



**Reserve The Dates**  
**Fall Missions Conference**  
 September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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*Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Hebrews 10:23-25*

Next Sunday, September 4th, we have a rare privilege ...

Our Worship time will be an Installation Service for our new pastor, Kirk Romberg.



Dennis Pust, from our District Office, will be here to address Kirk and our congregation.

A Potluck & Cake Reception will follow in the Fellowship Café.




(No Sunday School today)

**Year 2011  
 General Fund Giving**

August Giving (To date) - \$19,082  
 Giving this year - \$183,629

Great Commission Giving  
 \$ 18,265

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## *A Word From the Associate Pastor ...*

“But Lord, this is not what we had planned!” I found myself thinking that on multiple occasions during our recent trip to Asia. Just after lunch on our first full day there, Nance missed a step and fell down landing hard on her knee on the marble floor of the restaurant. The swelling and bruising started immediately and the pain was debilitating. This was definitely not in the plan, Lord! Nance and I missed out on a wonderful trip to the Peak and a great dinner that night.

A long series of traditional and modern Asian medical treatments followed. The knee became infected and eventually a minor surgical procedure was necessary to drain the fluid and allow it to continue to drain for another week after we returned. Each treatment required a life-threatening taxi ride (45 minutes each way to the final hospital we visited) and the help of our English speaking friends at the Church to negotiate the complicated, but reasonably priced, medical system there. Advised that she should not walk on it, Nance missed out on a lot of activities. Again... not what we had planned.

Ally was a gift from God to us. She serves full time with the staff of the church and has been trained as an ER doctor. She currently is connected with Doctors Without Borders and responds to natural disasters around the world. She has been to the Middle East and Haiti among other places. Ally was assigned to accompany us on our hospital visits and we quickly became good friends. She was able to translate for us, but also be an effective advocate to get treatment that would be least disruptive to our involvement with the team.

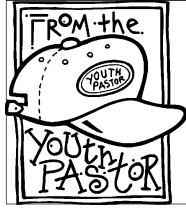
It soon became evident that the Lord had plans for us to encourage this wonderful lady. Guy Garrett shared her story during our report from the trip last year. With the one-child policy and the fact that she was not a boy, Ally was sent to live with her grandmother shortly after birth so her mother could try to have a son. She did not meet her mother until she was 3, at which time her rejection was reinforced. When she was 5, Ally's grandmother took her to a park and told her to stay by a certain gate until she returned with some food for her. She never came back. After a while a man who turned out to be her great uncle came and took her with him to raise from that point on. Eventually Ally heard the Gospel and found a loving Father that she had never known; a parent who would not abandon her.

Recently her biological father has become a Christian and has reached out to Ally. Her mother has expressed regret for the choices she made, but is not supportive in her faith or the choices she has made. Ally's mom wants her to move to America where it is more normal for a woman to be single at 30 and won't cause her mother more guilt. Spending all that time with Ally was not part of our plan. In God's providence, though, it was part of His plan... for us and for Ally. It was a privilege to hear more about the issues she was wrestling with and to come alongside her, encourage and pray for her. We counseled her to continue to seek out the Lord's plan for her, not just give in to the pressure her family is putting on her. She has some very weighty choices she will need to make and I want to ask you to pray for Ally.

No, the medical issues we faced were not part of the plans we had for the trip, but the Lord had a plan that was greater than what we had in mind. I am so grateful for the love and care that the Lord showered on us through the people we met. We were also wonderfully cared for by the other members of our patient team. God is good... all the time!

*Pastor Jim*





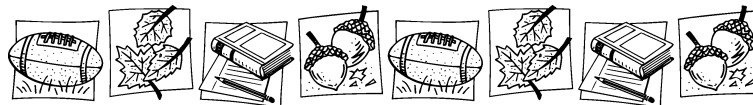
As we look to kick off the school year I find myself wondering how I might slow the earth's orbit around the sun. But the more time I spend trying to figure out how to manipulate the space time continuum, the less time I have for all the things that I am working on for the fall. Right off the bat we have the High School kick-off retreat, recently renamed re:Start. And then in Oct we have a district Middle School retreat Quest. These are two important weekend retreats to help get our students off to a great start to the school year. Plans are moving along for both and I am getting really excited!

I'm also working to plan for youth group and Sunday school for this school year as well as special outreach events, leader's activities, parent seminars...the list goes on. It's overwhelming and very exciting at the same time. I want to get off on the right foot and do everything to the best of my ability. Not because I want everyone to like me, or because I'm worried about my job security, but because God has called me to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, and that is the reason I do everything I do.

In youth ministry it's easy to get swamped with programs and trips and administration, and before you know it, you have forgotten why you are doing all this crazy fun stuff. There is one reason and one reason only that I do what I do...so that youth will know Jesus Christ. For those who have never known Him as savior, that they would come to that point of falling in love with Him. And for those who have known salvation, that they would come to know their savior in deeper and more intimate ways. It's all about Jesus! Sometimes it looks wild and crazy, or messy and gross, but it's always a piece of the journey to lead closer and closer to Christ.

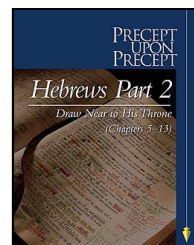
My prayer for myself, and your prayer for me can be that I would never ever lose focus off of Jesus. That the desire of my heart personally is to know Him more and more each day, and that the mission of YAC youth ministries is to help students enter into a relationship with Christ and to grow in that relationship with Him.

*Pastor Dave*



### Hebrews Part 2 Precept Upon Precept Study

Ever wondered how the New Testament connects to the Old? This fascinating study of Hebrews 5-13 explains relationships between the two covenants, the earthly and heavenly tabernacles, and the sacrifices of animals and the Son of Man. See how Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets and became our great High Priest.



Missed Part 1? Not a problem, you can jump right into the 2<sup>nd</sup> part Wednesdays at 9 am or 6:45 pm. The study starts on September 21<sup>st</sup> and runs for 19 weeks. Please sign up in the Connection Center in the foyer by 9/11 so materials can be ordered. The cost for the workbook is \$45, but help is available for those whom the cost would cause a hardship.

Please contact Tami Platt for more information

## Passion *By Dia Gary*

I haven't done very much writing lately. I get preoccupied and self absorbed with my own worries and conflicts. I probably wouldn't be writing now except a nagging and very uncomfortable feeling has been bothering me for the last couple of days, and I can't stand it any longer. Thus, you get the results of my efforts in being free of an annoyance.

Recently, I read a short article by Esther Lovejoy in the Alliance aLife magazine ([www.alliancecelilife.org](http://www.alliancecelilife.org)). The article featured missions. Is it simply an Alliance pas-time? Some of you are well versed in the Alliance **missions'** emphasis. Some of you are not. The basic thrust of the article was to envision a passion for missions that seems to be faltering in not only Alliance churches but other denominations as well. Do we still do missions? I can remember as a kid growing up how excited I was to go to a missions' conference. It usually happened on a Sunday evening and the missionary would always show slides of their work in some far away land. Those countries looked very distant, and exotic. Some of the people they worked with looked a bit stone age, like the Flintstones in my young mind. I was fascinated with their stories and their pictures. I knew that I wanted to visit those countries and talk to those people. Thirty years later, I did just that.

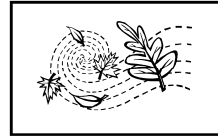
The concept of missions is no longer what it once was. Technology has changed how the world works, and how we do missions. We can basically, through air transport, be anywhere in the world within a 24-48 hour time frame. We can also contact a missionary and speak personally to them at the strike of a key. The concept of missions has indeed changed. However, the passion should be the same, if not at a greater intensity. We all desire for others to know Jesus Christ as personal savior making Him King of their lives. With that burden, we carry on the concept of missions. Whether it is over the back yard fence, with the person sitting in the classroom, or with your hair dresser, "**missions**" continues ... *one person at a time*.


One of the reasons that I attend an Alliance church is because it dedicated its cause to missions. It is even in the name, Christian and Missionary Alliance. The Alliance denomination is unique in the fact that through the Great Commission Fund (GCF), missionaries can report and share their work in spreading the good news of our King in fellowships within the United States without feeling the pressure of having to raise personal support. They do raise support, but through a total team effort. All monies given to the GCF go into one unit which is then distributed upon need among the various missionaries. That means that if I am ministering in Hong Kong where a very small meager apartment costs \$2,000.00 per month, then the amount I need is set apart for that responsibility. If I minister in Abidjan and my rent is only \$500.00 per month, then that amount is targeted for that. Everyone's needs are met and no one is getting more or less than they require. I have listened to missionaries who would not be candidates for the best pulpit speaker's circuit, yet their ministry and passion was amazing. On the other hand, I have met missionaries who could get my last dime who were mediocre at best in their ministry because it had become just a job and not a passion.

To be great in anything we do, passion must be the foundation to our actions and deeds. I pray that Yakima Alliance will always have a passion for missions... *one person at a time*.



# September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				4 Installation Service & Potluck  John Erickson	5  Bill Eells	6 7 pm Prayer Group 7 pm Elders 7 pm Deacons 7:30 pm IGNITE
11 5 pm Picnic In The Park - Randall Park  Judah Oldenkamp Susan Wells H.S. Re-Start	12	13 6:30 pm WOW 7 pm Prayer Group 7:30 pm IGNITE	14 6:45 pm ROOTED	15 6:30 am Prayer  Glenn Knutson	16  Charity Broyles	17  Cody Romberg
18	19	20 7 pm Prayer Group 7:30 pm IGNITE  <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Foreman</i>	21 6:45 pm ROOTED  <i>Brian &amp; Jan Cox</i>	22 6:30 am Prayer 6:30 pm Deaconess  Mark Washam	23  Jack Lovern Keenan Schoen	24  Chloe Steward
25	26  Sarah Boothman Ernie Eells Henrietta Eells Millie Grady Rick Welch	27 7 pm Prayer Group 7:30 pm IGNITE	28 6:45 pm ROOTED  Raven Kent	29 6:30 am Prayer  Jan Cox	30  Gail Maissen	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Fall Missions Conference Tuesday, September 27th-Sunday, October 2nd         </div>						



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# Women of the Word

## Potatoes ... Various Varieties!

Baked Potato Feed Tuesday, September 13th  
in the Fellowship Café - 6:30 pm



Will you, please, join us an evening of fun, food, and fellowship?