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Getting Connected

Pastor's Porch – August 21

I am told there was a time in America when homes all had porches. People would walk the neighborhood and often stop and talk to someone relaxing out on their porch. It was an opportunity for people to stop by, catch up, shoot the breeze and connect. Today, communication seems confined to text - even "Facebook" is text and pictures. If ever there was a day and age where we could use face to face interaction, it would be today.

The purpose of the Pastor's Porch is for you to stop by and touch base, pick my brain, share a thought or just connect. Maybe you have a question about something I said in a message or something our church is doing and would like to discuss it. I am not promising we will solve the problems of the world or even make decisions that evening but there will be an opportunity for us to connect and communicate with each other.

At a Pastor's Porch you set the agenda with the questions or discussion items you bring and at this Porch we will talk some more about why we should change the name of the church. As always you can email me if you would like me to be prepared to answer your question. If you have a concern about what is going on in the church you are invited to bring it up as well. My hope, as your senior pastor, is to be open to hearing your desires for Jesus' church and how we all serve the Lord together here.

Unstoppable – Acts

The book of Acts, is frequently referred to as the "Acts of the Apostles" because the Greek word for Acts was commonly used to describe the accomplishments of successful men. In this book this would not be a far stretch as Luke tells us of the amazing actions of Peter, Paul and (no, not Mary) but those accompanying Paul on his journeys. With a deeper look you will realize the point of this book is to record the Unstoppable power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is men-



tioned more than 50 times in the book of Acts and the evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit is dynamic and exciting. In this series you will be blessed, encouraged and even challenged to allow the Holy Spirit to change your life. If you would like to get the most out of this study, join an Acts small group.

If you are new to the church and have yet to experience a sermon-based small group study this is your opportunity to learn more about the first Church. Join us for worship on Sunday, during the week you can study a little more on your own and then in your small group take it a little deeper. Bring your questions, your thoughts and your life changing experiences to share with your group.

One of the great benefits of the whole church studying Acts at the same time is the congregational alignment. We are all interacting with the same Bible verses and topics and when we talk with each other we can ask, "What did your group talk about this week?" You will be amazed both how often the discussions sound similar or you might ask, "How did your group get off on that topic?" Either way when we are studying the same scripture there is a great sense of unity in the church. You won't want to feel left out. So get in a group.

"How do I find a group?" I'm glad you asked! See Pastor Skips article (page 3) for more information, and we will have a Small Group Fair on August 28 so you can meet leaders, learn times and locations for a group that is right for you. I trust that you will be praying for and listening to God's leading.

Pastor Mark

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Upcoming Special Guests!

We are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Daniel and Sarah Chetti, IM missionaries in Lebanon, as our guests at both Worship services on **Sunday, August 14th**. They are one of our "adopted missionaries" and are in the states for a summer visit.



Dan and Sarah Chetti serve at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. Daniel teaches theology, coordinates graduate studies, and provides administrative assistance to the academic dean. Sarah works with the development and organization of the seminary's library.

Both Dan and Sarah grew up in India where they met in 1982 when Dan was working on his doctoral dissertation. They returned to India in 1985 and served for thirteen years in seminary education and pastoral ministry.

In 1998, they were appointed as the first American Baptist missionaries to the Arab world at the seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. In addition to serving at the seminary, Dan has been ministering to the Sudanese Congregation that meets at the Fanar Baptist Church. Sarah is also involved in the prison ministries, ministering to imprisoned women that have been involved in human trafficking.

We look forward to hearing how God is moving and changing the hearts of those a world away from us! Come ready to be challenged and encouraged.

Mary Funk

For more information about Dan and Sarah's ministry, you can access the International Ministries website (www.internationalministries.org).

Acts Series

Starts September 11

Get in a Small Group

IN HIS GRIP

I hope you are all enjoying this summer! Lots of time to go and camp and be a tourist or to just hang at home with friends and family. We haven't gone anywhere this summer, yet. Just enjoying our "staycation."

It is time to begin thinking about the fall! I know I am rushing this but by the time the next Challenger comes out it may be too late. As you probably know by now we are beginning our "all Church" Study" of the Book of Acts, we are calling it "UnStoppable". This is because the Book of Acts is about the "Unstoppable" power of the Holy Spirit. We begin our study on September 11 with a sermon on the beginning of Acts.

Each small group is encouraged to join in on this study. One of the best ways you can benefit from this very dynamic study is by being in a small group. If you are not already in a group we urge you to get in a group. We will have a Small Group Fair and sign up on August 28. We will have study materials available on that day.

I am going to recommend now that you get ready for this study by reading a chapter a day from the Book of Acts. That will take you a month and then read it again. Then you will have a strong grasp of the material as we

begin our study. *Remember get in a small group!* If you need any help let me know.

We will have a small group leader meeting immediately following the second service on August 28. This meeting is for all current small group leaders and those who would like to be a small group leader. You will be given your leaders study materials for the book of Acts and Pastor Mark and I will be going over how to use the materials and the schedule for the study.

Recently several of you have asked about being in ministry and have also indicated that you don't have any ministry and would like to have more involvement. Those are the kind of questions a pastor loves to get!! We are all meant to be ministers and in service for the Lord and it can be unfulfilling when we are not in service (ministry).

We definitely have some real ministry needs in our church. I want to spend a little time talking about and inviting you to be part of one of these.

A ministry that immediately comes to mind is "*Visitation*". We have many opportunities to bring joy and comfort to those who are not able to

get out, either temporarily or, for some permanently. There is nothing that can bring more joy and a sense of connection than to have someone come and visit; to just be there sometimes to talk and listen; to read for them, Scripture or other things. Also to take them communion and share that with them in the privacy of their own home or room. This requires no special skills or knowledge, just a love for Christ and the person you are sharing with. **We will equip and train you to do this.** Right now this is one of our highest needs, to have teams of people who are willing and called to go and visit with those who are not able to get out. We have many of our members and loved ones in various resident facilities. We keep a list in the office.

I ask that you pray about this and if you feel God calling you into this ministry please call me and I will make sure you are equipped and trained to go. We need teams of people who can go together.

Call me if you would like more information. Pray about this, God can use you and is calling.

Pastor Skip

Worship is.

.Accepting Change.

Remember the summary by Solomon? "*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven*" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). I am borrowing from Max today, since he can say what I want to say better than I can. "God dispenses life the way he manages his cosmos: through seasons. When it comes to the earth, we understand God's management strategy. Nature needs winter to rest and spring to awaken. We don't dash underground at the sight of spring's tree buds. Autumn colors don't prompt warning sirens. Earthly seasons don't upset us. But unexpected personal ones certainly do....."

"Are you on the eve of change? Do you find yourself looking into a new chapter? Is the foliage of your world showing signs of a new season? Heaven's message for you is clear: when everything else changes, God's presence never does. You journey in the company of the Holy Spirit, who "*will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you*" (John 14:26 NLT).

"So make friends with whatever's next. Embrace it. Accept it. Don't resist it. Change is not only a part of life; **change is a necessary part of God's strategy (bold print is mine)**. To use us to change the world he alters our assignments. Gideon: from farmer to

general; Mary: from peasant girl to the mother of Christ; Paul: from local rabbi to world's evangelist. God transitioned Joseph from a baby brother to an Egyptian prince. He changed David from a shepherd to a king. Peter wanted to fish the Sea of Galilee. God called him to lead the first church. God makes reassignments. "But he wants you to know: **you'll never face the future without his help.**" Think about it.

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Blessings
Grace Grover

DOWN ON THE FARM – SWEET PEA

“I don’t want to deal with another thing!” The words shoot out of my mouth as my brain absorbs the latest news from the barnyard. Over a period of several weeks, all three of the lambs we’d bottle fed had fallen ill and died. Scooter, Autumn’s calf, was limping but we couldn’t get close enough to check his leg. The latest blow was Rosie’s new calf appeared to be starving despite the fully loaded udder available to her. I feel overwhelmed and inadequate.

Despite my initial reaction, I grab my coat, stuff my feet into boots and hurry to the pasture with my husband. Shaking grain in a bucket, we lure Rosie toward the barn. The calf lags behind, eventually enough that Mike is able to close in, pick her up and take her to the barn. The cow follows the double bait of food and calf’s cry.

milk in her mouth, and then massage her throat to encourage her to swallow. A quarter cup of milk is all she can take in. We repeat the process every few hours.

Half a day later, the calf is still not nursing. Again we focus on syringing milk into the calf. Despite her weakened state, she’s quite resistant to being fed, constantly returning to the cow and licking her neck. We decide to separate the cow and calf. Shortly after Rosie was turned out to pasture, the calf’s suck reflex kicked in. In less than a day, she was drinking two quarts at each feeding. We pray that what we’re doing will work and this little heifer will stay healthy.

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our efforts, we lost her. I’m afraid to name this one in case we lose her as well.”

Two weeks and a lot of bottles later, our bovine bundle is still with us. She’s learning to wear a halter and walk with us. Her little body is filling out and growing and she plays, running and kicking, in her pen. We tossed around a lot of name ideas and only one stuck: Sweet Pea. I guess we’ve decided she may make it after all.

When I feel I can’t take on one more thing, God proves His faithfulness and carries me through. He covers me with mercy and grace and gives me peace.

A few days ago, I was able to include this truth in a conversation with a friend who is caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s. “I don’t know how I can go on like this,” he said. “Things keep getting worse.” As with our experience with Sweet Pea, a sense of helplessness overshadows his efforts to do what’s right.

God whispers words of comfort for me to share, about His using us as warriors fighting, not with swords and rifles, but with His love and strength working through us. We both walk away from our brief visit a bit stronger and more at peace.

Jesus was tempted and tested during his time on earth and we will be, too. We will be tempted to quit, to walk away from painful or difficult things in our lives. That is a natural response when we feel overwhelmed. Instead of walking away, God waits for us to call to Him in prayer. I am so thankful that he gifts us with a steadfast faith that He will see us through whatever storms life throws at us.

Fay Ternan



Once both animals are secured, we bring in water, hay and a little extra grain for Rosie. Then we watch and wait to see if the cow is rejecting the calf or if it just isn’t nursing. At first it appears all the instincts are correct, but the calf never finds the udder, bumping and licking the cow’s neck instead. She fights our efforts to get her head to the cow’s flank. We decide to bring in milk replacer in a bottle. To our dismay, the calf doesn’t appear to be able to suck. We use a syringe to force

Leaning over the fence the next day, my daughter and I examine the calf. Her dark eyes are bright and she appears alert. Her reddish brown coat drapes itself across a boney frame, evidence of her previous lack of nutrition. Her sunken flanks are plumped out after the last feeding. “What do you want to name her?” Cece asks.

“Last year Rosie’s calf, Daisy, died because of a similar problem. Despite all

Youth Happenings

FBC YOUTH MINISTRY

Beach Blast

August 26 - 28

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
AUGUST 10TH!!!**

We are looking forward to another great Beach Blast and to you being there! Cost is \$110 so get your money and registration in as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Cost includes 3 days, 2 nights, with food, lodging, t-shirt and many fun activities. So get excited, invite your friends and join us as we head to the beach to meet with God!

Youth Leader Spotlight!

Jon & Rochelle Woods

Jon & Rochelle Woods joined our Youth Ministry Staff in January this year. This newlywed couple are fantastic people and youth leaders!



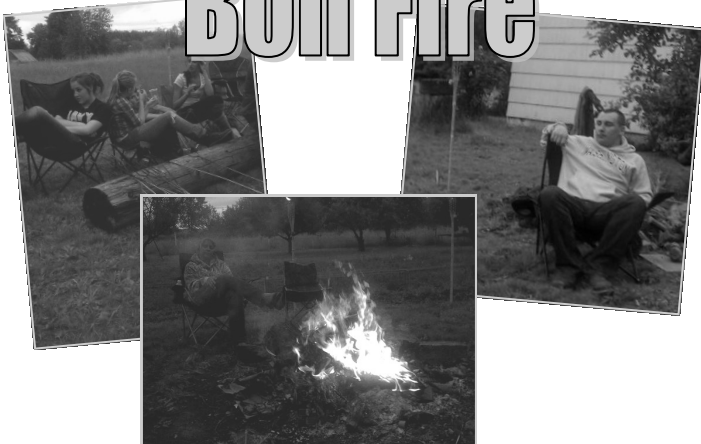
Jon is leading our 11th & 12th grade boys Sunday Morning Group and Rochelle is working with the High School Girls at the same time. Both are actively involved on Wednesday nights as well where Jon is leading our worship team and they both are highly interactive with our students. Rochelle also loves taking pictures and a few of the shots below are from her camera. Say "Hello!" to Jon & Rochelle next time you see them.



**Day Hike to Silver Falls
Mt. Rainier**



Bon Fire



Youth Group Fun!

2011 All Church Picnic



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Food



Fellowship with Friends



Happy Birthday Howard



August 22



Mission of the Month -

Hola, Venga a adorar con nosotros - Pastor Tony says Hello and come worship with us on Sunday August 21. Pastor Tony is the pastor of Iglesia Christiana Resurreccion which has celebrated their 21st anniversary and will share highlights of their ministry, the children will perform a small play expressing their love of God, special music and a powerful message by Pastor Tony. Join us for a combined worship service at 9:15 and 11:00 am with

a fellowship hour between services offering tasty Hispanic pastries and great fellowship. Pastor Tony's daughter Gabriella graduated this year and will be attending college in the fall. They are currently meeting in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Centralia each Sunday at 2:00 pm and ask for our continued prayers for their Hispanic body of believers in Lewis County. Don't miss this special annual event



PRIME TIMERS 55+

Our next activity is a day trip to Mount Rainier on Wednesday, August 24. We will leave from the church at 9:30 A. M. Bring a sack lunch and your camera. We will stop on the way home for ice cream.



Senior Adult Camp (55 and older) at Camp Bethel is Monday-Thursday, September 12-15.

Brochures are available at the hospitality desk in the foyer. There are 8 from our church signed up and room for a lot more.

We are still working on plans for October and November.

Our annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Friday, December 9.

John Lyttle

ANNUAL FISHING TRIP



We are planning another fishing trip, Saturday, August 27. We will be salmon fishing out of Ilwaco.

Contact Mike Foster (360-219-3617) for more information.

The cost is \$110.00/person including, the boat, bait and fishing gear. This trip is open to men, women and children.



It's time for our Annual Blood Drive! Do you realize what an important gift you give when you donate your blood? Our blood consists of four basic parts: red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma. These components may be used together or separately to treat a patient. Typically a patient receives only the component needed for the specific medical condition, so your single whole blood donation could potentially help more than one person!



FBCC is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, August 23 2-7 pm; you can sign up to give starting Sunday, August 1. Giving blood not your thing? Then we *really* need you! Are you an organizer & detail person? Help us greet people, get the documentation done and keep the line moving! Are you tender-hearted & love to make a

new friend? Many needle-squeamish donors could use some good distracting conversation and possibly a hand to squeeze! Is hospitality your thing? Cookies and juice are always served after a donation -- here's your chance! And of course, a homemade goodie always hits the spot (hint, hint to all of you bakers out there!). We really do need your help to make our Annual Blood Drive a success; please contact Cheri Foster at secretary@fbcchehalis.org or 748-8628 . Help out for an hour or 2, or the whole afternoon!

Cheri Foster

Children's Ministry News

Children's Church

We have only 3 openings left to fill in August. Please see me and I'll equip you with all that you'll need to join in on the fun!

We have our children ready and piano player, but are in need of a Children's Music Director for our Children's Christmas Choir. Could that person be you?

I have been equipping myself over these past two months:

- Reading books suggested by our Pastors
- Researching and writing a Children's Ministry Policy Manual

- Researching and compiling Children's Sunday School Curriculum
- Attending Weekly Staff Meetings
- I've also been cleaning and organizing: Sunday School Classrooms, Children's Ministry Storeroom Children's Ministry Bulletin Boards

We've had our Awana Club Directors meeting with Pastor Mark and planned our exciting Awana Club 2011-2012 Year!

We've also had two Children's Ministry Workers Training Meetings in July.

We've been sending our Awana Club Registration forms to all our eligible children in hope to get them back promptly so we can order handbooks and uniforms in advance.

Awana Club begins: Sept. 11, 2011; 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Be Sure to check out Children's Ministry Activities at our website, www.fbcchehalis.org.

Kim Marcus,

Children's Ministry Director/Awana Commander

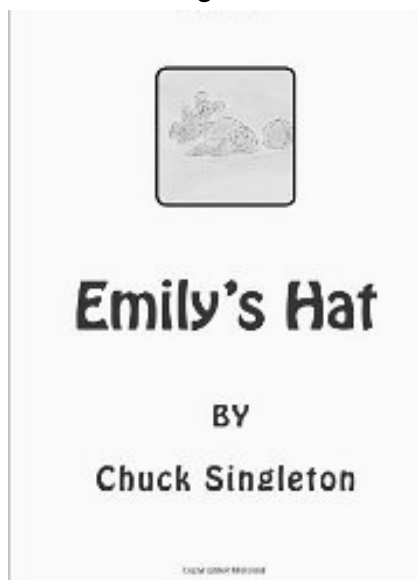
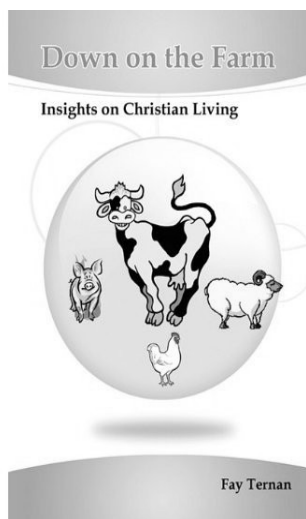
Library News

Large Print Books

We received three new large print books (Novels) for our library. Just above a Whisper by Lori Wick, A promise for Ellie by Lauraine Snelling and The Union Quilters by Jennifer Chiaverini.

FBCC Authors

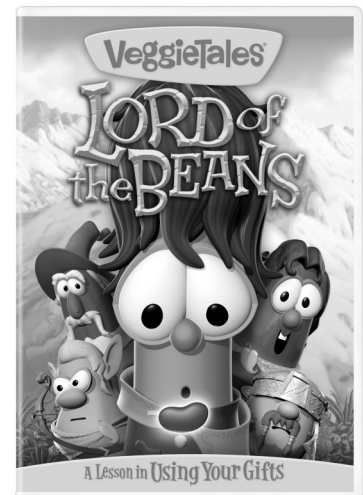
Faye Ternan has put together a book, Down on the Farm. It is about her adventures on the farm with animals and things that are found on a farm. She also works God's little reminders of his goodness in her stories.



Chuck Singleton has written a book named Emily's Hat. It tells of a small girl's hat and her love for her hat. Quick read but so wonderful a story about one of Chuck's five children. I have a feeling there will be four more books in the future.

Indiana Cousins - A Cousin's Promise, A Cousin's Prayer, A Cousin's Challenge are three Amish based novels by Wanda Brunstetter. Eight cousins start on a week end vacation and get it a horrific accident. Each book talks about the cousins and how they face the injuries and

deaths as result of the accident. (These three books were in the Historical Fiction section until I read them and discovered they are modern day. Don't be fooled by the pictures on front, they are Amish, not historical. Karen)



MISSING FROM LIBRARY

The book Heaven Really is Real By Todd Burpo and the Veggie Tales DVD - Lord of the Beans. DVD is missing not cover or card. (yes the church has been searched)

Submitted by

Karen Schessler

What's Happening at FBC

<p>Hymn Sing August 7 @ 6 pm Worship Center Light Refreshments immediately following Lillian Love, 748-1250</p>	<p>Pastors Porch August 21 @ 6 pm Pastor Mark 748-8628 srpastor@fbcchehalis.org</p>	<p>Illwaco Fishing Trip August 27 Cost \$110, includes boat, bait and fishing gear Mike Foster, 219-3617</p>
<p>Women's Crafting Bee August 13 @ 10 am Fellowship Hall Cheri Foster, 219-3571</p>	<p>Blood Drive August 23 @ 2 pm - 7 pm Fellowship Hall Cheri Foster, 219-3571</p>	<p>Small Group Fair August 28 Meet our leaders, sign up for a group and get your study materials.</p>
<p>Ministry Leadership Team Important Meeting August 14 @ 12:30 pm Light lunch will be provided. This is for all ministry team leaders.</p>	<p>Women's Birthday Party August 25 @ 6:30 pm Journeys Guest Speaker Jackie Eiswald Fellowship Hall Krista Wilks, 748-2961 Andi Walters, 262-2230</p>	<p>Small Group Leaders Meeting August 28 @ 12:30 pm For all current small group leaders and those who would like to be a small group leader. A light lunch will be provided.</p>
<p>Men's Breakfast August 20 @ 7 am Fellowship Hall Mike Foster, 219-3617</p>	<p>Youth Beach Blast August 26—28 Dune's Bible Camp Registration Deadline is August 10 Pastor Jeff, 784-8628 or 508-4050</p>	<p>Church Statistics 7/3 207 7/10 225 picnic 7/17 249 7/24 223</p>

Women's Ministry News

Want to go to Mexico? Or how about Africa? When was the last time you went on a camping trip? We would like to take you on a vacation – and the best part is it won't



cost a thing! Join us August 25 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Birthday Celebration.

Our theme this year is "Journeys" and Jackie Eiswald will be sharing her life's

journey with us. You won't want to miss this exciting evening of fun, fellowship and food! See you there!!!

Our next women's crafting bee will be Saturday, August 13, 10 am in the fellowship hall. Join us for a time of fellowship and crafting.

*Women's
Ministry
Team*



August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			6:30 pm Youth Group			
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Sunday, August 21
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Pull up a chair or two and join in on the conversation! That is what the August 21 Pastor's Porch is all about! Bring your questions, comments, observations and insights to this informal discussion with our pastor. The Porch will be open 6:00 - 8:00 pm; see you there!

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