



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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A FIERCE LOVE OF THE CHURCH

Forgive me for being a bit personal in this article. My purpose is both for explanation and inspiration, so please keep that in mind.

After the last sermon I gave, three people asked me why I was so hard on the church. They reflected that I often called the current condition of the church into question. I assume that if three people are courageous enough to broach the topic with me, there are others who also entertain the same opinion.

The answer is both simple and complex. The simple answer is, “Because I love the church with all my heart.” Ok, that really doesn't fully address the question. So I want to give a fuller explanation in hopes that my words might inspire you to have courage and boldness when it comes to speaking truth to an institution you love.

I basically gave my life to the church thirty some years ago. I decided to turn my back on all other pursuits and give my gifts, time, energy, and the best of who I am to the Quaker Church by serving Friends people in a pastoral capacity. It was not a sacrifice. It was, and still is, the source of the greatest joy of my life. Most of what I live and breathe and study and puzzle over is about the church and how I might be a positive force for the Friends in helping us become all that God needs and wants from the people called Quakers. I have put all my eggs in one basket and invested fully all that I have to this purpose and vision.

Because of my deep love for the church and the vision God has given me for the church, I have impossibly high hopes and expectations for Friends. I have set the bar of my hopes, dreams, and sometimes even demands at its highest notch and felt called to hold the church accountable to those expectations. I want to hold forth in your hearing a passion and hope that our church (Friends) can and will grow into that powerful and prophetic community that speaks truth to power and calls people away from destructive ways of thinking, living, and believing. I want to see unconditional love unleashed in the church so that it becomes an undeniable testimony to the truth of John 3:16, “For God SO LOVED the world...” I want us to live in a way, that demonstrates such grace, mercy, and love that even the most callused of people will have no choice but to bow in awe at the unquenchable fire that drives us to take up our crosses give our lives to the healing of suffering and oppression around us, the release of those “held captive” by the systems of our culture, the tearing down the “kingdoms” of oppression that operate to keep a boot on the necks of the poor, those of non-white ethnicity, and other classes of people who have been denied a place at the table.

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A FIERCE LOVE OF THE CHURCH (CONT.)

Like Jesus was able to answer John the Baptist when ask if he was indeed the messiah: "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. " My hope is that when ask if we are indeed an authentic church, we can say, Look around you, see how we honor one another, and those who have been dishonored by our culture or other Christians. See how our city council is held accountable to just and fair policies and practices, see how undocumented workers are treated with dignity and justice. See how we have rejected wasteful and ostentatious living. (Put your own examples in there.)

When I see us adopting worldly systems, accommodating to sinful ways of our culture, turning a blind eye to the pain and rejection experienced by disenfranchised classes of people, etc. I am heartbroken and gravely disappointed. I can't help but speak up. Not because I am somehow above all that, but because I am often ensnared in those same systems as well. I speak out because I can't resist it on my own. I need the communities support, encouragement and participation if I am to even moderately live in to what I know to be God's best. I point to what I see and try to say, "Hey this isn't right. Can we do something together to right this wrong?"

OK, that's what it seems like in my heart and head. Often what you hear is just criticism. I'm sad about that.

So here's the inspiration part:

Have courage to speak the truth to the church. If you see consumerism, materialism, judgmentalism, discrimination, racism, sexism, etc. rearing their heads in our meeting, speak his truth to power (our leaders). Love the church enough to risk embarrassment and/or rejection. Don't just whisper it to your neighbor; speak it (as God leads) with clarity and love. Prophetic messages that are truly of Christ, come in the Spirit of Christ, which includes love, grace, and mercy. Of course we will have different preferences about many things in the church. Those do not rise to the level of prophetic insights. But the things that break your heart, that make you grieve for your faith community, or come as a longing for a deeper and closer connection with God and/or one another, or appear again and again as you envision becoming the church "against which even the gates of Hell cannot prevail," those are the insights that deserve your energy and attention.

Find others who will help you test such leadings so that you don't just nit-pick or nag the church because it disagrees with some belief or preference of yours. Season these insights with prayer and waiting. Don't speak them until you can speak them from a heart of love.

One sign of true intimacy is the confidence that one can share one's true feelings, both positive and negative without fear. It implies genuine safety. Clearly, I feel safe sharing such insights with you on Sunday Morning even though I am sometimes confronted by someone who takes issue with my words.

It's not unusual for me to then see where I have spoken before my thoughts were seasoned, or overran the leading of the Spirit. That says a lot about your grace and trustworthiness. I am no less fallible than any of you.

Encourage one another in doing good and speaking truth. Show that same grace and trustworthiness to everyone. Still, be discerning and test the messages as they are spoken. There are all gifts of love we can give one another.

I hope this helps you receive the vocal ministry with grace and understanding. I will try to remind you more often that my comments come out of deep love for you, a passion for the church and an unflinching commitment to speaking the Truth in love.

- Stan

PEACE PROJECT BENEFIT CONCERT

BENEFIT to Support
CONCERT NORTH
PEACE PROJECT VALLEY
FEATURING: FRIENDS

JAKE JOLLIFF
& **JOEL BOCK**



BILL JOLLIFF



WEDNESDAY • AUG. 4 • 2010 • 7:30PM

At: 1111 N. COLLEGE ST.

PARKING IN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT

PRICE OF ADMISSION IS A CASH DONATION TO THE NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS PEACE PROJECT.

For more info: <http://northvalleyfriends.org/aboutus/peacetrail.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School **ROCK & ROLL** Trip



Who: High School Youth

What: Spelunking & Rafting

When: August 27-29

Cost: \$75.00



The High School Youth will be going spelunking and rafting August 27-29. They will go spelunking (caving) at the base of Mt. Adams and then white water raft the White Salmon River! Registration deadline is Friday, August 20th. Your spot is reserved when you've paid the fee. Please contact Leslie with questions.



Please take note that the August 18 Wednesday with Friends, Wacky Wednesday, and Youth Group has been cancelled.

OF A CERTAIN AGE LUNCH

Folks "Of a Certain Age" will meet for lunch on August 15th at 1:00 pm at Hometown Buffet in Tigard. Please RSVP to Bill Rourke at 503-538-5567 or mybillrourke@hotmail.com.



mark your calendar

George Fox University SERVE DAY is scheduled for SEPTEMBER 8TH. North Valley will have about 30 GFU students

working around the church.

If you're available to help out that day, please contact Sandi Thornton at 503-380-8627 or sandwich@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

Love INC

Helping Churches Help People



CHILDREN'S HEALTH DAY

AUGUST 14, 2010

9:00 am-3:30 pm

Grace Baptist Church

1619 E. 2nd St., Newberg, OR

FREE

Vision Screening

Teeth Cleaning

Sports Physicals

Speech/Hearing Screening

Health Screening

Contact Love INC
with questions at:

info@loveincnewberg.org

503-537-3999

Free For CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY ages 4-18

FREE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES
after Medical examination

ArtWalk

Hands on art projects
for you and the kids at
Chehalem Youth & Family Services!

August 6

Acrylic Painting on Canvas

5:00-7:30 pm

501 East First Street

Bring the kids and come join the fun! God-song artists will provide hands on opportunities to have fun and be creative during First Friday Summer series ArtWalk at CYFS.

Supplies, instruction and snacks
are FREE of charge.

Sponsored by The Trillium Fund of the Oregon
Community Foundation.

MOPPS

Mothers of Preschoolers

each month from 8:00-11:15 am). The amount of volunteers we have determines the number of moms we can enroll in this vital ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

If you enjoy working with young children and have the time to bless moms in our community, please prayerfully consider being a part of the MOPPETS Team. We need loving volunteers to care for children while their moms are being supported and enriched during our monthly meetings (the second Monday of

Please call Amanda Fitzner (503-537-0462) or Kim McDonough (503-537-8240) with any questions.

FAMILY CAMP

Twin Rocks Friends Camp

Family Camp

Labor Day Weekend
September 3-6, 2010

Speaker - Dr. Doug Newton
Dr. Newton will show us how the ever-multiplying scientific facts point to a world created by a loving God.

Activities to look forward to:

- Worship led by the Bay Brothers!
- Family bonding
- Sandcastle making
- The Extreme Swing
- Craft time
- Hiking
- Mini Golf
- Several tables of various artifacts provided by Dr. Newton
- Lots of family fun and fellowship
- & much more!

**Your hands made
me and formed
me; give me
understanding to
learn your
commands.
Psalms 119**

Pick up a registration form in the church foyer, or visit www.twinrocks.org!

Send registration to:
Twin Rocks Friends Camp
PO Box 6
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

Check out our Facebook page: FAMILYCAMP TWINROCKS

AUGUST 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 7:30 pm Backyard Concert Fundraiser in Paul & Miriam Bock's backyard	5	6	7
8 1 pm bus leaves to Surfside 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	9	10 7 pm Stewards Mtg 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg. 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	11	12 10 am MS Girls Group	13	14
← Surfside Camp @ Twin Rocks →						
15 1 pm "Of a Certain Age" lunch 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	16	17 6:30 pm Land Use Committee Mtg.	18 10 am HS Girls Group Wacky Wednesday! 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Activities	19 10 am MS Girls Group	20	21 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital
22 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	30	31				

AUGUST WORSHIP CALENDAR

August	1	8	15	22	29
Greeters	Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton	Verna Munn	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton
	Annie Tycksen				
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish
	Jim Allison	Jess Howell	Michael Pender	George Piper	Jess Howell
	John Frost	Mike McBride	Alan Parry	Anna Baker	Alan Parry
	Jessica Trout	George Piper	John Frost	Jared Jones	John Frost
Music	Joel Bock	Sandi Thornton	Janine Saxton	Darleen Ortega	Janine Saxton
		Amy Saxton	Aletha McKennon	Dave Kinnunen	Aletha McKennon
		Peter McKennon	Steve McKennon	Wes Cropper	Steve McKennon
		Steve McKennon	Michael LeClair	Jon Holt	Michael LeClair
			Linda LeClair	Michael LeClair	Linda LeClair
			Mike McBride	Linda LeClair	Mike McBride
Sound	Steve McKennon	Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughy	Steve McKennon	Rawlen Smith
Power Point	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout	Jennie Harkema
Media	Joel Bock	Sandi Thornton	Aletha McKennon	Darleen Ortega	Aletha McKennon
Preach/Facilitate	Stan Thornburg	Stan Thornburg			
Monthly Focus					
10:45 Nursery	Scott Conant	Janelle Olivarez	Heidi Pender	Valerie Lapham	Debbie Headley
	Brenna Baker	Joseph Olivarez	Amanda McConaughy	Troy Lapham	Becky Headley
	Becky Headley				
2's - 4's	Miriam Bock	Beth Woolsey	Tabatha Weaver	Ruth Headley	Miriam Bock
	Angela Kantz	Greg Woolsey	Brent Weaver	Jered McConaughy	Angela Kantz
	Erinn Baker	Abby Woolsey	Olivia Pugsley	Adria McKennon	Erinn Baker
	Jenna Allison	Elsie McConaughy		Betsy LeClair	Jenna Allison
SUMMER PROGRAMMING (kindergarten-5th grade)					
Summer Children's Programming Kindergarten-5th grade	Claire	Claire	Claire	Claire	Claire
	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin
	<i>Vonnie Burton</i>	<i>Bryna Parry</i>	<i>Earl Tycksen</i>	<i>Cathy Thornburg</i>	<i>Nancy Thomas</i>
	<i>Cherice Bock</i>	<i>Cathy Thornburg</i>	<i>Leslie Murray</i>	<i>Ben Kantz</i>	<i>Hal Thomas</i>

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Adoption Fundraiser

for Ben & Angela Kantz
Spaghetti & Silent Auction
Sunday, August 8

Ben and Angela Kantz are in the process of adopting! As a way to help them with the cost of their adoption, we're having a silent auction and meal after worship on August 8. Please plan on attending to help support Ben & Angela in this process.

There are some amazing items for you to purchase:

- One hour massage
- Two nights at Captain's Cabin
- Quilts
- Chapters gift card
- Coffee Barn gift card
- Hand blown glass pieces
- Mary Kay pamper basket
- Photo session with Joel Bock (1 hour photo session, a cd/dvd of photos, 5 8x10 prints - \$150.00 value!)
- Frozen meals (7)
- Mode De Jour gift certificate for spa pedicure package
- Homemade salsa



And more!!!

All proceeds from this event will go directly toward the cost of Ben & Angela's adoption!



This Month's Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Bruce Bishop |
| | Nathan Murray |
| 3 | Kyra Longstroth |
| | Teya Longstroth |
| 4 | Jered McConaughey |
| 5 | Livvy Headley |
| 7 | Mindy Allison |
| 10 | Erica Cropper |
| 11 | Lukas McKennon |
| 12 | Sam Conant |
| 13 | Anna Jolliff |
| 14 | Alan Parry |
| 18 | Verna Munn |
| 19 | Leah Clouser |
| 22 | Cherice Bock |
| 24 | Joel Bock |
| 29 | Michael Fisher |
| 31 | Rick Fieldhouse |



Happy Anniversary!

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|---------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | Jacob & Lisa Cox | 20 | Bill & Brenda Jolliff |
| 2 | Paul & Miriam Bock | | Tony & Kristi Longstroth |
| 3 | Scot & Debbie Headley | 21 | Alan & Bryna Parry |
| 6 | Steve & Aletha McKennon | 23 | Joel & Cherice Bock |
| 7 | Paul & Carla Anderson | | Darren & Christa Funk |
| 9 | Roy & Kathleen Gathercoal | | Hal & Nancy Thomas |
| 10 | JP & Priscilla Lowery | 26 | Bryan & Gennie Harris |
| 14 | Jonah & Jennie Harkema | 28 | Bill & Myrlene Rourke |
| | | 30 | Stan & Cathy Thornburg |

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Education/Spiritual Formation
- Leslie Hodgdon Murray Youth
- Stan Thornburg Pastoral Ministry
- Kim Boyd Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Jennie Harkema Administrative Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE

Summer Hours:

Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Friday CLOSED

Phone: 503-538-5340

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North Valley Friends is a Quaker community of ministers who seek to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, love each other deeply and continue His ministry in the world.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
9:30 am Unprogrammed Meeting
10:45 am Programmed Meeting

VISIT US ONLINE:

NVFC: www.northvalleyfriends.org

NWYM: www.nwfriends.org

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