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The Rationskip I'm a book lover. Valerie does her best to keep me out of bookstores, but there is always Amazon and the library, and she hasn't figured out a way to keep me offline yet. It's not that I buy a lot of books. Sometime I just like to enjoy the creativity that goes into choosing a catchy title. Like If I'm Diapering a Watermelon, Where'd I Put the Baby? (I'm not making this up; it's a real book.) I haven't read it, but the title caught my attention.

Another title caught my attention recently and sent me down memory lane. The Gospel Comes with a House Key is the title of a book about Biblical hospitality. I've read excerpts, and the author shares some of her adventures in practicing the almost lost art of hospitality with her neighbors. Even the guy who let his 100-pound pit bull run loose.

Some neighbors are easier than others, and that's where the trip down memory lane started. Fifty years ago I was single, living at home, working nights, and attending college afternoons and evenings. There was a two-hour parking limit on our street. Two houses up the road lived our neighbor, CG, a retired widower whose goal in life seemed to be insuring that that two-hour parking limit was enforced. I'd get home around six a.m., park on the street so other family members could get out of the driveway, and hit the sack until I had to leave for class in the afternoon. It became a sickeningly regular occurrence to discover yet another parking ticket on the windshield thanks to CG's vigilance. It's not that the LAPD didn't have anything better to do, but they regularly sent somebody by to write tickets in response to CG's phone calls. He was the kind of guy I wanted to pray against instead of pray for.

My parents took a different approach. They began looking for opportunities to befriend him. Their love was much more effective than my angry frustration. The day eventually came when CG, at my folks' invitation, invited Jesus to be Lord of his life. With tears in his eyes, he apologized to me for the inconvenience of his insisting that the law be enforced. One day I will see CG in heaven; there will be a parking place reserved for me in front of his mansion.

There's probably a CG in your neighborhood, too. When you begin to open your life and your home to others, good things can happen. In your neighborhood, the gospel can come with a house key as well. Try it. Who knows? It might just get you a good parking place in heaven.

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"Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest." Jeremiah 5:24 Income

For July 2018 \$16,205.56 Through July 2018 \$105,277.44

# Expenses

<u>For July 2018</u> \$11,108.15 <u>Through July 2018</u> \$109,379.66

# FTPC Missions: Missions Fest Seattle - October 19-20

This year's conference, "Scatter" will be held **October 19-20 at Crossroads Bible Church**, 15815 SE 37th St, Bellevue, WA 98006.

### SPEAKERS:



### Andrew Scott

### **CEO Operation Mobilization USA**

Missions innovator Andrew Scott sounds a call for a new era of missions, one that uses the global marketplace for gospel growth and sees every Christian—engineer, baker, pastor,

or other—as God's global image bearer.

Andrew has served in over 52 countries and is the U.S. president of one of the world's largest mission agencies. With eyes on a quickly-growing world and a slower-growing church, he sees that our traditional mission models simply won't do. In his book, "Scatter", he gives a guide to change it up.



### Fred Markert

### YWAM Network for Strategic Initiatives / Terra Nova Project

After becoming a Christian in Berlin, Germany in 1973, Fred pastored a church of young people involved in Bible smuggling and ministry

to the underground church of communist Eastern Europe. He graduated from Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas, TX in 1977, and then joined Youth With A Mission.

Fred's ministry has taken him to 150 countries over the past 30 years and allowed him to collaborate on projects with a wide array of churches, denominations, mission agencies, universities and non-profit organizations worldwide.



### Erin Jones

Erin has taught in a variety of environments, from predominantly Black to predominantly White to some of the most diverse communities in the nation. Erin received an award as the Most Innovative Foreign Language Teacher in 2007 and was the Washington State Milken Educator of the Year in 2008. She received recognition at the White House in March of 2013 as a "Champion of Change" and was Washington State PTA's "Outstanding Educator" in 2015.

After serving as a teacher, school district and state administrator, Erin left her job to run as a candidate for State Superintendent and was the first Black woman to run for any state office in Washington state.

She and her husband have a daughter who recently graduated from Central Washington University, a son who is a senior at Harvey Mudd College and one starting a welding program in the fall. Her husband, James, is a high school teacher in North Thurston School District. They continue to be involved in ministry at their church - James on the worship team and Erin in youth ministry. Both also preach on occasion. Erin now travels the country helping churches and schools and non-profits learn how to better communicate with and serve people from diverse backgrounds.

### Kenneth Bae



Kenneth immigrated to the United States with his family in 1985. He went to high school in California and attended the University of Oregon and Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He held multiple jobs in sales

and marketing until he moved to China in 2006. After years of managing his cultural-exchange business and missionary work, he transitioned into travel and tourism industry in 2010 planning trips for the DPRK (North Korea). Kenneth had a passion to introduce westerners to the untainted beauty of the landscape and people of North Korea and was excited to contribute to their economic development. He is a licensed preacher in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), an ordained Southern Baptist pastor, and has been working with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) since 2005. Kenneth is a husband and a father of three children, ages eighteen to twenty-five.

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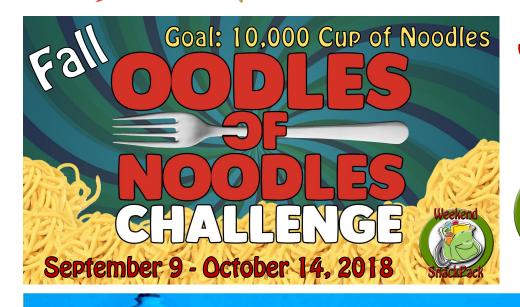
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### Tukwila Weekend SnackPack Volunteer Information & Training

6:00 pm, Thurs, September 20, 2018 Southcenter Community Baptist Activity Center

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11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Children's Program

Find out how you can help to feed homeless children who attend school in Tukwila. Register by contacting Jenny at the church,

206-243-4455 Or email her at tuksnackpack@gmail.com

# Scatter Here, There, and Everywhere

2018 MFS Conference Theme

Oct 19-20 Crossroads Bible Church, Bellevue

### Conference Schedule: Friday October 10

Friday , October 19		11:15 am - 12:15 pm:	General Session, Fred Markert
9:00 am <del>-</del> 3:00 pm:	Pastors & Mission Leaders Workshop*	12:15 - 1:15 pm:	Visit Exhibitors' Booths/On-site Food
10:00 am - 2:00 pm:	Students Grades 4-12 Field Trip*	1:00 - 3:00 pm:	MFS Project: Meal Packaging - 2nd shift
3:00 - 4:40 pm:	Film Festival: Beyond the Next Mountain	1:15 - 2:30 pm:	15 Seminar Options
4:00 - 5:00 pm:	8 Seminar Options	1:15 - 2:30 pm:	Planning MFS 2019 Workshop
4:00 - 7:00 pm:	Prayer Room Open	2:45 - 4:15 pm:	Children's Program
4:00 - 8:00 pm:	On-site Food Available	3:00 - 4:30 pm:	General Session Panel: Erin Jones,
4:00 - 9:00 pm:	80 Mission-Related Exhibitors		Matsike World Orphan Choir
5:30 - 6:30 pm:	13 Seminar Options	4:00 - 6:00 pm:	MFS Project: Meal Packaging - 3rd shift
6:30 - 7:00 pm:	Visit Exhibitors' Booths	5:00 - 6:15 pm:	16 Seminar Options
6:45 - 8:45 pm:	Children's Program pre-K-6th Grade	6:45 - 9:00 pm:	Children's Program
7:00 - 8:30 pm:	General Session: Andrew Scott,	7:00 pm:	Exhibits Close
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9:00 pm:	Exhibitors' Booths Close		Praise Team
Saturday, October 2	20	9:00 pm:	Missions Fest Seattle 2017 Closes

8:00 am - 7:00 pm:Prayer Room Open9:00 am - 7:00 pm:Exhibits Open9:30 - 10:45 am:14 Seminar Options10:00 - Noon:MFS Project: Meal Packaging - 1st shift10:40 am - 7:00 pm:On-site Food Available

conference. Look for more info about ridesharing in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Join other members of FTPC and attend this life changing

\*Advance Registration required at info@missionsfestseattle.org.

### Six Ways to Thank Your Pastor

How can we support the leaders of our local churches? How can we show them our appreciation and encourage them as they fulfill the calling the Lord has given them?

### 1. Pray for them.

What better way is there for you to uplift your pastors and church leaders than through approaching the throne of grace with confidence?

The Lord hears the prayers of His people, and the Lord cares for the leaders of His people. Take time regularly, each day even, to pray for the men and women on your church staff. Pray for their emotional wellbeing, their physical strength, their spiritual wellness, and any specific needs you know. This is definitely the simplest and per-

haps most impactful way you can support your church leaders.

Before you do any of the following, be sure to pray.

### 2. Write them encouraging letters.

Pastors love receiving encouraging letters from people, especially from those in the churches they've pastored. Being approached after a sermon and hearing how the Lord convicted or encouraged people through the Word is great. They might enjoy receiving texts too. But letters of encouragement, especially handwritten ones, are true treasures.

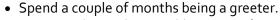
What should you write?

- Thank your leaders for their time outside the typical nine-to-five workday.
- Share some Scripture that may be encouraging to them.
- Tell them about how the Lord has been using their ministry to make you more like Jesus.
- Write about how you saw a friend come to Christ.
- Your pastors and church leaders will appreciate anything encouraging.

### 3. Serve in the church.

Willing hands and warm hearts are so needed in the local church, especially when it comes to children's ministry or nursery help.

• Start by asking your leaders where they need help.



- Sign up to be on the monthly rotation for parking lot duty.
- Volunteer to hold and pray for babies while their parents worship in the sanctuary.
- Any service you offer will be helpful for your church leaders. Simply ask where help is needed and be willing to be a faithful servant.
- 4. Give generously.

Giving is usually a pretty sensitive topic in church, isn't it?

The pastor doesn't want to appear to be campaigning for a higher salary, and the church is sometimes wary to give more than is comfortable.

Pastors aren't in the ministry for the money, or at least I hope they're not—they will be sorely disappointed! You can

show your appreciation for your pastors and church leaders by giving generously and viewing your gifts as an act of worship, not merely ministry maintenance.

### 5. Encourage their families.

We've already seen the toll leading a church can take on the pastor, but often, the pastor's family feels the toll of ministry as well.

Occupational ministry is a family affair, even if the pastor is the only family member working in the church. Late nights, working weekends, phone calls in the middle of the night the demands of ministry affect more than just the one in the role.

Encourage the families of your church leaders in much the same way you encourage your church leaders: prayer, notes and acts of kindness.

### 6. Speak well of the church.

One of the most discouraging parts about leading the people of God is hearing them talk bad about others in the church. Don't gossip about the bride of Christ. The body of Christ is a wounded body because it is made up of wounded people. Don't add salt to its wounds. Speak of the bride of Christ as you would like someone to speak of your spouse. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Don't just give a card — be an encourager.

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# Treat

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - FTPC Parking Lot

