

Words of Faith

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"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming....

—Romans 10:8

Church Newsletter Debuts

Oddly enough, Faith Presbyterian Church has never had a general church newsletter. Well, maybe it's about time. But, our purpose here is greater than just keeping up with current standard church practices.

With this newsletter we strive to inform and to explain to the congregation (and to others) the congregational life of Faith Presbyterian Church of Tacoma: to reflect the theology as preached, the worship as practiced, the ministry as carried out. The goal is to make the congregants more aware of proper theological purpose as they worship at services and as they serve in ministries, and to help them individually to better establish their particular place in this local Body of Christ.

Since this newsletter is to reflect the collective spiritual, congregational, and ecclesiastical life of *you*—its readers, we solicit your help in obtaining certain material for future editions. As you read through, notice the Section Editor who was responsible for collecting the article. Some of these sections require material from the congregation, among them in this issue: *Book Review*, and *Lisping Faith*. Please forward your contributions to the respective Section Editor.

In future issues we will adjust the look and feel of the newsletter to enhance effective communication and visual appeal. You may forward your comments

regarding theme and appearance to the General Editor. This is the first issue of what will be a quarterly publication. With good participation perhaps we can go to monthly.

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Ahoy! The Good Ship VBS is docking soon. Climb aboard.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 31st through August 6th.

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Pulpit Supply

This summer we will have several pastors as pulpit supply while Pastor Rayburn and Pastor DeMass are on vacation. The Rev. Ed Dunnington will preach in July and the Rev. Bill Jackson will preach on August 1st.

Though Ed and Stefanie Dunnington now think of Seattle as home, they both grew up in Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C. Stefanie graduated from the University of Virginia and Ed from Virginia Military Institute both in 1991. They were married in 1992 and moved to Ft. Lewis where Ed was stationed as a Field Artillery officer in the Army. Ed was called to the pastorate and they moved to St. Louis in 1994 in order for Ed to pursue seminary training at Covenant Theological Seminary. Ed earned his Master of Divinity degree in May, 1998 and is

currently the campus minister at the University of Washington with Reformed University Fellowship.

Bill Jackson was born and raised in Tacoma. He is a graduate of Stadium High School, Eastern Washington University, and Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. Both Bill and Jean became interested in missions while Bill was attending seminary. He was ordained in the Pacific Northwest Presbytery and sent out as a Mission to the World (MTW) missionary to Chiba, Japan in 1990. He now is at work as a Church Planter in Kokubujidai, a new church plant in Chiba, Japan. His wife Jean was born in Spokane, raised in Tacoma and is also a graduate of Stadium High School. Jean and Bill met at Stadium due to their related fields of interest at the time—gymnastics

(Bill) and Classical Ballet (Jean). They were married in 1981 and have eight children. (Seven boys and one girl.) Jean and the older children are members here at Faith.

Deacon's Corner – Doug Bond

The new chairman of the diaconate, Doug Bond, invites your prayers for the deacons. During Winter Quarter (January through March) 1999, the deacons continued by the Lord's grace to provide charity and outreach to those associated with Faith Presbyterian Church and to those the Lord brought from the community.

The deacons take their duty seriously and pray for a wise and judicious use of the resources that the Lord entrusts to the deacons' fund through the congregation's generosity. In addition to the duties associated with communion and worship

and the duties associated with building upkeep and maintenance, the deacons plan to continue to visit and help those in need. The deacons are open to suggestions from the congregation on how we may spur and encourage each other on to greater acts of love and kindness.

Acts of Faith

Baptisms Since January

Amelia Jane Arial, Jonas Russell Elias Kvale, Caroline Elizabeth Robinson, Watchman David Tamminga, Benjamin Riley Gordon, Rachel Lee Oatridge, Samuel Taylor Oatridge, Thomas Henry Oatridge, and Kathryn Ruth Cassis

Births Since January

Watchman David Tamminga (1/18), Kathryn Ruth Cassis (3/6), Anastasis Woodard (5/12)

Weddings

Kent Dawson/Aubree Pribyl (6/11)

Camp Assurance – The Rev. Andy Krasowski

Camp Assurance is the summer camp ministry of the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, Presbyterian Church in America. It operates under the oversight of the Christian Education Committee. It is designed for elementary and Jr. High age young people, offering two distinct programs for each group, while sharing meals, structured “free time” and evening campfire. Its goal is to offer our youth and their friends a rich camp experience through which God’s Spirit would work to bring them to a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and/or increase their personal commitment and devotion to Him. Its objective is to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed to all whom God would bring into its reach, while at the same time supplementing the youth ministries of our local churches.

Our Camp Assurance ministry focuses on personal and group study of God’s Word, social interaction with other youth from throughout the Pacific Northwest (Canada, Washington, Oregon) and an energetic program of sports, crafts, skill workshops and other creative and stimulating activities. In various formats (guest pastors/speakers, video workshops, group discussions, skits,



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cabin and personal devotions, etc.) campers of all ages are confronted with not only the truth of God’s Word, but also its personal application and challenge to their own lives and relationship with Christ. Social activities are included to complement this emphasis and create a memorable—if not life transforming—experience for campers.

Staff and counselors for Camp Assurance are all volunteers, recruited from churches throughout the Presbytery. Their minimum age is 16 years old and each is recommended to the Camp Committee by his pastor. Several regular members of our staff are teaching or ruling elders from our Presbytery. All counselors play a significant role in our camp ministry—not only during the actual week of camp, but also in follow-up ministries as campers return home. For this reason, we urge every church of Presbytery to support our Camp Assurance ministry with personnel as well as campers and prayers. Staff and counselors are given specific instruction and preparation for their responsibilities at camp, which include a cabin of about six campers as well as other vital areas of ministry (music, crafts, athletics, nursing, etc.)

At the present time, Camp Assurance is being held at Warm Beach Christian Camp in Stanwood, WA, which offers a well equipped facility and numerous activities (horseback

riding, canoes, swimming pool, miniature golf, climbing tower) at a moderate price. Pastor Andy Krasowski of Liberty Bay Presbyterian Church, Poulsbo, WA is Camp Director and may be reached at (360) 779-7545. This year’s Camp Assurance is scheduled for July 19-23. Cost: \$135.00 (\$170.00 Canadian) with a \$10.00 discount for each additional camper from the same family.

Lisping Faith

Lisping Faith will include brief sketches from the life of children in the congregation as they grow up and their understanding of the Christian faith grows with them. [Send your stories to Doug Bond at cdbond@juno.com]

Rachel Jack, when age six, liked winning family sword drills. So when Steve or Janet announced the verse Rachel would open her Bible anywhere and say, “Obey your mom and dad.” Then she, the winner, would promptly close her Bible ready for another verse. Mom and Dad, much to the chagrin of her siblings, thought this was just fine.



“So, Dad, what if on your way to heaven you got hit by an airplane?”

—Jamin King, age six.

Church History – Doug Bond

Thomas Ken 1637-1711

“Not for his kingdom will I comply with the king’s command,” said Thomas Ken, author of the *Doxology*. Odd words from a man whose favorite axiom was “not dispute, but devotion.”

Ken, orphaned at a young age, grew up nurtured in the things of God by his guardian brother-in-law, Izaak Walton, best known for his classic biography of John Donne and his book on fishing, *The Complete Angler*.

Clearly Ken’s greatest contribution to Church history is in Christian worship. His devotion to God is expressed in his morning, evening and midnight hymns all concluding in the well-loved doxology, sung by Christians the world over.

But devoted Ken, the Anglican, lived in a century of dispute. He studied at Winchester School during the English Civil War, and attended New College Oxford when John Owen was vice-chancellor of the university. After ordination to the Anglican priesthood his assignments ranged from royal chaplain to Princess Mary in Holland, and fleet chaplain to Lord Dartmouth on a voyage to destroy a Tangier pirate fortress.

His great contribution to Christian

hymnody came in 1674 when appointed a Fellow of Winchester School. While teaching there he wrote his *Manual of Prayers* wherein the doxology, intended for student devotions not for worship, later appeared.

Because of his piety and gifted preaching, Ken became chaplain to the immoral Charles II. Ken never minced words but faithfully and winsomely called the king to leave his sinful ways and believe the gospel. Once when time came for divine services, Charles left his frivolous courtiers saying, “I must go and hear little Ken tell me of my faults.” They were no doubt long sermons.

On a regular visit to Winchester Charles sent his favorite mistress ahead planning for Ken to provide lodging in his home. Ken flatly refused to facilitate the king’s sinful behavior. “Not for his kingdom will I comply with the king’s command.” Perfect words to arrange one’s own beheading, but Ken’s devotion to the King of kings required him to dispute the king’s demand. Ken made certain he could not lodge the king’s mistress by calling a builder and having his roof removed. Scripture says “When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at

peace with him.” Instead of punishing Ken, Charles made him bishop of Bath and Wells.

As bishop, Ken joined the first rank of preachers and ministered to the needs of the poor with a weekly dinner paid for out of his own funds. He gave a large gift for the relief of Huguenots fleeing persecution in France. His generosity was so great, and his personal life so free of self-indulgence, some under his care wanted to extend charity to him.

When Charles died Ken swore allegiance to James II only to find out that James planned to move England back toward Romanism. James issued the Declaration of Indulgence allowing freedom of worship especially for Roman Catholics. Ken refused to read the declaration, and James accused him of treason and confined him in the Tower of London. Again his devotion forced him into a dispute of conscience.

Public opinion went against the weak James II and in the Glorious Revolution of 1688, Parliament called William and Mary to co-rule the country. But yet another dispute arose for Ken. He had sworn allegiance to a living monarch, James II. His oath meant nothing if he did not keep it, and Ken refused to swear allegiance to William, keeping his oath “even when it hurts.” William defrocked Ken who retired to a small town and died after a prolonged illness.

In a day of exclusive Psalmody, Ken wrote hymns only for private

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heav’nly host:
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

—Thomas Ken

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Crisis Pregnancy Center – Michael Jackson

“You guys please stop. I just want that baby out of there,” the young mother said. Lola Marshbank, RN held the ultrasound transducer steady keeping a perfect picture of the 12 week old unborn baby her mother had moments ago called a “gymnast.” The whole room sat amazed at the vital activity (spins and turns and somersaults) revealed on the real-time screen, but all were even more shocked now.

Ultrasound, the technology which “opens the window to the womb,” seemed to be no match for this young woman’s desire to have an abortion.

“You guys please stop. I just want that baby out of there,” the transformed mother said and then pausing added: “so that I can hold him.”

Nine out of ten women who see their baby through ultrasound at a CPC decide to carry the baby to term. Little wonder that CPCs around the country are jumping

over the technical and bureaucratic hurdles to become medically capable and certified to provide this life informing service.

“Well sure...of course we can use...‘it’...I mean ‘them’,” she stammered. Kim Triller the Executive Director of the CPC, articulate and easy going, is not often caught without something to say but when Bruce Brandler (Administrator of Puget Sound Hospital and CPC Medical Advisory Council member) told her that he had arranged for the donation of not one but two ultrasound units she was stunned.

In 1998 when this call was received the Pierce County CPC had ultrasound service on its “wish list” but a single set up costs in the \$25-30,000 range, and this is before ongoing additional staffing costs, conversion to an acceptable medical center etc. etc. No wonder Kim did not really know what to say but “yes” and privately thought that God’s schedule is obviously ahead of ours. I couldn’t agree more.

This is an exciting time in the life of the CPC of Pierce County. In recent years we have grown to two centers (Hilltop Tacoma and S. Hill Puyallup). We’ve purchased the Tacoma center’s building and have converted both to Medical Centers. Under the direction of our Medical Director (OB-GYN specialist Dr. Elizabeth Sanford) and backed up by 22 medical doctors and professionals from all over Pierce County we now offer, what is technically known as a Limited Ultrasound to women in need. This is provided on a case by case basis as the final part of the whole package of CPC services which includes fetal developmental, general and spiritual counseling, pregnancy tests and a wide variety of maternity supplies, to say nothing of the ongoing friendship and genuine loving support that always characterizes the CPC. Many CPC clients report these services as priceless. They are given at no cost.

Church History, continued

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devotion, often accompanying himself on the lute. It took the revolution of Isaac Watts followed by the hymns of Charles Wesley, Newton, and Cowper before hymns of human composition gained acceptance in Anglican public worship. But Thomas Ken laid the foundation stones of English Hymnody in his much-loved doxology.

Something of Ken's preference for devotion and his love of hymns is expressed in these lesser-known lines from his evening hymn:

I would not wake nor rise again,
Even heaven itself I would disdain,
Wert not Thou there to be enjoyed,
And I in hymns to be employed.

Ken’s life is testimony to the usefulness of a little man whose devotion

and faithfulness to God in dispute made him great in Christ’s Church. His devotion served to sanctify his reluctant disputation with earthly powers, but finally it is his devotion that endures and becomes ours when we join him and the saints throughout the ages in praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

Book Review

The Life of God in the Soul of Man.

136 pages. Sprinkle Publications
Reviewed by David Davis

Henry Scougal's little book, written in the late seventeenth century, was used by God in a powerful way to awaken George Whitefield to faith in Christ. Whitefield said of it "I never knew what true religion was until God sent me this treatise."

Two aspects of the book that are particularly helpful are his exposition of the nature of true religion and a discussion of our insatiable thirst for fulfillment. Scougal defines true religion as the "union of the soul with God, a real participation of the divine nature" (pg. 34). This mystical union is a life principle that inflames a believer to

greater service and obedience. It is more powerful than any law because law cannot impart life whereas the Spirit can. After elaborating on this topic and giving counsel to new believers, he discusses how earthly

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love can never bring ultimate fulfillment. There is in us a hunger that can only be satiated by God.

No matter how many different methods we try, we will never find true peace and fulfillment until we place all our hope on Christ. All human relationships eventually are either weakened when one party moves away or they are ultimately

severed by death. However, with Christ it is different. We seek a relationship that is unchanging and find Christ to be immutable. We seek a relationship that is unending and we find Christ to be eternal. We seek a relationship that has no bounds and find Christ to be infinite. We seek a being worthy of our love and find Christ is all together perfect and lovely. No matter how noble the person may be that we seek to love, Scougal says, we should always remain aware that that person cannot give us the ultimate fulfillment we so desperately crave. Scougal's message is a powerful antidote to the sappy, romantic sentiment of our American culture that is in love with the concept of love.

Faith on Tape

Sermons preached at Faith are available for a suggested donation of \$2 each.

To request tapes, please contact Eunice DeSoto, call the church office at (253) 752-7601, or use this form.



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How often has this happened to you: You're sitting listening to one of Rob's

masterful sermons when all of a sudden he makes some reference to a book that captures your fancy; but

by the time you're caught up in your notes, or finish scrambling for your pencil, you've forgotten the reference? This column will be devoted to collecting those references and making recommendations on possible outlets for acquiring the book for your own library.

It seems appropriate to begin with a list of Pastor Rayburn's favorite

books. The volumes on this list comprise his "desert island" library. He cautions, however: "It isn't necessary that you like the books which have been most important to me! Though some of the following are so classical and so important that all Christians should know them, you should work to find your own most helpful books."

Author	Title	Outlet	Price
Augustine	Confessions	CVBBS	\$1.69
Calvin, John	Institutes	CVBBS	\$39.99
Dante	Divine Comedy	8th Day Books	\$33.85 (3 vols.)
Kempis, Thomas	The Imitation of Christ	CBD CVBBS	\$3.95 \$1.69 (Sale)
Rutherford, Samuel	Letters	Still Waters CVBBS	\$19.99 HB \$4.25 PB
Owen, John	"Mortification of Sin" "On Temptation" "Nature and Duty of Being Spiritually Minded"	CBD (Sin & Temp- tation)	\$7.95
Baxter, Richard	The Saints' Everlasting Rest		
Purves, Jock	Fair Sunshine!	CVBBS	\$5.45
Newton, John	Cardiphonia		
Doddridge, Philip	The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul	CVBBS	\$4.99
Ryle, J.C.	Holiness	CVBBS	\$11.99
Biography			
Bonar, Andrew	Memoirs and Remains of Robert Murray McCheyne	BOT CVBBS	\$5.99 (Memoirs only) \$21.50 (Memoirs & Remains)
Dallimore, Arnold	The Life of George Whitefield	CVBBS	\$29.99/vol. – 2 vols. \$8.99 abridged
Bonar, Andrew	Diary	CVBBS	\$14.35
Boston, Thomas	Memoirs	CVBBS BOT	\$7.99 (clearance item) \$27.99
Edwards, Johnathan	Life and Diary of Brainerd		
Bunyan, John	Grace Abounding	CVBBS	\$1.69 (Sale)
Patton, John G.	Missionary to the New Hebrides	CVBBS	\$14.39
Stonehouse	J. Gresham Machen	CVBBS	\$11.40
Colson, Chuck	Born Again	CVBBS	\$4.25
Bunyan, John	Pilgrim's Progress	CBD CVBBS	\$1.95 \$1.69
Modern			
Packer, J.I.	Knowing God	CVBBS	\$8.95 PB \$15.49 HB
Vanauken, Sheldon	A Severe Mercy		
Elliot, Elisabeth	Through Gates of Splendor	CVBBS	\$4.25

Key to Outlets: 8th Day Books = 8th Day Books: 800-841-2541; BOT = Banner of Truth: 717-249-5747; CBD = Christian Book Distributors: 978-977-5000; CVBBS = Cumberland Valley Bible Book Service: 800-656-0231; Still Waters = Still Waters Revival Book: 780-450-3730; Catalogs and ordering information about these and other mail-order book distributors are available for your perusal in the church office. [Please note that not all phone numbers are toll-free.]

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New Member Spotlight – Kathryn Allen

New families have joined our membership. A short introduction will be provided for you, but any extra information will need to be obtained on your own. Please acquaint yourselves with these wonderful new additions to our family at Faith.

After moving to Tacoma from Auburn two years ago, the Arnolds examined many surrounding churches and found ours to be their home. The Lonnie and Lorna Arnold family boasts seven children—Lonnie, Rachel, Lorne, Victoria, Rosemary, Alexandria, and CJ. Although their oldest attends our Covenant High School, Lorna has homeschooled all her children from the beginning and continues to do so. Her husband Lonnie as well as enforcing laws at home carries this

into his job as he works in the Burien precinct as a sergeant for the King County Sheriff Department.

Connie and Mike Pfefferle along with their sons Jonathan and Matthew also moved into our area and come to us from Hillcrest Presbyterian where Mike was a ruling elder and where Connie's father was a former pastor. With his Westminster Seminary background, we called upon him to teach Sunday school in which he covered the relevance of the law in the believer's life. He keeps his family well provided for through his job at Weyerhaeuser. Connie uses her nursing skills at St. Joseph's hospital once a week and at home for the remainder. She enjoys staying connected to a few members in the outlying PCA churches

through the Northwest Presbytery WIC of which she is the leader. Though VBS announcements may cause you to think she has had drama class recently, she took it in junior high. (Teachers, take courage.)

Craig and Christina Jimmink, recent converts to the reformed faith, were referred to us by Pastor Jim Garretson of Calvary Presbyterian in Glendale, CA. While Christina invests her time in domestic engineering with her daughter Elizabeth, Craig provides for his family at Safeworks as a financial analyst. Safeworks specializes in motorized scaffolding. A portion of the Jimmink's spare time is spent feasting upon excellent reformed literature.