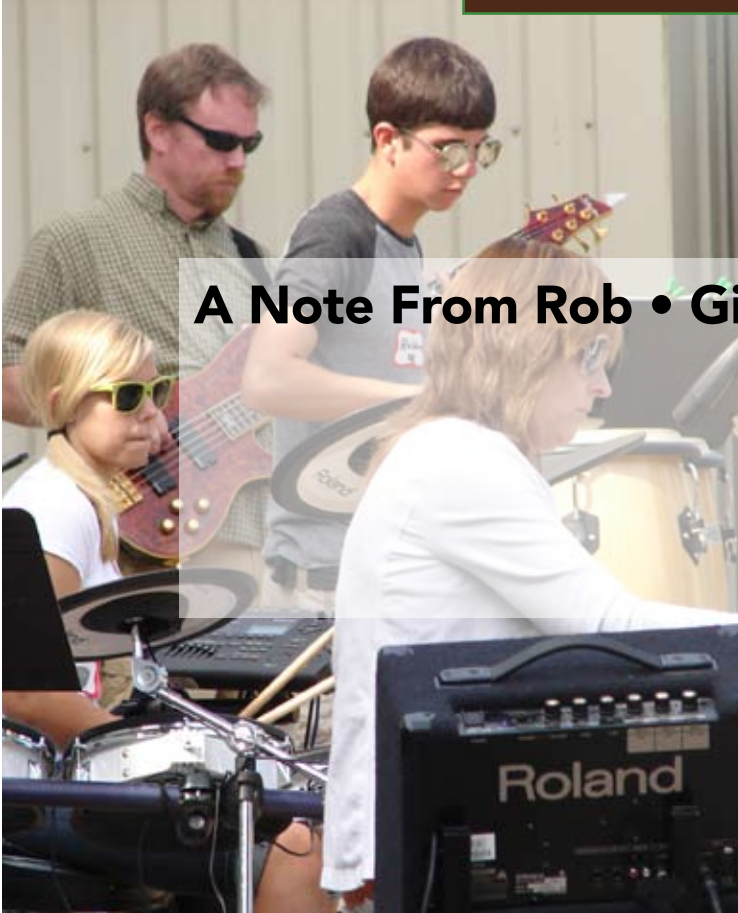


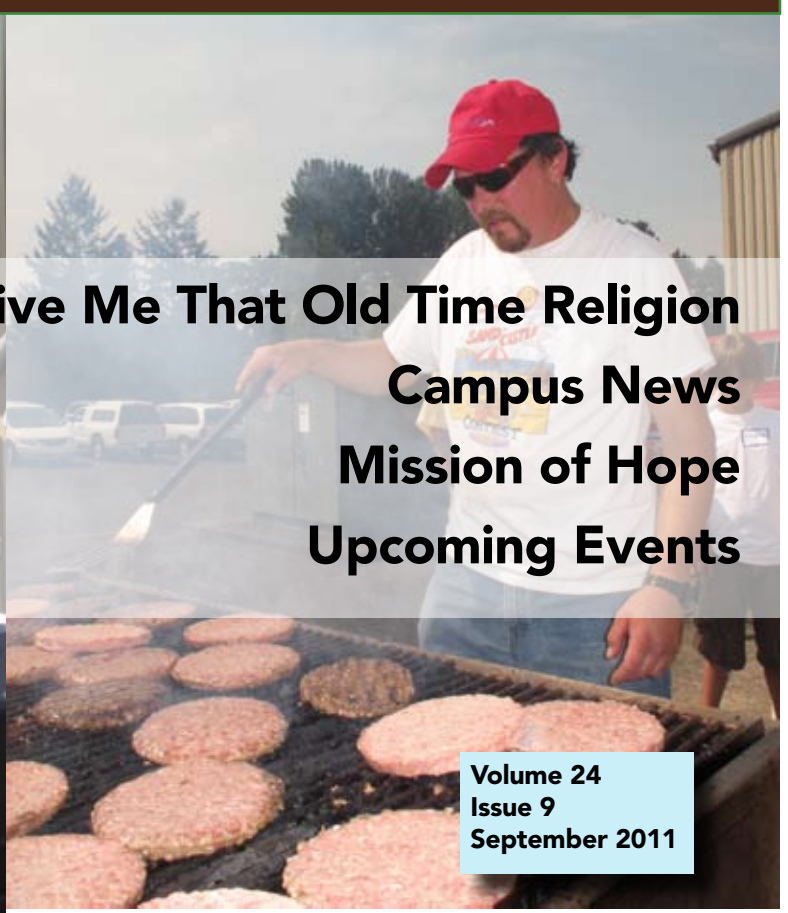


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# GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION

G. D. Pike wrote a song in 1873 called "Give Me That Old Time Religion". The song has been recorded by dozens of people,



including country musicians Tennessee Ernie Ford, Johnny Cash, and Jimmy Dean. The words go like this:

Give me that old time religion  
give me that old time religion  
Give me that old time religion it's  
good enough for me

It makes me love everybody  
makes me love everybody  
Makes me love everybody it's  
good enough for me

Well it was good enough for  
mother it was good enough for  
papa  
It was good enough for sister and  
it's good enough for me

Give me that old time religion...

It will do me when I'm dying  
it will do me when I'm dying  
It will do me when I'm dying  
it's good enough for me

It will take us all to heaven it will  
take us all to heaven  
It will take us all to heaven it's  
good enough for me

Give me that old time religion...  
Give me that old time religion...  
Yes it's good enough for me

I grew up in an old-fashioned church. We had an old building, built in 1875, with old stained glass windows. We sang old songs played on old instruments and most of the old people that were my heroes when I was younger have gone on home to heaven.

You may be preparing yourself for one of those "we need things to be like they were in the old days" articles, but that's not what is on my mind. In fact, I think we need churches to ignore the opinions and criticisms of the surrounding Christian subculture and do whatever it takes to communicate the gospel in the context of the present generation. This will, in most cases, require louder music, fewer pipe organs, and a big

surge forward in the area of living with integrity and character.

In that song, the lyric that keeps ringing through my mind today... "makes me love everybody." Spiritual growth shouldn't be measured by how much we know, but by who we love. And if we're really growing, we'll love more people.

Before you assume we need to return to an early-American, westernized version of Christianity we often think of as the "old time religion," let me remind you that it was in the name of that old time religion that we



kicked people out for dancing, segregated God's family by race, and chased the "savages" away from their homes to steal their land. In other words, while the song had some great lyrics, I'm not so sure we really understood what we were singing. I'm not sure we understand it today.

Think of that phrase for a second... "makes me love everybody." If that phrase were to describe a maturity church, what would the dynamics of such a church be? Could we really grow in such a way that we came to love everybody? Could we love the terrorist as much as the victim of the terrorist's plot? Could we love the homosexual as much as the traditional family? We could if we were really growing in our love for Jesus.

Jesus once met a woman at a well and loved her in a way that five of her husbands hadn't. He rescued a young lady from a stoning and loved her into a changed life when some rock-carrying legalists were ready to mete out justice by angrily pelting her to death. Jesus promised a crucified thief a spot with Him in paradise while his partners in crime mocked him.

I often wonder what the church would look like if it really accepted the challenge to love everybody. I don't have all the answers, but I think we would...

- Give until it hurts so that the gospel could be proclaimed to all the nations.
- Find a way to stand for moral absolutes without declaring a verbal war on those with whom we disagree.

"... what would the church look like if it really accepted the challenge to love everybody?"

- Open our doors to people of every race and socio-economic status and practice for the day when people from "every tribe, tongue, and people group" gather to offer praise to God.
- Pick up the pieces of broken marriages and help restore families.
- Create a safe place for addicts to come for honest confession, support, and forgiveness.
- Weep when tragedy strikes the human family, even on the other side of the globe.
- Sit with the sick and dying.
- Give up the closest parking places, help carry groceries, and give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name.

The "old time religion" we need to emulate isn't the Ozzie and Harriet era "golden age" of the 1950's when western culture was experiencing a new level of prosperity. It isn't the 1920's, the frontier era, or the time of the Great Reformation. The old time religion worth emulating is found much further back, in the era of the New Testament when Jesus was recruiting, discipling, and commissioning His church to go, teach, and baptize.

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# NORTHSIDE CAMPUS

**Celebration NW Conference** was such a blessing to all who were privileged to attend. It was the first time for many folks from the Northside campus. Our three home groups enjoyed working to prepare and serve our assigned meals for the event. It was a wonderful opportunity for attendees to meet new people from as far away as Montana, and to better get to know others from nearby. If you did not attend,



please consider taking advantage of opportunities like that in the future, whenever they come up.

**Mike Fudge** returned full of encouragement from his trip to Petropavlosck, Russia. His first visit was in March of this year, when he taught the people skills in installing and finishing drywall and other construction techniques. They are building a very large church, and Mike reported on the terrific progress they made in the last 5 months. All their work is done by hand, as they do not have the kinds of tools and equipment we use and take for granted. Besides working on the construction of the church, they also laid thousands of paver stones outside the building. Mike said that the love of the people there is amazing, and they really took good care of him. He got to attend the very first prayer and praise service held in their unfinished church building. He also attended a

conference at the YWAM base while there. (We think Grace Fudge is a real hero in this story, because she let Mike go to Russia while they are in the midst of preparation for their daughter's wedding!)

Northside warmly welcomes Cory Walz, Josiah Miller and Tyler Coxen to live in the apartment upstairs in the house next to the Northside church. They have already explored the neighborhood to see their new field of ministry.

Northside is having more visitors now, including a few people who have attended this church in the past. Many people comment about the upbeat atmosphere that is here now. We are a church that now has renewed life and hope, and we know that God is hard at work in our midst and is greatly blessing our church.

May you have a day full of blessings!

Patty Holler

# SILVERTON CAMPUS

## Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower for Andrea Almquist and Eli Ritchie on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 4:00 pm here at the Silverton Campus. She is registered at Macy's, Crate & Barrel, and Target.

## Focus Groups

Focus Groups are an early morning Bible Study for Jr. High and High School youth that meet once a week at Gear Up Coffee Shop. High schoolers will meet on Tuesdays at 6:45 am and Jr. High youth will meet on Wednesdays at 6:45 am. They will begin on September 13th and 14th. See Cory Walz if you have questions.

July and August were busy months. So busy we can't even get up on the news below.

**One Blaze** - On July 6-10, 90 students gathered to worship God and serve the community to practically show the love of God. Fellowship were part of this event - where we had a meal at Newfrontiers churches in the Northwest. We were all together, and had an amazing ministry time with the Holy Spirit - God was truly on the move!

**Celebration NW** - We had 386 participants at our celebration again blessed with great weather. We are also thankful for churches who pitched in to make this event happen. Every church was involved with running a meal. Every church was involved with running a book store, recreation on Saturday).

**Robin Mark Concert** - Robin Mark and band were here. Some of his band members gave a worship worship and also to some from several other churches.

We had approximately 1,000 attend the evening event.

**Lawn Chair Sunday** - Another great day of sun and fun for those home groups who helped man the jury.

**Baptisms & Dedications** - Northside and Silverton had baptisms and dedications on Sunday, September 18th. If you are interested to a meeting immediately following the service, please meet in the Prayer Room. Silverton - meet in Room 101.

## Youth Group

Youth Group at Silver Creek Fellowship is for Junior High and High School students. Once a month on Wednesday night all ages meet together for an extended time of worship, big group games, teaching, and food. On other Wednesdays, Jr. High and High School meet separately for an age-targeted Bible study with discussion, small groups, and group building activities. We're excited this coming year to serve into several missional opportunities in our own area, believing that God has called us to make a difference and expand the Kingdom of God.

# CAMPUSES

... didn't put a Chronicle out in August! Catch

... d in Graham, Washington to learn about how His love. 32 students from Silver Creek built relationship with students from other worshipped together, worked together, prayed with 19 students healed, 13 filled with the Holy

... Celebration NW this year! We were once thankful for the many different people and open. Every home group was involved with a certain part (children's program, nursery, the

... were here on Saturday, August 6th! He and workshop during the day to our Worship teams

... g concert on Saturday.

... shine, fellowship, and great food! Thank you pumpy jumps and the snack machines.

... rton Campuses will be having baptisms and u are interested in either of these please come on Sunday, September 11th. Northside - ob's office.



Top Row: One Blaze Youth at Graham, WA. Middle and Bottom Rows: Scenes from Lawn Chair Sunday!

## Young Adult Group

Our Young Adults group is open to any young adult high school graduate or older. We meet Thursday night at Gear-up Espresso from 7 - 8 pm and study right through books of the Bible. Doors open at 6:30 and we serve coffee and refreshments, so be sure to join us early!

## Literacy Program

As our children return to school, SCF is offering tutoring for adults in two areas. We will continue teaching English to non-English speakers on Monday and Thursday evenings.

On Tuesdays we will assist students studying for their GED. The Tuesday evening class will focus on the Language Arts Writing and Reading sections. If you wish to be involved in this ministry, Joanne Stone is the site coordinator. Call her at 503-873-1451.

## Celebrate Redemption

**Starting September 20, 2011**  
**6:30pm -8:30pm**

Freedom! Are you truly experiencing freedom in your life or do you feel bound and weighted by sin, suffering or unforgiveness? Maybe you just feel

stuck and can't understand why or what is holding you back... Join us on a journey through the wilderness, from slavery to freedom. Have a deeper look at God's story of redemption. Meet Jesus, our Redeemer, and find a new way to lay hold of and live out His work on the cross. Enjoy worship, teaching, and group sharing that arms us with a new way of seeing God and ourselves, and tools for working it all out over time in community.

For more info or to sign up call Suzette Le Parc 503-510-4402 or John Scott 503-510-4203

# EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Family  
Night

**Starts Wednesday,  
Sept. 21, 2011  
6:30 pm**

We have classes for preschoolers up through adults.

Nursery for 0 - 3 yrs.

3, 4 & 5 year olds

Kid's Club - 1st - 4th grade

Club 56 - 5th and 6th grade

Youth Group - 7th - 12th grade

Adult Bible Study



## Week of Prayer

October 2-8, 2011

Silver Creek Fellowship will be holding a week of prayer October 2-8th. This will be a time to have a specialized focus in prayer. Different groups will be scheduled to come in to pray during the week. A schedule will be posted in the October Chronicle.

## Benefit Concert for Love's Door

Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 @ 7:00 pm  
at the Silverton Campus

SCF is hosting a benefit concert for Love's Door. Love's Door provides teams to come and break ground in villages in Zambia, sharing the gospel, doing kids camps, doing work projects, etc. Then the long-termers consolidate the fruit. The concert will feature upbeat folk and acoustic rock, Matthew Price, Lennox Fleary, and Jason & Liana Stone. There will also be a short presentation from the director of Love's Door. Cost is \$10 at the door. Volunteer positions available. Questions? Call Jamison Ulibarri at 503-932-1985.

## Weddings & Showers!



It is with much joy and gladness that we,  
**Larry and Jodi Bellamy**  
invite you to share in the day that our

*Kylee Hope*

marries the love of her life,

*James Cuyler*

the son of

**Herb and Mary Barnes**

The celebration begins at 2 pm  
September 10, 2011

**THE BELL RANCH**  
799 Counts Rd.  
Goldendale, Wa 98620  
Reception to follow

Map and directions are on the bulletin board

You are invited to a

Bridal Shower for

Andrea Almquist & Eli Ritchie

Sunday, October 2, 2011

4:00 pm

We are hosting a shower for Andrea and Eli here at the Silverton Campus. They are registered at Macy's, Crate & Barrel, and Target.



What an amazing August we have had as a church. Celebration Northwest, the Robin Mark Concert and a wonderful Lawn Chair Sunday. It was an incredible busy time for MOH as well. The first Saturday of the month MOH volunteers did an amazing job. Feeding the homeless under the Center Street Bridge in Salem, a large team in the Homer Davenport Parade and then manning stations at the Robin Mark Concert. It



was all hands on deck and everyone did wonderfully. Serving under the bridge in Salem went well with meaningful conversations with those we serve. It really is giving to the Lord when we serve those who have nothing to give back in return. The parade was great fun with many in

the crowd calling out and cheering our folks. We set out to make an impact in our community and God is helping us do just that. A prominent person in the community called me and expressed that he was hearing good things about what we were doing as a church and wanted to visit with me. What a great surprise when he handed me a check for a \$1000 dollars! It is easy to grow weary in doing good but when these things happen you can sense God's favor and blessing. At Celebration NW a person from out of town heard what we were doing and also approached me with a check for a \$1000 dollars. I believe that these are divine encouragements to us as a church that we are moving in his plan for us to reach out to those who have need.


The Robin Mark concert was a great success with over 900 lbs. of food collected and over \$1700 dollars in donations. With all the donations that came in we should be able soon to get our walk-in freezer repaired. We have struggled a bit without freezer space, which has made more work in the warehouse on the day before distribution. The Clemmons family has been a tremendous blessing as they have carried a lot of the

responsibility for keeping things in order. The cooking team cooked and de-boned over 300 lbs. of chicken to make room in the remaining freezer. It was all transformed into these amazing burritos that were very well received by our guests at distribution days.

I am so blessed to see



how God is working among us. Robin Mark shared with me that in all his travels he has never seen a church like Silver Creek. The outreaches, the hospitality all made an impact on him. Yet when I consider the future I have sense that it is only the beginning. Literacy groups, Redemption Groups and church members involvement in the Red Cross all point to the same thing. We are touching people where they are. We are called to be a force for good, to be representatives of Jesus. Jesus told us, "Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Each box of food given, time spent teaching someone English or helping a family that just lost their home, all represent an opportunity to show the love of Christ in real and tangible ways. Thank you for being a great church!

We are collecting donations in the blue barrel in the entry to the Silverton Campus.

**September: Extras Month  
Chocolate chips, other baking  
chips, coconut, cocoa, spices**

# What's Happening

## Weekly Meetings at Northside

### Sunday

Prayer - 9:00 am  
 Celebration Service - 10:00 am  
 Home Groups - 5 pm (2nd & 4th Sundays)

## Weekly Meetings at Silverton

### Sunday

Prayer - 9:00 am  
 Celebration Service - 10:00 am  
 Home Groups - 5 pm (2nd & 4th Sundays)

### Monday

Literacy - 6:30 pm

### Tuesday

High School Focus Group - 9:00 am (Gear Up)  
 Literacy (GED) - 6:30 pm  
 Celebrate Redemption -

### Wednesday

Jr. High Focus Group - 9:00 am (Gear Up)  
 Family Night - 6:30 pm

### Thursday

Prayer - 6:30 am  
 Literacy - 6:30 pm  
 Young Adult Study - 7:00 pm (at Gear Up)

### Saturday

Mission of Hope - 1st, 3rd and Last Saturdays

## FINANCIAL REPORT - July 2011

Expenses	Projected	July '11 Actual	2011 Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date % of Projected
Tithes	360,000.00	29,282.71	201,281.97	56%
Jubilee Cyrus Miistries	12,000.00	1,000.00	7,000.00	58%
Northside Distribution	13,500.00	0.00	12,730.59	94%
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>385,500.00</b>	<b>30,282.71</b>	<b>221,012.56</b>	<b>57%</b>
Newfrontiers (10%)	36,000.00	2,928.28	20,128.20	56%
Church Office	23,000.00	1,269.57	14,446.12	63%
Church Properties	102,201.00	11,354.39	61,021.10	60%
Fellowship	4,500.00	132.84	3,021.78	67%
Lay Ministry	4,330.00	33.67	2,401.70	55%
Outreach	59,700.00	4,476.99	35,579.52	60%
Personnel	146,145.00	11,957.68	80,068.68	55%
Public Relations	4,624.00	251.14	2,586.48	56%
Youth & Education	5,000.00	1,655.39	4,228.29	85%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>385,500.00</b>	<b>34,059.95</b>	<b>223,481.87</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>		<b>-3,777.24</b>	<b>-2,469.31</b>	

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