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"Serving God's Servants"





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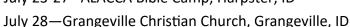
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# Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

May20—Leadership Team, Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA April 21—Outreach @ Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA July 14-18 / 21-24—Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp, Cocolalla, ID July 23-27—ALACCA Bible Camp, Harpster, ID





#### WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY, EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE.

Need a speaker for a creative outreach program, AWANA or Kid's Clubs, Sunday School, Family Camp, Teen or Kid's camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.



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## My HEART Aches for Our America





The nation of Israel was challenged to follow God's directive to see their nation healed from the disease of sin. The first step was to humble themselves, to see God for who He is and to recognize their sinful state. They were then to pray, to seek God and to repent from their sin. It was then that God would hear them, forgive them and bring healing to their nation. We are the solution to the needs of our nation. We are the ones who need to make things right with God to see the consequences of uncensored sin overcome.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

As a nation, we are celebrating our 243<sup>rd</sup> birthday. How long will God tolerate our sins as a nation? What would our founding fathers think? Abortion – 60,000,000 plus innocent voices silenced, 60,000,000 human hearts stopped and we cry out against the Nazi atrocities of WWII. "What about the rights of women?" What about the rights of the little woman that a mother is carrying in her womb? Because that voice is mute, she has no rights? The term "fetus" is often used to deflect the fact that the life being formed is human. "Fetus" is Latin meaning "little one." This is a challenging thought as well, "Isn't it a bit hypocritical to be proabortion after you were born?"

The Psalmist recorded many views in relation to the security of a nation. God's blessing rests on a nation that honors Him and His word. Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!" But what are believers to do when sin seems to rule? Psalm 11:3 "if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 12: 7-8 "You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked, who freely strut about when what is vile is honored . . ." Not only do we see that which is vile forced upon us, but vile acts and lifestyles are honored. Beyond that we are being forced to accept that which is vile as normal. If we aren't accepting, we are the problem. Something has gone dramatically wrong.

Unfortunately, many fathers even in Christian homes have abdicated their responsibilities as godly leader and protector. This has complicated even more our moral decay as a culture. It is a sad commentary that the majority of children are now growing up in an environment where there is no father or the man in the house is not that child's birth father.

If we are but animals, sin is nonexistent. If we are but animals and there is no God, there can be no Holy One to offend. If like lions and tigers and bears survival of the fittest and what's right at the moment rules, there are no limits, no restrictions.

THERE'S AN ENTIRE NEW DICTIONARY - LGBTQ | "An acronym for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans- gender and queer." Recently, there have been even other letters added. Did you notice there is no "H" in this list? "H" for heterosexual is missing. Why? The goal is to change the dictionary definition of "NORMAL." Once again, I ask, "Why?"

Homophobia | "the fear and hatred of or discomfort with people who are attracted to members of the same sex. I am not homophobic." The sin of adultery is just as immoral before a holy God as homosexual acts. The consequences may vary, but it is still wrong. Sexual sin damages hearts, minds, souls and bodies. For those living by a different sexual standard than the biblical design, I hold no animosity, I do not fear that person; I do not hate. My heart aches for those who have blinded themselves to the consequences and the habitual enslavement of sin.

People have been forced to respond to one democratic openly gay presidential candi-date publically kissing his "husband." Why? What is the intent? Are we expected to ignore the clear teaching of scripture and tolerate that which God says is intolerable? Has any candidate run for office as an openly heterosexual presidential candidate? Since when has sexual preference been a qualification for public office?

#### MY HEART ACHES FOR AMERICA.

Some declare, "Don't legislate what I do in my bedroom." Then don't open the doors, throw up the shades, open the bedroom windows and shout, "Watch us!" Don't tell others what's done in private. Not only are some announce what they do, but they expect others to believe their aberrant behavior is normal, healthy and perfectly natural. Why am I being forced to agree with standards that I see as morally unacceptable? My heart aches for America.

Why is a "drag queen" reading stories to children at Spokane Public Library? Maybe the children involved will remain innocent enough to never understand the truth behind a confused soul. After this event, one person's response to the library board was, "You have declared war on Christians and we are declaring war on you!" Our response should be to get on our knees before God and confess our own sin of neglect of God's word, our sin of misplaced values and our sin of failure to clearly communicate the truth of the Gospel message. We are the problem. We as Christians have allowed sin to blind us to the real enemy, Satan. Paul's challenge in Ephesians 4:15 to "speak the truth in love" ought to be our model, not hatred, not war against a person or a group, but war against the real enemy, Satan. The power of the truth of God's word can overcome any sin. Are we utilizing that power?

#### DO OUR HEARTS ACHE FOR AMERICA?



PLEASE KEEP DIANE IN YOUR PRAYERS. SIMPLE TASKS LIKE TAKING A SHOWER HAVE BECOME MAJOR EVENTS. GETTING TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT IS AN INCREASING CHALLENGE. THE NEW MEDICATION IS DESIGNED ONLY TO KEEP THE BACTERIAL INFECTION IN HER LUNGS SUPPRESSED. 4 HOURS OF DAILY TREATMENTS CONTINUE AT HOME JUST TO BREATH. WE ARE LEARNING MORE AND MORE THAT HIS GRACE IS SUFFICEINT AND THAT EACH BREATH IS ONE BREATH CLOSER TO HEAVEN.

WE CONTINUE TO RELY ON HIS GRACE, HIS STRENGTH AND YOUR PRAYERS.



## Thoughts From Diane . . . RECKLESS ABANDON

I was outside playing when I was about nine. I've talked about my tree climbing but I'm remembering now the last time I climbed one. I don't remember anyone being with me at the time but there I was, looking up and thinking here was the highest tree of them all and I decided to go for it. So I started to shimmy up until I had a good branch. I climbed higher and higher until I realized the limb I



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was on started to blow back and forth. I looked down and then I started to hesitate. I realized I'd made a big mistake. I was scared, that I remember. I was able to climb down. I never climbed another tree.



When I was in sixth grade we lived at the lake and I enjoyed going to the beach and swimming. My brothers and I would go together. We all enjoyed the summer and back then, as I've said before, we lived in a cabin that wasn't meant to be lived in all year long. We were poor and swimming was free. We all would go out as far as possible. We could feel the fish on our legs and the weeds on the bottom. One day I felt what I thought was a very large fish. Then a boy, older than I, popped up beside me. Somehow I

got his address. I do believe I had my first crush. I'm not sure how often I saw him again but I remember writing him a letter. It was foolish on my part because I really didn't know him and I had no clue about his background. I was naïve. However, I never heard from him again. I looked back on that time when I was older and realized how foolish I was and thankful that I never heard from him again. We do stupid things as kids. Those of us who are still alive and tell our stories to each other may laugh, gasp or just look in horror at the person sharing them.

When I was a teenager Jesus found me. My search to find peace was over. I was on a new path of freedom in Christ. I had a lot to learn about who God is and I loved learning about Him. There's another part of the learning experience. There's the insidious part that took me a lot longer to recognize. I should have grown up in Christ a lot more quickly than I did.

Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devils schemes." It goes on to say our battle is not against flesh and blood. Paul the apostle tells us that there are evil forces that constantly battle against us. The evil in this world knows no restraint. The older I get the more I realize this. This evil one, the devil, rages against us until the day we go to Heaven. God has so graciously left us His very Words. We don't need to feel alone. If you take the opportunity to read Ephesians 6:10-18 you'll see how you and I should start every day. My relationship with Jesus began in 1963. In September of this year it will be 56 years. There is no wealth on earth that compares to the riches of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our personal knowledge should be an ongoing process throughout our lives. We live in an evil world and it's becoming more and more apparent. We're a nation that has chosen to forget who God is and how He has always been an ever present Creator in our history. That's a deliberate choice by each individual. It's hard to believe how many have chosen to cut God out of their hearts and minds. If you're a believer, don't wait until tomorrow to know God more. If you don't know the God of the Bible, He's waiting for you right now. Standing Firm, I Corinthians 15:58, Diane



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