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Presbyterian
Church**

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Friends and family of College Place Presbyterian Church

The past couple of weeks I have found myself having a strong sense that God is up to something. I know what some of you are thinking, "isn't this guy supposed to be a pastor figure; shouldn't he always have a sense that God is doing something?", and your right WE all should. However, I think that there are times in each of our lives when God stirs the pot and makes us just uncomfortable enough that He can move in and inspire a change or a rejuvenation of our spirits. It's those times when God mixes things up in our hearts and our minds, and we are forced to surrender ourselves again.

A couple of weeks ago I found myself in a place of discontentment. Everywhere I looked I found myself unsatisfied with the status quo. It's not that the things I was looking at were going bad, in fact it was quite the contrary, my life was and is surrounded by things that are going well. Things at the church are honestly going better than I ever expected they would be; both of our youth groups are places of refuge and encouragement to young people of our community; I am so blessed with a healthy and loving family; and all around me things really are pretty good. However, for some unknown reason God put on my heart an overarching desire for something more. Quit simply the spirit put on my heart that good just isn't good enough. I want more!! I want God to consume me! I want God to consume our church, my family, our youth programs! I want more and more of God in my life!

We really have two responses that we can have in those times when God puts on our hearts a sense of discontentment. We can respond with despair (where we run away and conclude that things will never get better) or we can respond in prayer. In my life I find that prayer is always the better option. So for about a week I found myself crying out to God the chorus of "Need to Breathe's: song Something Beautiful. Day and night my prayer was simply:

***This is my desire
Consume me like a fire, 'cause I just want something beautiful
To touch me, I know that I'm in reach
'Cause I am down on my knees.
Waiting for something beautiful***

That prayer filled my heart until last Sunday when I was driving back from Big Blue Weekend to get to the congregational meeting. During that four hour drive God and I had time to talk. For most of the trip home I had the radio blaring as I prayed, worshiped, wept, argued, rationalized, vented, and ultimately allowed God to fill my soul with that something beautiful that I had been praying for all week. In that time He reminded me that things going good in this world are of so little consequence if my relationship with Him is not going GREAT!! He poured into me, and allowed for me to authentically rest in the assurance that He was the one who is in control.

As I pulled into Walla Walla and shifted gears to prepare for the congregational meeting, I found myself with an even greater sense that God is up to something. He grabbed my attention and opened up my soul for a reason, but I'm really not sure what that reason is. However, what I do know is that my feeling of discontentment has turned into excitement because I know that whatever it is God is doing, He is doing it for my good. And... And my prayer has shifted. The new chorus that is consuming my prayer life is from "Sanctus Real's" song, Whatever Your Doing.

***Whatever You're doing inside of me
It feels like chaos but somehow there's peace
It's hard to surrender to what I can't see
but I'm giving in to something Heavenly***

***A Glimpse of my thoughts
In Christ,
Doug***

"An Experiment in Worship"

The 2nd and 4th Sunday of Every Month

5:30-6:15 PM at the Church



Come join us twice a month for a worship service of contemporary Christian music. It is our desire that this service will be a place to come and be refreshed and encouraged. There is a short basic message and a lot of time for worship through song. This is a great service to bring friends, neighbors, and your family to come and worship together.



College Place Presbyterian Church

Mission Guatemala 2012

"You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth"

Question and Answer Meeting Sunday Oct. 16th @ 6:00 pm (In the Sr. High Room)

We are in the early stages of planning another mission trip to Guatemala next summer, and would love to have you be a part of the team. This trip will be open to high school students and adults who want to spend the last couple weeks of June 2012 serving the people of Guatemala while encouraging long term missionaries who are giving of their lives on a daily basis. If you cannot make the meeting or have additional questions please contact Doug @ 301-1646.

Fall Adult Christian Education Classes



- ◆ **Sunday**
 - 9:30 AM- Women's Bible Study Beth Moore's "The Patriarchs" starting October 16
 - 11:00 AM-Discussion Group - Ephesians (7 Weeks, following the preaching schedule)
- ◆ **Tuesday**
 - 6:00 AM - Men's Bible Study - Clarette's-ongoing
 - 6:30 PM - Ezekiel - with James Veatch
 - 7:00 PM - Jeremiah - with Randall Bollinger
- ◆ **Thursday**
 - 1:00 PM- Bible Study with Ann Hawk- ongoing



Youth Ministry Report

It has been an exciting fall for youth ministry. I am always encouraged to see how our youth groups and Sunday school programs change, shift, and grow from year to year. This year is going to be an exciting chance to see the fruits of what has come before. In Sunday school the middle school and high school youth have been studying the book of Genesis, and will soon be moving on to Exodus. It is fun to see the Old Testament come alive and for kids to see that the ancient stories actually do have applications to their lives today. These classes are going well and are being taught by a great team of volunteers. Justin Hutcherson, Alex Ceron, Stephanie Wilson, and Heather Dalan are teaching the middle school class, and Bryan and Jami Eggart are helping me with the High school class.

Meanwhile, both youth groups are spending time discussing how the call of Christ in our lives is not a call to an "easy life", but to the "GOOD LIFE."

In Christ, ~Doug

Youth Sunday School during 9:30 service

Oct. 9—Called for a Purpose (Abraham)
Oct. 16—Choose Correctly (Jacob)
Oct 23—Strength in Adversity (Joseph)
Oct. 30—No Sunday School—Youth Sunday
Nov. 6— On God's Team (Moses)
Nov. 13—Remembering God's Deliverance
Nov. 20— Actions Speak Loudly
Nov. 27th—No Sunday School

Youth Group

- **Sundays**
Senior High Youth Group @ church 7-8:30 PM
- **Wednesdays**
Mid High Youth Group @ church 7-8:30 PM

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If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Doug at anytime.

Mission Guatemala 2012

Question and Answer Meeting

Sunday, Oct 16th @ 6pm

In the Senior High Room

**YOUTH SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30TH**



The Coffee Shop

is open and is fundraising for Mission Guatemala 2012



Leaf Raking Fundraiser

As part of our fundraising for the Guatemala Mission trip, we are going to be doing leaf raking for anyone interested. Sign up in the foyer if you could like to have your leaves raked.

Kids Club!

A Note From Cheryl

Make "It" Your Own

Fall is here! It's hard to believe, but yes, one month of school is behind us already!

For those of you who didn't know, I am teaching part time at Blue Ridge Elementary School. I absolutely love it! I primarily get to work with 3rd graders, teaching both reading and math. This past week, I had my first "official" observation. I didn't know I was going to be observed that day, thankfully I was prepared.

I was hired a few days before the start of school as a Title 1 Specialist. Instead of taking kids out of the room, I get to go into the 3rd grade classroom, where I was given my own teaching area. I was asked to use a certain routine and certain strategies while teaching my groups. So I researched this style of teaching which consisted of reading lots of articles, and watching many different youtube videos. Then I started teaching with it.

I tried to mimic exactly what I saw the teachers do on the videos. I thought, "Well, that's how she was teaching it so I must have to teach it that way." But it just wasn't working. Heads up; Kids can tell when you are teaching something that you don't believe, or isn't "your own". They don't really care to pay attention, they get bored, disinterested, and then management becomes an issue. Both the students and I were not enjoying ourselves. Then I went to my post-observation, the best thing that happened to me all month. It was a very positive interaction, one where I was told that I wasn't expected to copy another teacher or to do everything exactly how they did it. No, I was told I could adjust the technique to fit my style of teaching and to "Make It My Own." Those words have stuck with me this month.

What does it mean to make something your own? You know those salespeople who give you this amazing pitch about a certain brand? Then you see them outside of the store, and they are using an opposing brand? They have not made it their own. After seeing them with the opposing brand, you start to doubt their spiel, realizing they don't really believe their product is the best either! So why should you?

That's how we are seen as Christians. We can't expect others to want what we have when we are promoting "different products". We have to make Jesus Christ our own in order for those around us to want Him too. It's so hard at times to remember how closely people are watching, but they are. They want to know what you have, that they don't. Why are you happy when the news is so depressing? Where does your hope come from?

I am so thankful and blessed to be a part of a group that has truly made Christ their own! Within the schools and throughout the community, we are noticed and people want what we have. Thank you all for the support and love you show to your community.

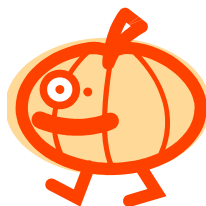
Love to you all,
Cheryl

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*Would you like to be part of our
Christmas Play? On December 11*



*We are looking
for all ages, and
require that you
are a part of the
practices. It's
going to be a
grand time!
Contact Cheryl
for more info.*



Annual Harvest Party
October 23 3-6:00 PM

Peterson's Farm
1332 Last Chance Rd

Please bring a main dish, as well as a salad or a dessert to share. Don't forget a pumpkin to carve & plan to join us for "An Experiment in Worship" around the campfire. All Welcome!



Ephesians Sermon Series

On Sun. Oct. 9th Doug will be kicking off a 7 week sermon series on Ephesians. It is our hope that as we work through this book we as a church can grow in our faith and understanding of who Jesus really is in our lives. For those who would like to read ahead each week, the schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 9 - Ephesians 1
- Oct. 16—Ephesians 2
- Oct. 23—Ephesians 3
- Oct. 30—Ephesians 4:1-16
- Nov. 6—Ephesians 4:17-5:20
- Nov. 13—Ephesians 5:21-6:9
- Nov. 20—Ephesians 6:10-24



"Ephesians"

Bible Study Discussion

Sunday Mornings 11:00 AM

Come join Cheryl and others for a discussion of the book of Ephesians. We will be using the sermon series outline for a basis of each weeks discussion, so come after hearing the sermon and be prepared to talk about the passage that we discussed during worship. All are welcome, so feel free to come whenever you are available.



Skip's Note *"It is essential that one experience all the moods and season of one good place."*

Thomas Merton

Thirty-five years ago Rick Barton, my pastor in Gunnison Colorado said, "Skip, you need to start a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle. I knew what FCA was but had never been involved. In fact I had never been involved in any kind of ministry. In a couple of days I will be returning to the place where I took my first step in actively being involved in Christian ministry. I am looking forward to being with good friends from that period of my life and hearing where life has taken each of them. I am hoping to have some time with Rick and thank him for that moment when he encouraged me to consider serving Christ and His church through FCA. It was the springboard for where I am today.

It wasn't too many years after that moment in time that I met Robin and Kriss Peterson, Bob Meyer, Harvey Wellington and others of College Place Presbyterian Church. As a result of that encounter College Place Presbyterian Church prayerfully and financially supported Renee and I during our eight years on Young Life Staff. Fast-forward to October 2011. We find ourselves in a challenging season, one that requires reflection, patience, listening, encouragement, empowerment. I left the congregational meeting this past Sunday, October 2 encouraged and energized. It was a blessing to see and experience the energy of the congregation as we take a moment to consider who we are and where we want to go in the future. And, I was reminded that I find myself in a "good place". Place is much more than geography, it is about situation and environment. Place is where we find ourselves when we respond to the tugs and promptings of the Holy Spirit... those moments... those invitations to participate in what Christ is doing in the world around us. When we respond we find ourselves in a "good place"!

Because of an individual's encouragement, a suggestion to get involved 35 years ago, even though I did not know how to go about it, I find myself in a "good place"! It is all joy being in this place with you on this journey. Thank you for the inspiration you give as a congregation by being faithful, by loving each other, by listening to each other, by encouraging each other, by being gracious and compassionate with each other...by being the church!

Blessings!
Skip

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Session Meeting
Monday, October 10
7:00 PM @ Church

Christian Aid Center Dinner
Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 PM
Sign up on the foyer to volunteer

Silvers
Tuesday, October 11
Noon at El Sombrero 2nd & Ash

Retired or Wish You Were Potluck
Friday, October 21
Noon @ the church



Annual All Church Family Harvest Party ~ October 23 3:00-6:00 PM
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