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God's Ministry: The Sharing House

Church Finances For August 2010

Amount Budgeted:

\$18,959.00

Amount Received:

\$23,427.00

Ahead (Behind):

\$4,468.00

YTD 2010

Budgeted Income:

\$151,672.00

YTD Received:

\$166,603.37

Ahead (Behind):

\$14,931.37

The Sharing House ministry has been at our church for over 30 years. It is located on the alley side of our property and is open to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30am-Noon. This ministry provides housewares of all kinds to people in need. Many recipients of the Sharing House have recently moved and are trying to build up an apartment or other living space for themselves. Recipients are not only from Colville and Kettle Falls, but also Metaline Falls, Northport,

Deer Park, and Valley.

Those who come to the Sharing House are not charged for any items and the ministry relies solely on donations.

Sharon Wilson, director of The Sharing House, stated, "This is really God's ministry. We rely on Him for donations and to provide for those in need." Wilson also stated that they need large plastic 18 gallon totes. Right now the shop is organized with big cardboard boxes but the boxes are

simply breaking down. They would like to replace the boxes with these totes to provide some permanent storage.

The ministry is always in need of the following: furniture, mattresses, cribs, small appliances, dishes, glasses, and utensils. With the winter months approaching, The Sharing House is in great need of blankets, comforters, and fitted sheets. Please keep The Sharing House in mind when you go to donate your next houseware item!

A big thank you to all of those who help with this important ministry: Carla Ford, Ruby Myers, Joyce Leonard, Jeanie Loftus, and Sharon Wilson!

Pinching Pennies

If you know me, you know that I love to save money. I get excited when I score a "deal" on something! Here are some tips and tricks to saving money:

Coupons are awesome. You'll find a ton of coupons in the Sunday newspaper as well as a few in the weekly Statesman Examiner. You may think that saving a quarter isn't worth it, but add up a few good coupons and you've saved a good amount! Watch out though and only use coupons on items that you would normally buy. Coupons that are good only when you "buy two" are only worth it if you normally buy two

of the item or would use the second item later.

Price Matching is my best friend. Well, not really, but it is a great option for us in Colville! Wal-Mart will price match any advertised price of other stores, including any stores in Spokane. So, since you wouldn't normally trek to Target for that great deal on something, you can take the ad to Wal-Mart and they will honor the advertised price. However, Wal-Mart does not honor what they call "gimmicks", which are Buy One Get One deals, or anything that is a "percentage off".

12 Hour Sales are great when

they are on items that you can easily store or freeze. Super One has periodic sales that feature a certain type of grocery item. My favorite is the cereal sale. Usually the boxes are under \$2.00 each and I pair the sale with all of the coupons that I have saved. Last time I got 20 boxes of cereal (good brands that my boys will actually eat) for \$1.11 per box!

Online Resources have saved me so much money in the past year. I check **Frugal Coupon Living** (www.frugalcouponliving.com) everyday for special deals. I also check **Retail Me Not** (www.retailmenot.com)

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Happy Birthday!

- 4th Edith Haworth
- 9th Nyda Ferguson
- 11th Nathaniel Van Patten
- 14th Lois Greenman
- 18th Dave Williams
- 19th Mickey Montgomery
- 20th Sylvia Chapman ,
Gracie Keating
- 21st Jimmy Klutz
- 24th Michael Chapman
- 27th Tami Compton
- 28th Jennia Braswell
- 30th Phyllis Brady
- 31st Phil Ogan

Happy Anniversary!

8th Kermit & Lynnetta Olson

Baby

Announcements



Please keep our expectant mothers in your prayers!

Dannelle Kouf

Brittany Keating

Attention Small Business Owners!

I'll be putting together a list of small businesses that are owned by members of our church. Please let me know about your business so that I can include it!

Call Kristina at 685-0180

Who's Who At Colville A/G

Bob & JoAnn McBlair

How long have you attended?

14 years

What service do you normally attend?

8:00am, 10:30am, and 6:00pm

How long have you been married?

41 years

Where do you live? How long?

Garvey Road, since July 1996

What do you do?

Bob is a realtor at ReMax and we own Dayspring Financial Solutions, LLC located on South Oak Street.

What are the names/ages of your children?

Becky (39) lives in Loveland, CO and adopted Mikal (4) in 2007.

Matt (36) is a captain in the US Air Force. He and his wife, Nikki, live in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Their son Gracen is 6 and daughter Verity is 4.

Seth (35) owns TrailTank, a small business. He lives in Beaverton, OR with his wife, Shevin. They have two

sons, Logan is 4 and Landon is 2.

Emily (29) is a counselor here at church. She has a dog named Grace and two cats, Ramsey and Monte who are 4 months old.

What are your hobbies?

Bob: Fishing, Being Outdoors, Cutting Firewood

JoAnn: Taking Pictures, Working Outside, Tending Flowers, Having Company Over for "Food & Fellowship"

What ministries are you involved in?

Bob is teaching a new class on Wednesday nights for adults. JoAnn is involved in worship ministry. We will soon be starting a Life Group in our home.

Who is your favorite Bible character?

Bob: Paul...he was diligent in everything he did. He was sold out for the "cause". When Jesus became the focus of his life, he applied the same diligence, began his walk with Jesus, and never turned back. He was a talented man and God used



his talents for His Glory. Nothing turned him away from God's purpose for his life.

JoAnn: Mary, the Mother of Jesus. I admire her heart to do God's will and her faith to accept and do what the Holy Spirit asked of her. Her faith continued to grow as she faced the challenges of being the mother of Jesus. Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant."

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Bob: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

JoAnn: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and He with me."

Revelation 3:20

Drive Thru Difference

Positive Life Radio hosts a special program periodically called "The Drive Thru Difference". It is usually a two day event where listeners are encouraged to pay for a strangers drive thru purchase.

Participants go through a drive thru, and then let the cashier know that they'd like to purchase the meal of the car behind them. Usually the cashier already has the order total and the participant pays for both their meal and the stranger's meal behind them.

The radio station has a note that

you can print off from their website which tells the stranger what hash happened. The note talks about wanting to do something nice for a perfect stranger and directs the stranger to listen to Positive Life Radio or even call in to share their story.

Not only is the stranger affected positively, but the employees of the restaurant are usually astounded at the sheer act of generosity and the idea of simply being kind to one another.

Many of the receivers of the

program called in to thank that perfect stranger in front of them. Usually it came at just the right moment. However, most of the callers end up being those who paid for the stranger's meal. The act of kindness affects them so much more and allows them to show Christ's love simply by paying for a coffee or lunch.

Try it sometime and be a blessing to that stranger behind you in line at the drive thru!

Book Review: Fatherless Generation

The story of fatherlessness is being written into the hearts of our generation. It is a story of shame, loneliness, and rejections. But fatherlessness is more than a personal tragedy. It is a growing epidemic. Fatherlessness is the driving force behind gangs (70% of all youth in state-operated institutions are from fatherless homes), teenage pregnancy (71% are from fatherless homes), drug abuse (75% of all adolescents in chemical abuse centers are from fatherless homes), and suicide (63%



of youth suicides are fatherless children). And all too often, the fatherless are either marginalized or ignored. Weaving in his own experience of fatherlessness, John Sowers shows how awareness, compassion, and intentional intergenerational mentoring can offer a generation hope – hope that will write new stories for generations to come. Sowers writes, “I think it’s a common reality for most of us to be quiet about our fatherlessness. Maybe because being fatherless makes us

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feel ashamed, like black sheep that everyone makes fun of, or picks at, or ignores altogether. Maybe fatherlessness makes us feel like less of a person. Maybe it makes us angry, sending us flying off into fits of rage. Maybe we’ve swallowed it for so long trying to convince ourselves it never happened. Or maybe just thinking about it hurts too much.” This is John’s story. This is John’s call to action. If our God is the Father to the fatherless, how can we, who are called to be imitators of him, be any less?

Church Classifieds:

I’d like to start this idea of putting together some kind of church classified corner. I’ve seen other churches do this and it seems to work out well. This is a spot in the newsletter where we can share information with each other as a church body. If you have something to put in the classifieds please email me at kristinaphelan@hotmail.com or call Kristina at 685-0180.

Church Needs:

Kristina Phelan would appreciate any **large glass jars with lids**. They don’t have to be canning jars, recycled pasta sauce type jars would work as well. Call her at 685-0180.

Joyce Leonard is in need of **snow or all season tires** with chains to fit a Toyota Corolla. Type Needed: P185/65R15 or P195/65R15 with 5 bolts. Call her at 685-0369.

Pinching Pennies Continued...

before I buy something online. You simply search for the store that you’re going to buy from and check out any special coupon codes. I also visit www.shopathome.com and www.cashbaq.com when I make a purchase. If you first go through their site to get to your store, they

will give you a certain percentage of your purchase back in the form of a gift card.

Online Trading is a great way to save on books, dvds, cds, or video games. My favorite trading website is www.swap.com. You simply make a list of any media items that

you don’t want anymore. Then you make a list of items that you’d like to receive. The website will email you when you can trade, or swap, with another person. Simply pay to ship your item and receive what you want in a few days!

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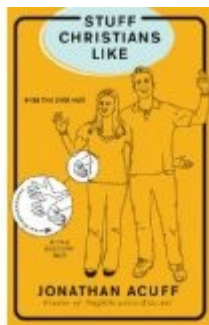
Stuff Christians Like...

I recently downloaded an audio version of this book and it has literally had me laughing so hard I cried. I have ordered the hard copy of the book and am anxiously awaiting it’s arrival.

Johnathan Acuff wrote the book, *Stuff Christians Like*, as an honest and thought provoking book that goes through why Christians do what they do. Some blurbs are funny and poke a

“Your field guide to all things Christian. Like a satirical grenade, Acuff brings us the humor and honesty that galvanized 730,000 online readers from 209 countries in a new portable version. Welcome to the funny side of faith.”
~Zondervan

little fun at this thing we call “religion” while others really make you stop and evaluate your life as a Christian. The author is a pastor’s kid himself and this book stemmed off of his blog, www.stuffchristianslike.net. The book is published by Zondervan who had the following



to say about it, “You can also download that audio book online to listen to on those long car trips!

Let me warn

you that this book is not for everyone. I suggest checking out the website before buying the book, just to get a feel of his humor. I would suggest that it will connect more with younger generations who have a saving faith.