



Connecting our Foursquare Family

as we gather...

Iwould venture a guess that everyone has a special story of gathering together with family or friends for Thanksgiving. There are a few times each year where we all seem to put aside our differences and just enjoy each other. The blessing of Thanksgiving has always been one of those times. It's a time we can just join with one another and enjoy the bounty God has provided. Check out "Our Gathering" inside this newsletter for one of our favorite times...

Happy Thanksgiving!

... in this issue

The decision to put together a newsletter has been an easy one. Some of you have expressed a desire to stay connected to each other and to our denomination beyond the Sunday morning 'announcement' time. It's our prayer that this newsletter will provide just that. With that in mind it's still up to you. There is nothing a Church can do without the support of it's people. Let us know if you like our effort, if you find it helpful at all and of course , help us improve it. Together with God we can do all things, even this!

Thanks, Eureka Foursquare Church

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...our gathering...

While Melissa and I were living in Missoula, we were privileged to have students from the University of Montana join us for Thanksgiving dinners. My son and daughter were just the right age to fill the recruiting duties, our house was large enough, and we enjoyed cooking all our family favorites for everyone. What a blessing it was to have all those young students gather for what I had always considered a 'family' meal. Fact was the students who attended didn't have the opportunity to be with their families back home so we were a kind of 'stand-in' family to them. We always had a great time together.

Thanksgiving Blessing

Not long after one Thanksgiving gathering we were puttering around downtown when we heard someone shout out, "Hey, that's the guy's I spent Thanksgiving with I told you

about!" Melissa and I turned around to see a group of kids all looking our way with one of them pointing directly at us. What followed I'll never forget. Our Thanksgiving friend hugged us and told all his friends about how we would open our home each year for kid's like him who couldn't make it home. "I'd have been eating a sandwich or something alone on Thanksgiving if it wasn't for these guys", he stated.

New Hearts

That's all Melissa and I needed to start making plans for the next year's gathering. I'm happy to say it grew each year until we were called to minister in Eureka. We can't think of Thanksgiving without our minds and hearts remembering the times we gathered with those friends.

Pastor Al

family times

Storytelling. Once a staple of families everywhere storytelling is being replaced by game boxes and computers. Even our cell phones are used for text messages instead of actually speaking to one another. In days gone by it was a favorite pastime but now we're entertained by games, trivia, and Hollywood writers and our culture reflects it. The art of storytelling our forefathers possessed not only entertained us but informed us. In these fascinating life re-enactments we learned moral values, heroics, and even humility. Grandpa or Grandma, Uncle Lou or Aunt Emma would hold even teenagers attention with their life experiences and everyone would learn from it. Story times could last well into the night and the memories would last a lifetime.

Join us in making this newsletter a family event—share your stories with us. We'll take the time to listen and maybe in the process we'll even learn something.



new wednesday service times

Winter in Montana provides us with some unique challenges. The days get shorter, the roads slicker, and for many of us we'd just rather stay home in the evenings next to our fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate beside us. Truth is I can find no biblical reason not to, OK everyone say hallelujah! More biblical is to be a servant of all, and for me that mainly means

you, our church family. In that vein EFC will begin to hold our Wednesday service times at 1:00 pm (just after lunch time). We'll still do the same things and endeavor to hear from the Lord just as fervently as always just at a different time. Join us for this time of worship, and by the way, bring along a friend!

birthdays and anniversaries

Anniversaries:

Sharon & Wendy Branscome—November 9th

Birthdays:

Mike Reynolds—November 17th

Sue Glover—November 18th

the food pantry—our largest outreach

There's nothing quite like giving to those in need. In our hearts we know that we are doing a good thing and the Holy Spirit always let's us know that God is pleased with our efforts. That's the blessing that the workers in the EFC pantry know.



grow every month and we pray for the ability to provide all that is needed. There are people in this valley that without help would go hungry. We've heard it over and over, "We had no food in the house."

42 Families

The food pantry is our largest ministry outreach and just last month we provided food to 42 families, the most ever. The need seems to

Kingdom Work

It seems like everyone in our church is involved in making this a successful ministry. May God bless you for all your help and dedication. Keep up the good work, it's for the Kingdom!

we're part of glacier division!

Did you know the Eureka Foursquare Church is a part of the Glacier Division? Our division consists of 7 churches, Whitefish, Kalispell, Libby, Polson, St. Ignatius, The Rock (Kalispell South), and Eureka. Our illustrious leader is Paul Ogle, pastor of the Whitefish Church.

and a local pastor, all in that order.

Why?

Why do we have a division since we are part of the Great Northern District? Glad you asked! Foursquare is a denomination that believes in leaders. We have an international president, district supervisor, divisional superintendent,

Accountability & Accessibility

It's all about accountability and accessibility. The local pastor is accountable to all their leaders and more importantly their leaders are accessible to them. There's never a time when your pastor cannot call for help in any situation. They have the full resources of Foursquare available to them and the experience of qualified leaders to help make sure that the local church is equipped and ready for all the good work of the Lord. Now that's the way things should work!



the Christian life

trusting God with your future

By Dr. David Jeremiah

A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

Many Christians have unshakeable faith that God will deliver them safely through their many trials and anticipate arriving at heaven's door several decades from now. But some of those same Christians have a harder time trusting God to provide a job, income, or solution to a problem that is just days away. Why can we trust God with eternity but have a harder time trusting Him for tomorrow? This raises the question, "Is our life scripted by God or is it determined by our choices?" The answer is, yes. Psalm 139:16 suggests a script for our life, yet the Bible is full of exhortations to choose

wisely as if our choices determine our future. We live in the reality – the tension – between both truths, what scholars call an antinomy: two parallel truths that suggest a contradiction. But there are no contradictions with God. He uses "all things" (Romans 8:28), both wise and foolish, to accomplish His script for our life: conformity to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). Tomorrow and eternity are no different to God. Plan today as prayerfully and carefully as you anticipate eternity – and trust Him for both.

Thanksgiving

By: Debbie Przybylski—*Intercessors Arise*

- **Thank and praise God for everything in your life.** Thank Him for even the difficulties. It is a sacrifice to do this. But He can turn troubles to triumph. "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name" (Hebrews 13:15).
- **Don't allow yourself to complain about anything.** During the difficult times, be very careful to watch your

tongue. Instead of complaining, think of ways you can verbally offer God the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

● **Don't compare yourself with others.** Don't wish that your life was different. God knows what is best. The Bible says having a thankful heart is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. When we begin to thank God for what we have rather than comparing ourselves with others, it opens the door for God's blessings.

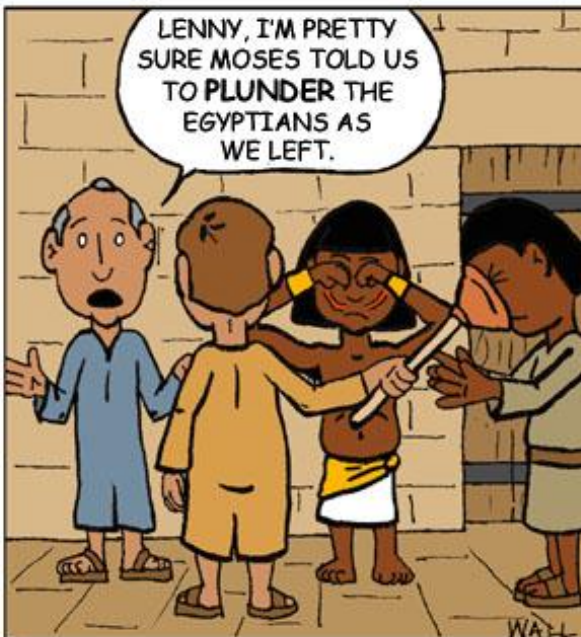
"God smiles when we praise and thank Him continually. Few things feel better than receiving heartfelt praise and appreciation from someone else. God loves it, too... An amazing thing happens when we offer praise and thanksgiving to God. When we give God enjoyment, our own hearts are filled with joy" ~Rick Warren

PUMPKIN OATMEAL COOKIES

1 cup canned or cooked pumpkin
1 cup brown sugar
2 Eggs
1 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cloves
3 cups oatmeal
1 cup raisins

Thoroughly mix pumpkin and brown sugar; then beat in eggs. Stir together flour, soda and spices. Gradually add flour mixture to pumpkin, then mix in oatmeal and raisins. Drop by spoonful's on non-stick or oil-sprayed cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-20 minutes. Makes 4-5 dozen.

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex." "Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:00 or 10:30 service?"



from district

three pastors set in for service

On Sunday the 21st three new district pastors will be officially set in for service in the Foursquare Church. Steve and Michelle White from The Rock, Kalispell's Southside church and Angelita Ogle from the Whitefish church.

There is no greater honor than to dedicate one's life to the work of the ministry and even though many do so without an official title, to be formally recognized as a church leader says to the world, "Were here to do God's work!"

Please join with us as we pray for God's bountiful harvest through these faithful servants.

new district churches

The Kingdom ever increases! Foursquare is pleased to announce the planting of two new churches within the Great Northern District.

Hope Chapel (Red Lodge Foursquare Church) in Red Lodge, Montana
pastored by Dan Swaningson (Great Northern District)

Word of Life (Billings West Foursquare Church) in Billings, Montana
pastored by Alex Chai (Great Northern District)

stories of inspiration from our district



Fourteen years ago this past Memorial Day, a teenage girl named Ashleigh got into an argument with her mother, Janice, on the last day of their traditional backpack trip to Yosemite National Park. Turning on her heel, the teen stormed off toward the trail head, leaving her mother and younger sister to break camp and meet back at the car.

When mom and sister walked up to the car, Ashleigh was nowhere to be found. Somewhere along the way, more than likely distracted by her own thoughts, she had zigged when she should have zagged.

This is just one of the situations a pastor faces with the families they serve. Brian Empie, senior pastor of River Valley Christian Fellowship in Bozeman, Mont., shares a moving personal story that reminds us that the work we do for the Lord is never in vain. For the story in it's entirety please visit the International Foursquare Church website at the address below. You'll find many such accounts of inspiration for you to read.

www.foursquare.org/news/article/your_work_matters



national info

*Our Foursquare President:
Glenn C. Burris Jr.*



Many of us may not know our president, Glenn Burris Jr., or at least know much about who he is. In this, our inaugural issue, it seemed logical to get to know a little about him. What I know personally is that he's a man of great integrity with a passion for God and having spent time with him on more than one occasion I can add that he's really just like you and me, down to earth and approachable. We've included his bio (see below) so you can also get

the official scoop on his background.

Big Shoes

Following in the footsteps of Jack Hayford, president from 2003 until retirement in 2008, is not for the faint of heart and we can all rest assured that Glenn is the man for the job!

Glenn's bio...

President Glenn Burris Jr. graduated from Mount Vernon Bible College in 1976. He served as youth pastor in Concord, N.C., for a year and, in 1977, became a senior pastor in Macon, Ga. He later pastored the Foursquare church in Cornelius, N.C., and has served as a divisional superintendent, a member of the cabinet, and a member of the board of directors where he currently serves on the Building Committee, Bylaw Committee, Executive Commit-

tee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee, and the Pastoral Formation, Education, and Nurture Committee.

In 1992, Glenn was appointed district supervisor of the Southeast District; in 2002, he was appointed general supervisor of the U.S. national church. In September 2008, Glenn began leading The Foursquare Church as interim president for a 13-month term. His passions are planting churches and caring for pastors.

missions corner

what is FMI?

FMI is Foursquare Missions International. In obedience to the mandate of the Lord Jesus Christ to go and make disciples of all nations, FMI is committed to evangelizing; establishing churches worldwide that are healthy and reproducing; discipling and training healthy reproducing leaders; and facilitating holistic and creative ministry that demonstrates both passion and compassion (serving, healing, teaching and building).

Foursquare International

The Foursquare family may have started in the U.S., but our family has grown far beyond the U.S. border. We now have over 75,000 ministers in 64,000 churches and meeting places serving more than 8 million members around the world. In addition, we have close to 100 missionaries serving local people, not to mention thousands of people joining them on short-term missions trips each year.

Foursquare has landed in more than 140 countries. We have some really amazing people stationed around the world with one goal—telling others about the love of Jesus!

verse of the month

Colossians 2:7

Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.



Join us each **Sunday morning at 10:30 am** for our worship service or **Wednesday's at 1:00pm** for our midweek service

Welcome Home!

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