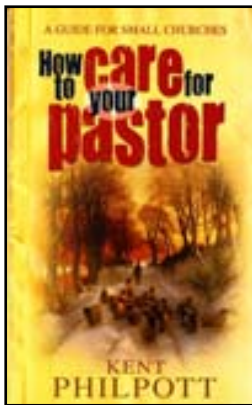




Book ^{of} the Month

Presented by Hal Ueland



How to Care for your Pastor: A Guide for Small Churches

By Kent Philpott

Quick. What's on your night stand, right now?

No peeking.

Most of us have at least a book sitting next to the bed; the less disciplined of us (er...me, for instance) have several. But what are they? Are they worthy of your time? Your energy?

Well here's one that is. Ken Philpott recently published a short book, almost a booklet really of about 120 pages, titled *How to Care for your Pastor: A Guide for Small Churches*. It's not theory, it's not doctrinal and it's not hard to read. It is just timely, practical and Godly advice for you and for me.

For instance, did you realize that "questions and comments ... can discourage a pastor with even the stoutest of hearts"? Find examples of these in Chapter 1. Maybe there's one there YOU'VE asked/made/thought. I found one. The next time I spout off at the mouth, maybe this list will come to mind. Maybe.

In Chapter 2, Philpott declares that "Pastors are jars of clay; they need to know it, and their congregations need

to know it as well or the glory will be misplaced..." Do you think of Pastor as bullet proof; spiritual, super man? I confess that sometimes I do. Or is he vulnerable, growing and needy of respect and support?

The answer is probably a little of each, and Philpott weaves in some interesting anecdotes in his book to show us this. He shares incidents that have shaped his 40-year ministry, advice he's been given, and pastoral terrors his family has survived. In Chapter 5 he recalls his "first and only pastor" (he was converted at 21 and in the ministry by 24) warning him of those who serve "roast preacher" for Sunday dinner." Yikes. He tells of watching that same pastor, whom he speaks affectionately of, totally lose his cool after getting spiked in a Church-league softball game and chase the offending second baseball all around the outfield. Real stuff. Pastors are people too.

And Pastors, according to Philpott, apparently have families as well. In Chapter 10 he reminds us that pastors, as all elders, have a biblical responsibility to manage their families well (1 Tim 3), yet "often the standards applied to a pastor's family can be so rigorous that no family would pass inspection." At the very same time, pastors are expected to drop everything, especially family time, whenever something comes up. Philpott recalls feeling "guilty the whole time" when he honored a promise to take his daughter to a movie for her birthday.

There is much more to commend in this short book. In the Preface, Philpott comments that "If a congregation is to care for a pastor, it is necessary for that congregation to know who and what a pastor is." One step toward that goal might be reading this book.

Did I mention it is short?

Church Happenin's

- March 1 to 5 Pastor Bruce will be at the CB Northwest Annual Meetings
- Wednesday, Mar. 3 Upward Bound Share-A-Dish, 11:30 AM at 1404 Dillon Rd.
- Sunday, Mar. 7 Evening Fellowship Service, 6 PM
- Monday, Mar. 8 Council Meetings, 7 PM—If you would like to participate in the ministries at FBC, please join us. Elders & Deacons meet at 6:30.
- Sunday, Mar 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins, set your clocks forward one hour.
- March 15, 17, & 19 FISH Food Bank Duty
- Saturday, Mar. 20 Men's Breakfast, 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday, Mar. 21 Luncheon Benefit, following the morning service. Hosted by the Dominican Republic team.
- Monday, Mar. 22 Elder Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Saturday, Mar. 27 Church Clean-up Day
Upward Bound Trip
- Sunday, Mar. 28 Palm Sunday

Future Events

- Sunday, Apr. 4 Easter Breakfast
- Sunday, Apr 18 1st Quarter Meeting
- Thursday, May 6 National Day of Prayer
- August 13-15 Family Camp 2010



BIRTHDAYS!

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| David Warrenka | March 1 |
| Dani DeHaven | March 2 |
| Julie Ueland | March 5 |
| Jenna Lee Arrington | March 9 |
| Alyssa Bryan | March 10 |
| Laura Wittmeyer | March 14 |
| John Page | March 16 |
| Jared Bryan | March 19 |
| Lois Nance | March 19 |
| Marian Warrenka | March 22 |
| Ben Spotts | March 23 |
| Robert Rowan | March 25 |
| Oscar Stenberg | March 26 |
| Paul Brown | March 30 |
| Becky Sandercock | March 31 |



** If your birthday doesn't appear on the list, that means we have no record of it. Please let Lora know in the Church Office, and we will add you to our lists.

THANKS

"We would like to thank our Singles group for the wonderful Valentine Dinner that you provided for us to enjoy. It was a fantastic and encouraging evening."

-Your Church Family

A special thank you to all those who helped provide the meal for Floyd Branson's memorial service. I know it was a blessing to Nokie, as well as the rest of the family.

FISH FOOD BANK DUTY

March 15, 17 & 19

Contact Julie Clark at 541-354-1972 for details on how you can help.





New Ladies Groups Forming

Thursday Evenings, Beginning this Spring

This group is designed to be a discussion-based study group that will be working through basic church doctrines and Bible study methods. Our goal is to train people to study the Bible for themselves as we walk through basic doctrines together. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact Lora Weatherly at fbhoodriver@gorge.net.

Beginning in the Fall

Sandy Parker and Joan Kulper will be heading up this group and are looking for feedback on good days and times for this study. If you are interested in participating with this group, please contact Joan at rjkulper@gorge.net or Sandy at sandyparker@gmail.com.

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



One case where you probably shouldn't do what Jesus would do.



Church Clean-Up

Saturday, March 27th

Bring some gloves and tools and help us spruce up the yard and building for Easter.

Evening Fellowship Service

Sunday, March 7th, 6 PM



Our Evening Fellowship Service typically falls on the first Sunday of the month. Join us for a time of singing, testimony, and fellowship.



Annual Meetings

March 1st through 5th

Pastor Bruce will be out of the office to attend our Northwest Association Denominational Meetings.

Bible Based Counseling

Pastor Bruce Parker and Joan Kulper offer biblically based counseling, free of charge, in the areas of: individual, family, marriage, and pre-marriage. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office or Joan Kulper at (509) 493-3901.



Upward Bound



Mar. 3rd

Share-A-Dish

Meeting at 11:30 AM at the home of Gary & Dee Dillon (1404 Dillon Rd.) Lunch begins at noon.

Mar. 27th

Mt. Hood Railroad Train Ride

Leaving the Church at 8:45 AM. \$12.00 each Senior, call Dee at 541-490-4602 to reserve seats.

For more information on Senior Ministry activities, please contact Gary & Dee Dillon at 541-490-4602.



Spotlight on Missions

By Marian Warrenka



Gene & Linda Fisher

*Teachers of Missionary Children
in Chiang Mai, Thailand*

(From their recent prayer letter.)

“Gene and I have continued in our roles as music teacher (Gene) and secondary principal (Linda) for what is now our 7th year at *Grace International School*. This year has been a year of learning again to trust God, especially for the future of *Grace*. The school has lost a lawsuit filed against it, which may result in school property being seized without compensation. We are in the midst of appealing the verdict but are in the process of raising funds to build a new school in another location. Our current enrollment is 530 students, 90% of whom are children of Christian workers in Thailand and neighboring countries. *Grace* fills a vital role in keeping these families on the field. Whatever happens, we believe *Grace International School* will continue, we just don't know at the present time where that will take place. Please pray that we will not lose our focus in providing a quality, balanced, education for the children of these dear people of God. Pray too that we will be a positive witness to our neighbors and that they will see Jesus in us no matter the outcome of the court case.”

Columbia Gorge  YoungLife

*An organization that partners with local churches
to minister to unchurched youth through school
youth clubs, activities, and camps.*

Young Life has had a leader training session in The Dalles. They have trained about 35 people. These workers will now be fully equipped to work with youth in their churches and community, praise the Lord! Please pray for Young Life and the work they are doing to reach youth in all of the Mid-Columbia. Pray for an openness to the Gospel in our youth. Please also pray for the financial needs of this ministry.

Ben & Libby Spotts

Ben & Libby are now the proud parents of a baby girl! Asha Judith Spotts, was born on February 13th. She was 8 lbs, 2 oz., and 19" long. Libby's mother is currently staying with them in India to help with Shane (3 yrs) and Lukas (17 mos.).



Attention!

Atención!

You're Invited to a

Dominican Dinner

Sunday, March 21st, After Service!

Come join us as our Dominican Republic Short-term Mission Team provides a meal and shares about their plans for the Mission Trip this May (May 14th through 24th).

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for an openness to the Gospel among the Dominican people the team will minister to.
- Please pray for financial provision for the team members.
- Please pray for unity and organization as the team prepares for their trip.

Raising Funds.

Please bring in your full mission banks as soon as you can! Also, feel free to take another bank to fill, or to donate directly toward one of the participants going on the trip by turning in donations to the offering plate. Checks may be written to FBC and marked for the Dominican Trip in the name of one of the participants.

Those participating on the team are:

Pastor Bruce Parker, Heather Judson, Trisha Silva, Debby Nichols, Rane Staska, Stephaine Clarke, Dani DeHaven, Hal Ueland, Laura & Gabe Darland, and Dave & Marian Warrenka.

FIDELIS

NOTES

By Doris Kahler

Fidelis Missionary/Pastoral Supply is a designated fund in our Church budget, totally dependent on free-will offerings. Our group makes items requested by mission hospitals and our local nursing homes, and collects various items needed by missionaries, Christian schools, and other Christian organizations. We also raise funds and collect items to assist with local area ministries such as the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC), Child Evangelism, and Columbia Gorge Young Life.

We use:

- Lots of old, part-cotton sheets of any color or design for roller bandages and wipes for mission hospitals.
- New or good used baby clothing and blankets for the PRC and mission hospitals.
- Fabrics for making clothing protectors, wheelchair arm bags, neck pillows, therapy cubes, and walker bags for nursing homes.
- Health care items such as cotton balls or rolls, sterile and non-sterile exam gloves, 4"x4" gauze pads, and adhesive tape for mission hospitals.
- Cancelled stamps, which will be sent where they can be sold to collectors to raise funds for missions.
- Christian literature, such as daily devotionals, magazines (please no *Guide Posts*), biographies, books, teaching materials, Bibles and Concordance. These will be sent to Christian Resources International, which will distribute them to missionaries all over the world.
- Monetary Donations. (Please make any checks out to First Baptist Church, and mark any funds for Fidelis.)

We have made good use of both the white and colored old sheets. The better ones are used to make things requested for either retirement homes or mission hospitals. The "well-used" sheets are torn into strips and rolled into roller bandages by Katie Curtis. Finally, the scraps are made into 4 x 4" wipes.

Thank you for your donations of old sheets. Our collection box for sheets and items from the list above is on the bottom shelf under the window in the church office.

If you have any questions about our work, or would like to find out how you can help, please contact Doris Kahler at 541-386-5388.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Mar. 20, 8 AM

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Breakfast meets on the third Saturday of each month.

REMEMBER?



**Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!**



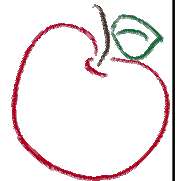
Sunday, March 14th



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 4th, 9 AM

Sign-ups will available on March 14th. Please help us plan by letting us know how many to expect!



AFTER EDEN

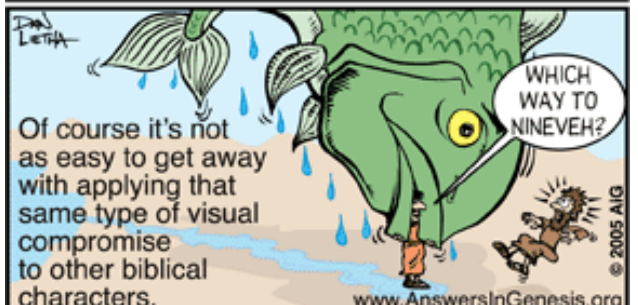
by Dan Lietha

The Bible says that God replaced Adam & Eve's fig leaf coverings with "coats of skin".

Genesis 3:21



In spite of that fact, many cartoonists draw Adam & Eve continuing to live in leaves because it's an easy visual way to identify them.



Of course it's not as easy to get away with applying that same type of visual compromise to other biblical characters.

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