

The Coffey Shoppe

I've never gone to the movies alone, and I probably never will. The thought of sitting alone at a theater sounds uninviting for several reasons. One, it seems like it would be kind of **embarrassing** to be there all alone, like I haven't a friend in the world who would come to the movies with me. Two, it seems most unproductive/unfruitful. I'm a relational person, so I find great joy in spending time with others. For me, it's productive. And when I can't be spending time with folks, I want to be getting stuff done so that I'll have time later to spend with loved ones. The third reason why going to the movies alone seems less than inviting is that the experience would be greatly lessened without someone to enjoy it with. In other words, it's **more fun** to go with somebody! Whether discussing the movie together afterwards, laughing out loud at the funny scenes, or bashing the terribleness of the film, movies are better when there is someone to share it with.

Recently I've confused some of you when I talk about inviting people to a church service. While I don't think just inviting someone to church should be our strategy for spreading the gospel (by "just" inviting I mean never sharing a personal witness, but just hoping the pastor will do it the Sunday my friend/family member/co-worker/neighbor shows up). I do think that inviting someone to our weekly service has merit and can be very good. You and I should invite people to our worship service. We just need to make sure we are doing more than that. We need to be seeking for ways to share the gospel with them in word and deed.

As I've been preparing to teach through Matthew 5-7 (the Sermon on the Mount) I noticed that it starts off with Jesus seeing the crowds and deciding to teach, "Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them". (Matt. 5:1-2) The non-believers you and I know (and don't know) are the "crowds". Jesus taught his disciples when he spoke the sermon on the mount. But he didn't shoo away the crowds, he let them listen in as he taught his disciples. The result? "And when Jesus finished these sayings, the *crowds* were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes." (Matt. 7:28-29, *emphasis added*). The crowds were astonished! Invite your non-Christian following family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. And may they be astonished at Jesus!

What does this have to do with going to the movies alone? Statistics show that most people would be willing to attend a church service if invited by someone they know. Why don't they just go on their own? One, it's awkward to go alone. They don't know anyone. They think that everyone else knows everyone else, and that it will be *painfully* obvious that they're the outsider. It seems **embarrassing**. Secondly, they think it'll will be a waste of time - especially if they've had a bad church experience previously. They figure they won't understand what's going on in the service, and will have no one to help explain the whats and whys to them. And thirdly, it's no **fun** to go alone. But to go with someone they know might not be too bad. They could *at least* have someone to talk it over with afterward.

So, invite someone to service. Invite someone you know. Invite a non-Christian - we're not into stealing Christians from other churches ;) Invite someone being willing to discuss your faith with them. Be real. Tell them what to expect. Think through what you would want if the roles were reversed. And may they (and we) be astonished at Jesus!

Spreading the Good News with you,

-Keith

Youth and Worship

Perspective

I was watching one of my favorite animated movies the other day and a line from it stuck out to me in a spiritual way. This is not a normal occurrence, but I figured it was timely given that I had just watched/listened to a sermon out of Mars Hill Church in Seattle called "Humble Christians" (by Mark Driscoll). I can't remember the line from *Ratatouille* word for word, but it's the part where the food critic Ego comes into Gustav's restaurant for his "final" review. If you don't know the part that I'm talking about I'll explain a little.

The premise of the movie is that a young, out of luck, not good at much human kid is struggling to find his place in life. There is also a parallel storyline where a young rat (literally) is struggling to chase his passions for cooking rather than giving in to the "normal" rat way of just eating garbage. The human kid, and the rat kid, eventually meet up and team up through some random happenstance stuff. The rat is truly the great cook, and the kid just begins to get credit for the cooking because... well, let's face it, a rat cooking in a kitchen is not exactly the chef that humans expect and/or want. So, more funny and random events happen and the movie boils down to this food critic, named Ego, entering the restaurant and challenging the kid to make him something amazing (because, for the movie's sake, Ego's opinion is the only one that matters).

So, now we're at the crux of the movie and the waiter asks what Ego would like to order; Ego replies, "Perspective." Of course the waiter looks at him dumbfounded wondering what he wants (because obviously "perspective" isn't on the menu) and he fumbles all over himself. Ego then goes on to clarify, becoming somewhat miffed at the incompetent waiter, "Very well... if you can't provide the perspective then have the chef serve me something, if he dares, and I'll provide the perspective..." Again, this is loosely quoted, but this isn't my main point.

The main point I'm trying to make is this: "What is the perspective in our life? How do we view life?"

As believers, do we worry about what we're doing? About doing the right things? About doing the wrong things? Do we ask questions like: What do I need to do to get to heaven? OR Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

I'm writing this message to make a point, and I promise I'm getting there. Are you ready for it? Are you ready, Christian, to know what point I'm wanting to make? Have you figured out my point yet? Ok... here goes... here it is... are you ready?

THIS LIFE IS NOT ABOUT YOU, OR ME, OR US; IT IS TOTALLY, SOLELY, COMPLETELY, ENTIRELY, AND ETERNALLY ABOUT GOD'S GLORY & HIS KINGDOM!

This is a concept that I usually sum up with two words: KINGDOM PURPOSE

How does this apply to our lives? How do we get there? Well, I'm a baseball player so I'll start with a baseball analogy... When a baseball player goes up to the plate thinking "don't strike out" or "make sure you hit the ball" or "hit a home run" or something to that effect, the plate appearance usually ends badly. Rather, when you get up to the plate thinking about how you can best facilitate your team gaining advantage things usually go better, and things tend to be simpler. The thoughts change to be more like "just punch the ball through on the right side" or "hit a ground ball to the right side" or "I should bunt because there are runners on 1st & 2nd with no outs, and that'll move them around." See, you start to think with a greater purpose than just your stat line. Instead of worrying about your batting average, or how many home-runs you do or don't have, you start to think about what is best for your team gaining advantage. It's all about how you perceive the situation and the game.

The game of life isn't a lot different. In fact, I might even go as far as to say life is slightly more important than baseball (*sarcasm*). In our lives we tend to focus so much on "me" or "us" and it suffocates what our perception should be.

Rather than thinking about the steps we can take, or how to remedy a situation on/in our own power, we should begin with focusing on Jesus. Even more so, we should think with Kingdom purpose. How does this affect the team I'm on? Oh, and by the way, the "team" we're on is Jesus' team, and the goal isn't to win the game but to make His Name great and to work for His kingdom! Rather than asking the question "how do I fix my situation?" we MUST start with "how does/can/will God receive the most glory?"

Ultimately, it truly is a matter of perspective. Does our thought pattern revolve around us (most likely), or does it revolve around making much of Jesus and His Kingdom? Just a thought!

~Jim

From the Missions Team

All of us have had heavy hearts as we have seen and heard reports of the suffering being experienced in Haiti due to the January 12 earthquake. Several Southern Baptist Disaster relief groups are already on site distributing food and making assessments about how additional aid can best be managed. Funds given through SBC Disaster Relief channels are used 100% for relief efforts without any administrative costs being taken from them. You can give through QBC by noting on your check or envelope **Haiti Disaster Relief**. It will be forwarded to the through normal channels to the North American Mission Board, the SBC organization that coordinates Disaster Relief. You can also give online at www.NAMB.NET/DR, but again, plainly indicate that it is for **Haiti Disaster Relief**.

Our QBC family gave \$11,379 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and thus exceeded our goal of \$7,500. The LMCO funds are used fully for the support of Southern Baptist International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries on foreign fields. Thank you for your generous support of missions in this way.

Eddie and Emily Clark are a missionary couple that came to QBC in June 2009 to share with us about their plans to join the B People Team in East Asia as soon as they could raise the required support. The Clarks announced in late December that they have reached their required level of support and will be traveling to East Asia in February, and joining the B People Team in mid-March. We rejoice with them that they will be an integral part of the effort to reach the B People for Christ.

Did you get your copy of *Message on the Mountain*, the B People prayer journal? Copies are still available for free in the church lobby. The February Truth Barrier: Remote Location of the B People. Join thousands of others around the world who are praying for the B People.

On January 17, Kara Michael shared with the QBC family about her calling to minister for the coming year in Australia with Campus Crusade for Christ. Our QBC family gave \$680 in support to her that day, but additional funds are needed. Anyone desiring to help should contact the church office.

During the month of February, your Missions Team will be supplying you with information about how you can provide prayer and financial support for Loren and Alaina Holland. Alaina is the daughter of Russ and Kyleen Bare, former members of QBC and IMB missionaries to Ecuador. The Hollands plan to serve in Ecuador with a non-IMB related ministry and are required to raise their own support. Please prayerfully consider how God might be leading you as an individual or family to support the Hollands.

Preschool News

2010: February Preschool Overview:

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Key Question: Is anything too hard for Jesus?

Bottom Line: Jesus can do anything.

Memory Verse: "With God, all things are possible." Matthew 19:26, NIV

Here's the rundown of our weekly focus and stories this month:

2/7 – Jesus can do things we can't: Catching Fish. (Luke 5:1-11)

2/14 – Nothing is too hard for Jesus: Feeding 5000. (Mark 6:30-44)

2/21 – Jesus can do what is impossible: Walking on Water. (Mark 6:45-51)

2/28 – Jesus has power over everything: Calming the Storm. (Matthew 8:23-27)

This month is all about the miracles Jesus performed. Preschoolers will hear about the bountiful catch (Luke 5:1-11), feeding five thousand (Mark 6:30-44), walking on water (Mark 6:45-51) and calming the storm (Matthew 8:23-27). There'll be lots of indoor water play, oceans in bottles, and fishy cracker snacks, of course! Check out the "Small Talk" flyer we send home each month for fun things to do at home to reinforce the "Basic Truth" for the month and relive the fun of Sunday!

If you want to experience Jesus through a child's eyes, we have rotational openings for helpers and teachers. To get in on the fun, fill out the card in the Sunday bulletin or contact Janna Coffey.

Children's Sunday School

Pastor Keith is teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. Recently he elaborated on the meaning of "blessed" from the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. All of the synonyms for "blessed" - happy, content, fortunate, having hope and joy, independent of outward circumstances - describe how we feel about having the privilege of teaching your children on Sunday mornings. Thank you for blessing and honoring us with your kids!

They have chosen to designate their offerings through March toward the translation of the Bible into the Bulong language. Their goal is \$100. Please encourage them to earn and give to support this effort. We are reading and praying from the "Message on the Mountain" prayer guide each week.

In February, we will be learning about Jesus' miracles:

Feb. 7 A Miracle on the Water Matthew 14:22-33

Feb. 14 A Miracle of Food John 16:1-13

Feb. 21 A Miracle of Healing John 9:1-12

Feb. 28 A Miracle of Life John 11:1-44

Desiring God 2010 Conference

Quinault will be hosting a FREE Pastors Conference on February 18-19. We will play videos from the sessions of the Desiring God 2010 Conference for Pastors. This year's topic is "The Pastor, the People, and the Pursuit of Joy: The Apostolic Aim of Pastoral Ministry". More information about the sessions is available at Desiring God's website: desiringgod.org/pascon.

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

Sharefest 2010—March 20th

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- Jan 31 Sunday Morning Bible Study 9am
 "Angels ~ What are they and why did God create them?"
- Jan 31 Youth Game Night
- Feb 12 Youth Formal Dinner (*A night like no other!*)
- Feb 19 CBBA Youth Hockey Night
- Mar 19 & 20 CBBA / 2010 Disciple Now

LADIES

Coming soon...

Beth Moore simulcast

"So Long, Insecurity"

April 24 at Richland Baptist Church

Please call the office for more information.

CONNECTIONS CLASS

The Connections class (one session) is a great way to learn more about Quinault: what we believe, how we're structured, and what it means to be a member. Attending the class does not make you a member, although the class is a prerequisite to membership. The next Connections class will be held **Feb. 22nd** from 6:30—8:30 pm. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. Please contact the church office (call 735-6585, or email info@qbc.org) to sign up and also let us know if you need childcare.



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Our Food Closet is Very Hungry!

We are in need of non-perishable food items for the food closet. Needed items include: tuna, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese mix, soups, top ramen, spaghetti noodles and sauce, Jello, boxed dinners, peanut butter, rice, cake mixes, instant potatoes, and dried beans. Thank you for helping us reach out to our community.

GROW

Grow has started! We have two teams and are looking to build two more teams. One team meets the second Tues. of the month, and the other team meets the fourth Sun. of the month. Please contact Joe Porter, Keith Coffey or Valerie Wicks if you would like to be on a team, or have questions.