



The Pastor's Pen...

Greetings to the Mature Saints of NFC!

On the night of our Annual Business meeting, I gave a short devotional on the "Seasons of Life". With my 70th birthday in January of this year, I seem to be experiencing one of those "seasons". While I have been with many of you who have experienced the trauma of knee and hip replacement surgery, I could only stand by, hold your hand, and pray for you. Now I will experience first-hand the total knee replacement of my right knee. God has prepared me for this, for since the doctor told me I needed the surgery, the pain level has gone up substantially, therefore making the decision to proceed with the surgery much easier.

Pastor Larry Martin has graciously offered to fill in for me in the Wednesday meetings and the Sunday Bible Class. I truly appreciate his help and know that you will give him your support and encouragement. My plan is to be off for at least two weeks, then gradually get back to normal with therapy. Thank you for your prayers and support during this time.

April will be an event-filled month. There is a Good Friday service at 12 Noon on April 10 and Easter Sunday is April 12. We invite you to sign up for a day outing to Sumner on April 22. We will board the Yellow School Bus for a trip to the Windmill Nursery, have lunch at "Dixie's Old Fashioned Cooking" and roam through the shops in downtown Sumner. Transportation is \$7.00 plus lunch on your own. Fun and fellowship will be enjoyed by everyone.

Wednesday, April 29 is designated "Seniors Safety Day". The Safety Officer from Valley Regional Fire Department will be our speaker. This will be an important seminar for seniors on how to make your life safer and prevent falls in your home.

May God bless each of you and we will see you in a few weeks!
 Pastor Don Howard
 (PS: Please pray for Milbre—she has volunteered to be my caregiver!)

Always in our prayers

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| Millie Butler | Al Goodhue |
| Dee Neuman | Rosie Price |
| Joseph Punnoose | Merriam Raulston |
| Judy Shannon | |



April 22 – Windmill Nursery— Sign up!
 Sign-up now Bus leaves @ 9AM (\$7.00 each)
 Windmill Nursery in Sumner, lunch at **Dixie's Home Cooking**, wander through antique stores

April 29 – Fireside Room Seniors – 11:00 a.m. Safety Day



♪ Old lawyers never die. They just lose their appeal.



Featured Senior

Evelyn Barnhart

Born September 4, 1919, in Portland, Oregon, Evelyn Viola Kautz was welcomed by parents Frank and Maud as the third child in a family that would grow to include nine siblings. Her parents purchased a dairy farm and moved to Grand Ronde, where Evelyn remembers milking cows and doing chores before walking miles to school. She also had a horse named Babe, which she loved.

A kind neighbor drove her and her sister to church where she received Jesus as Savior at an early age and remembers her father scolding her for the holes worn in her stockings from kneeling. Christ made her so happy! He placed a smile on her face, gave her the gift of making music with her harmonica, and whispered, "Now, share the love I gave you with others!"

On March 24, 1940, Evelyn married Howard Perdue – a banjo/guitar-picking, good-looking cowboy who stole her heart. They moved to Renton, Washington, where he worked as a machinist for Boeing building B-47 bombers and 707 planes during WW II. They were blessed with three daughters; Marilyn, Carolyn, and Patti. Evelyn taught Sunday School, worked in Vacation Bible School, sang in the choir, and helped her girls grow in the Lord. She supervised their piano lessons, too.

When she was 12 or 13, Evelyn's daughter Patti met a young man at a party given by a former Sunday School teacher. (You know the young man as Cliff Crandall.) Concerned, Howard Perdue reprimanded Patti often, advising that she was too young to be in love, but when Patti was 18, after Cliff had graduated from high school and spent a few years in the service, Patti and Cliff were married.

Howard served as church treasurer for many years. He and Evelyn started over eight mission churches in the Puget Sound area-- purchasing furniture, hymnbooks, and Bibles and spent many hours canvassing neighborhoods to invite folks.

Every summer the family spent a week at Mt. Baker Bible Camp. They loved boating, fishing, clam digging, camping, hunting rabbits, deer, and elk. They gardened and made trips to visit relatives, friends, and see new places.

Four years after celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, Howard died of an unexpected, massive heart attack at age 55. Evelyn had never worked since raising her girls, but found work as a cook's helper in the Kent School District and Valley Villa Care Center. She was hired by Group Health to drive patients to appointments and deliver medications for six years. With unwavering faith, she trusted God to provide for her.

Evelyn loves companionship and certainly did not like living alone! She married Eugene Crandall April 13, 1973. (Editor's question: Does that last name sound familiar?) Evelyn and Eugene shared like interests and enjoyed all their grandchildren. He accepted Jesus and was baptized, not realizing he would die at age 87 from brain cancer.

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April Birthdays

- 1 — Alma Williams
- 2 — Betty Collins
- 4 — Helen Eichman
- 5 — Neva Hamilton
- 6 — Denis Goodwin, Frank Joy
- 12 — Bob Nelson , Lois Robinson
- 13 — Dorothy Purser
- 14 — Dale Novak, Eve Riley
- 16 — Tom Williams
- 17 — Chuck Carlson, Howard Sebring



- 18 — Lee McFarland
- 19 — Bob Halstad, Jack Spicer
- 21 — Donnette Burns
- 24 — Rick Eibey
- 25 — Lenora Novak , Bev Versolenko
- 28 — Betty Fabianek
- 29 — Cecil Williams

April Anniversaries

- 3 — Hollis and Evelyn Martin
- 5 — Larry and Justine Linder
- 8 — Denis and Mary Goodwin
- 9 — Don and Claudia Henning
- 21 — Bob and Helen Lozier



Please note:

If we missed your special date or that of a friend, it's because we don't know it! Please tell us!

Evelyn Barnhart

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Evelyn married Harry Barnhart May 13, 1985. They toured the United States (twice) and Canada and were "snowbirds" in winter. The spry, lively couple enjoyed 13 years together and he passed away at 96 with Alzheimer's.

This incredible lady worked at Puget Sound Auto Auction/Adesa from 80 years "young." driving and parking en a mother feels chilly. cars until her 84th birthday. She has cruised the Western Caribbean, Alaska, the Mexican Riviera, and through the Panama Canal with her family and visited Australia and Hawaii.

Playing her harmonica for her family and friends at nursing homes and hospitals brings her joy. She tells her daughter Patti, "Everyone loves me," and Patti can vouch that this is so true.

Evelyn is proud of her 10 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren and prays for them each evening. She loves the old hymns, going to church, receiving and giving hugs, listening to Daniel O'Donnell, and collecting articles about cats. Her favorite verse is Hebrews 13:5.

(Thanks to daughter Patti Crandall for info and pictures.)

Parable From A Plane

Between an airplane and every other form of locomotion and transportation there is one great contrast. The horse and wagon, the automobile, the bicycle, the locomotive, the speedboat, and the great battleship—all can come to a standstill without danger, and they can all reverse their engines, or their power, and go back.

But there is no reverse about the engine of an airplane. It cannot back up. It dare not stand still. If it loses its momentum and forward-drives, then it crashes. The only safety for the airplane is in its forward and upward motion. The only safe direction for the Christian to take is forward and upward. If he stops, or if he begins to slip and go backward, that moment he is in danger.

—C. E. McCartney

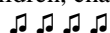
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Are you God's child? Is there a family resemblance?

And, by the way,

If your parents never had children, chances are you won't either.



If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

Letter to the Bank

Dear Sirs,

One of my checks was returned marked "insufficient funds." In view of current developments in the banking industry, does that refer to me or to you?

Sincerely,

Your customer

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

(Hebrews 13:5, Evelyn Crandall's favorite verse)



Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family.

One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted.

A little girl said, "I know all about adoption, I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?", asked another child

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!"

(forwarded by Will Penner to Mikey's)

Looking Ahead:

Wed, May 27: Weyerhaeuser Rhododendron Gardens in Federal Way with lunch at the Old Country Buffet.

Wednesday, June 24: Seniors' Picnic at Game Farm Park

Wednesday, November 18: Seniors' Thanksgiving Banquet

December 9: Christmas Potluck!



Once upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs that arranged a jumping competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower.

A big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began but no one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. You heard statements such as:

"Oh, WAY too difficult!!"

"They will NEVER make it to the top."

The tiny frogs began collapsing one by one.

The crowd continued to yell, "It is too difficult!!!"

No one will make it!"

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up. But one just wouldn't give up until he reached the top. The other tiny frogs wanted to know how he managed to do it. It turned out that the winner was deaf. [forwarded by JR to Mikey's]