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**WE LIVE** in a society of fractured relationships and minimal commitments. The average length of time partners live together is just over three years. 40 per cent of fathers lose contact with their children two years after separation. The splintering of relationships, which can be seen in both high profile celebrities and the

and endless personal choice prevails. Western society is now marked by a shallow individualism that seems powerless against forces beyond its control.

Sadly, the “supermarket mentality” now pervades much church life. The average length of stay in a church is four years. People so often come, take what they want and then go.

We need covenant. It keeps us true to promises, it reminds us what we have committed ourselves to, and it binds us in a common vision. We need its strength and safeguard in times of temptation and weakness, reminding us of promises made when inspired by the Holy Spirit – just as, in marriage, the vow frequently holds the love between husband and wife

## I DO - FOR GOOD



### A Note From Rob



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couple next door, is widespread. The cost, socially, financially and emotionally, is enormous. Short-term convenience frequently characterizes our attitudes towards one another.

Combined with this loss of trust is what John Piper calls “the pernicious virus of our time”, at all levels and between all sections of the nation. It reflects our individualistic, damaged and disconnected age. Whether corrupt politicians, unfaithful film stars or relational breakdown much nearer to home, the bonds of trust have been seriously weakened in recent years.

Often, we talk more easily to someone the other side of the world, online, than to those living in our street. It is safer.

We live amongst a deeply hurting generation which desperately needs commitment, stability and settled friendships. Yet these are so hard to find. Moreover, consumerism reigns,

The only thing they are committed to is themselves and their own pleasure.

In this context of superficial “me-ism”, endless personal choice and the breakdown of relational trust, will the Church of Jesus show that committed brotherhood covenant love is the answer?

The promise or pledge between church members who belong together and are “parts of one another” (Romans 12:5; Ephesians 4:25) has been a feature of church life for centuries. A vowed covenant that exists not just between God and His people or His people and God, but between one another. This brotherhood covenant identifies a people and binds them together in a pledge of love. It is often sealed and renewed by the covenant meal of the bread and wine – Holy Communion.

But why do we pledge our lives not just to God, but to one another? Why should we covenant with each other? It is a sad truth that too easily our love “grows cold” (Matthew 24:12-13). We lose the fire we once had and devotion to our brothers and sisters in Jesus. We are victims of selfish instability, fickle promises. We too easily follow untrustworthy emotions.

during the inevitable rocky patches.

The Bible is full of brotherhood covenant commitments. David's heart was bound to Jonathan in a covenant of deep trust, vulnerability and loyalty that transcended natural family ties (1 Samuel 18:3-4; 20:8-9; 23:15-18). David, himself, wrote of the man who dwells on God's holy hill – “He swears to his own hurt and does not change” (Psalm 15:4). Will we live the kind of covenant love which puts the Church of Jesus and our brethren before personal ambitions, job promotions or natural family demands?

Ruth committed herself to staying with her distraught, widowed mother-in-law, Naomi, for the rest of her life – only death could part them (Ruth 1:16-17). There was nothing convenient about this sacrificial pledge.

Jesus loved His disciples “to the end” (John 13:1). He never gave up on them, abandoned them or rejected them in their weaknesses and failings. Such covenant love won their hearts. It had nothing to do with personal fulfillment and satisfaction. It was costly, sacrificial and utterly powerful in its effects. Jesus was determined to get the best out of

this varied group of followers who needed discipleship, challenge and direction in how to flow together in love.

Likewise, Paul's complete loyalty to the churches he had established meant he had a heart commitment to the people in those churches. They were "in his heart, to live together and die together" (2 Corinthians 7:3-7). They brought him life and refreshment (Philemon 7:20) and were his "joy and crown" (Philippians 4:1). It all flowed from deep, lifelong allegiance.

But the breakdown of brotherhood covenant commitment can be devastating. Violation of deep bonds caused David great hurt (Psalm 55: 12-21). His friend's betrayal was much worse than an enemy's attack. Yet this is always the price for such covenant. The refusal to be humble and broken away from proud, arrogant self-centeredness will always spell the death of true covenant love.

Let's end the "easy come, easy go" attitude that is prevalent in many churches, where we stick around as long as we feel like it or personally benefit from it. God's total devotion to us should be reflected in our commitment to one another if we are to love as He loved us (John 15:12). We come to God with our brothers and sisters in Jesus, walking in the light together (1 John 1:5-10) and finding deep fellowship with one another and cleansing in His blood.

People today need to know that we Christians can be counted on and aren't going to bail out like so many other folk have in their lives.

Covenant brotherhood love is all about the church displaying what the world needs to see more than anything else: genuine, selfless relationships, forged in battle, surviving the tests of time and pledged from the heart.



## *A minute with . . .*

### **Rob Barnes**

#### **1. Who has shaped your life?**

My wife, parents and kids have done the most to shape me. Outside of family, my high school Sunday School teacher, a guy name Duane Gilchrist, had a profound effect on me. He had a passion to teach God's Word and it rubbed off on me.

#### **2. What do you do to relax?**

Relax? I'm not very good at this! I guess it's when I'm in my La-Z-Boy recliner and have a television clicker in my hand.

#### **3. What do you feel most passionate about?**

I feel most passionate about the church. I've given my life to seeing a grace filled church that is operating according to the patterns that are described in the New Testament.

#### **4. What do you expect to be doing in 10 years?**

I'll be 68 years old in 10 years. I expect to be at Silver Creek Fellowship cheering on our young guys as they lead the church.

#### **5. What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?**

The weirdest (and worst) thing I've ever eaten was the Sour Fish Soup which I ordered at the Thai Dish in Silverton. Not only did it taste horrible, it filled the restaurant with the overpowering smell of rotten fish. The taste stayed in my mouth for hours. Yum!

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# NORTHSIDE CAMPUS

We greatly rejoiced when Paul Mathae announced his daughter Kalea's engagement to Josiah Miller in September. We love this couple, and wish them many blessings in their future together.

We also rejoiced when Elan Hammons and Gary Nolan were baptized, and baby Megan Olson was dedicated to the Lord on

Sunday, September 18th.

Debbie Mathae recently shared her knowledge and taught several "Applesauce 101" classes to interested folks.

Karissa Mathae went with a team of 9 people plus a baby on a mission trip to Sonora, Mexico. The team helped work on a church building, visited orphanages, and did other service work. (See more on page 7.)

Northside continues to see visitors and new people coming through our doors. God is blessing our church, and we are glad to be a part of Silver Creek Fellowship.

*Patty Holler*



## Family Profile Forms

If you are new and would like to be a part of Silver Creek Fellowship, one of the first things you should do is attend a Get Acquainted Luncheon. Another step is to complete a Family Profile Form. This form lets us know you want to be a part of us plus it gives us more information about you and your family. Once you have completed one of these you will then be given a login to access your Connect account. This will let you see what is happening, join different groups, etc. Family Profile forms are available in the lobby and they are also on our Forms list at our website: [www.silvercreekfellowship.org](http://www.silvercreekfellowship.org).

## CAMPUS NEWS

## BOTH CAMPUSES

### Connect Corner

Just some reminders about different Groups you can join in Connect:

**Prayer Chain** - Submit prayer requests and receive prayer request from others.

**Jeff's Travels** - Receive updates from Jeff Davidson while he is in France and Canada.

**Cambodia Prayer Team** - Although we just recently had a group go to Cambodia there will be more. Join this group to prayer for and receive updates on mission trips to Cambodia.

**Profiles** - Remember if you have an address change, telephone number, email or anything else that has changed you can update it yourself in your Profile.

**Too Many Emails?** Do you feel like you are receiving way too many emails, especially comments from others. You can change your "Communication Settings" so that you don't receive comments from others regarding a message and also so you don't receive Weekly Updates. Just go to your Profile and click on Communication Settings.

**Calendar** - Everyone has their own personal calendar in Connect with just the Groups that you are involved in on it. Check it out!

# SILVERTON CAMPUS

## Baptisms & Dedications

Silverton Campus had several baptisms and child dedications on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Those baptized were Gwen Bergenstock, Chase Cooley, Blake Robinson, Caylan Stark, Isaac Zilverberg, and Elizabeth Steele. Dedicated were: Araya Hardy, Rogan Hardy, and Aurora Elmer.

## Equipped For Mission

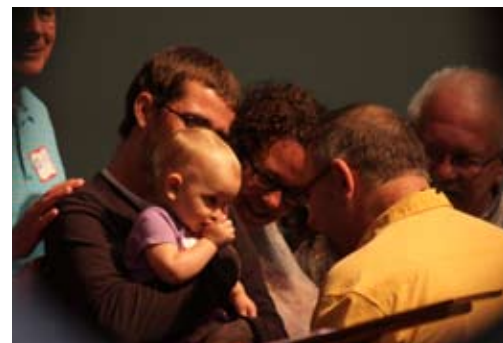
Several went to St. Louis, Missouri for the "Equipped For Mission" conference. Those that attended were: Rob and Kathy Barnes, John Scott and Suzette LeParc, Rick and Brenda Geiger, Cory Walz, Tyler Coxen, John Carney, Tim Aman, and Glen Horn (from House of Prayer). The conference was inspiring and urged leaders to train up co-laborers in the church, not consumers. In other words, God has called everyone to be a co-laborer, working side by side for the Kingdom, not just there on Sundays sitting in the "pews". We're not there for "the show", we're there to advance the Kingdom of God. John Lanferman and Terry Virgo reminded us to be strong and courageous in Christ, to run into the battle (fully armed) because God has called us to, not out of selfish ambition.

## Get Acquainted Luncheon

Another "Get Acquainted Luncheon" was held with 8 people attending. These luncheons are a great way to learn how to get connected at SCF and meet the leaders.

## Family Night Begins

Family Night began on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. We had 118 attend on our first night. We also began using our new check in system and are trying to work out the bugs in the next few weeks. Remember that kids 0 - 4th grade must be checked in by an adult and checked out.



We're going to the  
Willamette Valley Fruit Co.  
\$5.00 each

Youth Group  
**Corn Maze**

Saturday, October 29, 2011  
Meet at the Silverton Campus at 7:00 pm  
We'll be back at 10:00 pm



# GOfest 2011

GOfest is back! Last year we held our first "GOfest" at the Silverton Campus. "Go into all the world" How seriously do we take those words? God tells people to "GO" 1,542 times in the Bible. The word "stay" is used only 62 times. God wants us to "go" and do His work. The GOfest is a festival focusing on the word "GO". The focus is on mission and the poor. Learn more about our world and the mission that we are on together. The evening will include information about the work that is being done by Silver Creek Fellowship people in Cambodia, Kenya, Russia, Marion County, and more. It will also be our kick off for our "Remember the Poor" campaign. The "Remember the Poor" offering will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011.



**Extra Hour Sunday**  
Nov. 6, 2011  
**Come for Breakfast!**

We gain an hour on Sunday, Nov. 6th so come early to the service between 9:00 am - 9:45 am to the Silverton Campus and enjoy a light breakfast!

The GOfest will be held on **Sunday, October 30th at 5:00 pm**. Several speakers will be speaking on their mission work. Home Groups will each be assigned an international theme. Tables will be decorated with that theme, and the food will represent that nation! Feel free to dress the part also. This is a family event, friendly to all ages. If you are not in a Home Group then bring American food!

## Weddings



**ANDREA ALMQUIST AND ELI RITCHIE**

together with their parents  
invite you to their wedding.

Saturday, the fifteenth day of October  
Two-thousand and eleven  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Silver Creek Fellowship  
822 Industry Way NE  
Silverton, Oregon

Andrea and Eli are registered at Crate & Barrel, Target, and Macy's



# Mexico

by Karissa Mathae

This August 31st my team and I left Salem. We drove down to Navajoa Mexico in the state of Sonora. There were eleven of us including myself. The trip took us two days.

On the day before we crossed the Nogales boarder, we camped in Arizona. We woke up at 1:30 that morning to the rumbling of thunder and lightning flashes above our heads. There was no separation between the lightning and thunder, it was straight above us. Many of my teammates were terrified of the storm but we prayed and the lightning slowly moved away.

God was with my team and me. He gave us favor with the border officials, letting us through with an unregistered trailer. One of the experienced missionaries, who worked with us on this trip, informed us that this was unheard of.

We stayed at a church in Navajoa. For one half of our trip we ministered to a few Pueblos (villages) with a separate missionary. We helped build a church, kept twenty-four hour prayer, and held services for the villages. The next half of the week we helped out with the church we were staying at.

This trip was an entirely new experience for me. I struggled greatly with family sickness. God told me that on this mission, he would begin breaking down the walls between me and him. He told me that my reluctance to rely on others was one of those walls. I had to come to my team and come to God, broken and needing him. I realized that being broken before him is even better than living whole, because you know what? God will fix you.

Throughout the entire journey I found out that God is truly always here for me. It's something we often take for granted, but it is so necessary.



## A minute with . . . Lorelle Stonex

### 1. Who has shaped your life?

My childhood neighbor lady, Mrs. Shirey, Ronnie Peterson, Myra Gilchrist and several unnamed lay speakers at a Lutheran Lay Renewal.

### 2. What do you do to relax?

Golf, garden, garage sale, bridge, read.

### 3. What do you feel passionate about?

Family . . . especially seeing how God continues to use our children more and more and then seeing that pass on to the next generation.

### 4. What do you expect to be doing in 10 years?

Exactly what I'm doing now, but at a slower pace.

### 5. What is your favorite quote?

This is hard as I love good quotes, but I would say the one by D.L. Moody . . . "I have never met a man who has given me as much trouble as myself."

### 6. Who is your favorite Bible character?

Esther

### 7. What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?

Dick and I ate some authentic Japanese food while in Tokyo several years ago. At the time our host told us what we were eating, but even so I still didn't know just what it was, and I've never experienced anything quite like it since.

### 8. Where were you born?

I was born in Detroit, Michigan and raised there as well.



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

**October: Mixes Month**  
**Bisquick, pancake, brownies, cakes, bread mixes. Also Jello and pudding.**

# 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

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### Monday

Literacy - 6:30 pm

### Tuesday

High School Focus Group - 6:45 am (Gear Up)  
 Literacy (GED) - 6:30 pm  
 Celebrate Redemption - 6:30 pm

### Wednesday

Jr. High Focus Group - 6:45 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 - August 2011

Expenses	Projected	August '11 Actual	2011 Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date % of Projected
Tithes	360,000.00	26,131.29	227,413.26	63%
Jubilee Cyrus Miistries	12,000.00	0.00	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>26,131.29</b>	<b>247,143.85</b>	<b>64%</b>
Newfrontiers (10%)	36,000.00	2,613.12	22,741.32	63%
Church Office	23,000.00	1,438.86	15,884.98	69%
Church Properties	102,201.00	7,422.32	68,443.42	67%
Fellowship	4,500.00	401.49	3,423.27	76%
Lay Ministry	4,330.00	93.98	2,495.68	58%
Outreach	59,700.00	4,100.00	39,679.52	66%
Personnel	146,145.00	12,426.22	92,494.90	63%
Public Relations	4,624.00	334.64	2,921.12	63%
Youth & Education	5,000.00	64.50	4,292.79	86%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>385,500.00</b>	<b>28,895.13</b>	<b>252,377.00</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>		<b>-2,763.84</b>	<b>-5,233.15</b>	

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