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I Believe...



"Become What You Believe."

Matt 9

When two blind followers of Jesus asked for mercy and the ability to see, he asked them if they believed he could provide for their needs. They assured him they did and as he touched their eyes and their hearts he told them to "become what they believed". Believing that Jesus is my savior who gives mercy and a new vision for living is one thing. Living those beliefs is quite another. This year our Adult Ministry Team will be encouraging those who follow Jesus to stay close, pay attention to who Jesus is and what he says - and then to 'become what you believe.' To that end our classes this fall will be exploring both who Jesus is, what Jesus says and how our lives are impacted by our belief in Jesus.

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

September 16 — 9:45am

Join us in the Fellowship Hall and Gym for coffee, fruit and MOPS scones - and a chance to hear more about upcoming classes for all ages. In addition you can peruse and purchase new books for individual or small group use. Enjoy an opportunity to connect with others as well as focus on fall opportunities to grow. Parents of 2 year olds – 6th graders will be dismissed from this gathering to the Quad to learn more about Children's Ministry plans for this year.

Sunday Morning Classes

Beginning September 23 — 9:45am

Christians in a World of Violence

Dr. John Yoder, Fireside Room

In the face of overwhelming daily acts of violence and hatred – here and around the world, how do we as Christians respond? Can we? Is there one right *Christian response* to violence? What does it mean to 'do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God'? And how is it possible to love and care for the poor, the needy, the oppressed and the forgotten when the statistics are so overwhelming? Join Dr. John Yoder, professor of Political Science at Whitworth University, as he explores the nature of violence, violence as reflected in the Old and New Testaments, and a number of current issues as well. Dr. Yoder's areas of specialty at Whitworth are African politics, conflict resolution and political philosophy. While there are no easy ways to address the ongoing violence in our world, the question remains, is there anything we can do today that will help us **become what we believe?**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Spokane Family,

Thank you for the wonderful send-off!

The prayers and blessing given by those at the all church retreat touched our hearts and demonstrated the depth of Christ's love within this body. During my last Sunday sermon I felt your support and affirmation of my ministry in worship and through the celebration that followed. Your gracious hospitality and warmth, from the table gathering, the food, and from everyone who helped, made the morning so memorable. Rose and I were very touched by the many stories shared, the hugs and the tears, and the lovely cards and notes which we read as we drove eastward. The overwhelming generosity of your gifts will be used for family visits in the coming year. We both felt the "tug" of hard goodbyes and we thank so many of you that expressed excitement for us as we follow God's call for us in life and ministry.

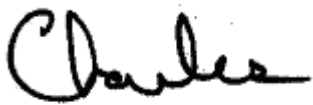
We look forward to future visitors, emails and other opportunities to stay connected.

*Our new address is: 2913 W Oak St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105*

Charles' email is: wtforg@aol.com

I am excited for what God continues to do at FPC Spokane. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor.

In Christ's love,



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The Letter to Jewish Christians

Bruce Gore, Sanctuary Class

"Take a good hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe, faithful in everything God gave him to do." So begins the third chapter of Hebrews. The writer of this letter to Jewish Christians reminds all believers that our main and central task is to live in responsive obedience to God's action revealed in Jesus. And our attempts to be religious often get in the way of what God wants to do in us and through us. Eugene Peterson says Hebrews is the antidote for "Jesus-and" Christians: Jesus-and politics; Jesus-and education; Jesus-and Buddha; Jesus-and self-help... Join Bruce Gore as he skillfully unwraps this powerful letter and helps focus our attention once again on God's action in Jesus, which can free us up and empower us to serve God loyally - **to become what we believe.**

FIRST COVENANT CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

I Believe: *Questions and Answers about Jesus Christ*

Grant Erickson, Paige Numata & YC Team,
West Balcony Room

From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem we see a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform our lives and stretch our faith. What do you believe about Jesus and how do your beliefs shape the way you live your life? In scriptural sketches of Jesus we recognize that no one who ever meets him stays the same. If that's true, then how has my belief in Jesus changed the way I live my life, raise my children, do my job, help others???? Join this group of young adults as they seek to answer again, Jesus' question to all of his disciples: *Who do you say that I am?* Our answer to this question can set us on a course to **become what we believe.** Join us upstairs for coffee, conversation and a good hard look at Jesus.

Small Group Resources

According to the experts, small group learning is an excellent way to take in new information and change one's behavior. Small group members can interact with new materials as a group – studying, going deeper into the material, praying and holding one another accountable for learning and for changing... In other words... small groups can help us "become what we believe."

If you would like to participate in a small group, please contact Brenda Norton at x220. If you are already in a group, here are some current book suggestions:

Discipleship: *Listed are two books which bring clarity to the core beliefs of the Christian faith and then challenge us to 'live what we believe'.*

I Believe: Exploring the Apostles' Creed, by Alister McGrath. How can I know the most important elements of the Christian faith? How can I know what issues are really at the core of the Christian faith? In this brief book McGrath introduces the reader to the essential truths about God the Father, the person and work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. This six week study comes with end-of-chapter group questions.

The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God's Call to Justice, by Mark Labberton. If you think this is a book only for those who lead worship, think again. Mark Labberton, senior pastor at FPC Berkley California, defines worship not in the limited context of a weekly gathering but as **the continuous practice of how people live in response to their beliefs.** This book is meant not only to provide food for thought but to spur followers of Jesus Christ into action. Will it make you squirm? Probably. Is it hard to read? No, it's easy to read – and engaging. It's hard to live. This is a great book to read with other Christians both for purposes of discussion and accountability. Beware! It could be life changing! Discussion questions at back of book.

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Soul Care: *Do you find yourself worn out or simply longing for more – for significance, for love, for a way of life that works, for a deeper relationship with Christ? Ruth Haley Barton has written an excellent book designed for individual or group use. Questions and other resources are included.*

Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation, will help you believe that there is more to life than what most of us are living and we don't need to push harder and work longer to get there. We do need to make space for God and learn to listen and practice. Comments from others: *"Our small group is enjoying this experience together." "I can't put it down."*

Bible Studies: *The following books guide groups in the study of scripture through either a theme or a book of the bible by providing manageable weekly reading assignments, personal reflection suggestions and questions for group discussion. They are especially helpful for groups who are sharing leadership responsibilities. We currently have a few copies of each of these books available for sale at the church.*

An Ordinary Day with Jesus, by John Ortberg and Ruth Haley Barton. *"Christ entered our broken world to give us life in all its fullness. Not just in pinnacle experiences, but in every situation, every relationship, every activity. As you learn to recognize and welcome Christ's presence into every moment, ordinary days become filled with a tangible sense of God's presence. Suddenly, you are experiencing all of life with God."*(8 sessions)

Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life, by Ortberg, Pederson and Poling. *"These studies in GRACE will help you make the connection between grace as a remote biblical concept and grace as a lifestyle—a reality you experience day in, day out."*Based on Psalm 23. (7 sessions)

Learning to Love God, by Richard Peace. *"God is alive and personal, but He is also a spirit. So having a relationship with God is different than having a relationship with any other person. This study will help you discover how you can grow and nurture your relationship with the living God."*It also provides some additional resources for leadership of small groups in general and for leading each study. If you like this one there's a whole series to run with. (7 sessions)

Psalms: Prayers of the Heart, by Eugene Peterson. *"The Psalms show us how to relate to God as we pray our doubt, fears and anger. They show us how to respond to God in praise. Here we find the best place to explore who we are and what God means to us."*(12 sessions)

Life Lessons with Max Lucado: Book of Acts. Walk through the story of Acts with the aid of inspirational words by Max Lucado and prompts that encourage you to explore what's going in the story, relate it to your life personally and discuss how to respond with others. (12 sessions)

Couples Groups: *Here are two new resources for couples groups from the Real Life Stuff for Couples Series:*

Competing Demands: Dancing the Tango in an Earthquake

Between taking care of kids, climbing the corporate ladder, and paying the bills, you know you would like to have a fulfilling marriage. It was supposed to just sort of happen, but everything else takes up so much time and energy! Why not take back some of that time to focus on your marriage? *"Dancing the Tango in an Earthquake"* features relevant passages from scripture, literary and cultural insights, and conversation starters to provoke profound discussion. Together with your spouse or a couple's small group, read excerpts about seven major marriage distractions and how you can prevent them from clouding your view of the ultimate prize: a marriage that works.

Running a Three-legged Race Across Time

First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes...hard work? The eight lessons of *"Running A Three legged Race Across Time"* feature literary and cultural insights, conversation starters, and key passages from the Message. Each chapter is an open, free-flowing discussion about a tricky issue many married couples encounter (and ignore at their own peril). This small group study avoids stale, glib answers and instead points you toward honest questions that every couple should be asking.

Both books are 8 week studies designed for small groups. The questions are thought provoking and based in "real

Opportunities for Women

THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDIES

Fall Session: September 13 – December 6

Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30am, Fireside Room

Join us to study Max Lucado's "Book of Revelation".

"The end of the world. How do you react to that thought? Afraid? Excited? Nervous? Full of anticipation? Full of peace? John's description stretches our imagination, fuels our anticipation, and comforts us as we await the final curtain call."

Renew your mind through the study of God's Word and be encouraged in your faith through relationships with women of all ages.

To register, pick up a brochure in the kiosk, or come at 9:15am on September 13. \$20 registration fee. Scholarships available. Childcare provided with pre-registration (contact Carole Spotts x114). Contacts: Robin Gray 536-4392 or Brenda Norton 747-1058 x220.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

Third Tuesday of every month, 10am, Fireside Room beginning on September 18

We will be studying the books of Jonah and Ruth, using the study guide "Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth" by Carol Bechtel. What does it mean to hear God's call? It is often assumed that only those who go into some kind of formal, full-time ministry have heard a "call". In the 2007-2008 study, this Old

Testament scholar and pastor looks at what God's call meant for Jonah and Ruth. This is not just a "fish story" or a "Cinderella tale", but instead these biblical books offer us insight into what it means for each of us to hear and heed God's call.

This wonderful and beautifully illustrated study book is made up of 9 lessons and costs only \$6.00. Bring a sack lunch and we will dine together following class. For additional information, call Nancy Cabe at 238-6448.

ANNUAL FALL CREATIVITY RETREAT

November 2-4, 2007

Come and join together with us for a weekend of fellowship while working on your own quilting, knitting or scrapbook projects. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with women who share with you the love of God and being creative!

We have seen again and again a significant sense of community forming as women come together in the beautiful setting at Ross Point Retreat. Many women mark this weekend on their calendars a year in advance! Contact Carolyn Granner at c_granner@msn.com or Lynda Burns, 927-0848 for more information.

FIRESIDE QUILTERS

2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, Fireside Room

Contact Lexi Burg, 448-0919 for more information.

Other Opportunities

MOPS: the HOME factor

MOPS at FPC Begins Tuesday AM Sept 11

FPC sponsors MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) because we care – and always have - about young families and because we want to find ways to support and nurture parents and children and introduce them to Jesus Christ. MOPS helps us do just that. MOPS International exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader, in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you are the mother of a preschooler or if you know a young mom who would benefit from attending MOPS, please consider joining us on Tuesday mornings once a month, for an important event just for you.

Pre-registration: September 4 and 5, 10:15- 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

Cost: \$35.00 - scholarships are readily available.

Questions? More Information? Need to Register? Call Wendy (499-6647), Kim (465-8023), or Rachel (893-3672).

FIVE-O SEVEN-O Fall Events

If you are somewhere in the range of 50 to 70 years old (empty nest), single or couple - and would like to meet, have fun, as well as grow and give with others who are vaguely in this same age-range, please take note of the following upcoming events:

Group Bike Rides: Betty Brandenburger and Neil Felgenhauer have scheduled 2 rides: Sunday afternoons - **September 23** and **October 14**. If you would like to join in this fun please contact Neil @ 835-3534 for September or Betty @ 448-9813 for October.

Mystery Dinner: Plans are in the works for a spectacular 'Mystery Dinner' at FPC on Friday evening **October 19**. Save the date.

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A TIME TO MOURN... A TIME TO HEAL

New Bereavement Support Group Begins Monday September 17, 6:30–8pm, FPC

FPC will again sponsor a Bereavement support group on Monday nights this fall. Why do we offer this experience? Because we know that Christ was present with and supported those who suffered and he has instructed his followers to do the same. Gloria Nielsen, a trained hospital chaplain, will provide leadership for this group. Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one is encouraged to attend. This is a place to express feelings, to give and receive love, support and understanding in a safe Christian environment – and to begin to move toward a new way of life, in partnership with Christ, meeting the challenges of transition after loss. **This group will meet for 12 weeks. Total cost for materials is \$30.00.**

Note: You do not need to be connected to FPC to attend. Please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who has lost a loved one. Brochures with additional information are available in the KIOSK.

SECOND CHANCES: When Two Families Become One

Begins Tuesday October 9, 7–8:30pm, FPC Bob and Bernice Scott, leading

Are you a member of a blended family or are you considering the prospect of a marriage which will blend two families into one? If so, this class is for you! Bob and Bernice Scott, who embarked on this same journey 12 years ago, will be facilitating this eight week course which is designed to help you understand and improve the unique and distinct rewards and challenges involved in a blended marriage. Classes will include video presentations, written resources and individual and group discussion. Understanding Step Families is open to anyone who is interested in this increasingly common but poorly understood family structure. **Cost for Class: \$10.00.** For more information contact Bernice Scott at 448-6644 or Jeanne Walsh (747-1058 x 110) jeannew@spokanefpc.org.

Course material is drawn from several sources including The Smart Step-Family, Seven Steps to a Healthy Family and the video series Designing Dynamic Stepfamilies: Bringing the Pieces to Peace.

COMING TO SPOKANE! Two Marriage Enrichment Opportunities

Looking for a way to spice up your marriage? Two great events are coming to our area. One involves an evening and one a weekend.

The 10 Great Dates – One Evening

The authors of the **10 Great Dates Program** are coming to Spokane this Fall! David and Claudia Arp have appeared on the NBC Today Show, the CBS Morning Show, PBS and Focus on the Family. Their 10 Great Dates Program is taking place in churches and communities around the world. Marriage Educators everywhere are excited about this great way to enrich marriages.

The approach is **simple, fun and effective**. You can hear all about this program. **Come and see them in person and experience the first date of the series.**

10 Great Dates KickOff September 22, 6-8pm

Eastpoint Church

15303 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley

Cost: FREE. Childcare provided. To Register: 482-0938.

Sponsored by: Marriage Friendly Communities and endorsed by FPC Marriage Ministry. Questions: Barbie Olson 448-2765.

A Weekend To Remember

Dates: **Oct. 26-28 or Nov. 2-4**

Last year several couples from our church attended the **Family Life Weekend to Remember** at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. The conference returns this year and will take place on two different weekends to accommodate all the couples that attend. Mark your calendars!!!

More information coming in September. Questions: Barbie Olson 448-2765.

Thursday Night Live

A Christian Community with opportunities to serve, grow, develop friendships and have fun. Please register for the options below by calling the church at 747-1058 or the contact person listed for each class or activity.

Dinner – 6-6:30pm — BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20

The evening begins with a fabulous meal in an environment of friendship and fun. Cost is \$5. You can make a reservation by calling 747-1058. Pay at the door.

Classes & Activities – 6:45pm

Below are details about classes and activities beginning this month. Watch the October newsletter for more options beginning later this fall. If you are interested in starting a group or teaching a class contact Brenda Norton, 747-1058 x220.

Disciple Class

Begins Thursday Sept 6, 6:30pm

Last chance to register for a great learning experience!! Disciple is a 32 week survey of the entire bible and involves some study on your own, some small and large group discussion – and much more. You can expect to grow in your understanding of scripture, to make new friends, to laugh, and to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. Due to the format of this study, class size is limited – but there are a few spaces remaining. **Cost for materials for entire year: \$40.00.** Call: Meg at x151 or Jeanne at x110 for more info and/or to register – ASAP.

Women's Study Group

September 20 (6 weeks)

This group is designed to give women a place to connect with one another, care for each other and grow in faith together. A study book that is scripture based will be chosen. Contact: Rose Marie Nauta, 838-3031 or Bonnie Wilmot, 464-2585.

Divorce Recovery

September 20 - May

Are you struggling with separation/divorce? Anyone interested in support, understanding, and information about divorce issues is invited to come to Divorce

Recovery. This group meets at 6:45 every Thursday evening. It offers a textbook by Bruce Fischer, expert speakers, a DVD series called "Divorce Care," small group discussion and pertinent handouts. The Christian perspective and encouraging materials are available in a setting with others who have been or are in a stressful separation or divorce. Cost for the 8 month series is \$45. You can join at any time. Facilitator: Hazel Newkirk, 235-5895

Men's Basketball

Join the pickup game in the gym — air balls welcome. Contact: Travis Trent at 489-1121

Choir

Join our singing community. Call the church to find out more - 747-1058

Servant Team

Join the group of behind the scenes servants who create the environment for Christian community on Thursday evenings. All gifts are welcome – praying, decorating, greeting, organizing, dishwashing, joke telling, etc. (Time commitments are flexible.) We just ask that you bring a desire to grow in your faith and encourage others to grow in their faith through servanthood. Contact: Brenda Norton at 747-1058 x220



Wednesday, September 19

Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks

Associate Director and Professor at the Whidbey Institute

"Big Questions, Worthy Dreams"

How do you merge "practical" concerns with deeper questions of identity and meaning? What constitutes a good value for your education? How do we find meaning in our lives? Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks wants us to ask the big questions. Speaker, consultant, and associate director and faculty at the Whidbey Institute in Clinton, Washington, Dr. Parks is the author of the books, Big Questions, Worthy Dreams: Mentoring Young Adults in Their Search for Meaning, Purpose, and Faith (2000) and co-author of Common Fire: Leading Lives of Commitment in a Complex World (1996). She will share her thoughts on education and leadership in a changing world.



Cost: \$10, \$5/students (includes lunch) and is payable at registration or at the door. Childcare is available by reservation at \$4 per child. Reservations required — call Trudy Burda at 777-1555 or visit the web site, www.spokanecityforum.com.

Children's Ministries

Fall Kick-off and Parent Orientation

Sunday, September 16 (watch the bulletin for more details)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES are gearing up for an exciting year! Our **King's Kids Children's Worship** will continue to learn about the elements of worship and what it means to worship and the 1st – 3rd graders will again remain with their families in worship on the first Sunday of each month. In addition, we will have our bible-based Sunday school classes for 2's year olds – Kindergarten students and bible workshops for 1st – 4th graders. We have some new things in store for our 5th and 6th graders--special preteen Bible studies that get kids digging into the Bible to relate faith to real life and find answers to questions they grapple with the most.

It is a high and important calling to share God's love and truth with those who are building life-long foundations for their faith. If you would like to be a foundation-builder while growing in your own faith as well, call Tani Starbuck-Carlson at x111. We still have openings for **3's through Kindergarten teachers, 1st-6th grade Small Group Leaders, Workshop Teachers, Preschool or Early Elementary King's Kids Worship Leaders, hospitality hosts, music team pianist, and more!**

Primary Coordinator Position Opening in the Children's Ministry Department for 14 hours per week. This person's primary responsibilities would be to oversee 1st – 3rd grade King's Kids Children's Worship, 1st – 3rd grade Small Group Leaders, and Arts in the Afternoon on Wednesdays from 4-5:30. Must have organizational skills, love children and love our Lord. For more information and a complete job description, call Tani Starbuck-Carlson at x111.

CHILDREN EXPERIENCING THE ARTS AND THE LOVE OF GOD EVERY WEDNESDAY AT FIRST PRES.

You do not need to be an artist or a musician or an actor to enjoy the arts.

m&m's and arts in the afternoon is an engaging Wednesday afternoon activity for kids 1st-3rd and 4th-8th grade featuring a fun and fabulous immersion into the world of the musical, visual and dramatic arts.

We would like to spread the word about our program and expand participation for the new school year. Do you know a child or a family who would enjoy joining us on Wednesday afternoons for some art, some music, some drama, some snacks and a whole lot of fun?

Here is an activity which won't stress you out or wear you down, its just plain fun and the benefits will last a lifetime. This is arts for the rest of us! High Quality and Pressure Free!

m&m's
arts in the afternoon

Music, movement, painting, sculpting, juggling, crafts, soap making, drawing, drama... and more!

Its all happening beginning
Wednesday, Sept 12
at 4pm
at FPC
318 South Cedar



Call Ruth @747-1058 x301
for more information

Children's Ministries... continued

Looking for some extra JOY in life?



Children's Ministry can guarantee your JOY will be increased when you use your God-given gifts during the Sunday School hour this year to pass on your love of Christ with our young people.

Our Sunday School program for 1st – 5th graders is called "Faith Forest" and it looks a lot different than what you might think! Instead of staying in one classroom, these kids "rotate" to a different workshop every week. We teach each Bible story or concept for 5 weeks with 5 different workshops each Sunday. Here's where you can get in on the fun: each workshop features a different activity type – it might be cooking, drama, storytelling, games, science, computers, art, bible knowledge, dance, or many more. You can actually teach a 5 week workshop using the gifts and passions God has already given you! Your excitement for your gift and your love of Christ is obvious to your students as you share just 35 minutes of your time.

We believe our children develop a stronger faith from hearing the Gospel from many people of our congregation, including older students, parents, grandparents and friends.

What is the actual commitment? You will attend one training session, and then teach the same lesson for 5 Sundays in a row. You will teach one grade level each Sunday, and the lesson only takes about 35 minutes. You may choose to teach as many or few 5 week units as you please. Curriculum and supplies are provided. You can do this!

Won't you investigate this a little further? Lesa Painter x113 would love to see you increase your JOY this year by spending a little time downstairs in Faith Forest.

Student Ministries

Junior High

Tuesdays will again be the night you need to save for youth group! The first meeting will be **September 25** from **7-8:45pm**.

And remember to save **Nov 9-11** for the **JH fall retreat**. Watch for your calendar in the mail!

Senior High

Watch for your fall information coming to you soon by mail and email! Save your **Wednesday nights** for youth group and that **first weekend of November for fall retreat!**

Tuesday Night Opportunity

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GET INVOLVED IN THE LIVES OF TEENS

Student Ministries is always looking for adults who have a heart for Jr and Sr High students. If you enjoy the energy and creativity of young teens, and you have a heart for them to be encouraged in their faith, then perhaps you'd like to call Daryl or Randy to see how God could use you. Teenagers need the caring presence of *adults of all ages* in their lives. We offer three levels of involvement to help accommodate your life. Contact Daryl for Jr High x131 or Randy for Sr High x130.

Two Opportunities to Travel & Serve

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Post-Katrina Rebuilding Trip to Bay St Louis, Miss.

October 27 – November 3

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a family or an individual who has survived the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and is still waiting for others who can help put their world back together? Consider joining a one-week work team from FPC and use your gifts to help hurricane victims recover their lives and homes. Many who have gone have been astounded at the discovery of a 'third world culture' right here in the US. Mac McCaffree, one of a group who traveled to BSL in January, noted: *God brought me home, a changed person after giving me a glimpse of what it is really like to get outside of myself and become a living part of God's kingdom. How do I love Jesus?? "Whoever hears my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." What are His commands?? To love God and to love one another.*

If you are interested in going to BSL or in finding out more about this October trip please contact: Carolyn Holmes (448-8589) or Jeanne Walsh (747-1058 x110). Brochures are available in the KIOSK.

VACATION WITH A PURPOSE

- WHAT:** An opportunity to have an integrated experience of service work, learning, and play
- WHERE:** Belize, formerly British Honduras, in Central America, a beautiful country and favorite destination for those who love the outdoors, especially scuba divers, fishermen, and those interested in Mayan culture
- WHEN:** February 3-12, 2008 (Sunday-Wednesday); the beginning of Lent
- WHY:** To offer our skills and ourselves to be effectively used on a service project in Belize, while growing our hearts and minds through the deepening and widening of our experience of God's earth and His people
- COST:** Airfare plus \$750 which includes room and board, local transportation, entrance fees, etc.
(At present airfare ranges from \$750 to \$1000+.)

Under the organization and leadership of our own **Katie Frankhauser** who was graduated from WWU with a degree in environmental studies as well as music, and who now lives in Belize, we are presenting an opportunity for six to twelve individuals from our church to spend ten days with a specific focus on creation care as it relates to the context of Belize, looking at issues of ecological importance, and immersing ourselves in the region through such experiences as living with home-stay families, fishing with local fishermen, swimming in rivers and oceans, and coming to better understand our role, through relationships, in the whole of God's creation.

The trip will include two days of travel to and from Spokane; five days in home-stays in the community we are serving; three days on one of the northern keys; and throughout the week trips to archaeological sites, national parks and protected areas (both marine and terrestrial), and other areas of ecological and human interest in Belize. For those interested in extending their stay, opportunities for additional travel will be plentiful. Katie is also willing to plan a trip for families over Spring Break if there is sufficient interest. If you have an interest in possibly being a part of this "vacation with a purpose" (or a possible trip over Spring Break), please contact Carolyn Holmes or Jeanne Walsh as soon as possible.



JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

- * If you want to take a small step closer toward social justice, why not volunteer to help this year? Contact Sue Mushlitz at 448-5130 to volunteer.
- * If you have places that we could publicize the Marketplace to increase our outreach, or don't know what Jubilee is, contact Dia Maurer at 328-3237.
- * If you have any other ideas or wish to assist with organizing the Marketplace, contact Mary Frankhauser at 448-0805.

FAIR TRADE VENDORS

- Alternative Gifts – Local and International
- Jewelry and Handicrafts
- Christmas Décor
- Clothing and Accessories
- Baskets and Wood Carvings
- Pottery and Toys
- Instruments and Gifts

Fair Trade provides a living wage for producers of goods. Fair trade items are environmentally sustainable and encourage cooperative workplaces around the globe. Fair Trade allows us to use our economic power to demonstrate Christ's love to our neighbors in need.

Congregational Information

GOOD RUMMAGE NEEDED!

It's time to clean out the basement! We can use your **clean, saleable** rummage for the PW Fall Rummage Sale. You may drop off items at the 4th Avenue entrance on **Saturday mornings, September 15, 22, 29, and October 6** from 9am-noon. Please ring the bell and someone will be there to help you. If possible, please save your larger items until Thursday morning October 11 and bring them directly to the gym.

WORKERS NEEDED

Fall Rummage Sale

October 11-13

Lots of helpers are needed for this huge fundraiser for Presbyterian Women's Mission. We especially need help making lunch for the workers. Sign up on Sunday mornings. Call Linda Browne at 448-2513 if you can help in the kitchen or with any questions.

BLOOD BANK MOBILE UNIT

September 30, 8am-1pm

Contact Bernice Scott, 448-6644.

SEPTEMBER FOOD MISSION

Our Place Community Ministries

Most Needed Items:

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Diapers

For more information about ongoing programs, visit our website at www.spokaneipc.org or pick up a brochure in the Information Center or Kiosk.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

October issue: Sept. 7

THANK YOU!

"Thank you to everyone who made Shirley & Ray Williams' 50th Anniversary so special! The Fellowship Hall was filled with joyous conversation Saturday afternoon and we appreciate the church lending us the facility. Special thanks to everyone who made time in their busy weekend to join us.

*In appreciation,
Mallory Anderson*



CHURCH RENTAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE:

The church owns a 32' x 120', 3800 sq. ft, commercial office building on the NE corner of our block (1403 W 3rd Ave). The now empty building was formerly occupied by the Am Cancer Society, who needed more space. It's a desirable office location with parking. If you know anyone who might be interested in renting beginning Sept 1st — either the western portion 32' x 50', the eastern portion 32' x 70', or all of this building — please contact Bill Shelby, 953-7210.

Financial Update

2007 Operating Budget

	Income	Expense (-)	Income/(Loss)
July 07	\$125,768	\$136,456	\$(10,688)
1/2007 - 7/2007	\$819,591	\$923,263	\$(103,672)

Pledged income is coming in ahead of projections. Thank you, to those who made a pledge and for following through. If you are interested in having your pledge electronically paid from your bank account, it is simple to print out the form "e-Giving Authorization" on our website and return it with a voided check. Go to www.spokaneipc.org, resources (lower left), then on the resources page choose the third link down titled "Setup e-Giving using Authorization Form."

Your Finance Committee

Sundays in September ...a time to Celebrate Together

- 2** **Worship Service – 9:35am**
Summer Sermon Series on Spiritual Transformers concludes – Kevin Finch preaching. (Childcare birth – kindergarten)
- 9** **Worship Service – 9:35am**
A Service of Introduction to Rev. John Sowers, PNC Candidate for Senior Pastor – Graduate of Whitworth College and Austin Theological Seminary, Senior Pastor at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. (Childcare birth – third grade)
- Congregational Meeting – 10:45am**
Immediately following worship, there will be a congregational meeting. FPC members will be asked to approve the PNC's recommendation of Rev. John Sowers as our new senior pastor. (Childcare for birth – third grade)
- Reception immediately following** in Fellowship Hall (No childcare)
- 16** **Worship Service – 8:30am**
Kevin Finch preaching – King's Kids for children three-years-old – third grade. (Childcare birth – two years)
- Kick Off Sunday – 9:45am**
Overview of fall classes for adults. Parent Orientation and registration for children. Children and Youth Sunday School classes begin
- Worship Service – 11am**
Kevin Finch preaching – traditional service (Childcare birth – kindergarten)
- 23** **Worship Services – 8:30 & 11am; Education Hour – 9:45am**
Bruce Gore preaching
- 30** **Worship Services – 8:30 & 11am; Education Hour – 9:45am**
Kevin Finch preaching

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Extensions Below

Pastoral Team

Kevin Finch (225)

Children

Tani Starbuck Carlson (111)

Child Care

Carole Spotts (114)

Preschool

Mary Davey (120)

Junior High

Daryl Geffken (131)

Senior High

Randy Brothers (130)

Adult Discipleship

Jeanne Walsh (110)

Community Life Coordinator

Brenda Norton (220)

Barton School

Mildred Scheel (250)

Prayer Line/Deacons Line (150)

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 5pm

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