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Worship Service: 10:30am
July 21, 2017



To **CONNECT** with God, each other & the world
as we experience **PURPOSE, BELONGING &**
LIFE-CHANGING discipleship.



Choose Joy

The most memorable game I ever watched was three years ago when the Seattle Seahawks staged an improbable “come from behind” overtime win vs. the Green Bay Packers to earn the right to return to the Super Bowl. For the record, I neither hate nor love the Seahawks. (Those of you who are part of the 12 might have just stopped reading this. If you’re still with me, I’ll try to make the next few paragraphs worth your while.)

There were some spectacular plays that punctuated Seattle’s big win, but what made that game so memorable for me was the adversity and endurance that preceded their victory. It was ultimately their endurance that defined how the Hawks overcame their opponent. (I’m a Vikings fan, so I know all about adversity, just not so much about victory ... big sigh...)

It is “endurance” that I have on my mind as I write today. The Holy Spirit inspired

Paul to write about this very topic in his letter to the Roman Christians. He said,

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”

(Romans 5:3-5)

Rejoicing in the midst of trouble is a learned response. Delight is not a normal human reaction to adversity. Yet, it seems as if Paul is saying it is possible and part of the foundation upon which we overcome. I never hope for trials, I always hope my path will be unobstructed. But God, in His sovereign wisdom, knows the true value of tribulations: namely that they produce endurance, strong character, and hope. These are certainly essential in a life that Jesus promised “would have trouble.”

In grade school I learned about how caterpillars weave a cocoon around themselves in order to create the chamber in which they will become a butterfly. The struggle to break free of the barrier after they have transformed is what gives their wings the strength to fly. Without the struggle, they would never fulfill the purpose for which they were created. Their struggle is essential for their beautiful flight.

Isn't it true that the more difficult the task, quest, or journey, the more rewarding the completion becomes. Do you find yourself in the midst of a trial just now? Stay your course my friend. I hope to encourage you with the this thought: with the hope of our peaceful eternity in Christ, God can use this light and temporary trouble for good. Your pain will not be wasted, but rather can be a key ingredient to develop you into a disciple of endurance, character, and hope. As you endure, remember, you are beloved by God!

May you know the Lord's presence in the midst of your difficulty. Choose joy beloved of God!

Your brother and friend,
shaun

PS - I am aware that my blog today might not be helpful to someone who is experiencing the dark depths of grief and loss. In light of that, I offer these final two thoughts. First, quiet presence is sometimes the best (and only) consolation we can give to a friend who is in the “valley of the shadow.” Possibly you could offer yourself to be quietly-present in such a scenario. Secondly, I'd like to recommend an excellent book written by someone who has experienced (and continues to experience) deep grief. The book is *A Grace Disguised*, by Jerry Sittser.

Church Opener

July 23

Merle Royer

July 30

Earl Wolf

Head Usher

Church Lock-Up

July 23

Steve Kennedy

July 30

Dennis King

Nursery

July 23

10:30am

Candice, Josiah,
Isaiah & Jeremiah
Schaapman

July 30

10:30am

Kelli Guehrn &
Lorraine Kooy



Youth Group

Summer Schedule

Weds, July 26

Pool Party &

Hot Dog Roast

7-9:30pm

At the home of Ben
& Candice

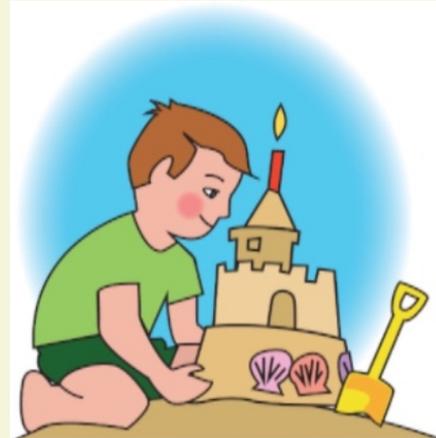
Schaapman

(10663 Rd S NW)

No Cost

Bring your own
towel.

Modest, one-piece
or full-coverage
swimsuits ONLY!



**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

7/1 Carol Faw

7/1 Alexa Laughlin

7/3 Diane Wolf

7/4 Connor

Donovan

7/6 Shea Heikes

7/6 Cole Roduner

7/6 Caleb

Williamson

7/7 Lisa Barth

7/9 Lynn Cenell

7/9 Steve Konen

7/9 Hailey McKee

7/10 Blaine Lee

7/12 Randy Zolman

7/13 Betty Boorman

7/15 Chance Lee

7/16 Nathan Mead

7/17 Lorin Grigg Jr.

7/18 Christina Arnall

7/18 Evan Landin

7/20 Linda

Duckworth

7/20 Sharma

Williamson

7/21 Hayden

Guehrn

7/21 Darby Jones

7/21 Samantha



Cookies are needed for the Sunday evening Spanish-speaking services at CRO. If you are able to supply cookies, drop them off in the QFMC kitchen on Sundays and mark them, CRO-Pastor Daniel. Thank you!



July 6-21 years

Andrew & Ruth
Royer

July 19-37 years

Ron & Sue Huxtable

July 23-12 years

James & Kristin
Mead

July 30-15 years

Don & Siyada Low

July 31-41 years

Brad & Phyllis
Bierlink

Schaapman
7/23 Kylie Clark
7/23 Kylee Roduner
7/24 Amy Hunt
7/26 Randy
Jimerson
7/26 Terry Schwint
7/27 Ron Buys
7/28 Daryl
Chesterman
7/28 Kaitlin Ramsey
7/31 Bonnie
Kniveton

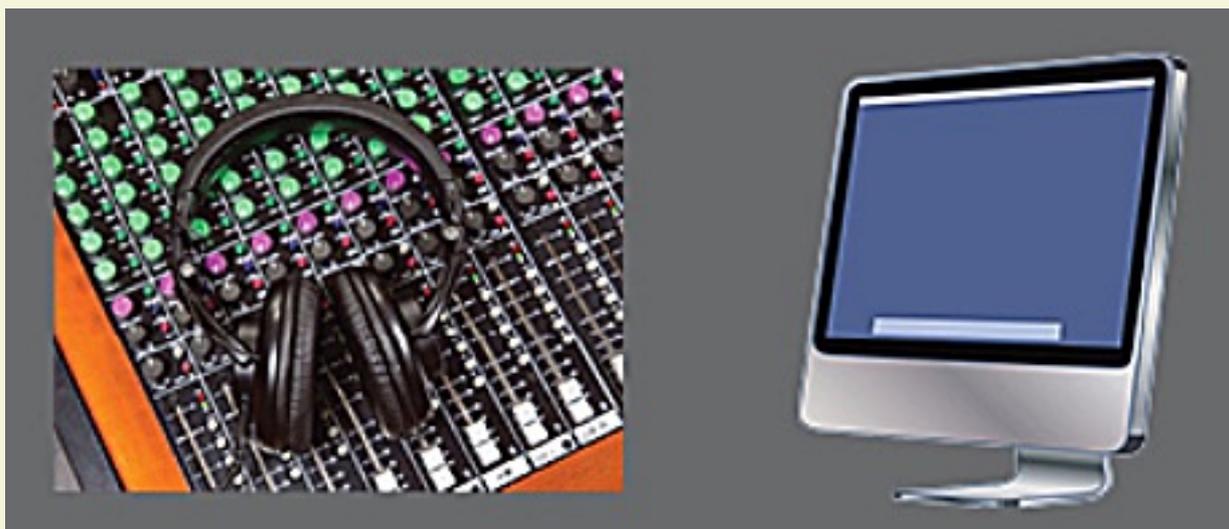
Men's Ministry is hosting

CHERRY "PIE" IN JULY

Purpose Inspiration Encouragement



Tuesday, July 25
6:30pm
QFMC Administration Office
There will be pie to eat
and a video to watch!



Sound Booth Help Needed!

If you would be interested in being part of the "Sound Booth" team, working with the computer or the sound system, contact Ben Schaapman, 787-5964 or James Mead, 237-8876.

The Nominating Committee requests your input for names of qualified individuals to serve in the following positions: (all positions have a 3-year term)

Delegates: The Delegates serve on the Board of Administration as leaders in the local Church and also represent QFMC at the Pacific Northwest Conference. They also serve as a liaison between QFMC and PNW Conference in the event of a Senior Pastoral change. **(Church membership is a requirement).**

Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee serves at the discretion of, and reports directly to, the Board of Administration. Its primary functions are to recommend policy, protect the integrity of the Church in regards to personnel practices, and be a resource team to the Board of Administration. **(Chairperson is required to be a church member).**

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee serves at the discretion of, and reports directly to, the Board of Administration. Its primary functions are to recommend policy, protect the integrity of the Church in regards to the Finance policy, and be a resource team to the Board of Administration. **(Chairperson is required to be a church member).**

Properties Committee: The Properties Committee reports directly to the Board of Administration. Its primary functions are to oversee day-to-day upkeep and maintenance of all buildings and grounds, janitorial services and church-owned vehicles. **(Chairperson is required to be a church member).**

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee is accountable to the Society. Its primary functions are to recommend to the Society qualified individuals to serve in the ministry of QFMC, and to review the nominating process. **(Chairperson is required to be a church member).**



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