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Our many-faced family (Green Lake Church) exerts power over me, not by some crude force of will, but by the allure of stories. I could sit and soak up innumerable tales from each of you in the retelling of your adventures, and it is by this means that you minister to me, broaden my world view, and mentor me along the countless neural and emotional pathways I've never trod. How else can I notice your laugh lines, shadows, and spiritual genius?

Over lunch recently, Windell Mitchell shared snippets of his book-worthy life journey, and I found myself encountering his father, in spirit, as it were, as though he'd joined us at the table. How did Windell achieve such wizardry? Simply by talking about what and who he loved. And in that moment of mystery, the wisdom handed from father to son, on a warm Jamaican morning long ago, nestled in my ears as though I'd waited fifty years to hear it.

The power of story reaches into us with a permeable warmth that redefines us as walking, interconnected tomes. We cross-reference each other, citing experiences that resonate and evoke mutual responses to life, love, and the Creator. The only question is, how many pages can we flap open? And how deeply can we celebrate each other's existence in safety?

Not only do we need each other's stories as a means of validating our own, but we also depend upon our varied journeys for the fleshing out of our faith, hope, and joy. My suspicion is that the more we talk about what endears itself to us, the more comfortable we become talking about the loves of our lives. And unless I'm mistaken,

another way of framing the Great Commission in Matthew is to talk about what we love. The more we do it, the easier it becomes. And with the familiarity of each telling comes a deeper grasp on the why and how of it all.

Perhaps this is why the story of Jesus triggers so much conversation. If we're to get at the man-deity, baby-king, angry-lover of mankind, rabbi-rebel, troubadour-scholar, earth shattering savior of the planet, we need more time talking amongst ourselves about our love for him. Let's just say this, if you find yourself walking across your favorite park when epiphanies strike, or if you're scrubbing your bathroom when it feels as though a parable has burst into life, grab your cell phone and call me (or your nearest and dearest for that matter).

Let's generate a culture of storytelling that is both personalized and unapologetically enthusiastic about what we love best in life.

My guess is that at the root of our common ground stands a man we all love more than any other. What do you think? My phone's on.

David Wood ♦



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Birthdays ♦ etc.



May Birthdays

- 1 Jan Johnson
Sandra O'Donnell
- 2 Ron Fasano
Genevieve Johnson
Julie Mittleider
- 3 Stephanie Mays
- 4 Chiyoko Uehara
- 6 Berina Mazila
Ellen Park
- 7 Roger Ferris
- 8 Kathleen Bullock
- 9 Karl Vyhmeister
- 10 Kirk Rue
- 11 Paul Megale
- 12 Analiese Joseph



- 13 Alex Joseph
Lyla Neumann
- 17 Marcia Greenlee
Gary Murrell
Nate Sutter
- 18 Patricia Wolcott

- 19 Sharon Hetzel
Alwin Vyhmeister
- 21 Kate Bullock
Peggy King
Natalia Oster
Joanne Tucker
Mary Waterhouse
- 22 Olive White
- 23 Everyl Beavon
- 26 Gwen Bromgard
- 28 Michael Dorr
Patricia Gibson
- 29 Emily Wilbur
- 30 Carol Edholm
Colleen Squibb
- 31 Palmer Dye

Platform Remodeling Dates

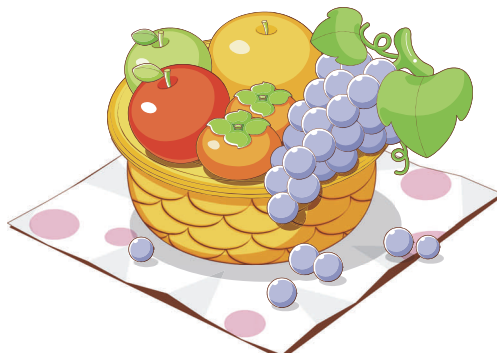
May 10 through May 21

Come and see "a work in progress" on Sabbath, May 15. We hope you will be pleased at the way this project will facilitate so many aspects of Green Lake Church life. ♦

May Potluck

May 8

The Sylvan Chorale of Auburn Adventist Academy will be our guests. Please bring extra helpings of your contribution to the potluck table to help feed our additional 40 to 50 guests. ♦



Adventist Job Network

During the Washington Conference town hall meetings, constituents asked for a job network. This network, called Washington Adventist Business Network, is now available as a managed networking group on LinkedIn, a professional social networking site.

After joining the Washington Adventist Business Network group on LinkedIn, employers can post job openings, and job seekers can provide a brief summary of skills and qualifications.

Want to post a job, or look for a job, but are not a member of LinkedIn? Join the LinkedIn community or e-mail your job post information to info@washingtonconference.org. ♦

Donations Online

It is possible to make donations with your credit card or checking account to the church via the Internet.

Go to the church's Web site, www.greenlakesda.org, and click on the link to AdventistGiving. You will be guided through the steps to establish an account with a password. AdventistGiving is a secure site.

Funds will be transferred to Green Lake Church and to other recipients listed on the site, including ADRA, missions, and a host of Seventh-day Adventist Church ministries. ♦



Church Business Meeting May 12 • 7:30 p.m.

Back in January, the Church in Business Session voted to replace our existing Casavant pipe organ with a new pipe + digital hybrid organ. We have received two bids and begun more detailed planning for this exciting extension to our worship and ministry capabilities.

During the planning process, we realized that, in some possible scenarios, the approved \$100,000 fund-raising amount might not be sufficient. In January, four funding sources were named: 1) Donations already received, 2) donors outside the GLC community, 3) sale of the Casavant organ, and 4) a new fund-raising campaign. Those are all still valid, but the exact amount that will be generated by outside donors and by the Casavant sale is uncertain at this point. If one or both of these sources produce income in the upper range of estimates, we will have more than enough to complete the organ within the previously approved \$100,000.

But if both of them come in on the lower range, we would not have enough.

Given the possibility of not having enough to complete the project, the Church Board felt it best to return to a church business meeting to select options for how to handle the lower range scenarios. We especially wanted to have that discussion before the project starts, instead of midway when we would have fewer options.

The Church in Business Session will be held May 12 at 7:30 p.m., in the Chapel. Consistent with policies for business sessions, we will also hold a Town Hall meeting following the May 8 potluck at 1:30 p.m., again in the Chapel. Please plan on participating in both meetings, so you can make informed choices regarding our future organ.

Forrest Crowell, Board Chair ◊

Another Countdown: Platform Remodel Begins May 10

We Americans have been fascinated with “countdowns” since the Russians beeped their way into history with their first Sputnik. And from the initiation of the race to walk on the moon to the recent completion of the space station, we have listened to the “3, 2, 1, liftoff” routine so often it has become quite ordinary. But not so for Green Lake Church right now.

A small group of Green-Lakers has been counting down to our rostrum replacement “liftoff” for a number of years. That event begins only days from now. Construction time, we have been assured, will be brief—only 14 days for the basic construction.

Over the present platform stripped of its surface, a new hardwood surface will be built, a perfect “sounding board” for singers and instrumentalists. Back in the days of evangelist Dwight L. Moody and the prince of English preachers, C. H. Spurgeon, carpenters built a wood sounding board behind them to amplify



their voices to the thousands that gathered to hear them. Apart from electronic devices, nothing projects sound better than a hardwood surface. All the great stages of the world have done that for centuries. We are about to hear our piano, harpsichord, orchestra, and small singing ensembles in a way we have never heard them before. Yes, the new platform is not just about size!

The countdown as I write is also down to the number 14. Just fourteen days to the temporary removal of the piano, the hanging of a giant plastic protecting curtain over the choir loft, organ, and pipes, and the sounds of tradesmen as our new rostrum/platform is built.

Last week the city issued a building permit—the last major step in the countdown.

We are so grateful that the entire congregation gave the cash to enable this important growth step in life at Green Lake. We expect that May 1 will be the last time the orchestra uses the old shaky wood extensions.

Relief at last!

Roy Naden ◊



Business Mtg ◊ Platform



Church School ♦ etc.



Graduation Issue

The June issue of the *Gazette* will feature our graduates from elementary school, junior high school, high school, college/university, and graduate school. Let us know (206-522-1330 or office@greenlakesda.org) who are the Green Lake Church graduates of 2010, whether they complete their studies in June or December. ♦

Church Maintenance

The maintenance committee is making a list of church repairs. If you have noticed something needing maintenance, please send an e-mail to maintenance@greenlakesda.org or put your comments into the suggestion box in the foyer. ♦



Film Club

Pastor David is planning to restart Film Nights and seeks volunteers to serve on a Film Panel Selection Committee of 10 to 12 people, including parents.

Movies will be selected and rated for the following age groups: Children and families and up; Teens and up; Young Adults and up. Contact Pastor David to become involved in this group. ♦

The Pastoral Support and Evaluation Committee

is also serving as a sermonic feedback and review panel. Pastor David invites your commentary on sermons. Contact Carrie Wilbur, Barbara Jonsen, Lowell Dunston, Larry Roth, or Myrtle Mitchell if you have a comment. ♦

God Keeps Looking Out For Us! Cypress Adventist School

Our 19-year-old Honda riding mower is toast. We held it together with "bailing wire" through the last mowing season.

A Cypress donor enabled us to shop for a new mower during spring break. After shopping on the Internet, Mr. Roberts and I headed to Town and Country Tractor in Monroe. We had seen their displays at the Monroe Fair. We spoke with a sales rep and decided that the base 48"-cut unit would do the job.

He referred us to the owner for pricing. As I handed my business card to the owner, he smiled. "I attended Cypress Adventist School in 1978-1979," he said.

He continued, "I don't want to sell you the bottom-end machine. You are eligible for a 25% non-profit discount. How would you like a bigger and better machine for the base price?"



A new black and yellow Cub Cadet Enforcer now sits at Cypress ready to take on the fast-growing grass.

Again, we are grateful for God's continued blessings. We thought you'd like to know.

Lowell Dunston ♦

CYPRESS SCHOOL GRADUATION
June 2
7:00 p.m.
Edmonds Seventh-day Adventist Church

MISSION TRIP TO INDIA

2010-2011

Volunteers are needed for a mission trip to India.

The Hands Across the Water (HAW) committee hopes to send a group of people this winter 2010/11 to help with the local school that we have been supporting through your funds. Over the course of 2+ weeks, volunteers will assist with a variety of jobs such as teaching students and teachers conversational English, phonetics, computer skills, Bible classes, reading, and storytelling. There is also a need for those knowledgeable to teach the children, teachers, and parents basic skills of nutrition and health. Speaking the local language is not necessary.

Travel plans involve flying to Rajahmundry, and then taking a taxi or bus to the school in Tanuku. Lodging can be provided for a small fee (\$20 per day for a room with AC, \$10 non-AC). Food will be provided at the principal's home free of charge or for a small fee depending on the number of guests.

Please consider being part of this mission. The timeframe is the 2010 Christmas break in order to take into account the nice weather, lack of rain, and our local children being out of school.

You may contact any member of the HAW committee, who are available to answer your questions as you make your decision. Airplane tickets will need to be purchased no later than this summer to obtain a reasonable price.

This program is part of Green Lake Church's Outreach Division. Funds collected by the Green Lake children during our services go toward creating a library and raising money to sponsor underprivileged children to attend the school. Pen-pal letters are being written between the Green Lake children and the students in India to establish a relationship. Outreach and mission, both local and foreign, are a great way to give back to people and live Jesus' message of helping others.

The HAW Team

Susie and Brian McGrath (Co-chair)
Sarojini and Baburao Chedalawada
(Co-chair)
Alwin and Cheryl Vyhmeister
Jenni Hamilton
Natalia Oster
Mark Haun
Kim Goerlitz ◊



Mission Trip ◊ Softball

Softball



It's time for softball.

The season starts May 16) and we've already had a couple of practices.

Green Lake is in an informal coed league with five other NE Seattle churches. It's lots of fun and a great way to meet fellow Green Lake Church members and people from other area churches.

It's not too late to join us. Contact coach Ken Fairchild at ksfchild@yahoo.com or 206- 524-5017 for more information.

Date	Time	Opponent	Field
May 16	4:00	Faith Lutheran	View Ridge #2
May 23	5:00	Assumption	View Ridge #1
May 31 (Monday)	5:00	St. Catherine	Laurelhurst N
June 6	3:00	Community	Laurelhurst N
June 13	5:00	Faith Lutheran	Laurelhurst S
June 20 (Doubleheader)	5:00 & 7:00	St. Stephens	Laurelhurst S
June 27	5:00	St. Catherine	View Ridge #1
July 11	3:30	Community	Laurelhurst N
July 18	5:00	Assumption	Laurelhurst N
July 25	2:00	TOURNAMENT	Laurelhurst



Laurelhurst Playfield is at NE 45th Street and 47th Avenue NE.

View Ridge Playfield is at 4408 NE 70th Street. ◊



Pacific Northwest Adventist Forum Meeting May 22 at Green Lake Church

Ron Osborn from the University of Southern California will be the speaker on May 22 at 3:00 p.m. during the quarterly meeting of the Pacific Northwest Adventist Forum held at Green Lake Church. The topic will be, "A Good God, A Bad World, and Dostoyevsky."

The issue of how a good and all-powerful God allows so much cruelty and suffering in the world was discussed by Fyodor Dostoyevsky in his 1880 publication of *The Brothers Karamazov*. Osborn uses this study as a reference point in his presentation because, "Dostoyevsky provides one of the literary world's more well-known and compelling word-pictures of this problem." Following the presentation, there will be opportunity to question the speaker.

Ron Osborn graduated in 1999 from Union College with majors in history and English. After he earned a Master's degree in liberal arts from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, Ron studied in the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London where, in 2005, he earned a Master of Science degree in Violence, Conflict, and Development. In addition to his studies, Ron worked in Kosovo helping to create psychosocial programs for war-affected youth. He also has worked on conflict resolution between rioting students and state officials in Guinea. This includes personally dealing with human rights abuses and

torture. He also has taught at the Adventist Mission College in Thailand. More recently, he has been a teaching assistant at the University of Southern California where he anticipates receiving a doctoral degree in 2011.

Some questions relevant to the presentation:

1. Do we understand the problem that thinking people, with or without a Christian faith, have with a good and loving Father God?
2. How do you understand this problem, both conceptually and empirically?
3. How does Dostoyevsky address the problem he so vividly depicts?
4. How do you address the problem of suffering—personally and collectively—in your own relationship with God? ♦



**Coming in the June issue:
Green Lake Church Graduates
of 2010**

Let us know the 2010 graduates in the Green Lake Church family office@greenlakesda.org
206-522-1330

Family Life Event: Mother's Day Dinner and Party

When: May 8, 5:30 p.m., following Explorations

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: Bring a photo of you and your mom, just your mom, or you and your kiddos (photos will be returned)

What to Bring: Topping(s) of your choice for hay-stacks—we'll provide the beans and chips; you bring a topping to share

What's Going to Happen: After dinner, we'll play a few family-friendly games with a "mother's touch"

Everyone is welcome

Come honor ALL the special women of Green Lake Church.

Questions? Contact Brandi Bispham, 206-201-3022, with any questions.

Don't forget your photo!



Summer Hikes

The Green Lake Church summer hike season begins three weeks before the official beginning of summer. The tentative schedule is listed below. A date or two might change, so watch the weekly bulletin for changes.



Date	Destination	Hike Leader
29 May	Twin Falls Follow the rushing South Fork Snoqualmie River to a dramatic waterfall on this easy hike suitable for families with young children. (1 to 1.5 miles each way)	Brian McGrath
5 June	Mt. Washington Mt. Washington is Mt. Si's under-appreciated neighbor, with vastly better scenery, no crowds, and a gentler slope. (3 miles each way, 1800' elevation gain)	Mark Haun
19 June	Lake Serene Climb stairs and switchbacks past a beautiful waterfall to a postcard-perfect alpine lake ringed by the sheer 3000' cliffs of Mt. Index. (3.6 miles each way, 2000' elevation gain) End the day with Gardenburgers and ice cream at the home of Curtis and Carolyn Lacy.	
10 July	Granite Mountain A classic and challenging hike near Snoqualmie Pass, Granite Mountain sports meadows of beargrass and wildflowers, a fire lookout, and 360-degree views. (4 miles each way, 3800' elevation gain)	Brent Lambeth
24 July	Mt. Rainier Flowers and Stars Carpool after church to Mt. Rainier and split into two groups for the one-way hike between Sunrise and Lake Eleanor, exchanging car keys in the middle. Witness one of the finest wildflower displays on Earth and a beautiful sunset, finishing by headlamp. (11 miles, hilly)	Mark Haun
TBD August	Discovery Park The Green Lake hiking season traditionally ends with this easy hike in Discovery Park, suitable for children and strollers. Finish up with ice cream at the residence of Don and Shirley Mehrer.	Ken Fairchild

Summer Hikes ♦ Board

Church Board Report

At the church board's April 20 meeting, the board:

- Learned from the Division Chairs that a) they are investigating the feasibility of recording the adult Sabbath School programs; b) suggested adding a window to the interior classroom doors; c) are requesting that background-check forms be completed and returned to the office; and d) advised that there will be two summer outreach programs (free orchestra camp July 21-23 for string players, and an art camp August 2-6 for ages 6-15).
- Voted to sign the Seattle Police Department Trespass Enforcement Authorization form to allow SPD entry to the building when a trespasser has been reported.
- Selected North Pacific Organ & Sound/Burton Tidwell to build the new organ, and discussed fund-

raising options for the organ. A church business meeting was set for May 12, to be preceded by a Town Hall meeting May 8.

- Approved use of the church one night per week by a 501(c)(3) organization for group cello lessons.
- Voted that, if Calvary Chapel desires to return to our facility for its Sunday evening service, the matter be brought to the church in business session.
- Learned of the need for a music scholarship program in the church and requested ideas on how to set up this type of program.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. Members are welcome to attend. ♦

