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## ESM 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 8TH 2016



It may seem a bit early to make plans for the fall, but with busy lives and how quickly calendars fill up, we are letting you know well in advance of a special celebration in the planning stage. If you are in the Spokane area, we would love to have you join us on Saturday, October 8, 2016 to celebrate 20 years of serving pastors and church leaders in the Inland Northwest. In the fall of 1996, we followed the Lord's leading and began a ministry that God had prepared us for during the previous twenty-five years.

Our board and friends will be hosting this event at New Hope Bible Church located at Mission and Argonne Road in the Spokane Valley from 1:00 -3:00 in the afternoon. We will be have a time of fellowship with refreshments and a short program including a slide presentation that Arnold and Fernando are planning. I never know what they will be up to. We will be sharing plans for the future and how you can continue to pray for us and partner with us. This will also be a time for us to say, "THANK YOU" as well.

Even if you cannot attend for the entire time, join us for refreshments and leave as your schedule demands. In addition, this will be an opportunity to meet our ESM board members and others who have been such an encouragement to us over the years and made this ministry possible. This will also be a time to fellowship with friends you may not have seen in awhile.

We are asking the Lord for ten more years of service and for at least one other man with the same heart to serve with us. When God has determined that an old Hippe needs to be replaced, it would be encouraging to have someone ready to step in and continue to serve as

needed to meet the needs of small and rural churches.

Nearly fifty years ago, I told Diane, even before we were married, that I would never "retire." I am down to only two jobs at the moment and would love to devote full time to Eagle Summit, but the place where God has us at this time is just the right place. I am still driving school bus and will continue that in the fall as God directs. Diane has been able to officially retire from driving bus and we are praying that this will help her health to improve. We love to serve and plan to continue as God gives us strength and passion. "And let us not grow weary of doing good for in due season, we will reap if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9



## Another of God's Faithful Saints Enters Heaven

Roy Nyholm recently completed his 100 year journey here on earth and entered eternity to receive his Heavenly reward. Roy and Marie Nyholm are wonderful examples of faithfulness and godliness. They are modern day Hebrews 11 models. They were also encouragers to our ministry through faithful prayer and financial support. As we think back over the past twenty years, we are reminded of the many encouragers who have already gone on before us. We could list at least 60 family and friends who are now in Heaven.



The ache of our hearts involves a simple question. Who will take their place? Who will take their place in prayer and financial support? Who will take the place of a Pastor Tom Starr, a Wilma Swanson, a Grace and Bob Trescott, a Cliff Taylor, a Dorothy Sears, a Ray Eberle and many of the other faithful ones who partnered with us and have now entered Heaven? With an aging encouragement base, it would be easy to have concern about the future blanket of prayer and the financial health of this ministry, but we continue to trust the Lord as we have for the previous twenty years.

As YOU read this article, one practical thing YOU can do is to take a moment and pray for God to continue to use us, to bless us as we strive to serve God's servants and that our ministry will continue to faithfully carry out God's will to meet the needs of His people. Other changes and challenges also include pastors who have changed ministries and others who have gone on to Heaven. These changes and challenges involve a fresh start with relationships and takes time to develop confidence and trust. We need YOU. We need your continued partnership with us in prayer and as God enables and impresses you to give of your finances. Above all, keep us on your prayer list whether that list is on paper or in your heart and mind.

## Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD . . . "Is America a "Christian" Nation?"

Our nation was founded on principles drawn directly from Scripture. Our founding fathers were clearly aware of the reality of their Creator and the eternal merit of the Bible. They depended upon the wisdom of God to even put pen to paper to document our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It seems that the leadership of our nation has forgotten, ignored and even attempted to change and recolor our nation's history.

When is the last time you heard a politician ask, "God, what do you want us to do?" 70% of Americans say they are Christians. Other Christian leaders have stated it is more likely that only 10% of Americans are actually born again believers. The majority of those who claim to be Christians don't believe in absolute truth, they don't believe that the Bible is the inerrant word of God nor that Jesus was really the sinless son of God. Most believe that there cannot possibly be only one way to Heaven.



If the average American really has no idea what the word "Christian" involves, how can we expect our politicians to be any different. It seems that along with a new definition of "normal" and "toleration" and "gay," we have a new and more enlightened definition of the term "Christian." If terms can be confused and blurred, they mean little or nothing. How can an individual who claims to be a "Christian" see nothing wrong with so much of what we are forced to tolerate in our culture today, even the execution of a preborn child? Just because a leader uses his pen and his phone to in act laws does not make those decisions right in the eyes of God. You decide, is America a Christian nation?



## Thoughts from Diane . . . *SHAKEN*



Sometimes the mind acts like a camera. There are clear and colorful images that never go away. When I came to understand my sinfulness and God led me to forgiveness, my love changed into something that I can only say was God given. The kind of love He showed to me was greater than anything I'd ever known. I came to realize that my family needed Christ.

I loved my brothers and I still do. Right now I'm thinking back to when I was fifteen years old. My older brother Bobby was in a horrible car accident. All three boys in the car were killed. It was winter, icy and they had been driving at very high speeds and ended up crashing into a bridge abutment. Their deaths were horrific and instant. There are many memories of that time and one came to mind recently. I was packed into a huge black car with my family at the end of the service. We were on our way to the cemetery. I was in utter despair and my newfound faith was being tested in the hardest of circumstances. I was by the window that was facing the side of the church. While looking out the window, there was my youth pastor and mission's pastor, just standing and our eyes locked. There are no words to express how those men of God were so much more than an encouragement to me. They were sent from God for a moment in time that I will never forget.

Proverbs 10:25 "When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever." Yes, I was shaken by a storm, however God sent two men to hold me up and helped me to stand firm in my faith. It was a remarkable fraction of a second. There were still moments of despair, still huge obstacles to push through and awful grief. I want to be clear that life brings these moments to pass. As I've read Ecclesiastes recently it's obvious that it's all a part of life and life is hard at times. Ecclesiastes 7:2 says "...for death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart."

There will be many storms in this life. It reminded me of fairly contemporary hymn. I'll write a few words from the chorus:

"Till the storm passes over, till the thunder sounds no more; till the clouds roll forever from the sky, hold me fast, let me stand, in the hollow of Thy hand; keep me safe till the storm passes by." He has kept me safe and will until the day I go to live with Jesus forever.



**II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm with HOPE, Diane**

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US

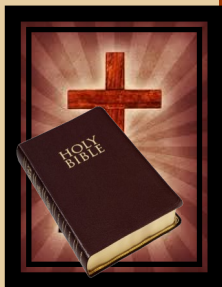
- ✓ Continue to pray for our friend and former ESM board president, John McCain, as he continues to recover from heart surgery and for his wife, Cinda, as they face new challenges ahead.
- ✓ Continue to pray for our friend in ministry, Jerry Sponseller as he faces major life changes and health challenges and loneliness. Pray that God's Shalom will fill Jerry's life.
- ✓ Pray for LaRae Damschen as she seeks God direction in finding a new home. Her house in the 7 Bays area sold, but there is still a property she needs to sell as well. At this time her health is stable, however, she still faces daily challenges. She too has times when the loneliness is nearly unbearable.
- ✓ Please continue to pray for Diane's health. She just finished another round of antibiotics and is officially retired from school bus driving. Fighting another round of pneumonia, she was unable to finish the last three days of the school year. We are praying that rest will allow her to regain her strength and that she will be able to fight any new infection that may arise.





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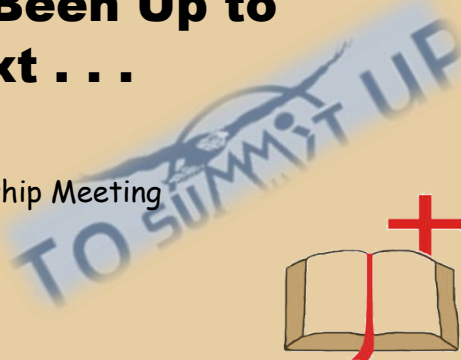


### PRAY AND VOTE

Has there ever been a more confusing time in our nation? Something as simple and universally accepted as male and female bathroom and shower room uses has now been added to the absurd list of confusion and division. There seems to be a purposeful plan to create confusion and division in our nation. One thing is for certain, "God is **NOT** the author of confusion." I Corinthians 14:33

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

April 24—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley  
June 4—ESM Board Meeting  
June 20/July 18—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA / Leadership Meeting  
May 3—AWANA Club—New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA  
July 10-15—Pinecroft Bible Camp / Jr High, Newport, WA  
August 7 & 14—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA  
September 10—ESM Board Meeting  
October 8—ESM 20th Anniversary Celebration, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA



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

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