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We don't have to look very far to realize that there is great need and injustice in the world. Nearly half the world's population live on less than \$2 a day; nearly a billion people are unable to sign their name or read; 850 million people go without even 1 meal everyday and a child dies of malnutrition every 5 seconds; an

it's a responsibility that comes with promise. If we read on in Psalm 41 it says: "Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will

our lack of resource or our perceived distance from the problem. This is the equivalent of 'crossing the road' when faced with the reality of people's needs, circumstances and situations. It actually says a whole lot about our priorities and who we are.

A JUDGMENTAL ATTITUDE

Ignorance can cause us to make

OUR HEART FOR THE POOR



estimated 15 million children have lost one, or both their parents to AIDS.

The sheer size and complexity of the problem can leave you so overwhelming that it sometimes prevents us from responding at all. But as Christians, God's Word tells over and over again about our responsibility to the poor.

Psalm 41:1 reads, "Blessed is he who considers the poor..." My question is, "Do we?" I wonder how much time do we actually spend considering the difficulties of the poor? And who are the poor? Is it just the homeless person who lives under a bridge or on a city street? Is it just those living in poverty in parts of Africa?

We do not always see the needs of the poor on a daily basis. But considering the poor is the responsibility of every Christian, and

sustain him on his sickbed."

Our compassion and generosity towards the orphan, the widow, the alien and the poor moves God's heart. There's no doubt about it, the Bible has a lot more to say about our attitude to the poor than it does about many of the other things we are very concerned about. Here are attitudes to guard against if we are to effectively respond to the needs of the poor:

EXCUSES

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37) Jesus shared the story of the man who was robbed, attacked and left for dead on the street. He parallels the response of two religious men who crossed the street when confronted by the dying man and the actions of the Samaritan who stopped to help. I'm sure the two men who kept walking would have been able to justify their inaction. Perhaps they had to get to an important meeting or the supermarket before closing time. Maybe they thought they were not in a position to help.

We can have countless excuses that prevent us from helping the poor. We can hide behind our busyness,

wrong judgments about the underprivileged and the poor. We can make presumptions about why people are poor; we can make judgments about their happiness, how smart they are, and their willingness to be helped. Let's never allow a judgmental spirit affect our willingness to extend a hand to the hurting.

A MORALIZING ATTITUDE

Generosity is fantastic, but when our giving is done in a flashy way it can be elitist. That kind of giving can be hollow and unattractive, and the very people we want to help are likely to see right through it! We need to be sure that we keep a spirit of cooperation and an attitude that says 'together we can make a greater difference'.

HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Now that we have identified attitudes that hinder our response to the poor, let's consider how as individuals we can start making a difference today:

KEEP BUILDING YOUR OWN LIFE

We're all alive for God's Kingdom purpose and as part of the Church, we're all part of God's plan for humanity. Our Christianity should

never be just about us having enough for ourselves; it's about building the kind of life that helps others. The best thing we can all do is take what God has placed in our hand and become successful at it. We should all be committed to continually building our lives in a way that sets us up to be a blessing to others.

BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF

On our own we can do a little, but together we can do a lot. Being a part of a church that has vision and getting behind that vision will cause us to be more effective than each of us trying to do it on our own. There is truly strength in numbers.

PRACTICE GENEROSITY EVERYWHERE

I don't believe generosity comes naturally; in fact our human tendency is to hold back or think of ourselves first. I believe we need to challenge this thinking by building a culture that practices generosity everywhere. It may be a smile or a kind word to the cashier at the grocery store, or a gift to someone going through a tough time. We need to work against anything in us that tries to draw back from being generous with our finances, our words and our actions.

BEFRIEND SOMEONE LESS FORTUNATE THAN YOU

I've already mentioned it, but it's worth repeating; there are people in need all around us. Sometimes we can become so consumed with our own things that we become removed or distant from this reality. Why don't we decide that we're going to come alongside somebody who may be less fortunate than us? I'm not talking about a patronizing friendship; rather become enough of a friend to really understand their need and

what the real situation is in their life. Friendship costs you something. Let's decide together, as we build a vision for the future, that we're going to consider the poor and find every opportunity we can to make a lasting difference. Let's be committed to tackling the issue of injustice and poverty from every direction.

BRING AN OFFERING FOR THE POOR

We are taking a special offering for the poor on Sunday, Nov 20. The money from this offering will not go into the Silver Creek Fellowship general fund, but will go to help us minister to the poor. Part of the offering will go towards ministering to people who are hungry; in Kenya, where there is severe famine; in Cambodia, where extreme poverty is found on every street. These places have massive problems and we can't help everyone, but we can help some! Part of what we receive will go to help our own Poor Fund to help people who are in emergency financial situations – both in the church and in the community.

Get your children involved in giving to the poor. Talk about it together as a family. What can you do? Is there something you could do without? Gather up spare change. Purchase an item from our Mission Passport. Do something!

Remember The Poor.....

*I have wept in the night
For the shortness of sight
That to somebody's need made me
blind:
But I never have yet
Felt a tinge of regret
For being a little too kind.
(Anonymous)*

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Steve & Patty Holler
Steve and Margie Tipton

NORTHSIDE CAMPUS

We recently watched as John Carney dedicated his (and Karen's) granddaughter, Emma Grace Carney, to God. Her name means "complete" and "grace," and grandpa prophesied that she will become a woman that is complete in the favor of God. Emma smiled at her grandpa throughout the dedication ceremony.

Northside ladies are invited to attend the first "Women in Touch" event, to be held on Friday November 18th at 7 PM at the Silverton campus. The purpose of the new series of events is to be an opportunity for sisters from both campuses to fellowship and explore the God's word together, and to encourage one another. The theme of this first gathering is "Giving thanks in all circumstances," and will include a purse exchange. (Please bring a gently-used purse to exchange, and attendees may sign up to bring a snack to share with others.) The event does not include child care.



CAMPUS NEWS

SILVERTON CAMPUS

Wedding

Congratulations to Eli Ritchie and Andrea Almquist who were married on October 15, 2011. They honeymooned in Hawaii and will be living in Portland.

Get Acquainted Luncheon

Another "Get Acquainted Luncheon" will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 11:45 am. If you are new and interested in meeting the leaders of Silver Creek Fellowship, interested in becoming a part of us, or just

interested in what we do please come to this short luncheon. It will last no longer than 1 hour. A lite lunch will be served and you will learn more about who we are and what you need to do to become a part of us. You can sign up with a "Get Acquainted Luncheon" form found in the entryway or sign up on Connect. Go to our website - www.silvercreekfellowship.org. Click on "Connect", click on "Connect Forms" and then click on "Get Acquainted Luncheon" Form. Complete the form and submit online! Children are welcome!

CONNECT CORNER

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.

BOTH CAMPUSES

Women in Touch

"Women in Touch" is a new opportunity for women of Silver Creek Fellowship to gather and invite women from our communities to join us for fellowship. During "Women in Touch" gatherings we will fellowship and explore the word together. We will encourage each other, showing His love as we aim to glorify God through life circumstances. Our first "Women in Touch" event will be Friday, November 18th at 7 PM at the Silverton campus in the fellowship room. This gathering will be a devotional on "Giving thanks in all circumstances" and will include a purse exchange. Please bring a gently used purse to exchange. Coffee will be provided. If you would like to bring a snack to share, sign up after church on Sunday. (No child care provided.)

Jeff Davidson to Canada

Jeff Davidson will be leaving for Canada on October 28th and returning November 7th. He will be ministering and speaking at several churches. Please pray for him and his journey. If you would like to be kept up to date on his travels join the group "Jeff's Travels" in Connect.

10/28 - Travel

10/29-30 am - Hawksbury

10/30 pm - 11/1 - Granby

11/2-3 - Laval

11/4 - St Malachi

11/5 - St. George

11/6 am - St. Malachi

11/6 pm - St. George

11/7 - Travel Home

Tech Training Day

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 am - Noon at the Silverton Campus.

If you've ever been interested in learning more about Sound, Video or Projection at Silver Creek Fellowship, our tech team would like to invite you on Saturday, Nov 12 from 9 AM to Noon for a tech training day. Even if you aren't interested in being a regular part of our tech teams, we would encourage anyone who has interest in serving or helping in any capacity to attend - we'll make the training as fun and practical as possible - with several "hands-on" opportunities to learn new skills. Please register by Thursday, Nov 10th so we can be prepared with enough materials - registration is online at: www.silvercreekfellowship.org/tech

Christmas at Silver Creek

Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6:00 pm. Start thinking now about what talent you would like to share at our annual Christmas talent/variety show. Do you have a special talent (jump roping, singing) or a strange talent (playing Jingle Bells on your arm pits)? Believe me, we've seen all of those. Do a skit, recite a poem, as long as it has something to do with Christmas you're good. Sign ups will begin soon.

Mobilize USA

January 13-15, 2012. Mobilise USA is a conference that seeks to inspire students and twenties to pursue all that God has for them. They worship together, experience great teaching and focus on our mission to reach the earth with the Gospel. It will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are interested in attending see Rob Barnes.



A minute with . . .

Carol Pattee

1. Who has shaped your life?

My loving parents. Also, back as far as the 70's the ministry of Aglow International was my spiritual lifeline.

2. What do you do to relax?

I take short and long naps. Enjoy coffee with a friend. Also I like to tend to my little livestock on our farm.

3. What sort of books do you read?

Any kind of book that helps me grow in my relationship with God.

4. What do you feel most passionate about?

Salvation for the lost and restoration to wholeness through God's amazing love and grace.

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

Answer is the same as #6.

6. What is your favorite quote?

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can." John Wesley.

7. Who is your favorite Bible character?

Joseph. He had many difficult experiences but persevered and did things right.

8. Where were you born?

Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

Extra Hour Sunday



Nov. 6, 2011
9:00 am
Breakfast
Both Campuses

Extra Hour Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011. 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 breakfast!

Baked Potato Feast



Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011. Both Campuses, 12:00 Noon

Help us celebrate the first day of Advent! We will have baked potatoes and all kinds of toppings served right after the service. A sign up sheet is posted in the entryway to bring potatoes and toppings!

Remember the Poor Offering

Nov. 20, 2011



This offering will be divided between local and international needs.
One Gift. One Goal.

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011

We will be taking an offering during our Sunday service that will go towards local and international needs. Please pray about what you can give. Kids are encouraged to collect change to give also! Check out your **GOfest Passport** to see what kinds of projects your money can go to. Passports are available in the entryway if did not receive one.

WOMEN IN



TOUCH

Friday, Nov. 18, 2011

7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Silverton Campus

Save the date for a women's evening of fellowship, sharing God's Word and a little bit of fun with a "purse exchange". Please bring a gently used purse to exchange. Coffee will be provided. The topic for the evening is "Giving Thanks in All Circumstances." (No childcare provided.)

SAVE THE DATE

NW Men's Conference
February 3-4, 2012



What a year it has been. It

was just over a year ago that Mission of Hope started distributing food. Thousands of families have received much needed food support. Not only have tons of foods been given out but also MOH volunteers have had the opportunity to pray with thousands of individuals. Most of those we serve have never experienced the love of God so generously and warmly demonstrated. Space doesn't allow me to share the many stories of how God is moving in the lives of folks as the result of the prayers of our "servant shoppers".

One of the goals of MOH is to see people of good will become aware of hunger in our communities. It has been thrilling to see people of good will coming and working beside those of our church. Friendships are being formed with some becoming a part of SCF. Another development is Silverton High School and students from Houck Middle School as well as our own young people are being drawn into community service. Our Club 56 Kids have been sorting and bagging food products as well as assembling food boxes for distribution. Growth is still happening as we are now distributing food at three different school campuses with invitations now going out to six different schools. Kirsten and Kevin Barnes have provided great leadership at our Robert Frost distribution and now invitations are going out to Eugene Field. Brandon Hardy and Josiah Miller have done a great job of leading the distribution at Houck. Space doesn't allow me to list all who make MOH possible but each

is incredibly important and are real heroes.

Our newest schools are Forest Ridge and Clear Lake in Keizer and within our first week we have made an impact. Tyler Coxen is our distribution manager for these schools and is assembling a team to reach out. Rob and Trish Ambrose have been running point on the meals served to the homeless under the Center St Bridge in Salem and have brought a fresh heart of compassion for these folks. We are seeing barriers come down with many of these folks starting to open up and inviting us to be involved in their lives. Dave and Brenda Clemmons have been tremendous blessing as they have given untold hours in the warehouse and going out to secure donations of coats and other items for giving to the homeless.

We have seen The Lord's provision in the incredible infrastructure that facilitates the work we together do. From truck, to freezers (yes they are working!) and forklift God continues to provide what is needed. Some needs to pray into as we continue to grow: another truck and a cargo trailer and a loading dock for the warehouse.

Rob Barnes had challenged us as a church with "If our church was to cease to exist would the community even notice?" It is absolutely assured that we would be missed in our community. All that we do, Family Nights, Kids Clubs, Redemption Groups as well as Mission of Hope are lifting up Jesus and helping expand God's kingdom in our county. Thank you for being a church that puts faith into action.



A minute with . . . Gerry Alden

1. Who has shaped your life?

Don Mathieson, our youth leader!

2. What do you do to relax?

Read and listen to music.

3. What sort of books do you read?

Historical fiction, or action!

4. What do you feel passionate about?

Jesus and his Church and seeing people really involved in the Kingdom!

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

If not in heaven, I hope to be an influence in my grandkids lives!

6. What is your favorite quote?

"The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection, is by the expulsive power of a new one, given to us by God our Father!" *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do! Gal: 5:16-17.*

7. Who is your favorite Bible character?

Moses, and David!

8. Currently, what is your favorite album?

Hillsong Live - "God is Able".

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

Lydia's muffins! (when she was a teenager!!!)

10. Where were you born?

Plymouth, Mass in 1953.



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

November: Clothing
Socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tarps, and jackets.



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 - 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 - September 2011

Expenses	Projected	Sept. '11 Actual	2011 Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date % of Projected
Tithes	360,000.00	26,432.45	253,845.71	71%
Jubilee Cyrus Miistries	12,000.00	2,000.00	9,000.00	75%
Northside Distribution	13,500.00	0.00	12,730.59	94%
Total Receipts	385,500.00	28,432.45	275,576.30	71%
Newfrontiers (10%)	36,000.00	2,643.24	25,384.56	71%
Church Office	23,000.00	2,145.35	18,030.33	78%
Church Properties	102,201.00	7,010.31	75,453.73	74%
Fellowship	4,500.00	106.94	3,530.22	78%
Lay Ministry	4,330.00	713.17	3,208.85	74%
Outreach	59,700.00	4,900.00	44,579.52	75%
Personnel	146,145.00	13,183.33	105,678.23	72%
Public Relations	4,624.00	251.14	3,172.26	69%
Youth & Education	5,000.00	60.00	4,352.79	87%
Total Expenses	385,500.00	31,013.49	283,390.49	74%
Over/Under		-2,581.04	-7,814.19	

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