



THE EVANGEL

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STEELE CABLES

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"Walk God's Way"

"Voices"

In 1 Kings 4:29 we read "God gave Solomon very great wisdom, *discernment*, and breadth of understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore." Wow! What a gift. Wouldn't we all like a gift like that.

Paul also pictures *discernment* as a gift; he calls it a "gift of the spirit." Writing to Corinth, Paul advises that, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of service, but the same Lord to [one the Lord gives] the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the *discernment* of spirits" (1 Cor. 12:4-5, 10-11)

What is *discernment*? *Discernment* is the ability to understand things that are often obscure and ambiguous. *Spiritual discernment* is the ability to differentiate between the voice of God and other voices that persistently play in our minds. *Spiritual discernment* is spiritual discrimination, deciding between alternatives. Frequently, when we employ discernment, it seems as if we experience a conversation going on in our heads. To discern something is to distinguish the voice of God competing with the other voices we may hear.

We all have little voices playing in our heads constantly. There is the voice that tells us as we sit before our mealtime plates, "Clean your plate." Another voice tells us when we contemplate foul language, "That's not how Jesus' teaches us to talk." There is the voice that tells us when we find the courage to try something new, "You can't do this. It's too

hard for you." Yet another voice reminds us when we come up with a new idea, "You're not that smart." Most of us have voices speaking to us persistently. Christians believe God does speak to us, but the question is, "How do we distinguish between God's voice and other voices that may not be from God?"

One way to *discern* the voice of God from among other voices is through the discipline of prayer. People who pray regularly and frequently put themselves in the proper spiritual position to be better able to hear God. Through prayer we come to know God.

Often, *discernment* means we search out God's voice in practice much like we try to hear the underlying meaning in the voices of people we converse with.

When we attempt to *discern* the voice of God – listening for what God desires of us – as God speaks to us, we must make distinctions carefully. When called by God, we need to discriminate the voice from on high and the many other voices that compete for our hearing's undivided attention.

Discernment is a gift of God, but, like many human abilities, it is a gift that grows with use and practice. Similar to a muscle, if one has the gift of *discernment*, then it will only develop through exercise. If we exercise our spiritual listening – striving to learn what God is calling us to be / do – then God will grant us greater and greater degrees of understanding God's voice.

I want to encourage all of us to pray regularly and frequently that we would come to know God better and be in the position then to hear God's voice and desire for each of us individually and for our church community's future.

See you at church -

Pastor Jerry



iGive website

Help raise funds for North Bend UMC by shopping online at www.iGive.com. Hundreds of stores to choose from. A percentage of your purchase is remitted back to our church.

Fight Hunger – 2 Websites

www.thehungersite.com

One click and you can help fight hunger. Just follow the directions once you google the website.

www.freerice.com

Increase your vocabulary and help feed the poor at the same time.

Ecumenical Community Food Cup Board - T.H.E. House –

Women’s Resource Shelter –

Donations are always needed for these three worthy organizations. Please bring your items to worship the first Sunday of the month or anytime during the week.



MEAL KIT PACK NEEDS

Supplies needed to help re-stock our kits.

Gallon size zip-lock bags

Individual servings of meat in easy open containers:

Vienna Sausage

Tuna or Spam packets (not cans)

Tuna lunch kits (found in Dollar Store)

Cheese or peanut butter crackers

Single servings of applesauce or fruit cups

Juice packets or boxes

Napkins

Please continue to donate whenever possible. Volunteers to fill new bags are also needed.

When filled, kits will be available to hand out from the basket in the Fireside Room.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meets in the Women’s Center and begins at 10:45 a.m. There is fellowship and refreshments beforehand. All are welcome!

THURSDAY BROWN BAG DISCUSSIONS

Thursdays at Noon! Bring your lunch ... join us for conversations on contemporary activities and their relationship to the Bible. Located in the small Conference Room.

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT



Income through May 22

\$47,984.86

Need to Date:

\$52,510.32

God of abundance, Our Wesleyan fellowship reminds us "The abundant life is not the life marked by excess, but by enough, and enough for all." In this time of offering, God, and at all times we ask that You empower us to be agents of abundant life. Thank you, Loving God, for diversity. Thank you for the gifts each of us brings to the church and to the community. Teach us to appreciate and to celebrate our differences. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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Your Finance Team

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

To honor and respect the privacy and confidentiality of one another, all names listed in the Sunday bulletin prayer list will be only be by first name unless a written approval has been obtained from the party being included for prayer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CORRECTION

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JUNE

- 4 Esther LeClair-Probst
- 6 Lois Harvey
- 8 Vi Wilson
- 11 Greg Katherman
- 12 Howard Ledyard III
- 14 Pauline Brown
- 23 Dallas Carter
- 30 Brenda Martin



- June 1 Terri & Darren Dirk
- June 14 Kathy & Bruce McLain
- June 15 Vicki & Joe Morgan
- June 22 John & Diane Howland, Sr.
- June 23 Winnie & Guy Lortie
- June 24 John & Pauline Brown (50)

Care and Share Families - June

Week of June 5: Pastor Jerry & Elaine Steele
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Daily Devotions



Continues the series of reading the books of the Bible as they were written historically, according to the estimated date of their writing.

- June 1 Isaiah 49-53
- June 2 Isaiah 54-58
- June 3 Isaiah 59-63
- June 4 Isaiah 64-66
- June 5 Jeremiah 1-3
- June 6 Jeremiah 4-6
- June 7 Jeremiah 7-9
- June 8 Jeremiah 10-13
- June 9 Jeremiah 14-17
- June 10 Jeremiah 18-22
- June 11 Jeremiah 23-25
- June 12 Jeremiah 26-29
- June 13 Jeremiah 30-31
- June 14 Jeremiah 32-34
- June 15 Jeremiah 35-37
- June 16 Jeremiah 38-41
- June 17 Jeremiah 42-45
- June 18 Jeremiah 46-48
- June 19 Jeremiah 49-50
- June 20 Ezekiel 1-3
- June 21 Ezekiel 4-7
- June 22 Ezekiel 8-10
- June 23 Ezekiel 11-12
- June 24 Ezekiel 13-15
- June 25 Ezekiel 16-17
- June 26 Ezekiel 18-20
- June 27 Ezekiel 21-23
- June 28 Ezekiel 24-27
- June 29 Ezekiel 28-31
- June 30 Ezekiel 32-34

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION (FCE)

FCE meets the third Thursday of the month at 10am, programs are at 10:45am or 11am. All men and women are invited to attend the programs:

- >June 16--a picnic--Simpson Park
- >July and August no meetings
- >September 15--picnic with Catching Inlet Unit--Simpson Park--Program
Service or Therapy animal-- and dogs will be brought to show how and where they serve
- >October 20--Rein It In, Dear--Tips & strategies to harness the eating frenzy at the holidays
- >November 11--Why do some countries celebrate Dec.6? How important is Jan 6? Legends and traditions
- >December 15--Christmas party--bringing gifts for a local needy organization.
- >January 19, 2012--Pantry Pests and Bed Bugs--what are they and how do they affect us?

GO CAMPING – 2011

Not too late to register for Summer camps. There are camps for all ages ... from grandparents to elementary, from fly fishing to knitting, from music to drama, from central Idaho to a variety of places around Oregon. Check with the church office for more information or log onto:

www.gocamping.org



Sign up
for
Church
Camp

YOUTH NEWS

Maslow Youth Project

North Bend students/ families with children are offered services at the Maslow Project House. We worked with a NB High School student yesterday (1/26/11) and he received clothes, a voucher to obtain clothes at Bree's Resale and a \$15.00 certificate to purchase necessities at Bi Mart. I took him to the Newmark Center this morning to sign up for the Oregon Trail Card and the Oregon Health Plan. The Maslow Project has been very busy the past few weeks. People needing food boxes and clothes. Patty has also helped with deposits on rentals. Needs for the clothes closet: gently used or new "extra large sized" men's shirts, pants, shoes, etc. The clothes closet is now located at the school is accepting clothes of any size and it is free to any student. Our current list has 82 students:

- High School 25
- Middle School 13
- Hillcrest 15
- North Bay 24
- Lighthouse 1
- AYA 2
- ORCO 2

OTHER AREA EVENTS

First Presbyterian Church of North Bend is hosting a Hymn Sing on June 5th starting at 5:30pm and concluding with a pie social in our fellowship hall. Come and joins us in singing the "old fashioned" hymns of faith. We will be singing the top 27 hymns based on a recent survey of churches. If you have any questions call Susan Massey at 888-4348 of the church office at 756-4155.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Important Dates

- >June 4 –picnic at Simpson Park at Noon in the covered area by Historical Museum, Please bring a potluck item to share. Plates, cups, utensils, and beverage will be provided. All women of the church are invited
- >July--School of Christian Mission, no regular meeting
- >August --no meeting
- >Sept. 3--Program from School of Christian Mission
- >October 1--Program concerning Social Action problems
- >November 5--World Thank Offering
- >December 3--North Bend Advent Tea

LETTERS OF THANKS

NBHS

The Speech and Debate team would like to thank the church for allowing us to use the upstairs rooms to store items and make baskets. It was a lifesaver. Also thanks to those who made donations , you helped make the event a huge success. At this point we have raised \$10,276.00!!! As is our church so loving and giving so is this community. Special thanks to Kyleray Katherman for coming up with this idea, twisting arms and making this such an enjoyable event.

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

North Bend School District will be hosting a free lunch program this summer from June 20-August 19. The lunch is free to any student 18 years or younger. No special income level and can be from anywhere, not just Oregon. Site listings for North Bend are:

Hillcrest Elementary -breakfast 8:30-9:00am
lunch 11:30am-Noon

Airport City Park-lunch 11:30am-11:40am

For more information call: NB School District
541-756-8305 or 541-756-2521.

REFs MINUTES May 11, 2011

Calendar Dates:

June 8 : next REF meeting 11:30 am

June 12: Summer Beach Worship resumes through Sept. 4

Sept. 11: "Back to Church" Sunday resume Fall schedule

Oct. 29: Fall Festival

Nov. 20: All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 27: Advent begins

Dec. 03: Advent Tea

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship

Present: Lois & Bill Harvey, Kate Butler, Mary Ann Lewellyn, Sharon & Doug King, Mildred Spring, Pastor Jerry, Vicki Morgan,
NBHS Arts fundraiser: Lois reported the event was very successful and raised about \$10,000. The High School will determine how this is distributed.

Graduation Sunday held May 22, 2011:
Graduates are - Kyleray Katherman, Zach Martin, Nick Salisbury, DeeDee Peterson, and Jane Schaeffer. Congratulations to you all. A "Welcome Summer" picnic will be held at the church on June 12. (Secret-----This is really a good-bye party for Sara Embry) This will be a pot luck lunch. We will provide DESSERT, HOT-DOGS, DRINKS. If you don't want hot-dogs bring your own meat. There will be a sign-up sheet for what you want to bring including condiments.

Fall Festival: Nancy has agreed to sell the Rada Knives.

Other positions are now filled with wonderful volunteers.

Chili cook-off: Volunteers are needed to enter their excellent chili and Kate will recruit judges. Everyone will get to sample 3 different dishes for \$1. Sampling will take place between 3and 4pm. Winners of the Chili cook-off will be announced about 4:13pm. You have plenty of time to perfect your wonderful chili recipe. The Fall Festival lunch service will end at about 2 PM.

Costume Contest: Will take place at 2:30.

Pastor Jerry: The next Monday morning Bible Study will be on the Book of Revelation.

Beach Service to begin June 12th: The World advertisement about the beach service has added,"during the months of June, July, and August". We will look into posting signs at campgrounds near the service area.

Thank you Jean McNamar for donating many things for the Women's Resource Center.

11:30 at NB Senior Next REFs meeting June 8th, Center.

