

# Solid Rock Review

March 2011

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## 2011 Lenten Book Study

*Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health*  
by Donald Whitney

*Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 PM, Worship Center*

3/16/11: Chapters 1 and 2-pp. 13-39

*Do you thirst for God?*

*Are you governed increasingly by God's Word?*

3/23/11: Chapters 3 and 4-pp. 41-68

*Are you more loving?*

*Are you more sensitive to God's presence?*

3/30/11: Chapters 5 and 6-pp. 69-90

*Do you have a growing concern for the spiritual  
and temporal needs of others?*

*Do you delight in the bride of Christ?*

4/13/11: Chapters 7 and 8-pp. 91-110

*Are the spiritual disciplines  
increasingly important to you?*

*Do you still grieve over sin?*

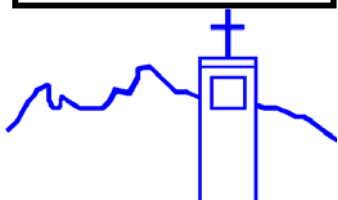
4/20/11: Chapters 9 and 10-pp. 111-131

*Are you a quicker forgiver?*

*Do you yearn for heaven to be with Jesus?*

Please sign up for the class on the sign up list at the welcome desk and write a check to First Presbyterian for the cost of the book for \$10.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee,

I'm reflecting on our Memorial Garden today. It is easy to view it from the windows of my office. I am reminded of the centrality of gardens in the Scripture. I am reminded that God created Adam and Eve to dwell in a garden with Him. The word for garden in Hebrew can also mean paradise. In our Memorial Garden, this is reflected in the beauty of it regardless of the season.

I am reminded that the great tragedy of human history took place in the garden where Adam and Eve sinned and their corrupt nature was passed on to each one of us. In our Memorial Garden, this is reflected in the stone niches that hold the cremains of our brothers and sisters who have suffered the final consequences of Adam and Eve's imputed sin. Soon, we will all join them if the Lord tarries. And if the Scriptural story of gardens ended there, I would only be reminded of

hopelessness... but it didn't. I am reminded of the grace that God extended to Adam and Eve even in the Fall by providing clothing for them and a promise that the seed of her womb would crush the head of the enemy, the serpent. I am again thankful for God's grace to me as I stroll through our Memorial Garden.

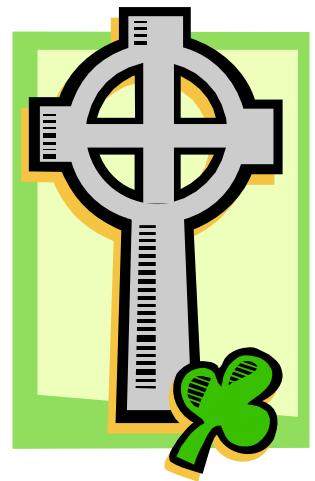
I am reminded that Jesus taught His disciples in an olive grove garden during His last week of earthly ministry before the cross. The garden had again become a place of intimacy with God. In our Memorial Garden, I know that the presence of Lord is there just as He is everywhere and that we can enjoy sweet times of intimacy together in that place as I reflect on His glory. I am reminded that Jesus prayed in His hour of greatest distress in that same garden, Gethsemane. He prayed that if possible the Father would take the cup of suffering from Him but that it was more important for God's will to be done. When I think of Gethsemane as I walk through our Memorial Garden, I am reminded of Jesus' prayer example to ask the Lord for His will to be done right here as it is in heaven, regardless of the cost. Jesus was arrested in that garden and bound in chains, just as Adam and Eve were cast out. As I look at the niches, I am reminded that it should have been me led away and crucified and not the Lord of glory.

Jesus was buried in a garden tomb and rose from it. I look to the niches again and remember that the wages of sin is death but the sting of death has been removed by my Lord and Savior. I am reminded that He is the first fruit of the resurrection and can imagine that one day these niches will no longer contain cremains as the resurrection will change all that.

The central plaza, if you will, of the New Heavens and the New Earth will contain the tree of life, bearing its fruit in season. The last time we saw it in Scripture was in the garden. Here it is a garden in the midst of the New Jerusalem bearing witness to God and His glory. I am reminded as I look out from our Memorial Garden that we bear witness to this city of the glory of God in Christ.

*In Christ*

*Pastor Pat*



**FISCAL FAITHFULNESS FPCW FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT**

**JANUARY**

**YEAR-TO-DATE**

Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance	Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance
\$79,467	\$73,470	\$83,093	(\$9,624)	\$925,000	\$73,470	\$83,093	(\$9,624)

## The View from the Bell Tower

The view from here is an uncertain one. Someone once said timing is everything. Well, timing this month is really poor. I am writing my monthly newsletter article early because I will be out of the office all through the week of February 21 to 25, when the article would normally be written.

In that week two major events will occur - at least from my point of view. The Administrative Commission (AC) dealing with our request to be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church(USA) to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), has scheduled a meeting with those of our church family who indicated disagreement with our decision regarding the dismissal. The AC will then report to the Presbytery at the next regular meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, I will have undergone my heart procedure, called an ablation, on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. That will be at Virginia-Mason Hospital after a

full day of tests on Tuesday. The object of the ablation is to cauterize the specific node that is causing my heart valves to function randomly, rather than in the normal sequence. That is to be done by catheter, rather than open heart surgery. The purpose is to correct the atrial fibrillation that I find very frustrating.

Of course, much of March falls into the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is the 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jim Deal will be presenting the message at our Ash Wednesday service. We definitely look forward to this opportunity to share that worship time with our friends from Eastmont, and perhaps Cashmere and Orondo.

Other key dates in March include the men's retreat at Tall Timber Ranch on March 4, 5 and 6, the Mission Trip dinner/auction on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Art of Marriage on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, daylight savings time starting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's day on the 17<sup>th</sup> and spring beginning officially on

the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding the heart procedure, I trust in God's word through Moses to the Jewish people and to Joshua in Deuteronomy 31:6 & 8: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified . . . for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." And, "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

*Blessings to everyone,  
Pastor Paul*



### **March Great Date!!**

**Who:** For couples (married or dating) with children.

**What:** Couples have a brief time of fellowship and discussion and then go out on a date while their children are cared for.

**Why:** To strengthen couples' relationships and help them meet other couples.

**When:** The last Saturday of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.

**Where:** Children will be in the gym. Adults will meet in the Brides Room.

**How:** To participate March 26, sign up at either entrance of the church, call 663-1187 or contact Kristi (kristi@fpcw.org) or Michelle (michelle@fpcw.org), to reserve a spot for you and your children.



## Leadership Reflections

Christian Leadership equips the body for service. Christian leadership exercises humility. Christian Leadership develops partnerships with other believers. Christian leadership encourages stewardship. Christian Leadership creates ministry opportunities for others. The last of these principles will be outlined here and then we will take a hard look at Christian maturity in leadership next month:

### ***Leadership principle #6: Christian leadership is lovingly disciplined leadership***

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus informs His disciples that *if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.* (Matt 5:23-24) Later in Matthew, Jesus spells out a process for conflict resolution among His people the Church in four stages: 1) confront the person with whom you have the issue, 2) take two others as witnesses to confront the person again if the need arises, 3) take it to the Church if repentance is still lacking, and 4) if repentance is still lacking, treat that person like a tax collector (Matt 18:15-17). In each and every case of biblical discipline, the goal is restoration to wholeness with God and the Church; not punishment. We are urged by the Apostle Paul to engage in this work gently knowing that it could just easily have been we who stumbled (Gal 6:1).

Christian leadership gently and lovingly insures that “short accounts” are kept within the body and that the truth is spoken in love. The better a congregation does this in small instances, the healthier and easier it will be when larger infractions come.

The implementation of this principle will require our ministry teams to ask and answer questions along the following lines:

- Am I the one offended or am I the offender? In either case, I am obligated to go.
- Should I be talking about this situation with this person or is the real problem in another place?
- Have you spoken to the person in question about this? If not, when will you do so?
- Is it time for this issue to move to another level of discussion?
- Can we resolve this impasse on our own or do we need someone else to participate?

This list of principles we have discussed over the last few months is far from exhaustive. However, each is rooted in biblical truth. Any healthy church will be growing in these areas. Of one thing we can be assured, the congregation will not adopt this principled culture unless it is first displayed in the leadership. We already do a fine job of this and there is always room for us to grow. May God be glorified in leadership our efforts.

*In Christ*

*Pastor Pat*

# FPCW Happenings



**Meal Services**  
Mobile Meals of Wenatchee  
PO Box 1343 Wenatchee, WA  
98807-1343  
Phone: (509) 665-6254



On March 11th, Mobile Meals of Wenatchee, is sponsoring a fundraising concert. The concert starts at 7:30pm at the First United Methodist Church on Miller and Washington in Wenatchee. This is an annual major fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels program and a great opportunity to hear a few songs from 7 great groups.

- ◆ The Apollo Club
- ◆ The Applearies
- ◆ The Leavenworth Voices
- ◆ The FUMC Sanctuary Choir
- ◆ 4 for One
- ◆ The Wenatchee High School Chamber Singers
- ◆ Mariache Huenache of Wenatchee

The tickets are \$10 and available at the East Wenatchee Pharmacy, Pak it Rite in Wenatchee, Doane's Pharmacy in Cashmere, A Book for all Seasons in Leavenworth, and Winnie's Hallmark. If you buy tickets at the event, they are \$15.

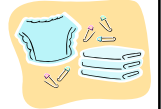
## Wanted!

3 Pack and Plays and 2 inflatable beds (queen preferred) for use the week of May 2 to May 9. If we can borrow one of these items please contact Bob or Cheryl Butcher 662-5554 or rbutch4@gmail.com.

Thanks!



Dear Church Family,



When Serve Wenatchee Valley asked us to accept the call to distribute diapers and wipes to those in need, we said, "yes"! The Joyful Start Diaper Ministry has been a blessing to many so far. Thank you for your generosity and participating in this important ministry! If you have questions or would like to help, please call Diane Larson at 665-7244.

FAMILYLIFE<sup>®</sup> presents  
**the art of marriage™**  
a six-session video event



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**March 11 and March 12, 2011**

\$30.00 per couple  
Friday, March 11, 7 – 9 pm, Saturday, March 12, 9am – 4pm  
Contact Kristi for more information 663-1187 ext. 205 or kristi@fpcw.org



**Daylight Saving  
Time begins Sunday  
3/13/2011  
at 2:00 a.m.**

**Be sure to set your  
clocks  
ahead 1 hour.**

## Help Needed!!!!

### ~AWANA

We have 42 kids involved with Awana and more coming every week! We need more adult help! Wednesday evenings 6:15-8

- ⇒ Needed: Secretary to check in kids and record achieved awards.
- ⇒ Needed: Leaders to listen to and encourage kids saying Bible verses.
- ⇒ Needed: Leaders to assist in the 3 & 4 year old class.

Contact Laura Clifton, 884-0869, [tlc@integrity.com](mailto:tlc@integrity.com) or Michelle Klock 663-1187, [michelle@fpcw.org](mailto:michelle@fpcw.org) for more information

### ~Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 1, 8:00-11:30

- ⇒ Needed: key people to lead music, recreation, Bible games and a Co-director for VBS.

Everything is well organized and easy to facilitate! Please pray for VBS and the part you can play! Contact Michelle Klock 663-1187, [michelle@fpcw.org](mailto:michelle@fpcw.org) for more information.

## Kid's Corner

Michelle Klock, Director of Children's Ministry  
[michelle@fpcw.org](mailto:michelle@fpcw.org), 663-1187

### ~ Great Dates

**March 26th, 2011, 4:30-7:30**~ Couples will have a brief time of fellowship and learning and then go out on a date while their children have a fantastic time playing on the big blow-up toy and watch a VeggieTales movie! Free childcare for children birth through 6th grade. Sign up at the church!

### ~ AWANA

Wednesday evenings 6:15-8 ~You can get involved! Kids ages K-5th grade can begin any time and we always need adult helpers. Contact Laura Clifton, 884-0869, [tlc@integrity.com](mailto:tlc@integrity.com) or Michelle Klock 663-1187, [michelle@fpcw.org](mailto:michelle@fpcw.org) for more information or if you are interested in helping.

### ~ SonSurf Vacation Bible School - *Dude, It's All About Jesus*

June 27-July 1, Mark your Calendars!

On those hot summer days the best place to be is the beach! As kids explore the wonders of the beach, they'll also discover the Big Answers to the Big Questions about Jesus, who He is and why they need Him. At *SonSurf Beach Bash VBS*, kids learn that there is only one truth: Jesus.

# FPCW Happenings

## Combined Service - Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 20, 2011  
9:30 a.m.



### High School Seniors and College Students

Eastmont Presbyterian is offering six \$1,000.00 scholarships! Applications and brochures are available at the FPCW front desk. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2011. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to help pay for your college education. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Gavin at 664-9061.

## FPCW Supports our Troops

If you have friends or family that are on active duty in any branch of military service, you may pick up a packet posted on the newly dedicated Support the Troops bulletin board. The envelope has a form for completion detailing the service person's information. Simply enclose a 4"x 6" photo (if you have one) and return it to the folder or to Ed Carlisle for completion and posting. If you are related to the military personnel listed in the Church bulletin, we would like to get them added to the board. If it is a friend of the family, so state as we are designating each FPC member with an (\*).





**FPCW's**

Ash  
Wednesday  
Service

March 9  
7:00 p.m.

Dinner begins at  
6:00 p.m.

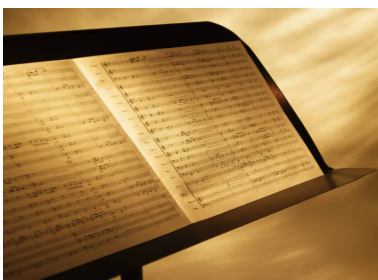
**"KENYA" JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL MISSION DINNER & AUCTION!?!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH**  
**5:30PM SILENT AUCTION**  
**6:00PM DINNER WITH**  
**LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW**

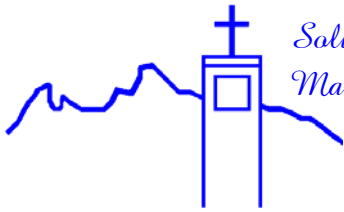
*THIS WONDERFULLY TASTY DINNER WILL SUPPORT THE MISSION TEAM GOING TO RURAL KENYA, AFRICA IN JUNE 2011 TO BUILD A CLASSROOM ONTO A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & HELP WITH MEDICAL CLINICS.*

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX**  
**\$16PP OR \$30 COUPLE**





Thank you for your support of the Africa Mission Building project through the Christian Cabaret! We raised \$3,411 to build a classroom onto a Christian school! Thank YOU from the Mission Team!



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	Ward Larson Jr.	3/1	Troy Ruckman	3/14	Paula Walters	3/24	
	Erin Smith	3/1	Brooke Thomsen	3/14	Grover Talley	3/25	
	Courtney Clifton	3/2	Marvin Specker	3/15	Kristi Ernsberger	3/26	
	Sydney Lenssen	3/2	Dick Thayer	3/15	Julie Grinolds	3/26	
	Jessica Robertson	3/2	Scott Broberg	3/16	Ryan Hewitt	3/26	
	Jeff Jaeger	3/3	Jill Allemandi	3/17	John Dye	3/27	
	Sam Bokma	3/5	Kaye MacKenzie	3/17	Adam Richmond	3/27	
	Crystal Sandberg	3/5	Megan Ruckman	3/17	Jack Gavin	3/28	
	Katherine Sparling	3/5	Brian Mills	3/19	Ron Kenaston	3/28	
	Pete Blanksma	3/6	Lisa Mills	3/19	Gary Lammert	3/28	
	John Ehler	3/8	Maggie Stevens	3/21	Nalda Bendowsky	3/30	
Kai Knell	3/9	Lisa Bozett	3/22	Bob Blane	3/30		
Leonard Singhose	3/10	Gary Gavin	3/22	Paul Pankey	3/30		
Emma Bergan	3/11	Trent Jaeger	3/23	Jim Cleveland	3/31		
Joyce Mathison	3/12	Alyce Lindberg	3/23	Don Murray	3/31		