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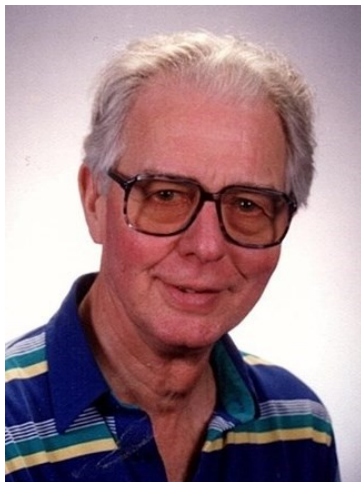
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## IN MEMORIAM \* DICK SHANKS



At the age of 95, our friend, Richard (Dick) Shanks entered Heaven on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. I was able to spend a few minutes with Dick the afternoon before he entered eternity. Dick and his wife, Lil, have been wonderful friends to all of us at Eagle Summit. It is because of Dick's generosity and love for the Lord that you have been able to read about our ministry through this newsletter for the past ten years. He allowed us to print our ESM News without charge. He joked with me at our afternoon meeting and said that going to Heaven was the only way he could get out of having me come over to print our newsletter every two months.

Dick was the founder and lay minister for Able Ministries sharing the Gospel in five African nations. Through national workers, Good News Centers were set up. Only eternity will tell the positive impact Dick has had on God's kingdom. We will miss Dick's heart for the Lord, his kind spirit, his pranks and his encouragement. Dick also constantly prayed for us. He asked every time we spoke how Diane was doing and to let her know he was praying for her. Even as we spoke for the last time, he asked how Diane was doing. **Maybe God will use you to fill his place praying for us.**

Dick had the heart of an evangelist and was always looking for creative ways to communicate the Gospel. I remember the booth he set up at the Spokane County Fair for many years where folks were asked Two Question about whether or not they were going to Heaven. We have some of the Grandma's Cookies packets he made up with Salvation tracts he wrote and printed. Dick's passing is but another reminder that we all are but a breath away from eternity.

If you knew Dick and would like to remember him in a tangible way, in lieu of flowers, send a donation to Able Ministries, 312 N Mullan Road, Spokane Valley 99206.

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come to pass: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 15:54-56



Dick also served as a Navy pilot in WWII.



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*“Contend earnestly for the faith handed down once for all to the saints.” – Jude 3*

### AS GOD’S SERVANT, ARE YOU AS PREPARED AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE?

Pastors and lay leaders, here is a new opportunity, in the Spokane Valley, to further your training become more effective in ministry. Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA is housing and sponsoring NICS. In speaking with the men involved, their goal is to provide practical training for pastors and lay leaders that will enhance current ministry. They are working on creative ways to make this fit into busy schedules with biblical instruction that can be implemented immediately in ministry.

Teachers at NICS are involved in ministry, understand the challenges of schedules and ministry responsibilities and are committed to the truth of Scripture. This may be just the training you need. Laymen, let your pastor and church leaders know about this opportunity. Pastors, let others know about this as well. This may be the door God has opened for you to be more effective in earnestly contending for the faith.

Classes are designed for those already engaged in full time vocational ministry or employed lay leaders. Evening classes and \$150/course fee reflect the desire to provide quality training at a minimum cost. Programs are being developed from the ground up *by* local saints, *for* local saints. As a practical ongoing benefit, NICS has committed to remaining a resource and support for their students.

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Imagine the eternal impact that could be made if we replaced the love of power in our churches with the power of God’s love.

**Philippians 4:6-7; 11-13** **DO NOT BE ANXIOUS** about any thing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to **BE CONTENT** whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of **BEING CONTENT** in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

**CONTENTMENT** is not the fulfillment of what I want, but the realization of what I have.

## PRAISE & PRAYER

- ✓ Pray for Lil Shanks and family members as they grieve the passing of Dick and the reality of his absence sets in. We greatly miss Dick.
- ✓ Diane had a pic-line removed after three weeks of IV antibiotics administered twice a day. The latest culture was negative. The bacteria had colonized. Oral antibiotics were ineffective. Thankfully, she has no current symptoms of a lung infection. Her asthma and general fatigue continue to be frustrating challenges. Thank you so much for your continued prayer and notes of encouragement,
- ✓ Continue to pray for our son, George II (G2), with ongoing health challenges.
- ✓ Pray with us for new churches to consider partnering with ESM and for a “Timothy.”
- ✓ Pray for ongoing strength and effectiveness in ministry and safety as we travel.



## Thoughts from Diane . . . Made to work

When I was young there wasn't a lot my Mother would let me do in the house. She didn't want me to even help her to cook. When I was a little older I'd hoped she would teach me to bake. She didn't want me to do that either. One thing she'd let us kids do was to wash the dishes. I was the designated washer and a different brother every night was supposed to dry them. Somehow, my brothers managed to irritate me to the point where I'd not so nicely tell them to get lost.



My brothers and I came from a very poor background. We didn't have much in a worldly sense. We didn't have nice clothes or a nice house. We didn't have a Dad who cared to provide for my Mother or us children. In fact, he was the reason that all of us kids wanted out of the house as soon as we could. In order to leave, we all knew we had to work and work hard to support whatever direction we took. My choice was to get a job and head on to Pillsbury Bible College. I loved working. I've actually always loved manual labor.

When we were in San Francisco another thing I loved doing was working in the church kitchen. It was really the domain of Etta and her sister. They were older, single ladies but Etta let me invade their space and we became good friends. There I was, back at a sink washing dishes again. I loved helping! As a matter of fact, I've always found satisfaction in completing any job, especially related to the church or my home.

I'm retired now. Due to health issues, I've had to completely change direction as far as my plan for retirement was concerned. I've always loved older people. Some of my best friends when I was a teenager were older women at my church. My plan was to be able to use my retirement years to drive my car to help older people who were sick or could no longer drive. I planned to take them shopping or to doctor appointments. It seems that God has had other plans for me. Serving that way had been on my heart for so long it's been hard to understand just what it is God wants for me. I've had some discouraging moments. Yet, I know God's plan is perfect.

Acts 4:31 "After they prayed (Peter and John), the place where they were meeting was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Wouldn't it be something to have God in the person of the Holy Spirit so in control of your life that the place where you prayed was shaken? Peter and John weren't perfect. They were redeemed and living in obedience to God. So, for this time in my life, being at home almost every day, God still has a work to do in me. I study more than I ever have, which is hard for me. I can also pray and there are so many people that need prayer. It always seems when I seek to study God's word and pray there are so many interruptions. I'm



sure that's happened to you as well. It would be wonderful if I had the opportunity to fulfill my plan, but I'd rather be content to live in God's will. I pray that you are living in that kind of contentment also.

**"Stand firm . . . let nothing move you . . . give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."**

**I Corinthians 15:58**

**Standing Firm, Diane**

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# “Serving God’s Servants”



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What you **BELIEVE** affects everything you **DO**.

Do you **BELIEVE** it is possible to have a personal relationship with God?

What difference does this **BELIEF** make in your daily life?

Do others **KNOW** you have a relationship with the Creator of the universe?



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

March 3— ESM Board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA

March 25—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA

April 1—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA, Easter Sunday Neighborhood Outreach

April 8—New Creation Fellowship, Blanchard, ID

April 9—Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA, AWANA Club

April 15—Opportunity Baptist Church, Spokane Valley, WA (pm service)

April 16/May 21—Mending Fences Fellowship leadership team, Spokane, WA

June 4—ESM board Meeting

Contentment  
is an attitude  
that says, "I  
will be  
satisfied with  
what God has  
given me."



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