Servants"

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**Pray As God Impresses You.
Give As God Enables You.**



We are aware that writing about financial needs and goals carries with the risk of offending and/or annoying some readers. I have a relative who no longer wants our newsletter because, "All you talk about is money." In a perfect world (the new Heaven and Earth) we will not have financial concerns. We could find other ways to "raise funds," but we are truly trusting God to lay it on the hearts of those who know and understand our heart and ministry to help financially support and share in our work. We know everyone who gets this newsletter is not able or inclined to give. We don't expect everyone to give. Frequently, people have commented that they really appreciate our newsletter and pray for us regularly. Often, they are individuals who have never given financially; they are partners with us as well. This is the most effective tool we have to inform you of what we are doing, to share our needs and to inform you of our prayer concerns. We bring our request to the Lord and let you know as well.

We are asking God to allow us to pay off the remaining balance (JUST UNDER \$4,000) on the ESM van by the end of this year. Our van is an important part of what we do. Obviously it is our transportation from ministry opportunity to opportunity. It also serves as our mobile office. We store the ministry tools we use, including video equipment, object lesson supplies, books, Arnold and friends and their stuff, computer and more. (continued on next page)



**As You Bless Us,
We Can Bless Others.
Be A Blessing.**

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Our goal was to have the van paid off by May of this year. That obviously was not God's goal. God is still allowing you the opportunity to share in our ministry and help meet this need. To demonstrate how close we are to our goal, if everyone on our mailing list gave \$10, the balance would be retired. This is a bit of a challenge since last month we did not meet our budget. Summer is typically slow from a giving perspective, but once again, God has met our need with two special financial gifts helping us catch up with our deficit and get a little ahead.

Those who have given over the past seventeen years, share directly in the rewards of our ministry. You may think your gift is too small. We have partners who have faithfully given \$5 or \$10/month for 15 years. \$10/month, over that time period, equals \$1,800. Others have been impressed and able to give \$100/month and varying amounts in between. Do what you can to help reach this goal. If all God directs you to do is pray, get busy. 🙌😊🙌



Partnering With Us In Prayer



✓ THANK YOU for praying for Pastor Gary Ogden, serving at Elk Community Church. Gary is much improved and planning to be back in the pulpit early this month, September. Continue to pray for physical stamina.

✓ Please keep praying for Diane. After her hospital stay in June with pneumonia we visited Valley Hospital emergency once again for yet another round of pneumonia. She finished another round of antibiotics and is currently doing better.

✓ Continue to pray with our board as we seek wisdom for new members and filling leadership positions.

✓ Our son would appreciate your continued prayer. This past Sunday, we almost made another emergency room visit with him because of the intense pain. He took extra medication, fell asleep and the pain subsided. We are still uncertain of the origin or reason for the pain he endures on a regular basis.



An Encouraged Pastor = An Encouraged Church



The Holiday season is fast approaching. Ask the Lord if there is anything special you can do to encourage your Pastor and family. Satan would love to keep your Pastor discouraged. God can use YOU to make certain the enemy is limited in his efforts.

The strength of a man's ministry begins in his home. Unresolved challenges in his marriage will directly affect his ministry in an adverse way. There is no other calling in life where a man's relationship with God and his wife have such a direct impact on his effectiveness.

A friend recently gave my wife and me a night at an area resort. It was refreshing and encouraging. What a wonderful act of kindness. Do what you can to encourage your Pastor and family. The rewards may be eternal.

ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER



Thoughts from Diane . . . "YESTERYEAR"

Yesteryear actually means "last year" or "not too many years ago." So, for the young I'm saying it goes by very quickly and for those seniors like myself it's a memory that may seem so pronounced and life changing that it's still vivid as if it were "yesteryear."

I found Christ when I was 14. I was in Sunday school with excellent teaching in the church God led me to. I was blessed beyond anything I could have imagined or planned for myself. When I reached my final year of High School I was led by the Holy Spirit to start a Bible study there. This wasn't easy for me. I was painfully shy and lacked any kind of background in being a leader. It was then that the first push against Christian young people started in public education. I was required to go to the principle of this very large school and request a room to hold our study. I was given permission and we were under way. It never became a huge gathering and soon there were just two of us. Before the end of the school year even that one girl left and I was alone. What was worse was that she wouldn't even associate with me after that. I was so thankful for my church youth group where I was encouraged to memorize God's Word, work in camp ministry and reach out to others with the Gospel. I graduated and decided God wanted me in Bible College. I recall being astonished when I first arrived on the college campus and who I saw. A very popular cheerleader that attended my school, with whom I'd never even spoken, was there. I had no idea that she was a Christian or that she would end up at Bible College. I will never forget the shock I felt at not even knowing she knew about Jesus. There was nothing that identified her as a follower of Christ.



We learn in II Corinthians 5 that while we live in these bodies we groan and are burdened with the weight our sinful choices. I long for a new body, one that will be forever righteous before God. I get tired of the struggle with sin. Verse 9 says, "So we make it our goal to please Him . . ." I was surprised that there was no indication that the girl from my high school was a believer. One thing of which we can be certain is that God does know. There is judgment to come for those who've turned away from God that leads to Hell. Be-



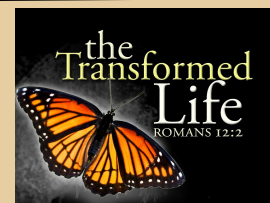
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lievers will be judged by Christ "That each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." I hope your choice is to please Him now, while you still have time.

II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane



CONFORMED OR TRANSFORMED?

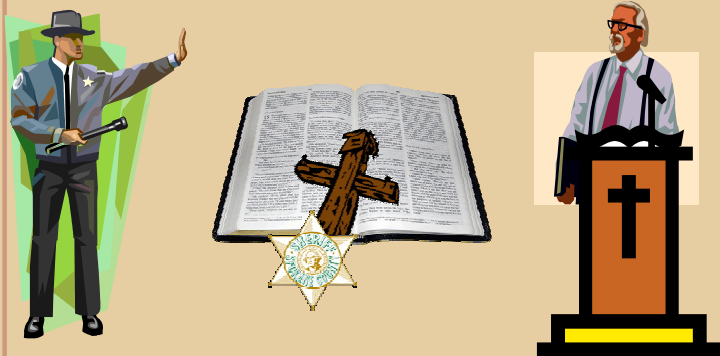


Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." ESV

Paul's challenge is directed to Christians. We are either being **CONFORMED** to the world around us, or we are being **TRANSFORMED** to the image of Christ. That transforming process is empowered by the renewal of our minds. That renewal comes by filling our minds and hearts with the Word

Our Continuing Mission Focuses On:

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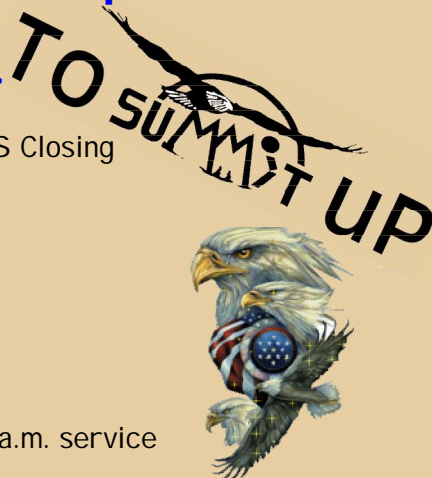
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**Prayerfully Plan to exercise your right and responsibility to VOTE this November.
Only about 30% of registered Christian voters bothered to vote in the last election.**

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

June 28—Pasedena Park Church of the Nazarene, Spokane Valley / VBS Closing
July 12—Sprague Community Church / VBS Closing Program
July 13—ESM Board Meeting
July 16—Mending Fences / Leadership Meeting
July 22—Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA (Dan Churchwell)
August 4—New Hope Center, Ritzville, WA / Day at the Park
August 2/5—Spokane Valley Wesleyan Church / VBS Closing & Sunday a.m. service
Sundays, June - August—Elk Community Church, Elk, WA
September 2—Mending Fences Fellowship (Hippe) / Elk Community Church, Elk, WA (Randy Anderson)



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