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Hard Knocks

“Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

These are the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth. Paul famously suffered stoning, shipwreck, riots, imprisonment and murder plots from Greeks, Romans and his own Jewish people for his aggressive advocacy of the Christian faith. But perhaps his most disappointing and demoralizing experiences came when his beloved brothers and sisters in

Christ, members, in many cases of local congregations that he himself had planted, turned upon him and upon one another in jealousy, quarreling and factionalism.

The Church of Jesus Christ is called to be *“the light of the world”* (Matthew 5:14) and the vanguard of a new humanity, and yet distressingly often we are as petty and self-centered as the inhabitants of secular society. This weighed heavily on Paul’s heart. Much of his surviving writing is aimed specifically at the remediation of such situations. *“I urge Syntyche and I urge*

Eudoia to be of the same mind in the Lord” (Philippians 4:2). And the Lord Jesus himself responded to Simon Peter’s enquiry about forgiveness, *“Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy times seven times”* (Matthew 18:22).

In addition to his disappointing experiences with the attitudes and behaviors of others, both believers and nonbelievers, Paul was no stranger to illness, hunger, despair and failure. Remembering his despair over an unidentified chronic illness, he

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proclaims, “Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me” (2 Corinthians 12:8), but to no avail. And this was a man who had been an agent of supernatural healing in the lives of others.

We often find it easy and natural to praise God and to tolerate the eccentricities of others when our health is good, our relationships are sound and our bank balances are positive. But when our health is threatened or broken — when we are perhaps even walking “through the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4); when our relationships are rocky and our finances are precarious; can we trust God and praise God *then*?

We are living in a time of general malaise, characterized by moral questioning, economic uncertainty, rancorous public life and threats to the very viability of planet Earth’s life support system. And to make things worse, our beloved church, historically a shelter in the time of storm, has been buffeted recently by widespread illness and the deaths of several longtime members.

When Paul cried out to the Lord Jesus for relief, he answered, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). When the sun is shining or when storms rock our lives; when success attends us or failure haunts us; when we bask in human approval or labor beneath a heavy load of criticism; whether our bodies are strong or bent low; whether our minds are clear and positive or murky and filled with doubt; God is God! May God give us grace to proclaim: “Whenever I am weak, then [in Christ] I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10).

—**Dr. David L. Wheeler**

Pleasing God: The Stewardship of Life

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16). God’s giving should be the motivation for your giving.

1. His motivation was love.
2. In giving his Son, the Father gave himself.
3. God’s giving was in response to your need that you should not perish.

What is your response to God?

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathies to family and friends of the following church members who passed away recently:

Ruth Stickley

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

Herbert Lawrence

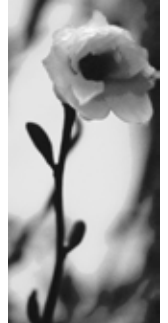
OCTOBER 2, 2011

David Cox

OCTOBER 12, 2011

Don Gates

OCTOBER 18, 2011



Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Pray, Praise, Walk for the Cure!



Pictured, from left: Chris Beard, Mary Lynn Parodi, Charlotte Shepherd, Ruth Boughmer, Mary Lynn’s sister Laura, Emily Bryans, Barbara Bridges, Charlene Fischer, Ron Shepherd, Sharon Conyers, Jan Lawson and Carol Wheeler. Not pictured: Nancy and Annie Ponce.

Thanks to all our wonderful team members who walked on Sunday, Sept. 18th, in the Komen Race for the Cure on the FBC team, co-captained by Charlene Fischer and Charlotte Shepherd. There were 10 registered members but others joined us so there were at least 15 in all.

We gathered for a quick breakfast

in Fellowship Hall before the race and were back in time for the 11:00 service. Best of all, we collected \$1208!

Thank you to all who contributed to our team and to the Komen Foundation — it has really made a difference in the effort to cure breast cancer and God blessed our efforts.

Cambodian Congregational News



We often sing, “we are one the bond of love.” As the Cambodian ministry moved back to do ministry under one roof with the English-speaking ministry, our relationship in the body of Christ becomes closer across the life of the church. In our Cambodian ministry, young families have been coming more often. We love the work of Pastor Rick, helping our children to grow in the Lord. Our October Potluck Dinner had more people joining us and we all enjoyed talking to each other during this fellowship. All are welcome each time we have this monthly fellowship meal.



The church that we helped build, sadly in the flood.

in 2007 is still under the flood, but our Children’s Ministry property is above the flood level. Over 200 people died because of this flood. There are over 500 flood victim families around our children center’s property and church alone. All of their rice fields and houses, barns and cottages were destroyed and damaged.

Please continue to pray for these flood victims. Any kind of financial support during this time will be of great help to them.

I will be going to Cambodia in early November to work on Children Center’s projects. I do need help toward those projects and to help flood victims as well. If you would like to send financial support with me, in any amount, please give to the church, mentioning CCM or Cambodia Flood Project. May God continue to richly bless us all.

A final note: please join the Cambodian Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner in the Activity Center on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 6 pm.

In my absence, Rev. Ed Stelle will be preaching to the Cambodian congregation. Thank You! —**Pastor Peter Im**

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The Children’s Center property, above flood level, and a cow.

First Baptist Church Proudly Presents



An Organ and Media Event

**with Dr. Jeannine Jordan, Organist
and David Jordan, Visual Artist**

November 13, 2011, 2:00 PM

**First Baptist Church, SW Taylor at 12th Ave., Portland, Oregon
www.fbc-portland.org**

This program is a concert that will feature an interesting historical perspective of the organ and organ music in this country over the past 200 years.

The program offers a glimpse into church music and of the American musical heritage. In addition, the concert strives to connect the organists, visuals of places and life to the history of American organ music.

Complete with fascinating anecdotes, out-of-the-ordinary American compositions, and eye-catching visuals, From Sea to Shining Sea captivates audiences.

The event is free, but there will be an offering to help defray the cost of booking such an engaging and informative guest. For more information about the program, please visit www.promotionmusic.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us for **Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20, 2011**, 12:30 pm in the Church Dining Room. Tickets will be available from Sunday, October 30 through Sunday, November 13.

Prices are as follows: Adults, \$8.75; Children (ages 6-12), \$4.00; Children (5 and under), Free; Family (Parents and Children) \$28.00.

Join your FBC Family for fellowship and giving thanks for all of the blessings God has given us.



FBC Student Ministry Presents...

Night Games 11-11-11

First we'll head to the Coliseum for



An amazing live music festival

www.hearitfirst.com/winterjam/

Then, later the Jam continues as we return to First Baptist Church with all of your friends for 8 hours of games designed to cure narcolepsy, with one important rule...

NO SLEEPING!

All this for less than \$25!

Look for details at fbcpdxyouth.blogspot.com

This is the night you will be talking about all year!



Student Ministry Update

From WHY to WHAT

Recently I watched a Ted Talk about how innovators like Steve Jobs and others seem to be able to achieve amazing success and often reshape culture. The gist was that there are three questions that need to be asked before beginning an endeavor: WHAT, HOW and WHY.

Most companies, and the people who lead them, first think about WHAT they want to make, next decide HOW it will work and HOW they will make it. The third question — WHY — is often only given lip service or answered by stock holders: WHY? "To make money."

The reason innovators seem to turn things upside down is that they begin with WHY. They ask, WHY do our customers need us or our product? Once they determine the needs of the consumer, they ask, HOW should our product meet these needs? From those two answers, the WHAT is determined, and the product is designed.

So why am I focusing on this? Because I believe that Jesus did the same thing to religion 2000 years ago. Religion first asks WHAT — Please God (or the gods); then HOW - Through sacrifice or following the rules; and then WHY — To limit hardship (Better crops, fewer wars

etc.). Jesus came with a message of Why. Why — Because God so loved the World. How — He sent his one and only son. What — so that we could have everlasting life. No wonder Christianity turned the world upside down.

Here at FBC, I want to begin with WHY the Christian Education & Discipleship department exists at FBC and move to HOW before we get to WHAT. So here is a preliminary thought:

WHY: Every young person needs to experience God's love and love others.

HOW: We need to boldly love our young people, share the Good News of Jesus Christ and provide opportunities for them to Come to him as well as express their love to others.

WHAT: WHAT entails a lot of things, from Sunday School to big events.

Right now, I want to examine our programs and ministries with parents, students, volunteers and leadership and make sure every one of our events ties in to our WHY, and then our HOW. It's a big endeavor and I would appreciate your prayers as we seek to share God's love and learn to love others in our children's and youth ministries. — **Pastor Rick Francis**

NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Note: Next month's Trumpeter will be the final issue for 2011. The November issue will be combined with December.

		1	2	3 Stewardship Committee Budget Meeting 5:30 pm	4	5
6 Cambodian Potluck following the 11:00 am service DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	7	8 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 CE Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	11 YM: Night Games 11-11-11 VETERANS' DAY	12
13 "From Sea to Shining Sea" Organ and Media Event 2:00 pm	14	15 White Cross Meeting 10:00 am	16 Diaconate Meeting 7:35 pm	17 Downtown Fellowship 10:30 am	18	19 Cambodian Dinner 5:30 pm
20 Thanksgiving Dinner 12:30 pm	21 Trumpeter Deadline	22	23	24 Office closed THANKSGIVING	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>Want to become more involved in worship at FBC?</p> <p>Both services have a need for ushers, greeters, sound operators, and computer support. Could you serve FBC in this way? If so, please contact Pastor David, Karen Knauerhase or the church office.</p>		
<p>TREE DELIVERY TBA: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!</p>						

YM: PERTAINS TO YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Sermon Schedule

Nov. 6

“All the Saints”

Communion Sunday

Psalm 34: 1—10

Revelation 7: 9—17

Nov. 13

“Mine or God’s?”

Zephaniah 1: 10—13

Matthew 25: 14—30

Nov. 20

“Reaping and Sowing”

Combined Service

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9: 6—15

Nov. 27

“Almost!”

First Sunday in Advent

Acts 25: 26—32

Matthew 23: 37—39

Rev. Ed Stelle preaching

Member Birthdays

Nick Gambino 11/1	John Oliver..... 11/16
Iris Forrester..... 11/1	Phally Prom..... 11/17
Ivania Gomez 11/2	Xan Eriksson 11/17
Alfredo Lozano-Garcia 11/3	Barbara Day 11/18
Gilley Gill..... 11/4	Pat McKeivitt 11/20
Paul Mitchell 11/4	Aaron McCay 11/21
Delores Price 11/5	Shannon Waibel 11/23
Khem Ouk..... 11/5	Donna Robinson..... 11/23
Barbara Kapuscinski..... 11/5	Rosie McAllister 11/24
Bob Rowe..... 11/7	Ruth Barnett 11/25
Dianna Shea 11/7	Scott Chase..... 11/25
Richard Vonada..... 11/8	Gloria Wetmore 11/26
Jendy Newman..... 11/10	Wayne Bridges..... 11/27
Barbara Bridges 11/11	Trudi Bils..... 11/27
Palmary Phoeurn..... 11/13	Sandy Palmer..... 11/28
Michael Seelye..... 11/13	Laurel Powell 11/29
Chris Carter 11/13	Dale Maslen 11/30
Jean Cole 11/15	Terry Arima 11/30
Lori Heinze 11/15	Karen Brophy 11/30

Weekly Schedule and Activities

SUNDAY

9:00 Contemporary Service

10:00 Sunday School for all ages

11:00 Worship Service,
Sanctuary

Cambodian language,
Rose Chapel

Children’s Church
for ages 3 through 2nd
Grade, follows the Time for
Children at 11:00

1:00 Youth Meeting

SUNDAY, MONDAY, THURSDAY

5:00 pm: Transitional Youth

MONDAY—SATURDAY

6:00—8:30 am: Eye Opener
(AA meeting)

MONDAY & THURSDAY

2:00—4:00 pm: Drop-In Center

TUESDAY

5:30 pm: Dinner And A Movie

WEDNESDAY

5:45 pm: Wednesday Night Dinner

6:15 pm: Youth Choir

6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study

6:45 pm: Kindergarten Midweek

7:35 pm: Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

Office closed

6:00 pm: FOCUS

SATURDAY

8:30—10:30 am: Cambodian Men’s
Fellowship Bible Study

5:30 & 7:00 pm: Solid Rock

Time Dated Material

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Downtown Fellowship Presents



Veteran trial attorney Chris Kitchel came away from two months as a volunteer lawyer in Kenya with, among other things, a fresh appreciation of the American justice system.

Kenya is a country of 40 million people, half are under the age of 18, the unemployment rate is 40 percent and its social and justice systems are racked by chaos and violence—much of the violence is perpetrated against women.

Kitchel spent many hours with young female Kenyan lawyers, setting an example for them, talking about how the American system works and raising their hopes and expectations for the future.

Chris Kitchel's practice focuses on employment litigation and she is a highly sought-after speaker. Please join us by welcoming Chris to speak at the Downtown Fellowship on November 17 at 10:30 am.



Yahoo for Lahu "pigs"

Yes, it's that time of year.

Time to give for pigs, do you hear?

The word says "Help those in need."

So give a pig for a gift. Help Lahu people feed.

Give \$30 to buy a pig for a gift.

A Lahu family you will give a lift,

Thank you for your willingness to share,

which helps Lahu families because you care!

— Jack Brophy