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The Call To Follow

On September 9 we as a congregation voted to invite John Sowers to become our next Senior Pastor, and many who were present felt the anticipation along with a sense of the Holy Spirit rippling through the sanctuary all morning. Three years and five months between installed pastors might not be a record, but it is close.¹



Inevitably in the coming months, plenty of attention will center on John and the 12 elders who form the church session, since together they serve as the spiritual leadership of the congregation. Obviously leadership is critical in churches, and effective leadership is a huge blessing. Please, in the coming days and

weeks and months, be praying for John in this transition for him and his family; and be praying for each member of session as well—for wisdom, for discernment, and for courage.

Yet if we look carefully at Scripture one thing more critical than leading stands out. It is following—our central call to follow Christ.

As Christians what must define us is not our leading but our following.

This is, in large part, the reason we have started our fall with a preaching series on 'five fundamental dynamics of following Christ.' Particularly in a time of transition—even one as exciting as welcoming a new pastor—we need to reflect on who we are actually following (is it actually Christ?) and how to follow well.

So as you pray for our leaders, also take time to reflect on what it means for you personally to follow Christ.

¹ John actually arrives in Spokane after his goodbyes in Memphis toward the end of October. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be October 21.

The Gift of Peace in the Middle East

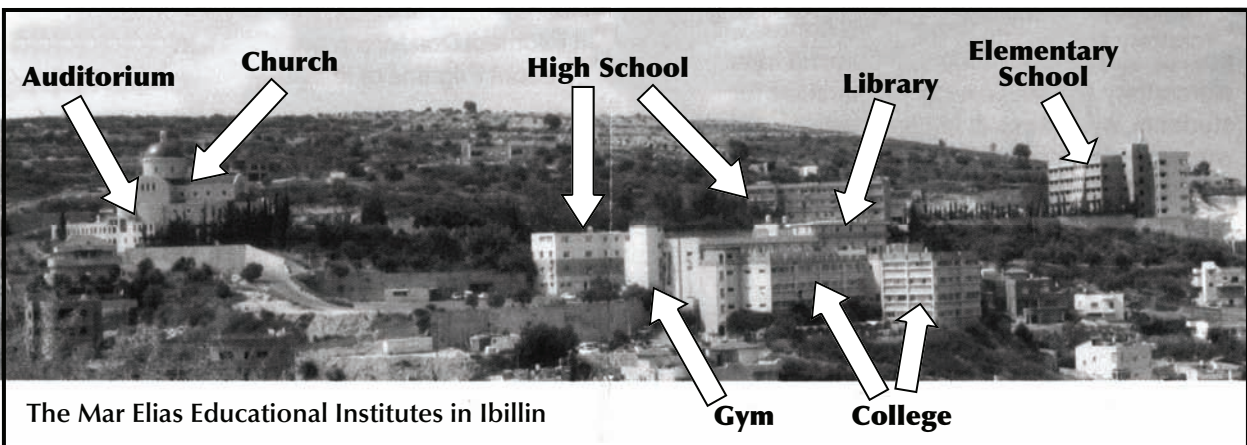
The agonizing violence in Iraq stands as witness to the truth that while bombs can shatter lives and communities in an instant, lasting peace takes time. It takes transformed hearts. It takes the work of the Spirit. This is why we again will focus half of the money from our October 7th **Peacemaking Offering** this year to support the long-term and ongoing transformation at the core of Father Elias Chacour's schools in Galilee.

These schools in Israel were founded by Father Chacour with the purpose of shaping a future peace in the Middle East in two ways: by teaching the coming generations what reconciliation can look like, and by modeling it day in and day out. From their inception, the schools welcomed students from all backgrounds, intentionally bringing Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Druze children together.

Father Chacour has visited Spokane and First Presbyterian Church twice in the last eight years, and serves as one of the few trusted voices of reconciliation in Israel. Likewise, the schools he founded in Ibillin stand as a 'city on a hill' dedicated to peace in the midst of seemingly intractable tensions.

On World Communion Sunday, **October 7th**, we will have the opportunity to match our prayers with tangible gifts. This is the Sunday each year when we join with believers across our denomination to receive a special Peacemaking Offering. Half of what we give is combined with the gifts of those from other congregations across the nation to tackle projects around the world, projects which no one church could address on their own. The other half goes directly to support the ongoing work of Father Chacour.

You are welcome to **mail** in a gift (make out checks to FPC and note "peacemaking" in the memo line) or to **bring** a gift when we receive the offering on October 7th. Designated offering envelopes will be in the pews starting on September 30. For more information on Father Chacour's schools in Israel, visit: www.pilgrimsofibilin.org.



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Sunday Mornings in October



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

THE EMPTY NEST MARRIAGE: STAYING STRONG THROUGH THE JOYS & STRESSES

October 14, 21, 28, Nov 4

Dr. Dave & Marty Erb, Room 210

What happens in the marriage relationship after the children leave home? There are many phases in this primary relationship. How do we make sense of what we are experiencing during this time? What are the stresses? How do we cope with them? What are the joys and advantages of this phase of life? How does our faith help us understand and deal with the stresses and possibilities? Join Dave Erb, newly retired psychologist, and Marty, former English professor at Whitworth University, for a very helpful class and discover **how to become what you believe** about Christian marriage in this stage of life.

THE LETTER TO JEWISH CHRISTIANS

Bruce Gore, Sanctuary Class

How does one write to suffering Christians and tell them to stay faithful despite the price they are paying? This author wisely begins his epistle by pointing Hebrew Christians to Jesus, prophet, priest and king – and the only one who is worthy of costly allegiance. This Jesus brings encouragement and purpose to the early church facing hard times and it offers the same today. Join Bruce Gore as he skillfully unwraps this powerful letter and helps focus our attention once again on God's action in Jesus. AND, why not join a **small group** discussion which meets mid-week to further digest and discuss Bruce's lesson? **Participation in a Discussion Group offers you a great opportunity to live what you believe.** For more information about Hebrews small groups call Dave Storey 456-7340 or Jeanne Walsh 747-1058 x110.

FIRST COVENANT CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS I BELIEVE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Grant Erickson, Paige Numata, John Gregg
West Balcony Room

In scriptural sketches of Jesus we recognize that no one who ever meets him stays the same. And further, this same revolutionary Jesus is inviting us to be similarly transformed. So the question becomes: how has **my belief** in Jesus changed the way I live **my** life, raise **my** children, do **my** job, and give from **my** resources to 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, camaraderie, conversation and a good hard look at Jesus.

CHRISTIANS IN A WORLD OF VIOLENCE

Dr. John Yoder, Fireside Room

Has the world become more violent? Are there more acts of terror and hate-related crimes? What is happening to our world and how should 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?**

Opportunities for Women

THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDIES

Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30am, Fireside Room
Join us to study Max Lucado's "Book of Revelation". This study began on September 13 but it is not too late to join. Come and continue with us each week through December 6. \$20 registration fee (scholarships available). If you need childcare please contact Carole Spotts 747-1058 x114 to see if there is space available. Contacts: Robin Gray 536-4392 or Brenda Norton 747-1058 x220.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

Third Tuesday of every month, 10am, Fireside Room
"Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth" by Carol Bechtel

Join us on October 16 for lesson #2 and each month through May to explore what it means for each of us to hear and heed God's call. Cost: \$6.00. Please bring a sack lunch. Contact: Nancy Cabe 238-6448.

CREATIVE WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

November 2-4 at Ross Point in Post Falls

The annual event where women revel in their creativity — quilting, scrapbooking, knitting & whatever. Cost is \$115. Space is limited. Check the kiosk or call Carolyn Granner 534-5883 or Lynda Burns 927-0848.

FIRESIDE QUILTERS

2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, Fireside Room
Contact Lexi Burg 448-0919 for more information.

**** SAVE THE DATE! ****

WOMEN'S RETREAT - CONFERENCE

Women of Faith is coming to Spokane on April 18 & 19, 2008 so mark your calendars now and watch for more information! The theme is "Infinite Grace." You will not want to miss the inspiring speakers, beautiful music and more. For questions, suggestions or to join in planning, call Holly Love 448-6164, Mallory Anderson 448-8013, Kristine Love 838-2370.



UNWRAP THE GIFT – December 5 or 6, 2007

It seems that the stores get us thinking about Christmas earlier and earlier every year. But the kind of thinking they are encouraging tends to pull us into the busyness of the season. We are beginning to think about December with the intention of setting our minds and hearts on the true meaning of Christmas. We'd love for you to be part of the team that creates Unwrap the Gift - a wonderful evening for women that draws us toward peace, inspiration and love – the wonders of the baby we celebrate. You can offer your gift of helping by calling Claudia Hamilton 747-8147.

Other Opportunities

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30-8am

Start your day with a delicious breakfast, some great fellowship with other men, and an inspirational speaker. Our October speaker is our own Dick Mandeville, Dean of Students at Whitworth. Good food, good companions, good teaching; what's not to love!

Men are encouraged to bring friends. A \$3 donation is requested to cover the cost of a light breakfast. Reservations must be made by the Sunday prior to the breakfast. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings or call 747-1058.

INVITING ALL FIVE O – SEVEN OS

What: Rotating Dinners for Eight — Potluck Style
Why: To get to know others at FPC better so we can encourage & uplift one another in Christ's name.
When: Evenings in October and November – sign up for your choice.

Signup starting Sunday, October 7 at the 50-70 table in the Fellowship Room. There will be lists with dates and names of hosts. Don't know the hosts? What a lovely way to get to know and be known by someone new. Or, sign up by emailing Margo Clark at spokaneclarkes@msn.com or Susan Kirkwood at jands40@msn.com.

"A DINNER TO DIE FOR..."

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
Friday October 19, 6:45-9pm, FPC

You are invited to attend an evening you won't forget. Guests at our dinner are asked to come dressed to the nines. Find your evening finery, break out the tux, snappy suit, or evening jacket, & hire the jewels. (At a loss? Check out Goodwill or Value Village). You will be announced, see, and be seen while enjoying a sumptuous meal and get to figure out "who done it". This will be a night of fun for all 5070 singles and couples to get to know our FPC family better. COST - \$17.00 per person. Reservations are required by October 14. Sign up at church between services.

COUPLES FELLOWSHIP FALL EVENT

Saturday, October 27

SAVE THE DATE!!! More details to come!

OCTOBER CORE CLASS CANCELLED

Watch for details for the next opportunity.

Other Opportunities

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) jeanne@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.

MOPS: THE HOME FACTOR

MOPS at FPC — Tuesday AM October 2 — \$25

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. Call Wendy (499-6647), Kim (465-8023), or Rachel (893-3672).

100+ kids! 75 moms!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) could use your help!

MOPS meets the first Tuesday of each month to support mothers of preschoolers in their important role shaping the future of our world. Could you volunteer for three hours once a month to support them? Do you like to hold babies? Would you prefer to play with toddlers? Are you more comfortable with kids who can talk? We need volunteers for babies and kids all the way to kindergarten age, so we will work to make it a good fit. Call Angie at

Marriage Enrichment Opportunities

NEW BEGINNINGS WEEKEND

November 2-3

Friday, 6:30-9:45pm; Saturday, 8:30am to 5:30pm

First Presbyterian Church

(Inventory Night: October 23, 6:30-9:30pm)

Are you engaged, seriously dating or newly married?

New Beginnings is a “growing together” experience designed to build and strengthen communication and overall intimacy in couple relationships. All couples need to take the PREPARE Inventory in advance. Cost (including PREPARE) is \$150/couple. This excellent workshop is limited to 8 couples — register soon!

Deadline for all registrations is October 21, 2007.

For more Information call Family Ministries 747-1058 x112 or Barbie Olson 448-2765.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

Two Weekend Choices - October 26-28 or

November 2-4, Coeur d’Alene Resort

Is your marriage everything you dreamed it would be? It can be even better. For more than a million people, the **Weekend to Remember Conference** has been a turning point in their marriage. From engaged couples to empty nesters, it’s never too early or too late to make a marriage flourish. Whether you are simply looking for deeper purpose for your life together or on the brink of disaster, God’s Word still contains the best advice for restoring hope and regaining the thrill of a lifelong journey together. Family Life has been presenting these conferences in our area for many years to rave reviews. Several couples from our church attended last year. We think you will be glad you chose this time to attend and re-energize your marriage!

The setting is the beautiful Coeur d’Alene Hotel.

Special conference rates are available for this weekend, or just plan on commuting. The regular registration rate is \$119/person, but **FPC has a group rate of only \$79/person – a savings of \$80. Registration Deadline: October 8** for October 26-28 or **October 15** for November 2-4. Contact Craig and Barbie Olson for group discount – 448-2765. Brochures available at the Information Center. Information: Barbie Olson 448-2765 or Bobbie Winward @FPC 747-1058 x112.

Thursday Night Live

Dinner – 6-6:30pm

Did you know that you don't have to be in a Thursday Night Live class or group to join in the meal? We want to encourage everyone to come be a part of this wonderful time of community. The food is great! And, the friends are plenty! We ask adults to pay \$5 for the meal and we feed children for free. You can make a reservation by calling 747-1058. Pay at the door.

Classes & Activities – 6:45pm

Below are classes and activities that are always open to new participants. Discipleship classes and the Women's Study Group continue to meet but aren't able to add new people midstream. Watch next month for new opportunities. If you are interested in starting a group or teaching a class, contact Brenda Norton 747-1058 x220.

Divorce Recovery

Anyone interested in support, understanding, and information about divorce issues is invited to come to Divorce Recovery. 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 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 747-1058 x220



JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE NEXT MONTH!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

HAVE YOU INVITED YOUR FRIENDS YET?
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR SHOPPING LIST?
DINNER TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT!
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Jubilee International Marketplace is one of the largest mission projects of First Presbyterian Church. This is the 19th year FPC has sponsored fair trade in our midst. Last year we sent over \$50,000 to God's children around the globe, providing housing, education, nourishment and fair wages.

Contact Sue Mushlitz at 448-5130 to volunteer.
Contact Dia Maurer at 328-3237 to publicize.
Contact Mary Frankhauser at 448-0805 for further info.

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.

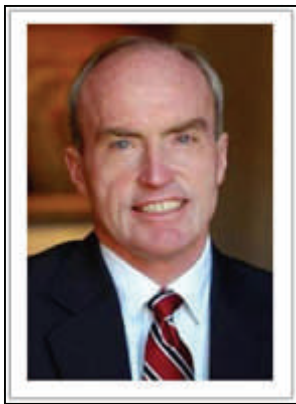


“Spokane’s Mayoral Debate”

Join us for a Debate featuring Spokane Mayoral Candidates,
Mayor Dennis Hession and City Councilwoman Mary Verner
Wednesday, October 17, 11:45am – 1pm
First Presbyterian Church

Spokane’s mayoral candidates, mayor Dennis Hession and City Councilwoman Mary Verner, will debate the issues and share their plans and visions for representing the City of Spokane. Learn where the candidates stand on issues important to you and the future of our city including crime, taxes, the homeless and economic development. A question and answer period will follow the debate, giving you a chance to ask the candidates to address the concerns on your minds.

Dennis P. Hession was sworn in as the 42nd Mayor of the City of Spokane in January 2006. Mayor Hession is the City's Chief Executive Officer, directing the activities of the City's 2,000 employees and managing a \$500 million annual budget.



Mayor Dennis Hession has a long history of service to our City and to the entire community. Before being appointed unanimously by the City Council to the City's top job, Mayor Hession served on the Spokane City Council for four years. In 2004, he was elected as City Council President after serving two years as a Council Member from Spokane's District 2, which represents the south side of Spokane. Prior to his work on the Council, Mayor Hession also served on the City's Park Board for 11 years.

In his professional life, Mayor Hession is an attorney. He worked at Richter-Wimberley, P.S., from 1982 through 2005 practicing business law, taxation, estate planning, and commercial litigation. He attended Gonzaga University where he received his Juris Doctor, cum laude, and the University of Florida, where he received a Master of Laws in taxation. He is married to Jane, his wife of more than 30 years. Together, they have four children.

Born and raised in the southeastern U.S., **Mary Verner** settled as a young adult in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where she was a high school teacher, legal assistant, and eventually an Environmental Programs Manager in the Territorial Government. While completing her Masters Degree back on the mainland, Mary was offered a position in Natural Resources Management with the Spokane Tribe of Indians. Mary moved to the Spokane area in 1992, and immediately immersed herself in her community as an active citizen and volunteer. She attended Gonzaga Law School while working full-time, and achieved her law degree in 1999.

She now serves as Executive Director of the Upper Columbia United Tribes, and has been a Spokane City Council Member since March 2004. Her academic successes include: Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, Davidson College (1988); Master of Environmental Studies, with honors, Yale University (1992); Juris Doctor, cum laude, Gonzaga University (1999). Mary has two children: a daughter who is married and living in Spokane with her own small children; and a son who attends Franklin Elementary School.



The cost of the lunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Childcare is available by reservation at \$4 per child. There are three ways to register:

Call (509) 777-1555; E-mail at info@spokanecityforum.org; Visit our web site at www.spokanecityforum.org

Children's Ministries

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.

m&m choirs and

*Arts in the
Afternoon*

are in full swing.



If your soccer season is coming to a close you may want to start heading down to First Presbyterian on Wednesday afternoons to join in on the fun!

Kids can join at any time! We are boy friendly!

If you are new to First Presbyterian, and looking for an opportunity for your child to connect with others in a meaningful way that is engaging and exciting, consider coming down on a Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 to check out what is happening. Check the KIOSK for more information or call Ruth Michaelis 747-1058 x301.

**Calling All Cars! Drivers
Needed**



There are a number of young people with hard working parents who would like to be part of First Presbyterian Children's Choirs (m&m's) and Arts in the Afternoon but do not have a way of getting down to church. We are looking for volunteers to pick up kids and ferry them down to church on Wednesday afternoons. The program begins at 4pm. Pickup afterwards will be managed by the parents. We will help with the gas . We need a South Hill Driver and someone who can bring kids in from Cheney. If you can work this into your schedule it would make some young people very happy and provide a wonderful opportunity for them to be connected to the church family in a meaningful way. Call Ruth Michaelis

Student Ministries

Senior High

Wednesdays in October

3	PRAXIS 7-9pm
10	PRAXIS 7-9pm
17	PRAXIS 7-9pm
24	PRAXIS 7-9pm
31	PRAXIS 7-9pm

PRAXIS is what we call our senior high Wednesday night thing! It's all about your faith in practice. We'll include family groups, so you get to know a few folks a bit better and worship and always, *always*, a ton of fun! Bring your friends and acquaintances!

Sr High Fall Retreat, better known as *Free Falling*, is coming in November — watch for the weekend dates. We'll load up a bus and head to Riverview Conference Center on Priest River, where we will spend the weekend in lots of play, fellowship, games, and worship. It's gonna be the best darn weekend of your entire season! So watch for the brochure to be available soon!

Junior High

Tuesdays in October

All your Tuesdays in October should be saved from **7-8:45pm**. AND, you can bring all the friends that you want! We love friends!

Jr High Winter Camp will be Friday, November 9 thru Sunday November 11. And you don't have school on Monday the 12th! This is an all-presbytery event and will be held at Riverview Conference Center on Priest River. The theme is *"Your Born Identity"*. Brochures will be available soon. All you have to do is commit to saving \$75 and the weekend!

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.

Tuesday Night Opportunity for Parents

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! [See page 5 for more details.](#)



CREATION CARE GROUP – Global Concerns Monday October 1, 6:30pm, FPC

Leviticus 25 says “*the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me*”. How different than our society’s thoughts about property ownership! What would we do differently if we truly believed this text? There may be a few things we would alter in our stewardship...

Our church’s waste and energy audits produced some interesting findings. FPC *does* recycle, *does* try to reduce energy usage, and *is* replacing inefficient lighting fixtures. We would like to see even more activity in this area, and more money saved! Some of the existing projects in our church that are ‘creation friendly’ are the Colossal Book Sale, the Rummage Sale, the Jubilee International Marketplace, and the Library’s Creation Corner. We are connected to our community through the City Forum and Inner City Ministries, and other great activities.

Are there other ways that we are already helping the environment? Let’s celebrate! And then, let’s do a little bit more. Perhaps you’d like to bring a coffee mug to church to reuse, or maybe sponsor a set of energy efficient lights? Would you be interested in helping to find other ways to preserve God’s creation?

We welcome your presence at the monthly committee gathering and your input into what topics are of interest to you. We wish to follow the call to ‘challenge one another’ through active learning and sharing of ideas. Call Doris Lee at 928-7238 or write to her at genlee2@comcast.net for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE! OCTOBER 11-13

One way we at FPC “live as a blessing of God into the community and the world.” Your donated items become an inexpensive means to meet the needs of someone else. Proceeds from the sale fund ministries in our building and missions locally and abroad.

- **DONATE:** Please bring **clean, saleable** items by dropping them off at the 4th Avenue entrance on Saturday **mornings, September 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.
- **VOLUNTEER:** Please sign up on Sunday morning at the Information Center or call Linda Browne 448-2513. Options: Setup Thursday 7-9am; Move or sort rummage Thursday 9am-3pm; Work a shift at the sale Thurs, Fri or Sat; Clean up Saturday; Make lunch for other rummage sale workers.
- **SHOP:** Thursday, October 11 (3-5pm);
Friday, October 12 (9am-5pm);
Saturday, October 13 (9am-noon)

OCTOBER FOOD MISSION

Cup of Cool Water

Their mission statement is “to empower youth to become wholehearted followers of Christ and to exit street life, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” This is accomplished by building healthy relationships, providing services and discipling street youth. Their needs for this month include:

- Soups
- Rice
- Chili
- Tortillas
- Refried beans
- Crackers

Congregational Information

FALL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Saturday mornings, Oct. 27 & Nov. 17; 9am-noon

Let's spruce up the FPC grounds before the holidays. Bring gloves, brooms, pruning shears, rakes and energy for a morning of work and fellowship to beautify our church grounds. Rain dates are Monday, October 29 & Monday, November 19. For any questions, call Frank Browne at 448-2513.

WANTED

A **committed** person with landscaping or Master Gardener experience willing to serve as a **consultant to the Grounds Committee** on an intermittent basis. If interested contact Frank Browne 448-2513.

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TUTORS NEEDED!

Looking for a great way to meet new people, learn about other cultures and help others? The Barton School adult ESL program needs volunteers Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. No experience necessary, childcare available. Call Kirsten Harrington at 838-1061 for more information.

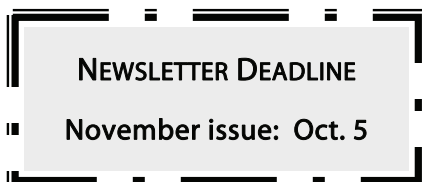
WE NEED YOUR BOOKS NOW

Our 5th pickup load of textbooks, crayons and children's books are going to India in January. The **COLOSSAL** book sale is **April 27, 2008**. Now is the perfect time to clear out those unused books. Place them on counter in Adult library or call Jan 482-8389 for pick up.



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 — 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)
Aug 07	\$107,943	\$115,894	\$(7,951)
1/2007 - 8/2007	\$927,534	\$1,039,067	\$(111,533)

If you typically give to the church and do not have a pledge, we call that "non-pledged giving." Each year the finance committee worries a lot about non pledge giving meeting our target. This year's target is \$280,000 and we have already received \$122,312, but it should be \$155,000 by this time in the year. That is \$33,000 behind. So, again we are concerned about finishing the year in the negative. If you typically wait to the end of the year to give, please consider a vote of confidence to our new head of staff and give earlier this year. In contrast, the pledge giving is right on target. Thanks!

Your Finance Committee

Fall Sermon Series

The Jesus Five: Fundamental Dynamics of Following Christ

Sept. 16	Kevin Finch	Who Are We Following?
Sept. 23	Bruce Gore	Trust
Sept. 30	Kevin Finch	Expectations
Oct. 7	Adam Neder	Obedience
Oct. 14	Kevin Finch	Change

The Church Comes Alive:

Oct. 21	John Sowers	Birth and Purpose
Oct. 28	John Sowers	The Urgency of the Proclamation of Jesus
Nov. 4	John Sowers	The Necessity for Repentance and Baptismal Beginning
Nov. 11	John Sowers	The Blueprint of the Church
Nov. 18	John Sowers	The Glad, Growing, and Generous Church

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John Sowers
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)

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