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## Eagle Summit Ministry

CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING  
small and rural churches  
and their pastors.  
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preaching, teaching & training



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### In These Uncertain Times . . .



What do we do? With economic uncertainty, the possibility of global financial chaos, loss of employment, unpredictable health, retirement accounts devastated, consumer confidence at an all time low, political controversy and family challenges, how are we to deal with all the insecurity? The answer lies in complete trust of a sovereign God. I tend to not like that because that means that I am really not in charge. That thought can be severely humbling. That thought can cripple pride. That's the point, I think. Aren't we supposed to humble ourselves before our Creator? "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4:10

It just may be that God is getting our attention by taking away that which we value most, our security. Is our security in Him or our bank account? Could it be that God is prodding us to ask this question? The things we value most may be that which keeps us from deepening our relationship with God. Is knowing God more a magnificent obsession, a passion, or is it just a sometimes thought? "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10

#### **"Attempt Things So Impossible That Unless God Is In Them, They Are Doomed To Failure."**

Like Abraham of old, are we willing to leave our comfortable surroundings and to strike out onto unknown roads to see how God will use us to reach a generation who has not needed Him? What are we willing to give up for God to use us? The challenges of ministry are great. As a family, we have faced financial uncertainty for most of our lives and without doubt over the past thirteen years serving with Eagle



Summit. So have many of the Pastor friends with whom we serve. I know of one Pastor we work with who did not receive a salary for six months. Our confidence must be in God alone and not the schemes of man or his government.

"What we need very badly these days is a company of Christians who are prepared to trust God as completely now as they know they must do at the last day. For each of us the time is coming when we shall have nothing but God. Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will be swept away and we shall have only God. To the man of pseudo faith that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain." A.W. Tozer, "Root of the Righteous"

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## PRAYING & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



- We continue to save and wait for God's clear direction for a newer ministry vehicle.
- We are currently behind \$800 in our 2009 budget.
- We would like to increase our Barnabas Fund to assist those in ministry with needs.
- Funds for a part-time staff partner
- Funds for new DVD teaching series to share with churches

We would like to purchase this set for teaching purposes: The Tabernacle Furniture Set—\$249

## For Our Pastor Friends You Might Be A Preacher If . . .

(most of these are from More Holy Humor by Cal & Rose Samra)

- You hesitate to tell people what you do for a living.
- You've ever dreamed you were preaching only to awaken and discover you were.
- You've ever wondered why people couldn't die at a more convenient time.
- You find yourself counting people at a sporting event.
- A church picnic is no picnic.
- You've ever spoken for free and were worth every penny of it.
- You'd preach for food and it looks like you've preached a lot.
- People sleep while you are talking.
- You feel guilty when you go fishing. If you find yourself "in this boat," name your fishing craft "VISITATION." It sounds much more spiritual to say "Pastor's out on "VISITATION" than, "He's gone fishing."
- Instead of being "ticked off," you are "grieved in your spirit."
- You've ever been tempted to take an offering at a community meeting or a family reunion.
- You'd rather talk to people with every head bowed and every eye closed.
- You know that you are not part of an "organized religion."
- You've ever wanted to lay hands on a deacon's neck.



## Visiting Supporting Churches



We have spent the past six weeks visiting a number of supporting churches here in the Spokane area and as far north as Kettle Falls. These churches who have a heart for others have been a vital part of our ministry TEAM. Some are able to support us regularly on a financial basis, while others are often unable to even support their Pastor. Without your prayer and encouragement and financial support of those God enables, the dream of our ministry would be impossible to see fulfilled. It is amazing how God uses many giving of the little they have been given to accomplish His will through the ministry of ESM.

I am constantly reminded of what a privilege that we as mere human beings can be part of the plan of our Creator. Help us continue to "Serve God's Servants."

We claim the follow passage of encouragement:

Galatians 6:9-10

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."





## The Blessing & The Curse of The Internet Internet Accountability

Pornography is one of the most insidious attacks of the enemy against our culture and against the church of Jesus Christ. The attack is pervasive—it comes to men and women, including pastors. With the potential video input of movies, DVD's, TV and the internet, it is easy to fall into the trap of pornography. Without God's help, it is impossible to escape from this trap. The enemy seeks to destroy our effectiveness and power. There is a definite correlation between spiritual power and purity. Any spiritual leader who refuses to be accountable is setting himself up for defeat, heartache and ineffectiveness. We need each other.



STEPS TO OVERCOME AN ADDICTION/RECURRING PROBLEM:

1. Seek prayer and help from God.
2. Maintain mutual accountability with another Christian.
3. Replace the sinful habit/action with something good and godly.



As Paul challenges us in Ephesians 4, we are to put off the old man and put on the new. We are to stop sinning and replace that sinful act with something good and godly. We must see the habit, action or thought pattern as wrong, sinful and destructive. We must be painfully honest with ourselves. Then we must stop that action. Merely stopping the action is not enough. The sinful action must be replaced with something good, godly, positive and constructive.

HERE ARE SOME WEB SITES TO VISIT FOR HELP IN THIS CHALLENGING AREA:

[www.integrity.com](http://www.integrity.com) / [www.x3watch.com](http://www.x3watch.com) / [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com).

## Thoughts from Diane . . . A New Name

“. . . And will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.” Revelation 2:17

When I was a child I heard a lot of conversation I didn't understand. My father came from a family of German/Irish immigrants. He would speak about people called Jews. The denigrating words he used have stayed with me all of my life. At the time I had no idea why these people caused him so much anger and hate. I heard it and I walked away and I remembered. I came to know Jesus, to realize who Jesus was and that He died for my sins and learned that He was Jewish. I must say that God put a love for Jewish people in my heart from the beginning of my relationship with Him. I know it was a supernatural love, much different from what I had picked up in conversation.

Just this past month, I heard a conversation between teenagers that shook me to my core. What were the words? Here they are, “Dirty Jews.” I'm aware of current events in the Middle-east. I'm not naïve. I've seen and heard the slurs and hatred reported in the news. I never thought I'd hear it so up close. It made me sick to my stomach. Our soldiers have fought and died for the freedom of the Jewish nation. America continues to support Israel's right to exist. Yet these chosen people of God are still hated. I'd like to believe these boys really don't understand the underlying root of their bitter words.

Christians are sometimes guilty of these ingrained and buried sentiments as well. Perhaps not against Jews but toward other people. I have spoken to believers, both babes in Christ and senior saints, about how easily they defame others for their heritage, their hair color their lack of education or where they live. The spirit of antichrist is alive in our world. We all need to examine our hearts and our own motives. Are we here to serve others and to share the good news or to look down our noses at others?

Someday, we will all receive a new name from Jesus if He is our Savior. I love the King James Version of this verse I started with. I sat back and considered not too long ago what this stone might look like and about my new name inside of it. To be rid of the sinfulness of this world, to receive a new body and a new name is cause for a deeply embedded hope. However, for as long as God in His mercy will allow us the opportunity to be a shining light for His glory, let's use our time and words wisely. Whether Jew or Gentile, as believers, we will all stand together as one in Christ claiming that name which is above all names as the reason for our life eternal - JESUS.

I Corinthians 15:56 Standing Firm, Diane





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**April 21-23, 2009**



**NOTICE CHANGE OF LOCATION**

Pastors, mark your calendar for the spring STEPS Conference,  
 at Valley Fourth Memorial Church, 2303 S. Bowdish Road, Spokane Valley, WA  
 Contact: Phone # 541.934.2691 Email: [stepsministry@wvi.com](mailto:stepsministry@wvi.com)  
 Or contact us at EAGLE SUMMIT and we will forward details to you

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

- January 11—Opportunity Baptist, Spokane Valley, WA
  - January 18— Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA
  - January 25—Elk Community Church
  - February 8—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA
  - February 14—Elk Community Church, Elk, WA
  - February 22—Community Bible Fellowship, Kettle Falls, WA
  - March 21—ESM Board Meeting
  - May 1-2—Pastor Cory Andersen, (Outreach & training) Libby, MT
- Summer Plans include speaking at Camp Alacca and two weeks at Camp Cocolalla. We will be at Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA once again as well, calendar dates to follow in our next newsletter.  
 We are available for pulpit supply even on short notice.



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