



# Spirit of Faith

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*Of East Wenatchee*  
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....to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

## Perseverance in the Christian Life

*"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."*  
Second Chronicles 15: 7

We had some serious irrigation line problems at the church last month. It began with two gentlemen wandering around our church property one morning, telling me that they had shut off our irrigation line. They were from the irrigation district, and they shut off our line at the request of one of our neighbors. (The line was leaking into our neighbor's yard!)

I alerted our Property Ministry Team, and our custodian and lawn care employee, Mike Mattix. Mike and I inspected the source of the leak. The neighbor had dug down three feet to expose the source of the leak: a broken coupler.

After receiving some excellent advice, Mike dug a much bigger hole, sawed out the broken coupler, and installed a new one. Although our first attempt at a repair was not successful (it still leaked!), we tried again with another coupler. Our second attempt was successful. The pipe got cold, but showed no sign of leaking. Success! The hole has now been filled in, and it looks as though nothing was every wrong in the first place.

There are several lessons we can learn this irrigation line repair which apply to living out of our faith.

**The first is this: life is unpredictable, and often filled with unexpected challenges and difficulties.** There are so many passages of scripture which begin with the phrase, "And they were greatly surprised..." We should expect the unexpected as we live out our lives.

**The second is that seeking out good advice is very wise.** When Mike and I were stumped about what to do, we sought out advice from Jose Gonzales, who is an expert in irrigation matters. As we seek to follow God, the scriptures are an invaluable source of wisdom. 2 Timothy 3:16 reminds us that *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."*

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**The third is that perseverance is necessary.** Our first attempt may not be successful. Yet if we keep trying, we will eventually find success. Consider these words from Philippians 3: 13-14: *“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

May you all have a blessed month of July, and try to stay cool! May you persevere through what promises to be a long, hot summer!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

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## **Canyon Hills Youth use our church as a base camp for local mission!**

For the twenty-fifth year in a row, youth from Canyon Hills Community Church in Bothell stayed in our facility for three days, while doing mission work in our community. They arrived on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and stayed through Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, leaving just before noon.

This year, there were more youth and leaders than ever before: 75 people in total!

The youth worked at the Wenatchee Rescue Mission, the Wenatchee Lighthouse Ministries, and the Salvation Army. They also did some outreach events at local parks. These local ministries appreciated their efforts, as was shown by the blue T-Shirts given to them by the Wenatchee Rescue Mission.

Yet the youth also did some work at our church, painting an exterior section of our building by the main parking lot. They did an excellent job, even though many of the youth were not very old. Some of them used large paper cups as paint cans!

They also painted the interior walls around our newly installed exterior doors on Second Street. Again, they did a superior job.

Alex Croutworst, the Children and Youth Ministries pastor at the Canyon Hills, was very thankful to us for graciously turning our building over to their group for three days. Kids were staying in nearly every nook and cranny of our building! Yet they put everything back, just as it was before, and cleaned very well before they left. They especially appreciated using our Patio of Praise as a place to eat their meals.

I believe that our partnership with Canyon Hills Community Church is a mutually beneficial arrangement. Our facility is perfect for their group, and they do important mission work in our community, and help us out with needed projects. It is a win-win!

They do plan to be back next year! I hope that we will continue our ministry of hospitality to bless them with use of our facility.

-Submitted by Pastor Jim

## Tall Timber News

We have some important news from Tall Timber, our Presbyterian camp near Lake Wenatchee. The camp has hired an interim director! Jim Schmotzer comes to the camp with a wealth of experience in leading churches and in school setting. Jim also has experience with Tall Timber, having served a counselor, a Camp Dean, and a speaker at the camp in decades past. He recently retired from a part-time public schools position in Bellingham.

He will be serving the camp on a month-by-month basis, for what is anticipated to be a three month period of time.

He joins Keith Hovde, Head Chef; Michael Johnson, Facilities Director; and Drew Hixenbaugh, Operations Assistant, in rounding out the staff.

Stan Fishburn, Director Emeritus of the camp, has served as our consulting administrator for the past few months. Stan will continue to be involved with the camp, particularly with the ropes course. However, his role will shift with the hiring of an interim director.

In the meantime, the Board of the Camp is working on clarity of the Mission of Tall Timber, and will begin the search soon for a permanent Executive Director.

In addition to some staff transitions, the camp is need of a number of property improvements and projects. A team is being formed to address these needs, headed up by Board member Kat Barrett and Becky Fishburn.

Please do keep the Board, the Staff, and all supporters of Tall Timber in your prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jim



Jacob Deal	July	1
Paul Ford	July	1
Linda M Mitchell	July	6
Chris Dugan	July	13
Brenda O'Brien	July	19
Carolyn Fuson.	July	28
Chris Elliott.	July	30
Frankie Zumwalt	July	31



Jon and Tara Abbott	July 03
Bruce and Julie McLean	July 04
Heath and Patty Rush	July 10
David and Erica Stanfield	July 16
Pastor Jim and Jeana Deal	July 20
Jim and Claudia Patterson	July 26

*Happy Anniversary to you!*



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