

Facets *of Fellowship*

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Pastor's Perspective — Praising God in the Storm

In the aftermath of powerful storms, like the four we have witnessed in recent days, two things invariably occur—people praise the power of Mother Nature and question the whereabouts of God. My response to the question is to tell them that God was where He always is. He was in the midst of those storms, directing the weather and controlling the conditions as He always does.

The testimony of the Scriptures is that God's sovereignty extends to all things rather than just some of them—that He is the One "who marks out everything in conformity with the purpose of His own will...for the praise of His glory" (Ephesians 1:11-12).

Repeatedly in the Psalms, God is praised as the One who rules the winds and all the other phenomena of the weather and conditions on the earth.

"He makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His servants" (104:4).

"He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from His storehouses" (135:7).

"He spreads the snow like wool...He hurls down His hail like pebbles...He sends His word and it melts them; He stirs up His breezes, and the waters flow" (147:16-18).

"Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding...Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens" (148:8, 13).

In the aftermath of these four most recent storms—and any others—don't let nature sing alone. Instead, join its chorus of praise to the power and glory of God.

A Conference to Remember

Fellowship's annual Missions Conference is always a highlight, but this year's conference had to be one of the best. We are so thankful for the ministries of the Goodges, McMillens, Patefields and Washburns, who taught us about the call to missionary service. What a blessing it was to interact with these missionary families and learn from them. Our

*Christ...considered me faithful,
appointing me to His service.
1 Timothy 1:12*

prayer is that God will use this experience to challenge some of our own to consider missionary service, while equipping our church to produce laborers for the harvest field. A generous love offering of \$2309.00 was received, allowing Fellowship to provide for the missionaries' travel expenses and also give each of them a gift of \$342.00.

Missions Project to Benefit Paul and Geri Briggs' Ministry at Purdue University

A love offering will be received on October 24 to assist students with the cost of a three-day retreat to be held just after Christmas. This event has proven to be a great way to forge lasting relationships with students.

Serving Internationals in Our Community

Fellowship's Thursday night ESL classes began their second year on September 9. Nancy Gardner has joined the ESL staff, teaming up with Pastor Lindholm to teach an expanded advanced class. Sandra Smith has also come aboard, enabling a literacy class to be added. Brian Platt and Mary Ann Monk continue to teach the beginners, and Pete English and Deanne Mahoney are working with the intermediates. Kathy and Erica Buckley, Marian Goff and Neita



Lindholm help in various ways, including administration, assessments and hospitality.

So far 62 students have registered, with an average attendance of 36. New curriculum is being used this year, and a series of ESL Bible lessons are being developed for use each week. Please pray for the salvation of our students.

The ESL Sunday school class continues to meet each week, and is now being taught by Alan Marshall. We hope to see many of our Thursday night students coming on Sunday morning as well.

Getting to Know Our Church Family

Frank and Kathy Buckley

Frank grew up near the New Jersey shore with his two brothers and two sisters. His dad drove truck for a living. Frank lost his mom when he was five, and his father remarried two years later. The family went to church regularly but was not active in ministry.

Kathy was raised in Huron, SD, where her father served as an electric turbine operator. Her mother was a homemaker and saw to it that her five children went to church each Sunday.

As a child Frank enjoyed playing baseball and basketball and listening to music. He spent most of his summer days at the beach. Kathy was a tomboy who loved animals and the outdoors. She joined 4-H, sang in choirs, enjoyed church activities, and was a State Fair exhibitor.

Frank enlisted in the Navy during his senior year of high school and became a courier for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He also helped support the Saudi Navy Expansion Program. After active duty Frank returned to the Pentagon as a civil servant on the Navy Staff. He is currently a program/budget analyst for Fleet Readiness and Logistics.

Kathy also joined the Navy and initially worked to-

gether with Frank as a courier. Later she served as a secretary for the Joint Chiefs. After leaving the Navy Kathy worked at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board before becoming a full-time mom by day and a student by night. When her children were in school Kathy worked as a secretary at a preschool, and then became Fellowship's Secretary in 1995.

Frank and Kathy met while working at the Pentagon for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and were married 1½ years later. They have three children: Erica (21), Dan (17), and Sarah (16).

Frank trusted Christ when he was 12, but strayed from the Lord during high school.

Kathy was saved at a backyard Bible club when she was 9 years old, but never learned what it means to be a follower of Christ. Many years later God began to work in various ways, using a number of people and experiences, to draw Frank and Kathy back to Himself. In 1991 they came to Fellowship through Vacation Bible School, and have attended ever since.

Frank serves the church as Awana Commander, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, Financial Secretary and usher. Kathy is also an Awana leader and Sunday School teacher, as well as a serving on the Missions Committee and helping with ESL.

Having no extended family in the immediate area, Frank and Kathy thank God for Fellowship which has become their home and family. They ask that we pray that they remain faithful to the Lord, having His wisdom and doing His will. Frank asks for special prayer for a trial he is undergoing.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
1 John 4:7

Money Matters

Giving to the General Fund through the first three quarters has been excellent. God has truly been good. Our prayer is that we will be able to finish out the year in a strong way so that we can (1) restore at least a portion of the budget cuts made in 2004, and (2) help address the significant shortfalls in monthly support faced by many of our missionaries.

September Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$6,793
Weekly Need	\$4,590
Year-to-Date Giving (General Fund)	\$188,838
Year-to-Date Need	\$179,010
Year-to-Date 50@1 Giving	\$7,967



Calendar

Oct. 12	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
Oct. 13	Missions Prayer Meeting (7:30 PM)
Oct. 16	Gibson & Buckley Wedding (4:00 PM)
Oct. 23	Men's Prayer Breakfast (8:30 AM)
Oct. 27	Quarterly Business Meeting (7:30 PM)
Oct. 29	Youth 5th Quarter
Oct. 29-30	Women's Retreat

Awana Starts Strong

AWANA resumed on September 19 with 60 children in attendance. Though we anticipated a shortage in leaders, God has provided in unexpected ways for the personnel needs of this vital outreach ministry.

Women's Retreat



All of the ladies of the church are invited to attend a retreat at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center on October 29-30. This year's theme is "A Pilgrim Life", and our speaker is Neva Powers. Mrs. Powers is a

pastors wife and also works at Washington Bible College. The cost is \$55.00, and the deadline for registration is October 17. A sign-up sheet is located in the church foyer.