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Another of my heroes has died. Eugene Peterson, Presbyterian pastor, author extraordinaire, and creator of *The Message* translation of the Bible, joyfully passed away yesterday morning.

Joyfully. I suppose that's a strange word to use to describe death. But as I read yesterday the descriptions of his last week spent in hospice care, I was taken with the seemingly ever-present joy reflected in his dying. Among his last words, part of an apparent conversation with the unseen, was the joyful exclamation, "Let's go!"

In the sin-scarred world in which we live, joy often becomes for us a huge challenge. That, however, is not the way God intended it. Scripture is full of examples of and encouragements to joy. Even in the midst of a messed up world, and sometimes especially in the midst of a messed up world, comes the invitation to joy.

That invitation to joy is also an invitation to Jesus. Joy is an unavoidable part of the character of God and an essential ingredient of what God's Spirit desires to produce in our lives. You know the list: "Love, joy, peace...." If we're not careful, we can skip right over joy in our rush to "patience" and "self-control."

There is something compellingly attractive about joy that sometimes moves people to seek it without seeking the Lord, who is its source. Unfortunately joy, separated from its source, will wither just as surely as a plucked flower will eventually die. But the good news is that when you get in touch with God, you get in touch with joy, because that is part of who He is.

In a collection of sermons entitled *As Kingfishers Catch Fire: a Conversation on the Ways of God Formed by the Words of God*, Peterson says, "The story of our faith, our very existence, begins and ends in joy. And between the beginning and the conclusion there is joy...." He's right. Jesus made no secret of his intent that his disciples' joy be full. So the question I ask myself is how is my joy? And the question behind it: how is my relationship with Jesus?

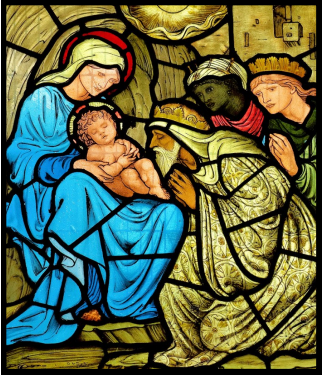
Peterson continues: "Joy at the beginning, joy at the end, joy everywhere in between. Joy is God's creation and gift. No authentic biblical faith is conceivable that is not permeated with it." May God give liberally to us the kind of joy evidenced in Peterson's life and in his death.

*Pastor Malcher*

## JOY

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“On coming to the house,  
they saw the child  
with his mother Mary,  
and they bowed down  
and worshiped him.  
Then they opened their treasures  
and presented him with gifts  
of gold and of incense  
and of myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11 NIV

Income	Expenses
For Sept 2018	For Sept 2018
\$15,331.97	\$13,535.67
Year to Date	Year to Date
\$133,056.30	\$137,074.00

## November Missions: Alvin & Beverly Rene, NAIM

Each of us has a story...

Some of us have a story about how we came to belief in Christ. This is my story.

My grandparents and nine of their adult children immigrated from the Abenaki Reserve in Quebec, Canada to Baltimore, Maryland to find work. My dad was the youngest. They spoke a combination of Abenaki, French, and English, often using all three languages in one sentence.

During that time my large native family gathered every week. There were lots of aunts and uncles and children. I also remember lots of beer bottles. I didn't know anyone outside of my family. My mother's family wanted nothing to do with "Indians".

My grandmother, the matriarch of our family practiced Catholicism and traditional ways. It was very mysterious and powerful. When my little brother Steve and I were there with her we were frightened because we used to see things in the house that we learned not to talk about to outsiders.

My dad married an Irish American woman and they had five children. Ten days after my sixth birthday my world came crashing down around me. My mom died in a car accident. A social worker came to the funeral home, put me in a cab, and sent me to a Catholic orphanage.

I didn't talk for two months. I was the only native child there among 60 other boys. My dad tried to visit several times, but his drinking kept him from being allowed to see me.

The nuns were often cruel. There were so many dos and don'ts that I didn't understand. I couldn't avoid getting in trouble and being punished. They didn't understand my culture. They thought I was "shifty-eyed" because I'd been taught not to make direct eye contact. After six years in the orphanage I ended up in two foster homes where men had trouble with alcohol. In the second home the man was also violent and threatening.



Because of all the trauma I encountered I didn't talk very much and I didn't trust people. Later I went to college for a while, but I didn't know what I wanted to do. I was still connected to my extended family, but my father was dead, my younger brother was in prison, and my older brother followed in my father's footsteps, drinking and fighting. I didn't fit in the white world either.

I met my wife, Beverly, who was searching for meaning in a lot of different religions. I was avoiding religions because some were based on rituals and a lot of rules that I found confusing. I also had had some frightening experiences with the spirit world.

That all changed when we met an evangelist-pastor from New Zealand. He had a boomerang given to him by an indigenous person to honor him. David's God loved people from all nations and cultures! He told us about a Jesus I never knew! God's Son came to earth to die for our sins and offer us new life. He gives us His Holy Spirit to live inside us and to guide us. We just need to give Him our lives and trust Him. God has the power to protect us and He will never leave us. Heb. 13:5-6.

Beverly believed a year before I did. I watched her change from a lonely woman to a joyful woman! David walked with God and let the Holy Spirit lead him to people who, like me, needed to hear Jesus' story. I finally found a God who loved me.

Many native people have great losses and trauma in their lives. That's why God gave me this story and chose us to share it with other native people.

Alvin Rene

Alvin & Beverly minister to the Nooksack Tribe in Whatcom County. If you would like to be part of their support team, visit [https://www.naim.ca/donate\\_naim/alvin-beverly-rene/](https://www.naim.ca/donate_naim/alvin-beverly-rene/)



# November 2018 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 1 10:00 am: Prayer HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH IN TUKWILA Begins	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 2 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women BNCCC Youth	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 3 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
Daylight Saving Time Ends 4 <i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 9:30 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 3:30 pm: MACC Worship	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 5 10 am-12 pm: CEF 7:00 pm: AA 206.419.4822	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 6 11:00-3:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm: Youth THE LORD'S WATCH	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 7 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila @ Friendz Cafe 7:00 pm: Impact Teams	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 8 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 9 4:00 pm: BNCCC Women BNCCC Youth	<i>HHAM in Tukwila</i> 10 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship VETERAN'S DAY
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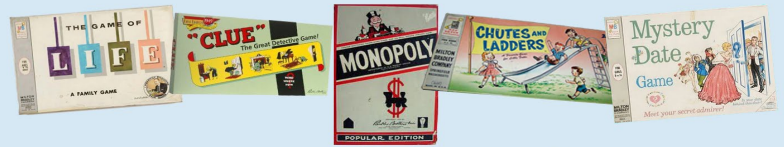
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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No Generations 10:30 am: Worship <i>Dick Andrews</i> 3:30 pm: MACC	7:00 pm: AA 8:00 pm: GAME NIGHT <b>New Year's Eve</b>					

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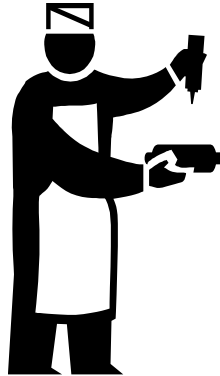


Don't forget to  
"Fall Back" 2:00 am,  
Sunday, November 4, 2018



## GAME NIGHT

**WHERE:** FTFC Fellowship Hall  
**WHEN:** 8:00 pm - 12:00 am, Mon, Dec 31, 2018  
**WHAT:** Bring board games and snacks to share



## RETIREES LUNCHEON

Special Holiday Meal  
Noon, Friday  
November 30, 2018

In case of Snow  
Call FTFC



206-243-4455

or visit  
ftfc.org

For information on changes  
in schedule.

## Global Gift Guide

Give gifts that change lives



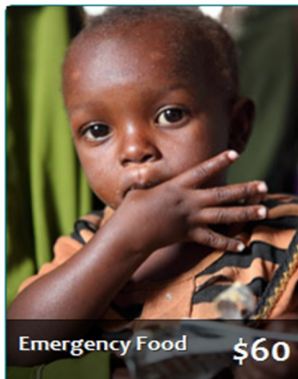
Complete Goat Package \$85



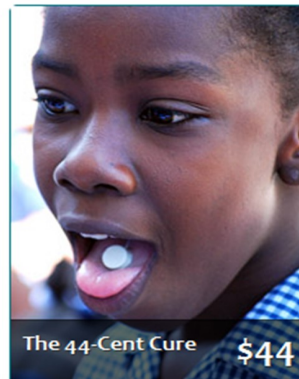
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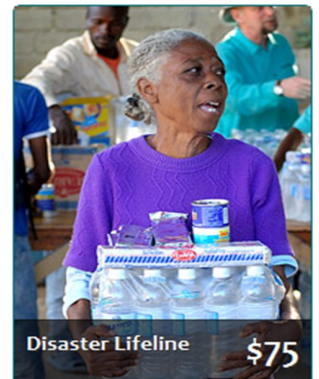
Educate a Child \$50



Emergency Food \$60



The 44-Cent Cure \$44



Disaster Lifeline \$75

KOBA Circle  
11:00 am  
November 14 &  
December 12, 2018

[www.worldconcern.org](http://www.worldconcern.org)



## December Missions: BEE World

BEE World, an interdenominational missions organization located in Colorado Springs, CO, addresses the growing worldwide leadership crisis by providing seminary-level biblical training to pastors and church leaders who otherwise have no access to biblical education. Our vision is to provide that access to anyone who desires to mature as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

### Our Mission

The purpose of BEE World is to help the church fulfill the Great Commission by providing biblical training that results in the multiplication of servant leaders, with priority given to countries with limited access to training.

### Emphases of Our Ministry

- We work primarily in restricted-access countries in Asia and the Middle East.
- BEE missionaries typically travel to the countries in which they serve, rather than live there. We serve under the leadership of the local church and facilitate training through personal contact and mentoring during regular visits. Students continue to serve as pastors and leaders in their own churches.
- We expand our ministry by training our students to train others also, a principle of multiplication and transferability found in 2 Timothy 2:2. We focus on training the

whole person— not just the mind— by employing interactive, Socratic-style training to achieve true understanding.

- We utilize multimedia platforms to deliver our interactive, Bible-based curriculum— not only printed books, but also CD-ROMs, electronic downloads, and the Internet Biblical Seminary.
- We maintain an internet training site that other ministries and churches can use to disciple their own people with our curriculum or their own.

### Our History

In 1979, key leaders from twenty missions organizations and several national leaders working in Eastern Europe met to launch a united inter-mission effort for advancing biblical training behind the Iron Curtain. Five of those missions organizations initially agreed to cooperate in developing a comprehensive training program for laymen in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union who desired to become church leaders, resulting in the Biblical Education by Extension (BEE) curriculum model.

This effort eventually grew to 12 participating missions organizations, which contributed staff and resources to the newly conceived BEE World and appointed Dr. Joseph (Jody) Dillow and eventually also Rev. Al Bridges to lead it.



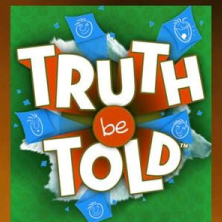
## Let No Child Go Hungry in Tukwila!

November Is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month in Tukwila

EVENTS TO INFORM YOU ABOUT TUKWILA WEEKEND SNACKPACK



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to scan the QR code, or visit  
[tuksnackpack.com/give.html](http://tuksnackpack.com/give.html)



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[facebook.com/TukwilaWeekendSnackPack/events](https://facebook.com/TukwilaWeekendSnackPack/events)

Featuring the 2nd Season Premiere of the SnackPack FB Live weekly game show, "Truth Be Told About Hunger" For more information on our full list of activities, visit our FB event page



# Pray with them



Open Doors

## THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

November 11, 2018



Since inception, more than 50,000 students in 15 countries have taken BEE courses, with at least half completing the seminary curriculum and training others to continue the pattern of 2 Tim. 2:2, "teach these truths to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Dr. Dillow and Rev. Bridges continue to lead BEE World today.

In 1992, with the fall of the Iron Curtain, we felt God calling us to extend BEE. In 1994, the BEE Board of Directors authorized the formation of a new BEE ministry called BEE World, which would take the same discipleship strategy, philosophy, and curriculum beyond the borders of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union to countries of the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

### The Challenge

We live in perhaps the greatest expansion of Christianity in the history of the church. About 70 percent of the church's outreach since Pentecost has been accomplished in this century alone, with hundreds of thousands coming to Christ every day. Who is guiding these new followers of Jesus? In the 10/40 window alone, more than five million pastors lead their congregations without any kind of biblical training.

Despite the wealth of information and training in the United States specifically, the US sends only roughly one third of the world's missionaries. As the bulk of the missional responsibility is accepted by countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, it is vital for us to help equip believers in these places to go forth, entrusting the information to "faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2).

### The Leadership Crisis

The explosive church expansion has resulted in a leadership crisis of epic proportions. Conservatively speaking, if 120,000 people come to Christ each day, and a pastor is needed for each hundred, 1,200 new, trained pastors would be required daily. This is equal to 438,000 trained pastors

needed each year just to match church growth. Some pastors must shepherd from five to twenty congregations.

Assuming that it takes four years for pastors to complete their education, 1,752,000 pastors would currently need to be receiving that training. When we consider the 4.5 million current pastors who lack training, we can see that our challenge is to train 6,252,000 pastors to meet the current void.

Currently, resident schools meet less than %50 of the need. Public seminaries cannot exist in restricted-access countries. We have a colossal leadership training crisis.

### The Solution

Paul's ministry strategy was multiplication through four generations: Paul, Timothy, faithful men, and others also.

BEE World facilitators lead interactive discussion that stresses application to life and ministry. They lecture very little; leading a Bible study is not the goal. BEE teaching methods involve modeling the teaching itself, so that by the end of each course, each student in the group feels he can do what he witnessed in the facilitators. By the end of the second course, BEE World requires each student in the "first-generation" group to have his own group before he can continue the training. Our purpose is to set forth a multiplication philosophy and find men and women

who will catch the vision to implement it in their own country.

*FTPC currently supports the "Forests", a missionary couple with BEE World. Both have had severe health issues, In August a scan revealed that she has a huge cancer tumor in her abdomen, with lung tumors and bone spots as well. Surgery was ruled out, so she has been undergoing chemotherapy. The prognosis is not good. Please pray for her healing.*

*To support this family, make a check to FTPC, and write BEE World in the memo line.*





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**Come, Let us  
Adore Him!**

**Christmas  
Eve**

Candlelight Service  
Monday,  
December 24, 2018  
7:30 pm

