



Evergreen Notes

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Bar-B-Que
Fundraiser
July 18, 2009
Tickets on Sale Soon!

Take Your Pastor, Lay Leader, Family to the Ball Game



Join us for the third annual Evergreen Night at the Baseball Game on Monday, May 18, 2009, 7 PM, when the Seattle

Mariners will play the Los Angeles Angels.

Just send your check or money order and the number of tickets you wish to purchase to the Evergreen

office and the tickets will be mailed to your return address.

Orders must be received in the Kent Office by Wednesday, May 13, 2009

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tickets _____ @ \$10 each = \$ _____ enclosed



Curtis Comments: The Joy of Exercise

I am sure it will not come as a surprise to those of you who know me that I find it difficult to exercise. Part of it is because it is hard to find the

time, but for the most part it boils down to the fact that it is not something that I have made a part of my normal routine and lifestyle. It is not

enough to just be a member of a gym, you have to actually go there and



Rev. Curtis Price
Chair EA-ABC

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For Your Prayerful Consideration:

- Church of the Covenant - Palmer Alaska installed Sarah Welton as Pastor on Sunday, April 19, 2009. Pray for this new bond.
- James Winbush has resigned as pastor of Community Church of Issaquah effective May 4, 2009. Keep James and the church in prayer.
- Churches seeking pastoral leadership: Grace-San Jose, Salt Lake City, and Moscow.

Events & Happenings Around the Association

 **FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH** invites one and all to an OPEN HOUSE event, Sunday, May 17, 2—5 PM. See details on page 3.

 **GOING TO THE BIENNIAL?** If you will be attending the Biennial in Pasadena, June 26-28, 2009, please consider volunteering to staff the Evergreen booth in the Mission Fair for a time. Our goal is to have 500 conversations. Help us if you can.

 **BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH** invites you to its ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE on Friday May 1st and Saturdays May 2nd and 9th from 9:00am to 6:00pm. See page 5 for more details.

 **Retreat Ministries of SFBC** offers The Heart of Prayer in Three Acts, Friday, May 1—Sunday, May 3. Details online at www.SeattleFirstBaptist.org/order/tickets

PENTECOST SEATTLE: FAITH AND JUSTICE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Seattle's Christian community is doing a new thing! *Pentecost Seattle: Faith and Justice for the 21st Century* will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 16th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Coming together across denominations and theological differences, Seattle's Christians – Evangelical, Emerging Church, Mainline and Catholic – will meet to discuss the most urgent and changing needs of Seattle's varied neighborhoods.

All are invited and are encouraged to register online at www.pentecostseattle.com.

Shepherd's Garden Groundbreaking—April 8, 2009

Many years ago the congregation of Good Shepherd Baptist Church had this God-given idea that they could build a small apartment building for low-income seniors. Over the years, they kept the



dream before them. A few years ago when they were searching for a pastor, they said, "we want to find someone who can help us make this a reality."

On April 7, 2009 Good Shepherd Baptist Church held a wonderful ground breaking ceremony for Shepherd's Garden, low-income housing for seniors. This reality hap-



pened because of a partnership between Good Shepherd, American Baptist Homes of the West, HUD, Lynnwood and Snohomish County. It was a beautiful day.

Evergreen's Biennial Youth Representatives

Tom Burnett* **Matt Chaney*** **Abby Reyes***

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!

*Members of First Baptist Church Salt Lake City

Judson Press Rewards

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Now, Judson has added

phone-in orders to the program. Customers can call Judson Press at 800-458-3766 and reference the Regional Rewards program, indicating our region, and those orders will be credited to us as well.

Thank you for your remembering Evergreen when you shop at Judson.

Curtis Comments on the Joy of Exercise

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exercise. Forming new habits and adding new things (even things that are a benefit) do not come easy.

As I am thinking about the Evergreen Association, I am struck that it is also something that people and communities must intentionally make a part of their ministry plan. There are many churches that participate very seldom if at all. It is not because they don't like Evergreen, in fact, most probably know very little about it. But it is because they have never added Evergreen to their plans. In Evergreen, as in the gym, it is not enough to be a member of the region; the churches must show-up and exercise. Only then can we hope to accomplish God's vision for us. This challenge of participation falls squarely

on the shoulders of those of us who are actively participating.

I remember when we were first pulling ourselves together as a region, it was very clear in our minds that we had an up-hill battle as far as getting churches to get involved. It was going to be our task to convince churches that in Evergreen, there was a place for them and that it was a place that accomplished something that they thought was important. This is still very much our task. There is so much more we could do as a region if we had full involvement of our churches. Our ministry would be so much richer if the whole family was present.

So I issue a challenge to the Caucuses: Take some time in your agenda between now and the annual meeting and encourage, in whatever way

Salt Lake City First Baptist Childcare Center Receives Award

Congratulations to First Baptist Church Child Care Center which was recently awarded the **2009 Best of Salt Lake Award in the Child Care Division** for the second year in a row!! Only 1 in 70 of the 2008 award winners won again in 2009.

Great Job, Carol, Gina, and staff!

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seems most appropriate in your context, to invite a delegation from some of the inactive churches to be at the annual meeting, October 9 -10 at Mountlake Terrace in Lynnwood. It is my prayer that we will re-connect with some people we have not seen in a long time and connect with some new friends for the first time.

Blessings to you all,



Curtis L. Price

BIENNIAL CORNER



In Pasadena many good things will be happening, with excellent music, speakers and workshops. And important business will be conducted.

There will be a vote on by-law changes. This past month every church received a disc that has two copies of the by-laws on it, one with changes, the other a clean copy.

The way our structure works, this will be an up or down vote. The ABC General Board and the General Executive Council (all Regional Executive Ministers and representatives from the National Boards and AB Women's Ministries, Ministers Council, Historical Society and others) have worked hard for three years to bring these by-laws to you. Although the original push to-

ward these by-laws was economics, they also help us begin to work in new ways.

Two months ago in this corner I explained one reason why the current structure does not work well (the present interlocking of the National Boards); as a result the General Board will be disbanded. The by-law changes will create a new board that replaces some (although not all by a long bit) of the functions of the General Board. This new entity is the Board of General Ministries. This board has oversight of the Office of the General Secretary - setting that budget, seeing that our common ministry and identity are attended to, and carrying out the tasks of the Mission Summit and Mission Table. They will give staff help to the National Nominating Committee and other such entities. There is

on this Board a representative from every Region. These representatives are voted on by the Biennial Delegates. In fact, in hopes that the by-laws will be changed, there will a vote to seat the first Board of General Ministries representatives at the Biennial. Our representative (because she was affirmed at our October Annual Meeting to be our General Board representative) for this first Board of General Ministries will be the Rev. Perla Belo.

If you have any questions about the new structure, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me. And remember, our goal at the Biennial is to have 500 conversations about Evergreen's caucus structure and consensus way of doing business.

More next newsletter.

Marcia

Fremont Open House—May 17, 2009

In celebration of National Preservation Month, the Fremont Baptist Church and Fremont Historical Society are co-sponsoring an Open House at Fremont Baptist Church on Sunday, May 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours of the 1924 building and displays of historic Fremont photos will be offered.

Like Baptist churches in Snohomish and Everett, Fremont traces its origins to the visit of the chapel car, Evangel, in 1892. The current building is built on the foundation of the 1901 wooden church. Pianists and organists are invited to try out the 1918 Estey pipe organ which began its life as a theater organ in Bremerton. The Fre-

mont Historical Society will present photos of buildings in Fremont taken in 1937. If you live, or have lived, in an older home in Fremont, bring the address and see what it looked like in 1937. The event is free and refreshments will be provided. 717 N. 36th, one block west of the Troll. Information: 632-7994 or visit www.fremontbaptistchurch.org

Thanks to all who have contributed, pledged and/or paid toward your **Building Bridges Campaign** pledge.

If you have pledged, please be sure your giving is up to date.

If you have not yet made a commitment, please do so soon, so that Evergreen ministries may continue uninterrupted.

Online contributions may be made at www.ea-abc.org

Want to Know More About Evergreen?

Should churches or individuals have questions about Evergreen Association—caucuses, consensus decision making, ministries, etc. please let us know.

An ambassador will gladly visit your church one Sunday or some other time mutually convenient to bring greetings, or address your questions or concerns.

Contact Clem at 253-859-2226 or email: clemeba@comcast.net

REMINDER: SEND A PICTURE “REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR CHURCH” TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE BIENNIAL IN PASADENA.

Thank-you to the following congregations who’ve already sent pictures:

- Fairview-Costa Mesa,
- Good Shepherd,
- Grace-San Jose,
- Issaquah,
- Martin Luther King,
- Mountlake Terrace,
- New Walk,
- Seattle First
- University.

Encouraging American Baptist Women



*Terri Simpkins
National President
AB Women*

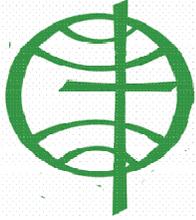
I attended the Pacific Northwest AB Women’s Conference a couple of weeks ago. Our Bible Study Leader, Rev

Patti Duckworth, used Ephesians 2:10, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”, [NIV], as her key verse for the weekend. She shared that the im-

portance of this verse is the word workmanship. It is not the work that we are called to do, but the work God has done in us. We are God’s workmanship! The Greek translation for this word in English is “poem”. We are God’s beautiful poem that he wrote just for each of us at the time He created us. WOW! AB Women’s Ministries is a special creation, also one of God’s poems. Poetry has never been my favorite subject, but Patti gave me a new view, and I love the idea of being God’s poem!

Terri Simpkins

Patti concluded her messages to the PNW AB Women on Sunday morning with these three things to get younger women involved: “They need relationships – to belong even BEFORE they believe. They need to make a difference in the/ir world. And they need Jesus – not meetings.” They are God’s poems being developed. The great challenge of faith is to be surprised by joy—the joy of what our young women and girls have to give us. They need to be heard.



Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

Black Caucus Bar-B-Q Cookoff

Saturday, July 18, 2009

The Black Caucus of Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches invites you to come to a Bar-B-Q where our best cooks will prepare a feast for you. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the support of Evergreen Association.

MENU: Choice of Chicken, Ribs, Brisket or a Combination Plate with Green Salad, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cake and Water.

Cooks: Chicken, Deacon Julian Hunter; Ribs, Deacon Ken Curl; Brisket, Euro-Caucus Pastor Chris Boyer

There will be a Bake Sale of desserts prepared by Evergreen Bakers for purchase as well!



Black caucus cooks and helpers at Bar-B-Q for Asian Caucus, summer 2006.

Tickets will be on sale at churches soon.

All tickets \$20.00

Cedar River Trail Park

Picnic Shelter

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Easter Morning Worship Service 2009

On the rainy Sunday morning of April 12, 2009, before entering the Chapel, Yosh Nakagawa shared a brief history of the Japanese Memorial Garden on the campus of Seattle University including the Japanese American interment of WWII.

Having been reminded of this recent “crucifixion” in our history, the somber worshippers quietly entered the Chapel for



a wonderful celebration of the resurrection of Christ and the promises realized through Him.

Worship leaders included Rev. Yuki Sakiyama, Rev. Tim Phillips, Rev. Marcia Patton, and Rev. Herbie Martin who brought the homily. University Baptist Choir sang an anthem and Japanese Baptist Praise Team led the congregation in songs. It was a wonderful celebration.

Plan to participate in the third Easter Worship, April 4, 2010, 7:30 AM at St. Ignatius Chapel on the SU campus.

Ministers Council Retreat—April 19–21, 2009



What’s the BUZZ...?

On Friday May 1st and Saturdays May 2nd and 9th, Burien Community Church will hold its Annual Rummage Sale from 9:00am to 6:00pm each day. The congregation is always amazed at the variety of

donated items. There are some exceptionally “good deals” to be had. There are lots of clothing and toys. There are always some tools and “manly” things. There is a luscious Bake Sale and good

eats for lunch. Everyone has a good time and many find treasures they have been seeking.

Come and see - Burien Community Church 16241 – 19th Ave. SW in Burien.

Youth Council Proposal Affirmed by the Association Board

At the Saturday, April 25th Association Board meeting held at Fremont Baptist Church, the following proposal was approved:

In an effort to foster young leaders and to bring up the next generation in the “Evergreen Way” the executive committee proposes the following:

1. A council comprised of two youth from each caucus will be formed with the mandate to . . .
 - a. Foster relationships between young people within Evergreen through youth activities and opportunities for connection, and

- b. Bring a youth voice into the leadership of the Evergreen Association Board.

2. The Executive Committee will recruit the youth advisor or advisors who will offer guidance and help the youth form into a leadership team.

3. The youth will be a part of the Association Board and Caucus meetings, in a leadership role representing the youth of our churches.

4. This effort will be funded through the caucuses who will be encouraged to dedicate a portion of their budget to underwriting youth activities.

5. This proposal having been affirmed, the youth and advisors will be named by the August 8th Association Board Meeting.

NOTE: Association Board reps are reminded to identify and offer to your caucus the names of high school and/or college-aged youth in your church who are capable of this role.

People of Burma Update

Several of our Evergreen churches have been involved in various ways to offer assistance to refugees from Burma (also known as Myanmar) who are resettling in the US. Some have been involved, for example, in collecting new and gently used items for “Resettling Lives Kits” to be distributed by World Relief to families moving into new apartments.

Some of our churches have invited groups of people from Burma to participate in their worship services or to use their facilities.

Paul and Gail Aita, who were appointed as volunteer Special Assistants for Myanmar by ABC International Ministries last Decem-

ber, have been involved with various ministries both for people in Burma and for those resettling in the US. On Easter afternoon, Paul preached for the Karen congregation in Kent, translated by the group’s president Maggie Po. During the annual conference of American Baptist Women of the Pacific Northwest held in Yakima April 17th through 19th, Gail led a workshop concerning Burma. She was accompanied by two sisters from Burma who have come to the Seattle area within the last year.

Recently, Evergreen has received a grant from the American Baptist Burma Refugee Task Force for two

particular purposes: first, to provide programs for some of these new friends in their own language (s), and second, to make it possible for them to take part in American Baptist events. This grant is separate from the one Japanese Baptist Church received to provide needed assistance to individual refugees and their families. Work with refugees from Burma has been an exciting and productive ministry for those involved—and has enhanced the connection among many of our Evergreen churches in the process.

20th ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHWEST TRIBES CANOE JOURNEY AUGUST 2009

As our neighbors gather this coming August 2009 by paddling from their homes to the home of the Suquamish Tribe, we want to join in with others in encouraging them in their efforts to re-new their tribal heritages and traditions. In the spirit of the 1988 and 1998 Ecumenical Apologies to the Northwest Tribes, we offer the following letter of greeting and encouragement. In addition, we join with our United Methodist brothers and sisters in Christ who are supporting this particular journey by making the lands and facilities of Camp Indianola¹, available to the tribes for a landing site and hospitality during August 3-8, 2009, with a gift of \$500 from our program budget. **[Affirmed at the April 25th Association Board Meeting]**

Greetings to our Northwest Native Neighbors:

We extend to you our prayers and best wishes as you gather at the Suquamish on the 20th Intertribal Canoe Voyage with this resolution:

Whereas, the historic 1989 "Paddle to Seattle", the first traditional intertribal canoe voyage in over a hundred years, initiated a renewal of Northwest Native heritage in Washington State and British Columbia

Whereas, the Tribal Canoe Journey 2009, Paddle to Suquamish celebrates 20 years of cultural resurgence in Northwest native communities

Whereas the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches and her predecessor body has committed to supporting and upholding American Indian and Alaska Native tradition and religious expression in the 1987 and 1997 Public Declarations to the Tribal Council and Traditional Spiritual Leaders of the Indian and Eskimo Peoples of the Pacific Northwest.

Be It Resolved that the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches congratulate the Costal Tribes of Washington State and British Columbia on this historic anniversary and

Be It Resolved that members and congregations of the Association learn more about Tribal Journey 2009 and support the effort with prayer and as visitors where possible, and

Be It Resolved that members and congregations be encouraged to continue learning about and building relationship with our native neighbors.

Signed this _____ Day of _____, 2009
(Marcia will sign and add names of Evergreen Churches)

¹There is a cost in terms of loss of revenue to Camp Indianola of \$20,000 for this week. They are offering landing site and housing for 250 people gratis to the Tribe. This isn't much, but it does say to our Ecumenical partners that supporting the UMC is appropriate.



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Please submit articles by the 25th of the month prior to expected publication.

You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.



Building Bridges Between Communities

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY



- 18—Take Your Pastor/Family/Friend to the Mariners Ball Game.

JUNE



- 26-28—ABCUSA Biennial, Pasadena CA

29—Evergreen Invades Disneyland

JULY

- 18—Bar-B-Que Cook Off Fundraiser—Renton Cedar River Trail Park—Picnic Shelter



AUGUST

- 4—Clergy Cruise
- 8—**Association Board Meeting**, Wedgwood Community Church, 9 AM,

OCTOBER

- 9—10 **EVERGREEN ANNUAL MEETING**, First Baptist Church, Mountlake Terrace

MISSION STATEMENT

Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our American Baptist Heritage, the Evergreen Baptist Association will

Build bridges between communities;

Provide resources to **equip member churches** to share Christ and teach God's word; and

Translate our unity to the world.