



Pastor's Perspective — Water Deeply

By Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

Every now and then God will teach us an important lesson from an unlikely source. I had one of those lessons last week at a local garden center.

One of the shrubs Neita and I planted this spring was struggling to hang on to its leaves even though I had been faithful to water the plant daily. Concerned, I went to the garden center from which we had purchased the plant and described what was happening. They inquired as to whether I had received from them and followed planting and watering instructions. I said, "Yes and no." I told them that instead of watering the plant by allowing the hose to run slowly at its base once a week for a half hour at a time, I had decided to use the sprinkler instead.

The nursery explained that by sprinkling I was actually starving the plant to death—encouraging upward and

superficial root growth rather than the downward and deep root growth that the plant needed to thrive even in deep drought and shade. The nursery told me that if I wanted the plant to survive I would need to change my watering habits.

*Blessed is the man...
[whose] delight is in
the law of the LORD...
He is like a tree planted
by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in
season and whose leaf
does not wither...*

Psalm 1:1-3

On the way home, having been properly admonished, I thought about the picture of the thriving believer in Psalm 1. We're told that his life is deeply rooted in the Word of God—the result of lingering exposure to its truth—his long roots drawing sustenance from the streams of water that never run dry. And yet how often is it that we reason our way to only superficial exposure? If that's our practice, it should be no surprise why our leaves wither so easily and our lives bear so little fruit. If you've noticed this about yourself, take a page out of the garden handbook and water deeply. In this way, the spiritual roots of your life will grow long and deep and toward God Himself.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be held July 31-August 4 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. This year's theme is "Set Sail! Spread the Good News". With the apostle Paul as their example, kids will learn the importance of believing the gospel and obeying God's command to take the good news to their world.

Activities will include music, crafts and games. As always cookies are needed, and can be placed on the

counter in Fellowship Hall. The children will also be learning about life in the Amazon, and the offering will be used to assist Al and Kim Yoder's church in São Paulo de Olivença with a building expansion project.

All children 3 years old to 6th grade completed are invited to attend. Registration forms will be available in the church foyer. Please use the flyers on the information table to invite children from your own neighborhood. Our desire is to see the Lord reach whole families with the gospel through this ministry.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Three of Fellowship's young people have completed high school. Sarah Buckley and Justin Jensen graduated from West Springfield High and both will attend George Mason University. Matthew Mahoney graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and is moving on to Virginia Tech.

Among our missionary families, Jim Ray graduated from high school and will be attending John Brown

University (in Arkansas). His brother Matt, who spent 2 years in missions ministry, will begin college in the fall as well, attending Columbia International University (in South Carolina). Also, Justin Siemens graduated from school in the Netherlands. Due to differences in educational systems, Justin will be attending high school for 2 years in South Dakota, while living with his grandparents, in order to prepare for college in the States.

Building Christ's Church in Alaska

Fellowship's work team will be helping Peters Creek Baptist with their building project from July 10-20. Our team members are Ramiro & Yelka Esquivel, Pastor, Neita & David Lindholm, Dale & Dolores Lindholm, Jacob Martens, Doug Mount,



and Pete & Tracy English. Please pray as our group seeks to be a great help and encouragement to our missionaries Dean and Julie Blood and their church. Through the June 11 offering, \$1950 was provided for the team's expenses while in Alaska.

Getting to Know Our Church Family

Bob and Sheryl Jordan

Bob was born in Whittier, CA and grew up in Oklahoma City, OK with his brother and sister. His dad worked as a TV repairman, electronic technician and cabinet maker. Bob's mom worked in a factory once her kids were in school. The family attended church sporadically.

Sheryl was born and raised in Wharton, TX. Her father worked in pipeline construction, and her mother was a beautician. Sheryl has one brother and sister. The family was actively involved in their local church.

As a child Bob enjoyed playing all kinds of games and sports—from football to baseball—with the kids in his neighborhood. He accepted Christ as Savior at the age of 16 through the Royal Ambassadors. He had wanted to play on their baseball team but ended up with a home in heaven.

Growing up Sheryl was involved in sports, including a swim and dive team, and rodeo. Living in the country everything revolved around cattle, horses and hay.

After high school Bob went to a small college with his best friend. He was very active in the Baptist Student Union, did missions work and traveled to churches with a singing group on weekends. He was also heavily involved in intramural sports.

Sheryl went to Junior College for two years after high school. She's had a variety of jobs over the years—from ranch hand to carpenter's helper to bank employee to golf course sales—but eventually settled on physical therapy. She went back to school and became a Physical Therapy Assistant.

...make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
Romans 14:19

As a young man Bob worked in a factory. For the past 34 years he has served with the US Army Veterinary Corps, currently as a Chief Warrant Officer. His work involves extensive travel, including overseas.

Bob lost his first wife to breast cancer after 25 years of marriage. His son Kevin is a young adult and works as a copy designer and editor for a newspaper in Victoria, TX. Sheryl also has a son, Clint, who is working for her brother in Weatherford, TX doing land grant research while attending summer school.

Bob and Sheryl met at a gym in Ft. Sam Houston, TX, and the Lord used Bob to lead Sheryl to Christ. Though baptized as a child Sheryl had not known what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The couple was married in San Antonio in October 2003.

Bob and Sheryl came to Northern Virginia through Bob's transfer to Falls Church, where he works as a food safety officer. They have been attending Fellowship since December 2005. Bob serves as an usher and both he and Sheryl will be Awana leaders this fall.

Bob's interests include jogging and reading. He is also attending seminary through a distance learning program. Sheryl enjoys running, reading, crocheting, hiking, gardening, outdoor activities and football.

Bob asks for prayer for God's direction concerning the timing of his military retirement, as well as his recovery from knee surgery. Sheryl desires continued growth in God's Word and His direction in her life.



Calendar

July 10-20	Alaska Missions Trip
July 11	Youth King's Dominion Trip
July 18	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
July 22	Men's Prayer Breakfast (8:30 AM)
July 26	Quarterly Business Meeting (7:30 PM)
July 31- August 4	Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)

Money Matters

June Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,170
Weekly Need	\$4,706
Year-to-Date Giving (General Fund)	\$121,784
Year-to-Date Need	\$122,356
Year-to-Date 50@1	\$3,462

Family Worship Hour: Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Family Worship Hour each Sunday evening. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for meaningful worship, spiritual growth and fellowship.