

# The Challenger

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## Making Every Dollar Count

I love when it's cookie Sunday. I guess I'm a kid at heart! Last week it was crazy, I was making my way to the cookie table and there were people everywhere. There were children and adults standing around talking with their cookies. I couldn't get out of the worship center. I just wanted one chocolate chip cookie and a cup of coffee. There were so many people, I had to stop, even though I was not planning on it. I just stopped to look around and take it all in. Smiles, laughter, hugs, handshakes, pats on the back there were so many gestures of genuine caring and friendships.

Fellowship in the church is such a great blessing to be a part of. A church that is welcoming, friendly and inclusive I believe was a large part of Jesus' plan when he came to restore relationships. We know his first goal was to restore the relationship between man and God. Yet we can miss a secondary goal of restoring relationships with people and providing for fellowship.

One thing you might not realize is the price of fellowship. Together we care for one another, support, encourage and build each other up. That is one of the main purposes of a church, then there is the cost of the coffee, one of the little things that means a great deal to people on a Sunday morning. But coffee is not cheap the cost of coffee has gone up 30% this year alone, so our fellowship leaders tell me.

Why do I tell you that? Because there are so many things in our church that your giving supports that you may never realize. When you give to the general budget you are supporting collectively all the things our church values and approves when we vote for the budget. When you vote for the budget you are saying you will support the budget. For example your giving provides for worship, youth ministry, children's ministry, missions, heating and cooling, working

restrooms, camps, local support ministries, your pastors and support staff.

It is because of your faithfulness we are able to keep these ministries going. I want to thank you for your commitment.

As the Pastors, Elders and leaders plan for the 2012 budget we want you to know we only move forward trusting in God and believing in our people to make it happen. If you would like to be a part of our planning process, I would like to invite you to our Ministry Leadership team Budget meeting Monday October 17 @ 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.



We will vote as a congregation on the budget on Sunday, November 6 between the two worship services. I would like to invite you to be praying for our church leadership as we make wise choices for 2012.

*Pastor Mark*

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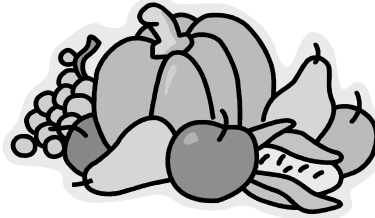
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## Mission of the Month



Heralded by the brilliant colors of the trees, autumn has arrived. Before we know it, Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays will be here. This time of the year, when we reflect on our blessings, can be discouraging to those who are dealing with personal crises. Our Missions Team wants to make the coming holidays a happy time for those members of our own congre-

gation and community who may be struggling financially at this time.

Please mark your offering "Holiday Gift Basket" when you place it in the offering plate during the month of October.

Pastor Mark has a list of some of these families who could use a helping hand to lift their spirits. If you know of someone else to add to the list, please let Pastor Mark know.

Let us share our blessings this holiday season.

*Mary Funk*

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## Far West Area American Baptist Women's Rally

"ROCK FOR OUR SISTERS -- ROLL for a CAUSE" is the theme for the Far West Area American Baptist Women's Fall Rally to be held at Grace Baptist in Tacoma on Saturday, October 15 from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The ladies from Urban Grace will be the hostesses.

Amazing Nagaland! will be the topic of the featured speaker, Rev. Art Johns, retired pastor from Kelso, WA. Music will be provided by Mary Bowlby, Music Director at Grace Baptist Church.

In the past few years ABW women have embraced projects to help women escape human trafficking and domestic violence

situations. We are "rocking the world" for our sisters in Christ through "Break the Chains," Deborah's House, and other outreach projects. Likewise, local groups continue to "roll" bandages, and do projects to support our missionaries in the U.S. and abroad.

For a time of fellowship with sisters in Christ and an opportunity to learn more about missions, save the date and share in this "Rock and Roll" Day.

Cost of the rally which includes lunch is \$15.00. For more information and to register, please contact Mary Funk, 748-8718.

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## Women's Circle Meeting

The Louise Campbell/C.O.S. Circle will meet Thursday, October 27, 1 pm in the church library. Rainbow Acres, our White Cross Home Missions project, will be featured. All ladies of the church are welcome to

attend. For more information, contact Mary Funk, 748-8718.

## IN HIS GRIP

UNSTOPPABLE! We are having a great study in the Book of ACTS! I do hope you are in a small group, at least for the duration of this study. There is so much rich material in the book of Acts and as we proceed through this we will gain so much useful, practical knowledge about being a church!

Some of you have noticed the changes we have made to the settings in the front. All those crates and stuff. We are excavating the Book of Acts and mining for God's best for us. UNSTOPPABLE is all about the Holy Spirit in the early church and in the church today. Please get on board. We are selling the participant guides for \$3.00 This is a really great price. The materials are full of rich material for each of us. It is question driven and as you know asking questions drives us into the word to find the answers, also each week you will hear a sermon on the material and learn even more in the discussion time in your small group.

We have put all the sermons on our web page along with the sermon outline for those who have missed them or just want to hear them again. You can get to our web page at [www.fbcchehalis.org](http://www.fbcchehalis.org). Once you get to the page follow the tabs to sermons and then listen or download the sermons you would like. They are in MP3 format so you can play them on you IPOD or other electronic device.

Get excited about learning more of God's Holy Spirit! If you need assistance with any of this to include getting in a small group please see me.

As I write this I am preparing to go to Post Falls, ID to Ross Point Camp and Conference center for the annual Ministers and Leaders Tune-up. This is an excellent opportunity to get refreshed and refilled with information from the various speakers. I hope that several of you are also at the meeting.

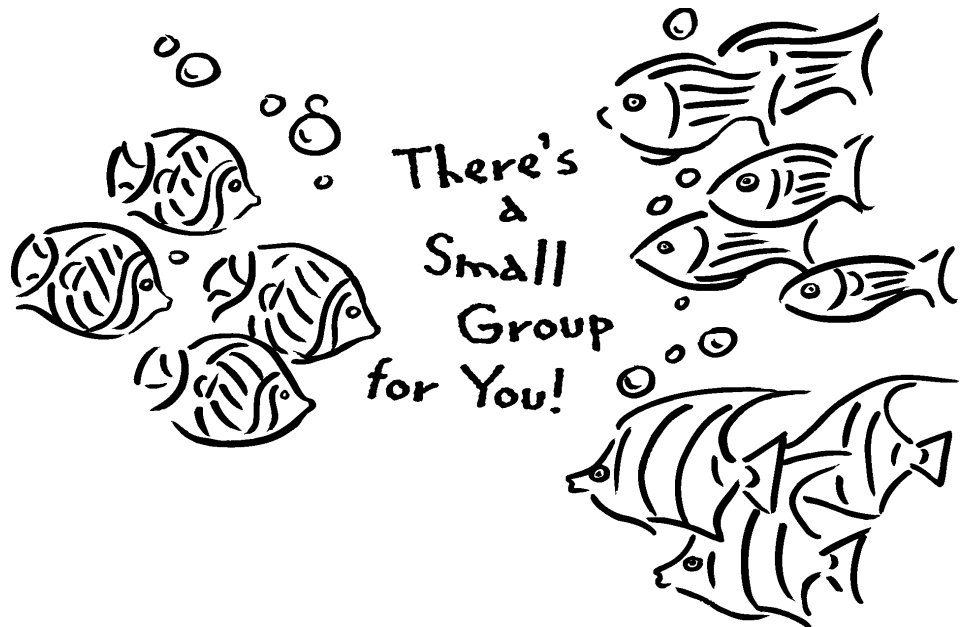
Also we are at the beginning of our busy time in the church, school back in, Sunday School all new, AWANA now and going strong. I want to encourage as many of you as can to get involved in a ministry of the church. There are opportunities in our

Christian Education area and in our small group ministry. I have asked for a group of people who would like to be visitors for our shut-ins, those in retirement centers, hospital and others. We now have 3 who are visiting but we need more teams. Please contact me if this is a ministry for you. We will provide training and give you a chance to go along with a seasoned visitor. Please contact me.

Well my paper is nearly full for this time. Don't be a stranger, stay in touch. Get in a group and Grow!!

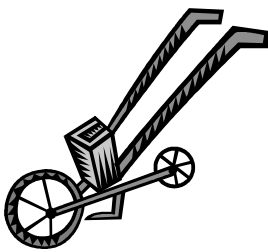
God bless each of you,

*Pastor Skip*



## *Worship is. . . . .*

. . . . . Setting Priorities.  
Discipleship is not like a career we map out for ourselves. We can't just say that we will follow Him, and then keep looking back to see where we've been. We can't arrange our service to suit ourselves. We say we'll obediently follow Jesus, but we keep



turning the tables to decide what takes priority in our lives. That way, we stay in control - and we do like to control, don't we? We might accomplish many good things, but that doesn't make disciples of us. The cost of following Jesus is described in Luke 9:57-62. Look it up. The gist of the parable is this: Jesus said "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Does that description fit you? It does me. Looking back is being double-minded

and makes us unstable and uncertain. That's exactly opposite of what Jesus expects of us - staying focused on Him. Are you waiting for Him to fit your schedule? Trying to take, and keep, control of our lives is costly and we miss having a close relationship with Jesus. Think about it.

*Blessings*

*Grace Grover*

## DOWN ON THE FARM – HERD THIS?

Sweet Pea, our little red calf, despite a rough start in life, was eating well. She would slurp up her three quarts of milk, then dash around her pen, ending her escapade with a little buck and kick for good measure. After our concerns that she wouldn't survive, her antics made me chuckle.

"Have you noticed when we walk away from her pen, Sweet Pea always goes into a corner and lies down?" I asked my daughter.

"I didn't think about it much, but yeah, she does. Maybe we should take her out on a lead and let her get used to being on grass."

The suggestion was a good one. Sweet Pea seemed to enjoy this new adventure although at first she fought the lead rope's tug on her halter. Once out the gate, it seemed she wanted to play more than she wanted to eat.

Returning her to the pen was a human versus calf tug-of-war. I'd walk her in circles, gradually moving her toward the barn. Once in the pen, she'd lay down until feeding time. I became concerned she might not be building up any stamina. I knew I couldn't teach her how to be a cow.

Weighing the risks and advantages, I decided it was time for Sweet Pea to meet the rest of the cattle. When we walked down to the herd's pasture, her eyes and ears trained on the other animals. They were grazing and ignored us until we were fifty feet away. Then they lifted their heads, focused on the little red calf, and stared.

Seeing no immediate threat, I released the lead. Once Sweet Pea realized she was free, she took a

couple of steps toward the cows. They all seemed to tense. Then with true calf-abandon, she dashed toward them, tail in the air. It was too much for the herd and they scattered.

Five minutes later, the tide had turned and Sweet Pea was the one in retreat. The cows seemed to figure out she wasn't a threat and crowded her a bit when they gathered around her. It wasn't long before each appeared willing to let her share the pasture as long as their calves weren't threatened. If she drew too close, they would swing their heads over and push her away.



When I saw the herd had accepted Sweet Pea, even started teaching her bovine etiquette, it was clear I would not have to put her in the barn again. They seemed to know she was one of them and not only wouldn't hurt her, but would most likely protect her as they would the other calves. She was now one of them – she belonged to the herd.

The instinct to belong is God-given. Gatherings of people are called communities and the functions or purposes seem the same: Acceptance, companionship, protection and belonging.

Unlike cows, people have multiple communities: family, work, school, social, religious and more.

The herd has one set of rules; people deal with different, even conflicting expectations and guidelines. It is no wonder even Christians can flounder and fall.

The Bible shows me community in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God emphasizes this when He created Eve because "it is not good for man to be alone." The pages of God's Word overflow with families, tribes, cities and countries; some good, some bad, all community.

Jesus built a community of disciples and taught them. When He ascended into heaven, He sent the

Holy Spirit to these believers, having already told them to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. The disciples went out in groups and Christ's church on earth grew—again community.

My heart is filled with gratitude for my small group and my church family.

They are my community – my herd! When I showed a willingness to belong, they accepted me. We study together, encourage and support one another and practice the breaking of bread (and desserts) with much love and laughter. This gathering of individuals has become an example and a witness to the power of the Holy Spirit. That power binds us together; helps us to understand what being a Christian is, to mature spiritually and to reach out to others in our various communities. We have become a Holy Spirit Herd!

*Fay Ternan*

# Youth Happenings

## Coming Events

Girls Craft Night - October 1  
 High School 5th Quarter - October 7 & 14  
 Sunday Afternoon game Day - October 16

## Sunday Morning Small Groups

High School Girls—Youth Center  
 11-12th Boys—Pastor Mark’s Office  
 9-10th Boys—Youth Center  
 8th Grade—Pastor Jeff’s Office  
 7th Grade—Church Kitchen  
 6th Grade—Downstairs Hallway

## Wednesday Night Youth Group

Doors open at 6:30 for Dinner  
 7:00-8:30 Worship, Announcements, Message, Games,  
 discussion groups.

## Wednesday Night Messages


October 5 “Don’t be a Jerk!”  
 12 Acts Week 3  
 19 Acts Week 4  
 26 “Things that go Bump in the night”  
 November 2 “Harps & Halos?”

Wednesday Attendance	Students	Staff	Total
Sept. 7	71	16	87
Sept. 14	78	14	92
Sept. 21	65	15	80
Sept. 28	65	17	82

### Youth Leader Spotlight!

Mindy Schwarz

Mindy loves our Middle School girls! She has been part of our Youth Ministry Volunteers for 2 years now, going on retreats and trips and hanging out with the girls and leading small groups every week on Wednesdays. She also plays a key role in planning many of our terrific girls events.



Mindy is married to Ted, one of FBCC’s elders, and Mom to two wonderful boys in our youth group, Adam and Luke. Sometimes I think living with all those boys has a great deal to do with what makes her a great GIRLS Leader!! (Well that and God made her that way!)



## O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree



**Be Sure and get one  
from our students**



### Youth Fundraiser

Beginning Thanksgiving weekend our Youth Ministry will be doing a Christmas tree fundraiser!


Grown locally and cut fresh be sure to get your tree here!

Look for pre-orders to begin mid October.

We will even offer local delivery!



A great opportunity to support our students!  
 (Volunteer opportunities available also)





## October Schedule:

- Oct. 2 – Water Balloons – You can toss 1 water balloon @ your leader for Every handbook section you complete.
- Oct. 9 – Clergy Appreciation Day – Let’s show our appreciation to our Pastors
- Oct. 16 – Mr./Mrs. Potato Head – Bring your dressed-up potato to Awana Club Sparks Store tonight
- Oct. 23 – Christmas Shoeboxes – Bring your own shoebox filled with goodies or Bring goodies to fill a shoebox in your club Cubbies and T & T Store tonight
- Oct. 30 – Come to Awana Club dressed up as “What you want to be when you’re Grown up!”

## A Great Big Thank You to Howard Gage for sharing his testimony with our T & T Boys last month at Awana Club!

- Awana Leaders Conference - Oct. 1 (Vancouver) Meet at church at 7:00 a.m.
- Oct. 22 (Olympia) Meet at Church at 7:45 a.m.



## Awana Crazy Hair Night





# Quiana Fun and Games



# Council and Handbook Time





# BARBERSHOP "DOLLAR SHOW"

the Two Town Tuners Barbershop Chorus will present their annual "Dollar Show" at the Lewis and Clark Apartments in Centralia, 117 W. Magnolia St. on Thursday, October 13, 7:00 P. M.

The chorus will sing their favorite songs, and there will be two or three quartets. There is no charge for admission. The refreshments are \$1.00 each. Don Lakin, Jim VanderMeer, and John Lyttle invite you to attend.

Senior Adult Camp was a tremendous success! Attendance was low, but we had a great time spiritually, good fellowship, and a lot of fun. There were 8 from our church full time and 4 more came for a day.

Activities for the rest of the year include:

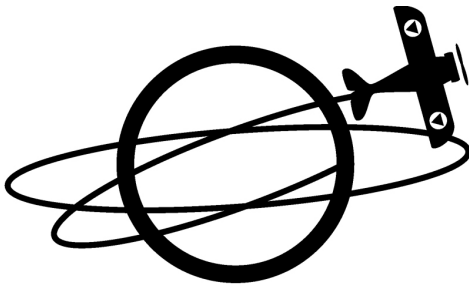
## PRIME TIMERS 55+

- Wednesday, October 12- A day trip to the museum of Flight (near of Boeing Field). Admission is \$14.00, 13.00 if we have 10 or more. We will be leaving the church at 8:30 A.M. Bring a sack lunch. We will return home by 5:00 P. M.
- Thursday, November 10 - Luncheon (\$4.00) at the church, 12:00 P.M.. Marvin Johnson will show us how to make Christmas wreaths. He will provide the materials.
- Friday, December 9- We will have our Annual Prime Timers Christmas Dinner - 6:30 P. M. Cost \$10.00. Be-

sides the delicious meal, we will sing Christmas Carols, there will be special music, and a Christmas devotional.

Sign-up sheets for these activities are on the main bulletin board across from the church office.

*John Lyttle*



## Operation Christmas Child

The Primetimers are sponsoring the collecting of filled shoeboxes again this year.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's Love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be able to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ.

A shoe box filled with small toys, school supplies, other gifts, and a personal note, can introduce a hurting child to God's love.

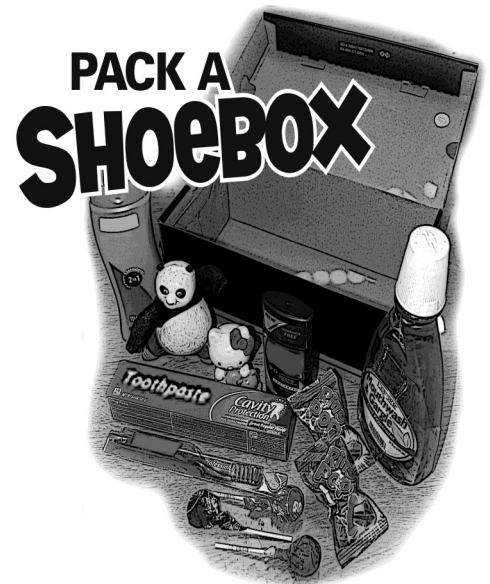
Pickup an information brochure in the foyer today.

- **Double the Impact** - please consider making two regular size

boxes rather than one large box so more children may be served.

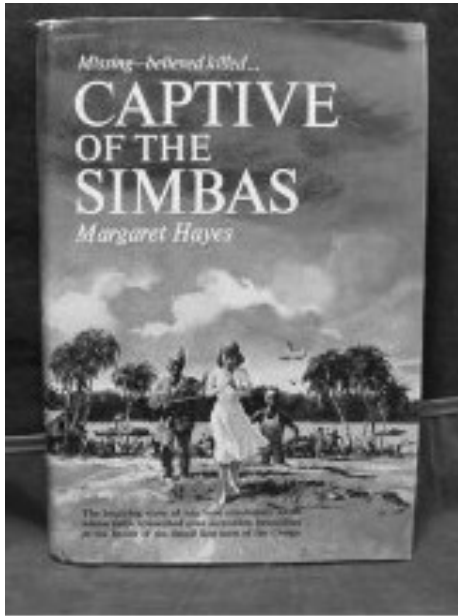
- **Financial Donation** - It is requested that \$7.00 be added to each box for shipping costs. If you cannot pack a box maybe you would like to help with mailing cost.
- **Ask your Family and Neighbors to Join You in This Project** - people like to do this if they know about it.
- **Plastic Boxes** - These are being made available to you for \$1 each.

Our goal is to fill 300 shoeboxes this year. Please pray for this project and the children who will learn of God's love through your gift. We will be dedicating the shoeboxes on November 13.



Contact person: Judy Lyttle, 748-4765 for more information.

# Library News



**Captive of the Simbas**  
By Margaret Hayes  
(Biography Section)

Margaret Hayes was a missionary nurse serving in the Congo when guerrilla fighting broke out there. With a group of fellow missionaries she was reported killed in a savage massacre. She was, in fact, the only one to escape.

This is a remarkable woman's own story of her singular experience. The reader is transported to the steaming jungle to live the continuing nightmare that was made endurable for Miss Hayes only by the power of her faith. For months after her escape from the Simbas she had no contact with her friends or fellow missionaries. Hiding in the depths of the jungle, her only protection came from a native pastor and his little son.

## **Romancing America**

This is a fairly new section in the library. It is between "Novels" and "Novels based on Biblical Characters". I started reading these books when I was in between quarters in college. I wanted light reading that was fun and Christian based. (and I didn't have to think about taking a test on it when I was done!)

Each book is either three or four novellas, some written by the same author and some by three or four different authors. Each book is based on a U.S. state. Some romance, some mystery, some modern day and some historical based. I checked and there is at least one book for **every one of the fifty states!** Connecticut was the last state and as soon as I (and a friend of mine) finish reading it, it will be available in the church library along with the rest.



**Alaska Weddings** by Susan Page Davis was one of the last to be added to the Romancing America section. Three novellas: one about members of the Coast Guard, one about mushing and dog sledding and one about polar bear research. Very enjoyable!

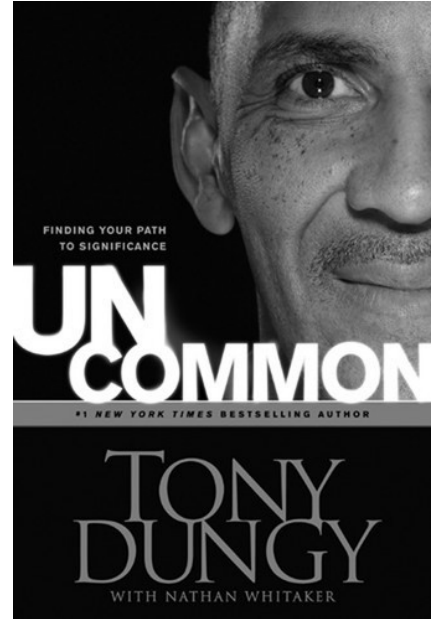
Men (and women), IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON! So this is the perfect book to read and enjoy!

**Finding Your Path to Significant UNCOMMON** By Tony Dungy

(Men section in the library)

When Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy took home the trophy in Super Bowl XLI, fans around the world looked to him as the epitome of

success. Athletic victory, professional excellence, fame and celebrity, awards and honors—he had it all. But even in that moment, he knew those achievements had little to do with his ultimate significance as a man.



Coach Dungy still passionately believes that there is a different path to significance—a path characterized by attitudes, ambitions, and allegiances that are all too rare but uncommonly rewarding. In the *New York Times* best seller *Uncommon*, Dungy reveals secrets to achieving significance that he has learned from his remarkable parents, his athletic and coaching career, his mentors, and his walk with God.

*Karen Schessler*

# What's Happening at FBCC

<p><b>Elders Meeting</b> October 3 @ 7 pm Library</p>	<p><b>Men's Fishing Retreat</b> October 14—16 Camp Bethel www.campbethel.net</p>	<p>MLT Budget Meeting October 17 @ 6 pm Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>Dee Hubbard Memorial Service</b> October 8 @ 11 am Worship Center</p>	<p><b>Women's Crafting Bee</b> October 15 @ 10 am Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>Church Statistics</b> 9/4/ - 199 9/11 - 242 9/18 - 241 9/25 - 262</p>

## ACTS

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## Camp Bethel Men's Retreat



October 14 – 16, cost is \$85. Pastor Adair Krack is the Director. He is from the First Baptist Church of Hoquiam and is an avid fisher of men who also has a passion for his favorite leisure activity of fishing for a

more aquatic species! The river and lake fishing are perfect for every skill level and provide opportunities for men to connect while doing something they love in a breathtakingly beautiful wilderness environment. Life-changing conversations and deeper relationships are often the result when men break away from the distractions of everyday life and embark on an adventure with other men! In addition there are opportunities for praise and worship of our Lord and other activities. For more information about Men's Retreat or to register online visit [www.campbethel.net](http://www.campbethel.net).

## Women's News

- Our next women's crafting bee will be Saturday, October 15, 10 am in the fellowship hall. Join us for a time of fellowship and bring your lunch and a craft to work on.
- *Sweetly Broken* is the theme for our next women's retreat. Our speaker GiGi Horrell (Andi Walters' sister) will be sharing with us what it means to experience God in the midst of trials and tragedy. Join us February 3 – 5, 2012 at Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center in Cannon Beach, OR. The cost of the retreat this year is \$140. You can reserve your spot by submitting a deposit of \$40. Take advantage of our women's retreat saving plan. Only \$25 a month for the next four months and you would have your retreat all paid for before February.

# October 2011

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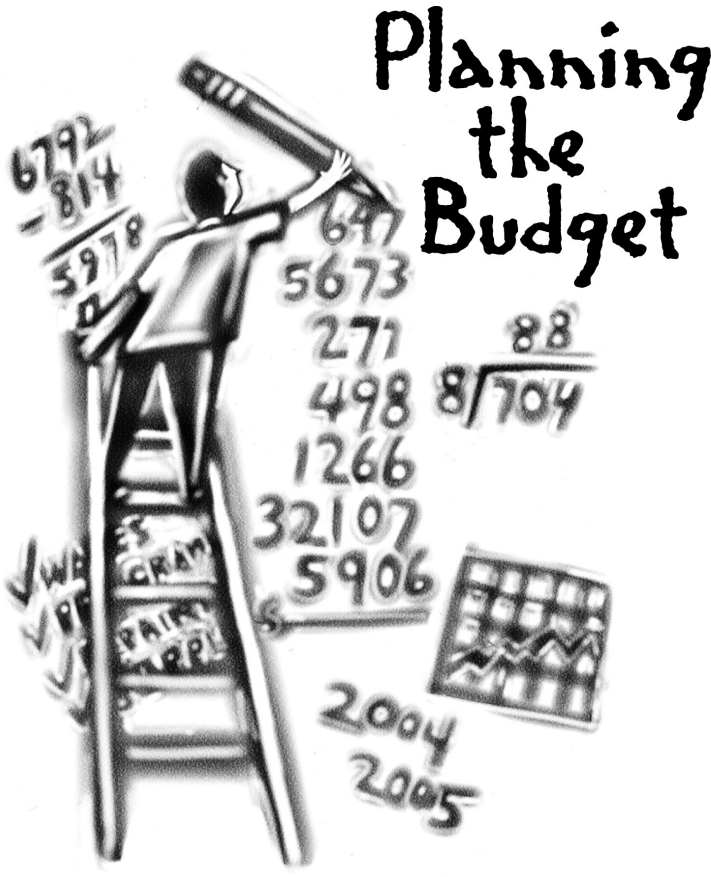
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