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Our goal for this year's *America for Christ offering* was \$500. To date, we have received \$587! These donations help to bring hope and relief to our brothers and sisters in need.

What's Happening



Saturday	April 13
Thursday	April 18
Saturday	April 20
Sunday	April 21
Tuesday	April 23
Saturday	May 4

<i>Movie Night</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>
<i>Easter Sunday Service</i>
<i>Lunch Bunch at Wedgwood Broiler</i>
<i>Church Work Party</i>

6:00 PM
6:00 PM
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
11:45 AM
10:00 AM



PASTOR SEAN'S ARTICLE

Today in America we recoil at the concept of submission. Mere mention of the word itself conjures up images of brainwashed subjects robotically praising a dictator in some closed off corner of the globe. To submit is to have your freedom and individuality taken away, the very two ideals that our society cherishes most. Within Christian circles these issues compound.

Warped theologies of submission often develop in churches; theologies which demand that wives stay trapped in abusive marriages and congregants never question the teachings or behavior of the pastor. Of course, warped theologies like these not only open the door for rampant abuse by those in power, but can also lead to confusion and self-hatred by those being controlled.

Any discussion of the spiritual discipline of submission must first acknowledge these sad realities. What tangible benefit does submission bring? Richard Foster, Christian theologian, notes that submission teaches us to lay down that terrible burden of always needing to get our own way. Believers who engage in this discipline can comfortably defer to others, tend to handle disappointment well, don't always need to have the last word on matters, and most important, can properly prioritize what is important in life. Too often we confuse trivial things with important things. Each endeavor and every task we put our hand to feels like the most important one imaginable. If everything doesn't turn out perfectly we pout and sulk and rage and are reminded of how tentative our very existence is. Submission teaches us to pick our battles wisely. Most things in life actually are not *that* important and we don't need to die on every hill. Those experienced in this discipline understand when and where to let go and let God take control. Indeed, God is the sole authority to whom we submit. I would suggest being extremely wary of any person who demands full submission to them.

Consistent with our Baptist principle of soul liberty, the only one we are spiritually obligated to is God. *How* we work out that obligation to God is up to each individual and their own faith journey. Clergy can assist the individual in this matter, but should never be the ones who are owed allegiance. Similar to the spiritual discipline of simplicity, submission is more of an inward attitude than an outward expression. What does one *do* to engage in this discipline? Submission is established and honed through the other spiritual disciplines of study and worship, and it is primarily expressed through the discipline of service. In our lives, it may manifest itself in one moment by being silent before our accusers as Jesus was, in another moment by providing great hospitality as Lot did to the two visiting angels in Sodom, and yet in another moment by not becoming discouraged due to an unexpected change in travel plans (as Paul frequently experienced). Ultimately, submission helps us parse out what we can and cannot control, to the glory of God.

Pastor Sean



Evergreen Association



June 4 is *Take Your Pastor/Church Leader/Family to the Ball Game!* The Seattle Mariners will be playing the Houston Astros. Tickets are \$14.00 each.

July 20 is the Black Caucus Sponsored BBQ, Bake Sale, and Auction! The festivities begin at 12 noon at Cedar River Park, Renton. The food is delicious and there is plenty of laughter and happiness!

Be sure to read *Evergreen Notes*, the monthly newsletter of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches. You can find it online at

<http://www.ea-abc.org/medianewsletter.html>

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES



Lots of activities at Wedgwood Community Church are planned for Holy Week, April 14 – 21.

Sunday, April 14, is *Palm Sunday*. Our worship service begins at 11:00 AM.

There will be a *Maundy Thursday* service on April 18 at 6:00 PM.

Our annual *Easter Egg Hunt* for the children will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 20.

Easter Sunday is on April 21 and we will celebrate this cherished holy day at our 11:00 AM worship service.

LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Pastor Sean decided that in lieu of our Summer Conversation Series, this year we will do **service projects**.

A **Constitutional Review Committee** will convene in May to begin revising and updating the current one.

Calendar Items

APRIL

- 13 - Movie Night
- 18 - Maundy Thursday Service
- 20 - Easter Egg Hunt

MAY

- 4 - Outdoor Work Party
- 5 - Legacy Wall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 12 - Mother's Day Breakfast
- 19 - Annual Church Business Meeting

Milton Brown



MOVIE NIGHT AND BOOK CLUB SELECTION



The film *Green Book* has been scheduled for showing on Saturday, April 13, at 6:30 PM. We gather at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and a friend to enjoy an evening of entertainment!

The book club's next selection is *Out to Canaan*, the fourth book in Jan Karon's "Mitford" series. The Mitford books are delightful—enjoyed by all. Everyone is invited to be a part of our group. Please, come join us.

April

- 2 – Abbie Wenick
- 4 – Jeff Klein
- 4 – Alphonse Muanda
- 6 – Pam Bigas
- 12 – Katie Zelaya
- 12 – Kevin Kemp
- 13 – Ellen Brown
- 17 – Beverly Heerdt
- 20 – Jordan Festin
- 27 – Kris Delaney
- 29 – Aidan Klein
- 30 – Lynn Pulliam

May

- 13 – Ruth Halvarson
- 14 – Daphne Wiggin
- 22 – Michele Furtado
- 29 – Jeanne Halvarson
- 29 – Ann Ndirangu



CHURCH HUMOR



One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour.

"Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

from Faithful Cross



The *Wedgletter* has been posted for people to access online at:
<http://www.wedgwoodchurch.org/wedgletters.htm>.

To hear sermons, click on the *Sermons* link.



The latest editions of our daily devotional booklets, *The Secret Place* and *Our Daily Bread*, are available in the narthex.

Be sure to pick up a copy of one or both for an inspirational way to start off the day!

BULLETIN BOARD

Opportunities to Support our Greater Community



Just a reminder that used eyeglasses are still being accepted at Woodlawn Optical located at 8032 - 35th Avenue NE. Glenn will then forward them for use by those in need, both in mission areas here in the states, as well as out of the country.

Please continue to "feed" our food barrel. Pickup is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Check the list below for other things needed besides food. At every pickup, much thankfulness is expressed for our kindness.

Marilyn Potts

Wedgletter Contribution

If you have a personal experience for *Journey Talk*, a book review, or an article you would like to share with us, please let Ellen Brown know by the 15th of the month and submit it to her by the 23rd.



**University
District
Food Bank**

Items Currently Needed

Food

Canned Fruits
Canned Soups & Stews
Canned Protein Items (tuna, corned beef hash, chili, peanut butter-especially crunchy)
Soy Milk/Rice Milk
Vegetarian Items (tofu, canned beans, soups, chili)
Pasta and Rice
Canned Vegetables (pasta sauce, peas, olives, etc.)
Cooking oil

Other Items

Bar Soap Toothbrushes and Toothpaste Toilet Paper
Shampoo Deodorant
Pet Food
Paper and Plastic Grocery Bags
Baby Diapers, Food, Formula and Wipes