Bar-B-Que Cook Off and Auction Fundraiser—July 30, 2016

The Evergreen Black Caucus invites you to come, bring a friend or two for some of the best barbeque in the great NW, and by far, the greatest time of fellowship possible on Saturday afternoon, July 30, 2016; 12 noon to 2 PM, Cedar River Trail Park, Renton WA.

The Grillers: Ribs—Brother Walter Commandest, Chicken—Brother Scott Callahan, Brisket—Rev. Chris Boyer. And sides: green salad, potato salad, corn on the cob, baked beans, cake by Bakery Chef Frank Lowe. Water is free and pop can be purchased for $1 each.

And if you wish to donate auction items—painting, boat cruise, cabin stay, etc. please let Clem know.

Tickets are $20 each and available in your Evergreen member church (local to the Seattle area); or contact Clem at the Evergreen Office: clemeba@comcast.net or 253-859-2226.

Our deepest gratitude to Deacon Julian Hunter for bbq-ing chicken for this fundraiser from its inception, and Ken Curl missing his first year as rib griller, for the same number of years of service!

Get your tickets now, plan for great fellowship, and support Evergreen Association.

SELF-STUDY DATA GATHERING

Evergreen is going into a season of self-study and will be gathering data during the summer. We are asking every pastor to welcome a visit from another pastor and his/her team to meet with you and your team of lay leaders for ½ to one hour of time. It will be an appreciative interview format. Expect a contact from another church soon. If you are a lay person, ask to be included when your pastor is asked to meet, or volunteer to go with your pastor when she or he goes to another congregation. This could be a fun time as well as gathering some important information for our

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A Message From The Chair

2016 Theme: Unity in a Changing World
James 1:1-6

Happy Father’s Day and Happy Graduation Day

This month presents us with two very important events in the lives of families. Celebrating Father’s Day is much like celebrating Mother’s day—a time to honor our parents and to show appreciation. It is very important that the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and surrogate fathers know that they are important to the dynamics of a family unit. For the fathers who are not a part of seeing their children grow up and mature into young adults, you are truly missing your blessing because our children are our future. I say thanks to men such as Walter Heyman, Brian Henderson, Pastor Guadalupe Vasquez, Leslie Braxton, Jon Peterson and many, many more fathers not only for their work and leadership within the church, but also for simply being a dad.

The second family event is Graduation Day for thousands and thousands of graduates of all ages from kindergarten to first grade; from middle school to high school and from high school to beyond. For the college graduate earning your bachelors, masters or doctorate degrees, congratulations for a job well done. Your future is ahead of you, and the blessings are bountiful. Keep God as the ultimate prize, and He will guide your steps.

I am open to any feedback, questions or concerns. Please contact me at pbl.deacon@hotmail.com

Blessings,

PRISCILLA LOWE

Self-Study Data Gathering

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collective consideration.
The five questions we will be asking follow:
***When you think of Evergreen, what is your most memorable moment, and why?
or
If you are new to Evergreen, what brought you here, and why?
Our Mission Statement is: Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our American Baptist heritage, the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches 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.

***How have we seen Evergreen building bridges?
***How is Evergreen equipping member churches?
***How has Evergreen translated our unity to the world?
***What is one thing you would never change about Evergreen? Why?
Our trip to Haiti was a wonderful experience and showed us how much local missionaries accomplish in that country. We were introduced to missions in Cap Haitien and Haut Limbe by missionaries Nzunga and Kihomi and Pastor Mano. Mama JoJo provided us with delicious meals three times a day which made us feel very special and spoiled.

The eye clinic and school building were under construction and had made great progress. The hospital grounds showed a new surgery and emergency room buildings. The visit to the school for mentally and physically challenged children was special to us and we enjoyed spending some time with them. The school showed paintings and decorations and a very nice playground. The children would spend Monday through Thursday at the school and the weekends with parents, family or care givers. We also visited the Lab, the Pediatric ward and the chaplain doing ministry from a UNICEF tent until a chapel can be built for him.

On Saturday we drove to the Citadel, a fort full of cannonballs and cannons, built in the early 1800’s. The van took us on a cobble stone road until we could go no more. Then the choice was walk the rest of the way or go by horseback. I decided to walk and was joined by a local man who pointed out all the edible fruits on the trees along the trail - bananas, mango, avocado, oranges and grapefruit. Halfway up the trail we encountered heavy fog and pouring down rain. I struggled trying to keep my camera dry. The local man waited for me while I was visiting the Citadel and walked all the way back down with me. I did offer him some money for his attention.

Our visit to the University in Haut Limbe where the missionaries have a home brought us an interesting experience. Marcia Patton thought it would be a good idea to pair all of us up with local students of Nzunga’s class. I talked with three girls and two boys who were rather shy but asked me what I thought should be done for Haiti. I told them they should continue school and learn a profession and that way they could help their country.

We had a wonderful time at Kihomi and Nzunga’s home and were able to meet missionaries Drs. Stephen and Nancy James during a meal. I was impressed with their Bio-Sand-Filter water purification system that is being used in developing countries.

Our days were filled with so much information and driving on pot-holed roads. However after dinner Marcia had Bible study prepared for us every day to ask us what stood out for us in the passage and how we would relate it to Haiti. A thoughtful exercise and then I was ready for bed.

Thanks for listening.
Lea J. Mortelmans
Carter Called as ABSW Interim President

The Rev. Dr. Nick Carter has been named interim president of the American Baptist Seminary of the West, and began his term on May 15, 2016. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Paul M. Martin who died suddenly on March 23, 2016.

Carter retired in 2014 from Andover Newton Theological School (ANTS) where he had served as President and CEO for ten years.

“Dr. Carter brings to the American Baptist Seminary of the West both leadership and pastoral skills. We feel fortunate to have Dr. Carter as our interim president during this time of transition,” says The Reverend Michelle M. Holmes, Acting President.

The Reverend Dr. Nick Carter is an ordained minister within the American Baptist Churches, USA. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School (NY) and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Colgate University (NY). In addition, Carter has received Doctor of Divinity (Honorary) from Franklin College (IN) and Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary) from Hebrew College & Rabbinical School (MA).

Matthew 25 Grant Application Guidelines/Process Changing

Beginning in the Fall of 2016, applications will be received once annually, with a deadline of September 1, with awards distributed October 15.

In order to be eligible for funds, ministries must have a relationship with American Baptist Churches USA. The maximum amount given to any ministry or church will be $5,000 per year. Due to the limited funds available, the application process will be competitive, with grants being awarded to ministries that best exemplify the goal of helping end poverty. A committee has been formed to review the applications and make the awards. The committee will consider only one application per ministry/church in any calendar year.

The application process is structured to help small ministries with limited staff time. Each applicant will need to complete a one-page form, submit a budget for the ministry, and add a one-page explanation about the need for and uses of the funds. Ministries of any size that relate to ABC are welcome to apply, including local churches.

All applications must be submitted electronically to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Since the donor has asked that the funds be used to directly assist impoverished persons, staff positions will not be funded through this grant. Grant funds may not be used to supplement the church budget, although direct ministries that receive funds from the church budget will be eligible to apply. The grant application is currently being updated. Please check back after July 1 for updated guidelines and an application form.
Prayer Concerns

**Rev. Tim Phillips** as he undergoes surgery to remove a kidney and biopsy the mass doctors discovered there. The surgery is scheduled for June 14 and the recovery should be pretty straightforward. Let’s be prayerful.

**Mike Cooper:** Chrystal, Mike’s wife writes: To my Evergreen Faith Community,

Seven years ago a lot of you were praying for me (Chrystal Cooper) and my husband (Mike Cooper) after he was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in June of 2009. In March of 2010 Mike underwent a Stem Cell Transplant at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. The memories of the events of that time in our lives are coming back to us as Mike was diagnosed this last January with Myelodysplastic Syndrome transitioning to Acute Myeloid Leukemia. We are in need of prayer again. Mike has gone through two months of chemo treatment and is in remission now, but headed to his second transplant. This transplant will be from donor cells from his youngest sister which brings some other risks for the process. I know the prayers brought us through six years ago and they will now too.

I have been reading some about the healing of laughter. I know there will be some days it will be hard to find humor. I have a request for jokes and short humorous stories that I can share with Mike on those days. You can send them to my e-mail ccsewing@hotmail.com with the subject line ‘laughter’. I look forward to a lot of smiles for the next coming months with your help.

You can follow Mike’s cancer blog at: https://mikekickingcancer.wordpress.com/author/mikekickingcancer/

In Christ
Chrystal Cooper

**Yosh Nakagawa** during his battle with cancer.

**Barry Briscoe** as health care professionals seek to determine the source of his illness.

The family and friends of **John Doty, Sr.** in the loss of husband, father, uncle, friend, etc. See “In Memoriam” on page 14 of this newsletter.

The situation in **Venezuela** is desperate. The word we are getting from Pastor Angel and his family is grim. They don’t have access to clean water. They don’t get electricity (We had no problem with electricity when we visited there in 2013 and 2014; now they rarely have it). We hope that if we gather some monetary gifts we might figure out a way to get the money to them safely and that it will help.

Meanwhile, please add Angel Guerra, his family (wife and 2 children) and his church and the families of the church to your prayers. If you take an offering for them, we will see that it is sent on as soon as feasible. Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

Pray especially for these sister churches during the month of June:

- MLKing, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church—Renton
- Seattle Falam Baptist Church
- New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Kent WA
- SKY Center for Spiritual Living—Renton
June Pulpit Exchange and Preaching Series on Evergreen Core Values

The pastors of Burien Community Church, Community Church of Issaquah, Japanese Baptist Church and Queen Anne Baptist Church (who also all happen to be part of the “Evergreen Younger Clergy” group) are participating in a pulpit exchange preaching on the Evergreen Core Values. Each will take a turn at the other’s congregation.

Rev. Sean Brown, Interim Pastor of Queen Anne Baptist Church, will be preaching on Unity. Rev. Britt Carlson, Interim Pastor of Community Church of Issaquah, will preach on Acceptance. Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Pastor of Burien Community Church, will preach on Learning Community, and Rev. Jennifer Ikoma-Motzko, Pastor of Japanese Baptist Church, will preach on Cultural Diversity. They will rotate through beginning on June 5th and end at their own congregations on June 26th.

The pastors hope this will help build bridges between their congregations, and teach about the Evergreen Way to their members. To read more about our Evergreen Core Values and our Mission Priorities, visit http://www.evergreen-abc.org/vision.html

United Mission is the Vehicle

As American Baptists, we know that God’s family extends beyond our local churches. United Mission gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our caring and commitment to congregations on the regional, national and global level. As we give, we also receive: 50% of all United Mission dollars are returned to Evergreen Association.

United Mission is the vehicle that makes this regional support happen. This spring, United Mission is the Vehicle materials were sent to American Baptist churches across the United States and Puerto Rico. Please visit the website, UMIstheVehicle.org, to learn more and to access downloadable resources for use in YOUR church!

- Lord, thank you for the many gifts you have given us, including the trust to do your work here on Earth. We ask that you grant us open eyes, minds and hearts, enabling us to make wise choices. Help us remember always that United Mission is [a] vehicle through which [many] things are possible. Amen

Your United Mission Giving Supports the ABCUSA Family Including Evergreen! Thank You.
2015 ANNUAL REPORTS PAST DUE—STILL NEEDED!

Your church’s Annual Report is a means for the Region and the Denomination to be sure we have accurate information on our member churches and their leaders. It is a means for us to assess the number of American Baptists associated with our churches.

The form has been received. Moderator, Trustees, Church Clerk, Secretary, Pastor and/or church leadership are asked to complete as much of the requested information as possible.

NOTE: Evergreen No longer has a fax number. The information may be submitted online using your church’s pin # and the Leadership ID of your pastor/interim (both numbers are found in the printed form) at annualreport.abcis.org or return the completed paper copy to Evergreen Association at the address on the form.

A. Please REVIEW & CORRECT the PREPRINTED information on the form.
B. SUPPLY REQUESTED INFORMATION.
C. The last question on Meeting Attendance asks for the number of members who attended the Evergreen Association, October 2015, Annual Meeting in Palo Alto CA.

Thanks for your help!

To-date, reports from the following churches have been returned:
- First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City UT
- Burien Community Church, Burien WA
- First Baptist Church, Oakland CA
- Arlington Community Church, Mount Vernon WA
- Queen Anne Baptist Church, Seattle WA
- Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church
- Panther Lake Community Church
- Seattle Falam Baptist Church
- Fremont Baptist Church
- University Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church—Denver CO
- Oak Lake Baptist Church—Seattle

Thank You!

“Facebook for Seniors” Class to be Held at University Baptist Church

Want to learn how to use Facebook more efficiently? Ever wonder what it means to “tag” someone, or to “check in?” Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Ministry Associate for Social Media, will be teaching a “Facebook for Seniors” class on Saturday, June 11th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at University Baptist Church in Seattle. This two-hour class will be an overview of the basics: terms, how to post, and Facebook etiquette (yes, there is such a thing!)

The class is free. We will have WiFi set up so please bring your smartphone, tablet, or laptop computer (if you use a desktop computer, Mindi will have old-fashioned printed handouts available).

Please RSVP to Mindi at mindi@buriencommunitychurch.org or call 206-707-3609 by Monday, June 6th.

University Baptist Church is located at 4731 15th Ave. NE in Seattle. Park in the lot across the street (corner of 15th Ave. NE and 50th St. NE). Parking is free as long as you note your stall number and license plate number at the church when you enter.
Social Media Corner: Building Bridges

Social media is a great way for us to share our interconnectedness and build bridges with those new to Evergreen and those who do not know about the Evergreen Way. How many members of our congregations know that we are part of Evergreen, let alone the American Baptist Churches USA? Sometimes, our churches can become insular and we can be focused on internal matters. Social media, inherently in its name, is social. It is about interaction with others.

So on your church Facebook page, or on your own personal page, share information about Evergreen events such as the upcoming annual Barbeque. Share what other churches are doing by looking at the Facebook page of another Evergreen congregation (and be sure to “like” their page!) and share one of their events. Comment and “like” the status updates of our Evergreen churches. This also helps boost their visibility in social media. Facebook promotes the pages of organizations that have more activity, so we can help each other’s church pages remain active by commenting and liking their posts, photos, and events.

As always, whatever social media medium you use—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, or any others—use the Evergreen hashtag, #ebaabc. Using a hashtag makes the posts show up in search functions on social media and connects users to the greater Evergreen community.

Blessings,
Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell
mindi@buriencommunitychurch.org

Sharing the Evergreen Way!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/evergreenabcusa
Twitter: @EvergreenABCUSA
Hashtag: #ebaabc

First Baptist Church—SLC Celebrates Patton’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination (FBC-SLC also Celebrated its 133rd Church Anniversary!)

On May 29, 2016 First Baptist Church of Salt Lake City UT celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Marcia Patton’s ordination.

The celebration was held at First Baptist Church of Salt Lake City UT, which holds her ordination, with a special worship service and dinner in her honor.

Pictured here with Dr. Patton (center) are L-R: Lori Nelson, Phillip Hollen, Allan Trigg, Mark Walker, Tami Walker, and Cheryl Bond Blyker.

They were youth while Patton was Minister of Education and Youth at FBC-SLC. They made the day a lot of fun!

Salt Lake City First Baptist Church, Salt Lake City ordained Marcia on May 30, 1976.

Dr. Patton currently serves as Executive Minister of the Evergreen Association—ABC.

Congratulations, Marcia Patton, for 40 years of ordained ministry!
Dear Loved Ones,

Greetings. We are now in Arizona trying to get some medical attention for my worn out knees. The ministry of the eye clinic continues its mission of caring and teaching. The eye clinic has become a teaching institution in Northern Haiti. We receive nursing students from Gonaives, the city where the Haitian independence was proclaimed, for practical training.

The training turns out to be so beneficial and of such high quality that we get group after group.

This ministry is the fruit of your love, your dedicated prayers and your financial support. Without your back up, we would not be able to treat and to train.

Thank you for standing by our sides.

In Haiti,
Nzunga & Kihomi

Eye Clinic Becomes a Teaching Institution

Take Your Pastor/Church leader/Family/Friends to the Ball Game...

Mariners vs. Red Sox
Monday, August 1, 2016
Safeco Field    7:10 PM

Tickets Available ($17 Each)

Place your order by Monday, July 18, 2016
Email clemeba@comcast.net or telephone 253-859-2226

Please send me _______ticket(s) x $17 = $____________enclosed.

Send ticket(s) to: (address)_________________________________________________________
MISSION TABLE 2015: CASE STATEMENT ON POVERTY

The existence of the poor throughout the world and the substandard conditions under which they live are undeniable. The question is what does God require of us? How do we seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God? Matthew 25 provides an answer: For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matt 25:35-40.

For more than 200 years, American Baptists have served the most vulnerable, sought justice and shared the Good News of Jesus Christ over all the earth. Despite countless individuals, groups, corporations, denominations, entire communities, states, and even nations committing massive resources to help the poor, the generational cycle of poverty continues and the demand for assistance with basic needs such as food, clothing, affordable housing and transportation continues to grow.

Because of our long history and commitment to helping the poor and the pressing and increasing urgency, the issue of poverty is a priority for American Baptists. The commitment and collective power of the denomination with all churches working together will result in a deeper understanding of the issue and better outcomes for the people whose lives we hope to impact. This is fundamental and necessary in order to get beyond well-intended solutions that may meet an immediate need, but fail to identify and focus on root-cause issues associated with poverty. Many of society’s greatest concerns: lack of living-wage jobs, crime, addiction, violence, human trafficking, terrorism and the increasing inability of people to provide for their own basic needs, all have some connection with the traumatic impact of poverty.

This case addresses the overall issue of poverty and the church’s obligation to respond with urgency. If we fail to see and address the needs of the least of these, the negative impact on the church will be great. On the other hand, the positive impact that opening our eyes and ears, increasing our understanding of the issue of poverty and taking collective action will be even greater, on earth and in heaven.

We must acknowledge the negative progression of the working poor, the uneven distribution of wealth and disappearing middle-class, marginalization of immigrants and disenfranchisement of peoples. Economic indicators such as a decreasing gross domestic product and increased consumerism further support this negative progression and it impacts every living generation and socio-economic class. Even if you are not poor, you and your community are affected by poverty and are being called on to help the poor. Poverty impacts everyone and the issue is urgent.

We will start by coming together seeking to understand, and like Jesus, we must humble ourselves in order to identify with the poor or perhaps better said, we need to be such that the poor can identify with us. We must move away from the ethos of ministering to the poor and toward ministering with the poor. We must hear their voices, see their plights and invite their gifts into all dialogue and actions about the elimination of poverty. Human stories of struggle and accomplishment must be written and recorded and told. Our obligation does not end with other faith-based and human service organizations in our communities, and we must advocate by addressing corporate and political policies and the effect they have on the poor. Our churches must be bold leaders in the midst of a humble endeavor, bringing stakeholders together to listen, to understand the needs of the people, and to utilize all available resources to demonstrate love and compassion to the poor and teach as Jesus did during his ministry on earth.

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We are well familiar with both Old and New Testament declarations that “The poor will always be among us,” and yet we cannot allow this to be an excuse for the church’s lack of action. We are called to the ministry of the poor and in the midst of our good work we will tell the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope of eternal life that comes from him alone. Our unique history in addressing this urgent priority is underscored in the words of Jesus, “Blessed are the poor.”

To be civilized is to eliminate poverty.

Team Quote with inspiration from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Since January 1, 2016 all online gifts to Evergreen Association are recorded at 100% of the donation amount! (ea-abc.org; click on “donate”.) Thank you, all!
Ministry Opportunity

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, a great congregation and a great place to work, is in need of a Church Business Manager. Major responsibilities of this full time, fully benefited position are: Facilities Management, Human Resources Management, Church Office Management and Financial Oversight. Contact Pastor Jim Hopkins at jim@labcoakland.org or 510-893-2484.

REMCE-Topic June 2016: Culture and Vision

Recently, I was having a conversation with an Executive Minister about the two distinct aspects of an organization, namely culture and vision. That conversation prompted me to address these issues in this month’s REMC E-Topic. Here are some thoughts related to culture and vision.

While they can influence one another, culture and vision are at the top of two different pyramids of an organization. Vision pertains to what the organization will accomplish and culture is more about how it will get done. Vision is affected by describing a future desired state of the organization and then planning goals, ministries, and events to achieve that future. Culture is affected by naming a new narrative or perhaps identifying core values and then transforming the systems, structures, and people in ways that contain that value. As shown in the diagram below, neither culture nor vision will change until everything underneath it changes as well. A new vision remains an effigy without any new goals, ministries, or events to bring it about. A culture shift persists only in the mind of the leader if there are no shifts in structure, systems, or training to accompany it. Vision and culture change from the bottom-up, not the top-down.

- **Vision**
- Goals
- Ministries
- Events
- **Culture**
- Structure
- Systems
- People

A vision of addressing issues of violence in your community will never occur without hosting new events such as conversations, neighborhood walks, or handing out gun locks as one of our American Baptist Churches in Columbus, Ohio recently did. Events such as these have better results if they are part of a larger set of goals and ministry initiatives. A well-articulated panoptic vision gets people involved. The plan can be extremely fuzzy, but there should be some sense of what we hope for in the future.

To present an example of culture change, “promoting respect” as a value begins best in the venue of continuing education where people are given an opportunity to learn and commit to change. Adjusting how an agenda is put together, altering how new people are oriented, and amending the nomination process are examples of system and structural changes that can reinforce respect. All of these modifications are necessary for new values to become more than fanfaronade and take hold within an organization.

December is an excellent time to reflect upon the vision of your organization with a January implementation process. Summer is an excellent time to reflect upon culture with new habits and practices, new systems and structures, taking place in the fall.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions to culture and vision, especially as you seek to address our seven ABC Mission Table priorities.

Jeff Woods
CAMP BURTON—Register Online at campburton.com

WORK & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

LIFEGUARD (open water) CABIN LEADER A-Team (Apostles Team)
Age 16+ Age 18+ (preferably 21+) Age 15+
June 24 - Aug 26 July 9 - 15 New Horizons: Special Needs Camp June 23 - July 2
15-20 hours per week. Live in cabin/overnight, lead cabin group of 6-7 campers through daily activities July 9 - 15
$12.00 / hr. (may be some housing available) Previous experience with special needs individuals recommended July 14 - 23
*can be combined with Cabin Leader position $250 for the week VOLUNTEERS APRECIATED!! July 23-28
Cabin Assistant, Dining Host, Housekeeping

WATERFRONT SUPERVISOR Age 18+ *This team is for younger students and
Age 18+ (preferably 21+) July 9 - 15 Jr. High “Faith Adventure” Camp “new to camp” staffers who need
June 24 - Aug. 26 Live in cabin/overnight, lead cabin group of 5-8 campers through daily activities experience or volunteer hours.
20 - 30 hrs. per week $175 for the week $50 stipend per week or documented
$15.00 / hr. + housing volunteer hours.
Age 21+ A-Team members will have work duties,

ARCHERY SUPERVISOR July 22 - 28 High School “Faith Adventure” Camp small group mentoring and teaching, as
Age 18+ Live in cabin/overnight, lead cabin group of 5-8 campers through daily activities well as planned fun activities.
June 24 - July 2 & July 10 - Aug. 26 $175 for the week
10-15 hrs. per week
$14.00 / hr. (may be some housing available) Age 18+
*can be combined Cabin Leader position July 23 - 28 Jr. “Faith Adventure” Camp (elementary age)
Live in cabin/overnight, lead cabin group of 5-8 campers through daily activities
$175 for the week

Email campburton.mrutschow@gmail.com for a job description / application OR download an application at www.campburton.com.
In Memoriam: John Doty, Sr.

There are people who come into this world just to make it a little bit better. Through their love, their work for justice, their faith in humanity, their convictions and ability to articulate them clearly, their faithful service and their humor they become memorable.

That was the case with John Doty.

He passed away unexpectedly at home with his wife CoraLea the evening of May 22, 2016.

It’s hard to remember a time at UBC when John Doty wasn’t faithfully engaged in the church’s ministries and activities. It’s hard to imagine UBC without him.

One memory John shared recently about his time at UBC was this:

“I have so many wonderful memories after nearly 48 years at University Baptist. One in particular was an exploratory venture to the attic and roof of the mid-section of the former UBC building on 12th. We were seeking the source of a leak in the third floor rooms.

“Several of us climbed a ladder and crawled through a hole in the third floor apartment ceiling. We walked across the ceiling joists amidst insulation — trying not to slip and put a foot through the plaster ceilings — until we arrived at the base of another ladder which ascended to the flat roof between the education building and the sanctuary.

“Part of the indelibility of the excursion was trying to maintain our balance in this vast high-ceilinged space — by the light of one sole flashlight — during which high wire act we came upon a washtub filled with sand. Elmer informed me that the container was a precaution in the event of an air raid resulting in an incendiary device dropping into the church’s upper reaches in World War II (1941 and on), back when Elmer had been an air raid warden.

“We laughed about the washtub filled with sand, never used, never needed, never disposed of when the war ended. But still in pursuit of the source of the leak, we climbed the final ladder, raised the hatch cover and faced a pond of water ten inches deep that covered an area as large as the McAfee parlor. The roofers had covered the drain — so the water found the steam pipe openings as a way to seep down rather that the drain and downspout provided.

“The view from the waterfront catch basin was spectacular and it ... and the quaint sojourn to reach it ... Remain vivid in my memory, framed by two of the most stalwart work party buddies you could pray for. For each breath and step along the way, I am most thankful.”

No one could tell a story like John Doty! No one. His stories live on.

John has been called to God’s bosom after a lifetime of loving God and loving God’s people.

He will be remembered for his laughter, his wisdom, his willing spirit, his skill as a mentor, his love of debate, his passion for Shakespeare, Angelou, Dickens and so many more authors whom he shared freely with others in invigorating literary and philosophical discussions.

Services for John will be Sunday, June 12th at 2:30 pm in either the UBC or UCC Sanctuary, 4731 15th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105.

... John Doty. Friend, you have been called to your God’s bosom. I know how much you loved God and God’s people. Thank you for all the laughter. Thank you for all your wisdom. Thank you for all your support during a very stressful and at times painful ministry setting. But, most importantly, thank you for your willingness to acknowledge me as your pastor and seek out my support even when others rejected it. I will miss you terribly... but I know that you are enjoying meeting Shakespeare, and Angelou, and Dickens and all those great authors of whom you were so fond.

Rest in eternal love, my friend.

A Facebook tribute from Manny Santiago, former pastor of University Baptist Church.
SBU Meetings
August 16, 2016 (Tuesday), CRUISE—By Invitation
September 19, 2016 (Monday), Japanese Baptist Church, 6 PM
November 12, 2016 (Saturday), ANNUAL MEETING, Seattle First Baptist Church, 9 AM (paid parking available in the adjacent parking lot)

If your Seattle Area (geographically specific) American Baptist Church intends to submit a grant request, please be aware of the scheduled meeting dates. For more information contact President David Kile at 206-300-5456 or email david@seattlefirstbaptist.org or Vice President Connie Boyer at 425-673-5767 or email constance@minervas-owl.com

Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser
Realized $1,155
Thank You All!!

Who is this storm trooper?

Baptists Lunching Together—BLT does not meet during the summer.

The Annual PCBA Spring Gathering will take the form of an afternoon of worship, teaching, conversation, and fellowship at San Jose’s Grace Baptist Church, 484 East San Fernando Street on Sunday, June 12, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Exploring the theme, “Communications in the Church”, the panel is drawn from Bay Area congregations. The event will conclude with a service of worship followed by dinner.

Event registration may be made online at www.pcba.org or mail to PCBA Spring Gathering, 200 La Casa Via, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. $10 by June 6; $15 at the door. Registration will open at 2 PM, program begins at 2:30 PM.

Panel presenters will include Jim Hopkins, Lakeshore Avenue Baptist, Oakland; Linda Bergeon, First Chinese Baptist, San Francisco; Rick Mixon, First Baptist, Palo Alto; and Ulysses Barton, Beth Eden Baptist, Oakland.

Designed to be of practical help to local church organizations, the panel will examine communication styles and examples of effective communication. Host Pastor and worship leader, Liliana Da-Valle.

Executive Committee Meeting
Monthly every third Wednesday
6:30 PM, Seattle First Baptist Church

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.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 30—Barbeque sponsored by the Black Caucus. Tickets available in June at your local church or the Evergreen offices.

August 1—Take Your Pastor to the Mariners Baseball Game. Seattle vs. Boston. Safeco Field 7:10 pm. See ordering info on page 8 of this newsletter.

August 16—Seattle Baptist Union Clergy/Spouse Dinner Cruise—by invitation only

August 27—Association Board Meeting, 9 AM, Seattle First Baptist Church.