

Update From Your Elders

As you may have gathered from the “In The Loop” section of the past few months newsletters, church announcements, emails, etc. our Elder Board has been very busy. We wanted to give you an update on what’s been going on and where things are on a couple of fronts.

First, the news on our search for a youth pastor. After a lot of reference phone calls and an interview via Skype, we have extended an invitation to Dave Oldenkamp to candidate for the position. He and his wife, Kami, will be here May 6-8 and participate in a full schedule of meetings and activities.

On Friday night, the Oldenkamps will be at the Open Youth Center from 7-10 pm and have the chance to meet a lot of our students. Dave and Kami will be meeting with the elder board on Saturday morning. We would especially encourage youth workers, parents and students who are available to attend a dessert that Saturday night at 7pm in the Fellowship Café. It will be a great forum to interact with them and ask questions. Sunday morning Dave will teach a combined youth Sunday School class and also bring the message during the service. Please join us in prayer as we discern if Dave is God’s man for our youth pastor position.

Second, we want to let you know about progress in the search for our senior pastor. As you know our district requires a process of developing profiles of our church and what qualities/strengths we are looking for in a new pastor. We sought the input of as many in our church as would share through a survey and conversations with us and the pastoral search committee. After those profiles were complete, our district superintendent sent 3 resumes that he felt might be a good fit for us. They were passed on to the search committee for review and comment. Some contacts have been made to further investigate the potential candidates and their availability. Other contacts have been made to request sermons and other information for review. Please keep praying for this process as well.

Since Pastor Jonathan announced his resignation, the elder board has met twice a month and we also have often worked on assignments between meetings. That has created a lot of activity for us. Please know that our desire, and that of Pastor Jim, is to do the best possible job fulfilling the roles we have been called to and caring well for the people in our body. If you are aware of needs that are going unmet or have questions, please do not be afraid to let us know.

It is very much a privilege to serve the Lord and love His children who gather here. Let us continue to look to what the Lord has for us and keep at our mission “to introduce people to Jesus, help them get to know Him better, and develop fully devoted followers of Christ.”

Year 2011 General Fund Giving

Giving for April - \$20,827

Giving this year - \$90,674

Great Commission Giving

\$ 8,989

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A Word From the Associate Pastor ...

There is a new item nestled in the chaos that is my office. It is a small clock that was awarded to me at our district conference a couple weeks ago. It has an inscription with my name and notes that I have served 25 years with the Alliance. As I received the gift bag from Matt Boda, our District Superintendent, he whispered in my ear that it was an inflatable Winnebago! Imagine my surprise when I unwrapped it and discovered the clock.

It is true, I have been part of the Alliance for over 25 years. I began an internship at North Seattle Alliance Church 27 years ago and my anniversary with Yakima Alliance is October 1st. In God's grace and sovereignty, He has allowed me to serve in one place for a quarter of a century! That has been such a huge blessing to me. It has been a wonderful privilege to see the Lord do so many amazing things here.

Yesterday I met with a couple and gave them a tour of our facility. It reminded me how much it has changed since I first started here. The building, though, is not the church. People make up the church at Yakima Alliance.

God has been at work transforming the hearts and lives of hundreds of people. It has been amazing to see so many grow in the Lord and respond in obedience to their calling. Some have been called to ministry on the overseas mission field or Christian organizations. Many others are called to work in a variety of careers to be able to influence coworkers for Christ and support their other ministries. It has been a humbling privilege to partner with the body here at Yakima Alliance to be about Kingdom business!

Many times we read in the Old Testament of God's people setting up monuments to remind them of the mighty things God had done for them. My hope is the clock that sits in my office will be a reminder for a forgetful pastor of the Lord's faithfulness. A cue to think back with gratitude for all that He has done and to look forward to all that comes in the days ahead.

Thank you, Lord, for Your amazing love and for wonderful, gracious people You have allowed me to serve alongside. You are so worthy of all praise and worship!

Pastor Jim

The Importance of Today

Author Unknown. Source: Inspiration Peak; taken from Weekend Encounter

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good."





May



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <i>Martin Sample Dwight Simon</i>	3 7 pm Elders 7 pm Deacons 7:30 pm- IGNITE	4 9 am Ladies Walk 10 am Exodus - 6:45 pm - Rooted 6:45pm - Exodus	5 6:30 am Prayer	6	7 2 pm Ladies Tea <i>Jim Paine TJ Schwartz</i>
8  Mothers Day	9	10 7:30 pm IGNITE <i>Rodger Boothman Victoria Fulton</i>	11 9 am Ladies Walk 6:45 pm ROOTED <i>Ryan Johnson</i>	12 6:30 am Prayer 10 am Stamp Mtg 7 pm WOW	13 6:30 pm Missions Committee	14 <i>Katarina Platt</i>
15	16	17 7pm Elders 7:30 pm IGNITE <i>Eloise Glass</i>	18 9 am Ladies Walk 6:45 pm ROOTED	19 6:30 am Prayer 7pm Financial Bd <i>Roger Broyles</i>	20 <i>Julianna Eells</i>	21 Nob Hill School Yard sale - church <i>Anneliese Immel</i>
22	23	24 7:30 pm IGNITE <i>Angelica Kiser</i>	25 9 am Ladies Walk 6:45 pm ROOTED	26 6:30 am Prayer 6:30 pm Deaconess <i>Brennan Platt Jason & Renee' Navarrete</i>	27	28 <i>Derek Sutton Royal & Beverly Schoen</i>
29	30 Memorial Day <i>Tom Attaway Tom & Nola Attaway</i>	31 7:30 pm IGNITE				

Note:
*Birthday and
Anniversary Dates
are shown in Italics*



Playground Partners

Jerusalem Project



In an effort to reach out to our community in Jesus' Name, Yakima Alliance Church is partnering with Nob Hill Elementary School in an effort to raise funds for new playground equipment. We will be hosting a yard sale at the church on Saturday, May 21st. This is a very ambitious undertaking and we need everyone to get involved. Here is a partial list of ways you can help:

Prayer Team

Receive and sort donations

Help with publicity

Pick up larger donations

Help with set-up and tear-down

Donate items for sale (after Sunday, 5/15)

Sign set-up and removal

Parking lot security and safety

Help man the Connection Center during sale

Inside security and sale help

Collect cash donations for sale items

Help with food concession

Other kinds of assistance will also be needed as things develop more fully. Will you help? Jeff Kiser or Jim Paine can help you find a place and time that you can serve. Give one of them a call or use the signup sheet in the foyer. This will be a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and provide funds to improve the school's playground!

Everything Counts

"Everything you do counts; everything you don't do counts. Minute by minute, day by day and year by year, it all adds up. The things you do and things you don't do become YOU. Life does keep score."

by Ray Lammie

As seen in "Weekend Encounter"



We want to keep you up to date on all the things going on at Yakima Alliance Church so we are using this forum to fill you in. Let the church office know what you would like to know about in upcoming issues.

Elder News: The elders discussed resumes for senior pastor that were received from the district office. More discussion was planned for the next meeting giving the pastoral search committee time to review and give input on the candidates. More plans were made for the upcoming Jerusalem project of the Playground Partners yard sale. This discussion was followed by a Skype interview with Dave Oldenkamp, a youth pastor candidate. The elders were challenged to pray and discern whether Dave should be invited to candidate with us for the position. That invitation was extended. At their second meeting in April, the board had further dialog on the senior pastor resumes in hand. Assignments were made to secure sermons and make other contacts to gather information on availability, reference checks, etc.

Deacons Notes: Plans for the April 16th Spring Cleanup were made and details for the first "Deacon Service Sunday" were finalized. The deacons also brainstormed ways they could be helpful for some of the youth of the church that do not have active father figures in their lives. General maintenance issues were discussed and assignments made.

Deaconess Notes: April has been a busy month with - a wonderful Easter Service followed a very enjoyable Easter Brunch arranged by the ladies; a 'boy' Baby Shower for Pam Thompson; and the planning and preparation for the Ladies Tea to be held next week.

Financial Board: Giving has continued to be below budget, but spending is also less than budgeted. Preparations are being made to sell the church's old drum kit and a replacement computer for one that is failing in the sound booth has been purchased. The board also approved a request from the deaconess board to allow donations received from the Ladies Tea to go to the youth Peru missions trip scheduled for the summer of 2012.

Why Haven't You Invited Me?

Nathan Williams told of two men who had been business partners for over twenty years. They met one Sunday morning as they were leaving a restaurant. One of them asked, "Where are you going this morning?" "I'm going to play golf. What about you?" The first man responded rather apologetically, "I'm going to church." The other man said, "Why don't you give up that church stuff?" The man asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, we have been partners for twenty years. We have worked together, attended board meetings together, and had lunch together, and all of these twenty years you have never asked me about going to church. You have never invited me to go with you. Obviously, it doesn't mean that much to you."

John A. Stroman, God's Downward Mobility,
taken from "Weekend Encounter"

Women of the Word

Prayer - A Vital Part of My Life

Thursday, May 12th 7:00 pm

Fellowship Café

*Jennifer Eells share about prayer journaling and
it's impact on her spiritual growth.*



Join us for a time of
prayer,
fellowship,
and snacks



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“We exist to introduce people to Jesus, help them get to know Him better, and develop fully devoted followers of Christ.”

Great Commission Fund Realities *by Dia Gary*



“Since July 2010, the Great Commission Fund revenues from churches have declined by nearly \$1.6 million during the first eight months of the fiscal year compared with the same period in fiscal year 2009. The Christian and Missionary Alliance are currently projecting a GCF shortfall of more than \$1.3 million.”

The above paragraph was published in the April alife Magazine. It truly grieves me that some of our missionaries may be sent home because of lack of revenue to keep them on the field. Please pray with me that the Great Commission Fund will not suffer and that our Alliance Missionaries will be able to continue with the work that God has called them to do.

