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A Message from Pastor

We Have All We Need

He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength as our labors increase;
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials he multiplies peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.



These old gospel song lyrics speak directly to my personal journey over the past three months. It is the gift of God's grace, the expression of the Lord's love for me that has carried me through my health challenges, through the intense pain and the long nights of isolation that comes with an extended hospital stay and recuperation. This Sabbatical rest was not at all what I had planned, but the Lord provided all that I needed especially in the times when there was no strength left in me. I praise the Lord for the truth of this song in my life! Indeed I have all I need.

But what about us as a church, as a community of faith, as a group of disciples of Jesus the Christ, do we have all we need? I want to thank Rev. Gary Kindly for his encouragement during our Anniversary celebration. I was told by so many that heard him speak that the truth of his statement, "You have all you need", resonated deeply within the hearts of our people. It is true that as a church the Lord has provided all we need to be church through the grace gifts given to each of us.

This summer and on into the fall our community will continue to explore and celebrate the spiritual gifts that God has given to each one of us. Answering the question, "What are your spiritual gifts?" is the first step in finding your place of ministry and service in our community. We are asking everyone to participate in an online survey (www.umc.org/spiritualgifts) to help you discover your spiritual gifts. We would like you to share those findings with us, so that our ministries can be based upon the spiritual giftedness of our people. We want to celebrate your giftedness and help you become more equipped to grow in your spiritual grace gifts and find joy in using them in the Lord's ministry here at White Rock.

It is true, we have all we need through God's grace, "for out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth and giveth, and giveth again"!



The Fast Five

We have in our midst one of the few, the proud - a Marine!

When did you enlist in the service?

I served in the United States Marine Corp from 1980-1985, earning the rank of a Corporal.

What other names do you go by?

I was born December 7, 1961 at 8:15 AM (20 minutes and 20 years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor) therefore earning the nickname 20/20 by my dad.

How were you introduced to Jesus Christ?

Up until the age of 14 I attended a Catholic Church. I later attended a Baptist Church and was baptized at the age of 14.

How did you find White Rock Community Church?

Arthur and I had been attending another church and became disenchanted. We had driven by WRCC for years since we live in Nevada, just on the other side of Wylie. We wanted to find a new church home and visited WRCC.

When was the moment you knew you were home?

I went to the alter for prayer and was met by Pastor Viv. Her prayer for me in the presence of the LORD was the deciding factor.

John Cook has a beautiful voice and sang with the WRCC Choir. In November 2007, John, dressed in his Marine uniform, 'blues', sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth". There was not a dry eye in the sanctuary when he returned to his seat.

We are blessed to have this fine gentleman in our midst, along with his partner Arthur.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for the next **Couples Ministry Luncheon!** Sunday, August 9th, immediately following the morning worship service. Location: Penne Pomodoro in the Lakewood Shopping Center. (next door to the Dixie House)

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Mark Wilson or David Gibbons.

June 2009 Treasurer's Report

Following are the financial results for June 2009:

Total contributions (excluding Friends Ministry): \$ [REDACTED]

Total expenses (excluding Friends Ministry & Renovations expense): [REDACTED]

Total deficit for the month of June [REDACTED]

Year-to-date financial results through June are:

Total contributions (excluding Friends Ministry and endowment gift): [REDACTED]

Total expenses (excluding Friends Ministry and Renovation expense): [REDACTED]

Total deficit Year-to-Date though June [REDACTED]

Our giving provides for our church's ministries and ultimately to our mission to "point people to Jesus through reaching, teaching, celebrating, and serving". Please be in prayer about the finances of our church, and what we need to do as a church to encourage each other to be faithful and cheerful givers.

Rick Marshall, Treasurer

August Birthdays

August 1 David F

August 2 Angie H

August 9 Barb M

August 13 Patti J

August 13 Carols M

August 15 James J

August 17 Jerry R

August 22 Cody McD

August 22 Laura D

August 26 David R

August 29 David W



August Worship

Pastor Walker Preaching
August 2 I Corinthians 12:12-30

