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**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

- SUNDAY:**  
 9:30 am: Worship Service  
 Children's classes  
 11:00 am: Christian Education  
 ALife (fireside room)  
 Middle/High School  
 7:00 pm: High School  
 Youth Group
- MONDAY:**  
 9:30 am: Women's Bible Study
- TUESDAY:**  
 9:15 am: Young Mom's Bible Study  
 9:30 am: Moms R & R (once monthly)  
 7:00 pm: Career & Couples group
- WEDNESDAY:**  
 6:30 am: Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 pm: Youth Small Groups
- THURSDAY:**  
 6:00 pm: ALife College Study (once monthly)
- SATURDAY:**  
 Men's support group

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**Who Am I?** by *Richard Roberts*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I consider an honor to be able to write a short letter of my deep appreciation for such a wonderful sense of the love of Jesus that you have poured out upon me and my family. Since the day we arrived, the encouragement and support have been overwhelming and quite humbling. I thank you all from the deepest portions of my heart and encourage your continued participation with me in proclaiming the good news of the grace of God through Jesus Christ. Keep on loving each other, speaking the truth at all times.

I was raised as a pastor's child, so that might explain my penchant for rebellion and non-conformity. My fa-

is a wonderful man who loves Jesus deeply and instilled in his children, with the never-fading strength of my mother, the same love for our Savior and a deep desire to know His Word. I continue to rely on them both for guidance and instruction as I mature.

I made a profession of faith and was baptized when I was four years old, but I lived my early life as a Pharisee-in-training. I was condemning of others while not seeing the severity of my lack of compassion or love. I strove to succeed in the eyes of other people by my "good pastor's boy" achievements. I could win every Bible contest and debate morality with the best of them, but I lacked humility. It wasn't until I turned 12

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**CHANGES** by *Emily Temple*



Change. Seems like everything I read about the lives of teens highlights change. Physical, emotional, intellectual, social, behavioral and spiritual change. Fittingly it seems that every time I stop to evaluate the youth ministry program the thing that jumps out to me the most is the amount of change that has occurred during the period being evaluated. Picturing ourselves as clay being molded by The Sculptor is not a difficult image for me to grasp. I see it everyday. I know that the hand of God is working on hearts, chiseling away pride and fears, growing us up and re-

vealing His beauty.

Each year we try to anticipate the changes the Lord will make among our group during our trip to Mexico. It's exciting to imagine returning from this adventure different than we were when we left. It's also exciting to consider the far-reaching effects our service can have in the lives of those who come and those we serve.

Just this past week a mom came into my office to deliver a message from her son, Clayton, who is now in the Navy. As she was updating me on Clayton's decision to be a Chaplain's

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## ELDER INSIGHT *by Brick Lantz*



### SHOULD YOUNG GIRLS BE VACCINATED FOR CERVICAL CANCER?

WOW! The number of issues that confront our children today continue to increase at an alarming pace. The latest is the option to be vaccinated for cervical cancer.

This is the first in a series of articles written by the elders to express some of our concerns, convictions, and opinions. These articles may include doctrine, theology, social issues, or personal issues, as well as other topics. As a physician, I want to discuss current issues that may present some controversy. There may not even be a consensus of opinions amongst the EBF body or the elders. The purpose for my writing is to encourage you to think about these issues and to discuss them in a caring and open manner.

There is now available a vaccination for cervical cancer. The probable sole cause of cervical cancer is Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), which is a sexually transmitted disease. Our federal drug regulators and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization has recommended that all girls aged 11 and 12 receive this vaccine. There are states within the Union that do require the vaccination for ages 10, 11 and 12. That would include my daughter, Ally.

The only way to contact HPV is through sexual activity. It is interesting to note that if you and your future spouse are sexually pure there is no risk for this, or any, STD. In fact, in monogamous relationships with no previous sexual experience, there would be no risk of cervical cancer, and (although I am speaking as an orthopedic surgeon) there is probably no need for a pap smear. Of course we all want the best for our daughters. We would hope that they would remain pure until marriage and that their future spouse would do the same. However, that is not always the case. The question is, "What would you recommend for your daughter?", and, "What would you recommend for other families' daughters within our body or within our community?" I have my own personal opinions and I would love to discuss them in detail.

There are numerous other issues that confront our children. Among them is school distribution of condoms and clean needles for IV drug addicts. Please tell me if I am wrong, but I do not know of any instance in the Old or New Testament where God provided a means to avoid a consequence (*of sin or disobedience*) for society or the nation of Israel. There are consequences to sexual impurity that include STDs and cervical cancer. There are consequences to non-safe practices of drug use or sexual activity, including other infections such as HIV.

We can certainly as a society avoid some of those consequences but should we advocate these preventative measures when the consequences are a direct result of our disobedience from the lifestyle that God has recommended (commanded)? It is also difficult to make the decision to keep our children out of a public school health class when the content is presented

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years old and went on a youth conference that I met with the reality of the holiness of God. His presence was overwhelming in its righteousness and I realized that my sin was infinitely weighty in His presence and that it condemned me. I saw, in that moment that I desperately needed a Savior and that I had nothing to offer to God but cries for mercy. I believe that in this moment I was saved.

I met Katie in college and our first interaction was quite telling as she, having never spoken to me before, stood 6" away from me with the top of her head barely reaching my shoulders and proceeded to inform me of how rude I was for making fun of freshman. I knew from that moment that I had to get to know this spirited young woman. I realized during our Junior year in school that her joy meant more to me than my own and I knew that she was the woman I wanted to marry. Her love, patience, and forgiveness of me continue to reveal to me her deep adoration of Jesus. I rely upon her greatly to even my keel, not only in my ministry but also in my soul. I gratefully thank God every day for His wondrous gift to me in my Katie.

I went into college studying pre-law. I had assumed that I could make great changes in society by becoming a judge and working through the system of law in our land. However, Jesus gently informed me that law can never change the heart. After teaching a small Bible study on a mission trip with Campus Crusade, the Lord revealed to me the joy of seeing others fall in love with Jesus as they understood His promises in His Word. I knew that I wanted to teach His Word to others, so I entered seminary upon completing my studies at Lewis and Clark in Business/Economics.

I loved school. I loved the interaction, the time dedicated to studying and wrestling with other brothers and sisters over God's Word. It all went by very quickly. In the meantime, Katie and I had (well, Katie did all the work) Charlotte and Grace. In all of my relationships, especially my family, I find that God is continuing to reveal my self-righteousness and calling me back to a deeper reliance upon Him alone. His love overwhelms me and His continual patience toward me is unfathomable.

I look forward to many, many years of serving our Lord together at EBF. We are excited to be here and I can see the Lord doing many great things through you all. May we continue to follow His lead, seek the building up of His Kingdom, and always keep learning to be humbly bold with each other.

Soli Dei Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone)  
Richard

# EBF AND THE GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER *by Rich Carroll*



## *What is the Global Day of Prayer (GDP) and how is our Church involved?*

In May 2005 our brother and sister believers from Africa invited the world to join hands with that continent in a Global Day of Prayer (G.D.P.). This event marked the greatest Christian prayer mobilization in the world, with more than 220 million Christians in 156 countries, from all denominations, praying on the same day. The 2006 G.D.P. drew 200 + nations together to pray and to serve in their communities for 90 days. Christians here in Lane County participated in the one day event last year hosted by Northwest Christian College.

This year the local G.D.P. event will take place on Sunday, May 27 at Civic Stadium here in Eugene. This will be an exciting inter-denominational event where believers from all over Lane County will gather for a time of prayer and worship in Jesus name. Lane County's involvement will be expanded this year to include 10 Days of Prayer prior to the event and 90 Days of Blessing after the event where churches and their members will bless (serve) the community in various ways for at least 3 months following the May 27<sup>th</sup> prayer gathering. Many pastors and Christian ministry and business leaders from our community have been working together to coordinate these 3 phases since last summer. Over \$15,000 have

been donated towards this effort.

So, what does this mean for our local body of faith here at EBF?

EBF's vision is to "impact our community" and we are excited to be a part of a county wide effort to both pray and take practical action steps to show the love of Jesus to our community.

Our own missions team is made up of deacons (Greg & Shelli Hopper-Moore) an elder (Brick Lantz) and several other EBfer's. They are quite excited to help coordinate our involvement as a church in all 3 phases of the G.D.P. A number of secular and Christian helping organizations here in town have been chosen as recipients of the 90 days of service. Our own mission's team will be keeping our body informed as well as coordinating specific projects for our church's involvement. This will include both individual and group service projects. This could be a wonderful opportunity for our EBF home groups to work together on a particular project.

We are asking all EBfer's to consider being involved in both attending the one day (2 hour) event at Civic Stadium (May 27, 6-8 p.m.) as well as blessing our city through some act of self-sacrificing service during the 3 months (June-August) that follow.

Questions about any or all of the 3 phases of the Global Day of Prayer can be directed towards the Hopper-Moore's (344-8214), Brick Lantz (687-8338) or Rich Carroll (343-3406).

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### CD Recordings Available!

Due to a recent generous donation to the worship ministry, we can now make our sermons available on compact discs as well as audio cassettes.

Please contact Steve Bruce in the media booth for more information.

Due to copyright laws, we still cannot make the musical portions of our services available in recorded form.

### *Help Needed in Worship & Tech/Media Ministries!*

Do you play an instrument or sing? Do you love technology and listening to music? Do you have a desire to help bring others into the presence of Christ? We have need for help in our audio and video ministries, as well as our Worship/Music Ministry. We have ways to incorporate most instruments and voices. Music reading is encouraged, but not required. In particular, we could really make use of someone who is comfortable as a drummer/percussionist who owns a drum set and is not afraid to use it. Interested?

Contact Neil Patton at 485-2301.

stopping by. Zac Tendick, our middle school intern, invited Clayton to Mexico last year. While on the trip Clayton experienced spiritual renewal like he had never known and returned home having recommitted his life to Christ. Over the coming months he continued to reach out to many of our youth and volunteered with the middle school boys last fall. During this time Clayton was open with his family about the Truth he had heard. Clayton's encounter with Jesus Christ has awakened a curiosity in his mother and sister about spiritual things and both of them have started attending church. So now, a mom who one year ago had never set foot in a church, is now sitting in my office telling me how she's praying for her son who is serving the Lord in the Navy. And as far as Clayton knew last year he was signing up to go on a fun trip and build some houses in Mexico!

Change is amazing! We're almost ready to go and very excited to see the ways the Lord will use this trip to achieve His purposes. Please pray with us that the Lord would use His mighty hands to sculpt us into vessels to be used for His glory. We will be gone from March 23-April 1 and look forward to sharing our experiences with you during the 9:30 service on April

Change service requested

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by an organization that has values against our beliefs. This happens quite frequently. We should support programs like Stop & Think (an abstinence program) and continue to dialogue with our kids. It is interesting to note that when I present this viewpoint in the doctors lunch room at the hospital I am viewed as a right wing radical fundamentalist.

Fortunately, God forgives us when we sin. I think of the woman caught in adultery, whom Jesus forgave and saved from the consequence of being stoned to death. But He did ask something of her, that is, to sin no more (stop the adultery).

During the fated 9/11 flights, phone calls made to loved ones were not to tell them to “sell the stock”, or even to hear, “I love you”; but simply to say, “I love you”. We should tell our kids that frequently. The best thing we can tell our kids is that we love them, even when they do stupid things. God does that for us. I think our kids will listen to us when we demonstrate love to them. I would hope that my daughter would have open communication with me throughout the future and can simply avoid this vaccine by remaining pure. If she is to marry a man who has not been sexually abstinent in the past but is now remaining sexually abstinent until marriage she could then receive the vaccine (keeping in mind that it takes six months for the vaccination to be effective). Others may want their daughters immunized at age 11 or 12.

I hope this stimulates your thoughts, and I would be happy to discuss this with any Bible study group or other individuals.  
Brick Lantz

**Upcoming schedule of events**

**March 23-April 1** ~ Mexico Mission Trip

**April 8** ~ Easter Sunday

**April 15** ~ Mexico Report

**May 7-14** ~ Homeless Guest Week

**May 18-19** ~ Women’s Retreat

If you have any questions about upcoming events, please call the office at 485-2301.

**Office Hours**  
Monday -Thursday 9:00—5:00