



EVANGEL

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July/Aug 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Family,

A brother recently asked, "How do you continue to find joy and challenge in your role in ministry after 25 years and all that God has done?" My answer was, "The Lord continues to stretch me and our team to attempt more and greater things than ever before." These last few months have proven that to be true over and over.

When the conversation about starting a Bible College first began, I remember thinking to myself, "Now that would take a series of God-sized miracles of provision to even talk about that." Here we are several years later, and the miracles are beginning to stack up. The purchase of 28 beautiful acres of land in West Glacier, the proposal by the same donor to construct their home on site with a willingness to house the classroom and dining hall, and other circumstances have formed the first chapter of this miraculous story. This week they are setting trusses on their home and our first classroom and dining hall will soon be ready.

This is an enormous undertaking, and when we began pursuing this dream, it was immediately obvious this one was far bigger than anything we've done before. We have a fabulous team working hard together to look under every rock for sources of financial assistance to build the next phase of the college, which will include two dormitories and a staff house. At this point, our goal is to have enrolled 20 students by the fall of 2018.

When I sit back and evaluate the direction of our country, this culture and so many young lives all around me, it seems we should have been pursuing this dream some 20 years ago. The statistics are staggering how quickly our nation has fallen away from any kind of a biblical worldview, and we are paying a high price for it. Some of us in our church family have suffered the agony of raising our children in Christian homes where they were in church on a regular basis and where the things of the Lord were priorities. And then they are sent off to college and graduate a few years later having abandoned their personal faith all together or at least walked away from any version of practicing it. For many of us, that's our own story. We grew up in Christian homes, went to university and had our faith undermined to the point that it took years for us to recover our confidence in what we believe. If there is hope of recovery, it has to start today and it has to be focused. If we can start with 20 students and build this ministry over the coming 20 years to a college program of ultimately 60+ students on an annual basis who are educated, trained, and equipped as Christian leaders, then we can begin to make a correction in the spiraling moral downfall we are in. This ministry will be costly and honestly will mostly be an investment in students who will end up serving elsewhere in the kingdom, but they will have gotten a solid foundation from us. Training future leaders and preparing them to serve the Lord according to His call is one of our primary responsibilities in discipleship. There is no part of this ministry endeavor that does not fit into what God has called us to do.

So, with courage and confidence, we embark together on this exciting journey to again see God do something that only He can do. If we are prayerful and faithful, we will have front-row seats in the coming years to see something marvelous and miraculous. We could literally be part of turning the tide of our nation during our generation. We cannot sit back and wait any longer for others to do something. This is our time and we must act now. I plead with you to make this a matter of daily prayer. We need for the Lord to do many more great things, so let's be bold and ask for nothing less.

I'm excited to make this journey with you!

Pastor Daniel <><

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MEN'S MINISTRY

GREAT ADVENTURES - GUYS ON THE MOVE!

Jesus modeled the way to discipleship. He cast a wide net and crowds appeared to hear His teachings and see miracles. In the end, He called 12 unlikely men as His disciples to follow Him. Later, we see these men travel in pairs to minister and share the gospel. Seems like that was the model Jesus used to start the church, the same church we are all part of - the Body of Christ. He actively participated in the lives of just a few men.

So how do we apply that to our daily lives? As men, we can follow Jesus' example by gathering together and learning the way of the Master. Small groups and men's Bible studies are excellent ways to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. But how do you meet these people? Which group do you choose? Check out the Men's page on our website for a few ideas.

This summer, we are launching a campaign to help guys get connected through fun outdoor activities. Bill Phillips is coordinating a few mountain biking activities, and we are looking at camping, hiking, rafting, golfing, and bow shooting (in August, behind the church). Let me know if you are interested in leading or participating in any of these activities.

Looking for an adventure? Let's get guys on the move for some fun activities and who knows... just like Jesus' disciples, you might find a few guys that will change your life, encourage your walk with Christ, and become new friends. Let us know if you are interested in getting together by emailing easthavenmen@gmail.com.

In Christ,

Justin McKerrow

VBS REPORT

To everyone who volunteered, who helped in the classrooms, who donated items and food for the week, thank you!

We couldn't have done it without so many faithful people. VBS was a great success this year. We had over 206 kids each day and several kids interested in baptism.



THE KIDS RAISED \$1,600 FOR OUR CARE MINISTRIES AT EASTHAVEN!



EASTHAVEN CAMPS AT TLC RETREAT

KIDS CAMP

JULY 10-14

For boys and girls entering grades 3-5

This week will include spiritual growth opportunities, recreation and adventure, music and drama, and much, much more. This camp will include camping fun with friends for our annual spiritual growth event for our children's ministry.

Cost: \$125*

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

JULY 17-21

For boys and girls entering grades 6-8

This week-long camp will provide a great opportunity to encounter Christ through Bible study, worship, and fun activities. It will be a time of group games (in and out of the water) great food, and fun times with friends.

Cost: \$125*

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

JULY 21-23

For guys and girls entering grades 9-12

This weekend retreat is for any youth in high school. Worship, games, hanging out in the water... this week will be jam-packed full of fun and spiritual growth.

Cost: \$75*

***All registration forms are available online at easthaven.org.**

***Call the office at (406) 752-7021 for more info.**

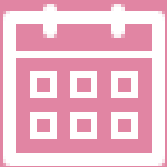
***Discounts are available for families with multiple children attending the same camp.**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WELL

Women Encouraging, Learning, and
Loving the Lord and Each Other



Women, join us on Saturday, August 12, from 9:30-11:30am for a **potluck brunch**. Bring your favorite picnic dish for our indoor summer picnic. Come learn more about this month's theme, *Shield of Faith*. Bring a friend!



All women are invited to our **fall retreat** at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat, September 15-16. We will have great food, fellowship, and fun from Friday evening until Saturday afternoon. Our special guest speaker, Jana Penland, comes from Post Falls, Idaho. We will be looking at her new study, *Faith*. Tickets are \$25 each. More info is available by emailing valgibson6@gmail.com.



Need more info about women's ministry? Contact Valerie @ valgibson56@gmail.com.

A TESTAMENT OF A ONE-YEAR BIBLE COLLEGE



“As we begin our campaign to fund the dorms...

It was interesting, that while serving on the steering committee for Glacier Bible College this spring, my own one year at Multnomah School of the Bible celebrated its 50th class reunion. As I read the bios of my classmates, a snapshot of 50 years of service, I was in awe of what the Lord had accomplished over the last 70 years of our lives serving the Savior.

Of 18 classmates, two went on to seminary and became pastors, five were nurses in mission hospitals, five served on the mission field in different capacities, two were professionals, four teachers, while two did extensive translation work putting the Living Word into a language that had never been written.

Tim is one of the translators. He is Japanese and became a believer after a Christian teacher challenged him to read the Bible. He renounced his Buddhist faith and was baptized. He became aware of Wycliffe and went to Nepal where he served for 46 years translating and analyzing the Khaling language spoken in the mountains of eastern Nepal. Even after translating Mark and Luke, the people were not interested and didn't even want to learn how to read. After six years of work, the government asked him to leave.

Tim returned to Japan and shared his vision of Bible translation and started a Bible translation training course. Eight years later, he returned to a country near Nepal from which he could make trips into Kathmandu. After one year, three men were baptized in a river in the middle of the night and thus the beginning of a great spiritual awakening began in the Khaling villages.

In 2011, the whole Bible was published along with a dictionary, and there are now 11 churches and hundreds of believers. Other education and training experiences equipped Tim for his life work, but it started as he was grounded in the Word at Multnomah School of the Bible.”

From the class of 1967,

Barbara Jacobs



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WORSHIP SERVICES: SATURDAYS AT 6PM | SUNDAYS AT 7:45AM | 9AM | 11AM



Guiding people along the journey to follow Jesus

Gather to encounter Jesus
Grow in love for God and others
Go to live and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit

ATTENDANCE | GIVING RECORDS

JUNE AVERAGES

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 850 | Sunday Bible Study: 54 | Nightlife: – | TOTAL GROW AVERAGE: –

FINANCIALS *(as of June 28, 2017):*

Giving to Date: \$614,168 | Budget to Date: \$688,490 | Giving vs. Budget: (\$74,322) | YTD Expenses: \$665,549