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Gospel in Life by Brian Watson

We envision a congregation whose love for Jesus and one another leaves a clear and compelling witness for Christ.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Beginning the week of Sunday, January 16, Pinehurst Baptist Church will start another round of devotion groups. Based on the solid participation and fellowship we had last spring in our trial run of these groups, we have decided that we should make devotion groups a regular part of our church life. These groups will meet in homes during the week, on different dates and different times. (One will meet at the church during the day.)

We will begin by going through some exciting material by Timothy Keller called *Gospel in Life: How Grace Changes Everything*. This eight-week study consists of reading that each participant must do during the week, as well as an in-group Bible study and a discussion of a ten-minute video. The goal of the material is not only to remind us of what the Gospel is, but also to help us understand how the Gospel affects the way that we live every day. We make a mistake when we think the Gospel only affects our salvation status and has no bearing on how we actually live. Commandments to forgive, love our enemies, and give to the poor—even when they don't deserve it—presuppose an understanding of the Gospel: we have been forgiven, we were once enemies of God, and we do not earn or deserve God's grace. In other words, if you have a hard time forgiving, you may not know how much God has forgiven you. If you have a hard time loving enemies, you may not realize how sin makes people enemies of God (who loves us

despite our sin). If you have difficulty giving to those whom you view as unworthy, you may not know God's grace.

In *Gospel in Life*, Keller helps us understand how the Gospel affects different areas of our lives. We will learn how we as Christians live where we are, (neither separated from the world nor fully assimilated to it), how we should live as the body of Christ, how we should witness, how we should work, and how we should care for others—all within the context of the Gospel and an eternal view of life. We will also learn how the Gospel is neither religion nor irreligion, but something entirely different, and how anything can become an idol. Keller is able to teach in a gentle, thought-provoking way that will open our eyes to biblical truths. And yes, biblical truths and Scripture references permeate this study. The difference between this and what we learn on Sunday mornings is that here biblical truths are gathered together and presented topically, with a focus on application. Bible study in itself is not an end. Rather, it is a means of glorifying God. Not only must we have the word implanted in us (James 1:21), but we must be doers of the word (James 1:22).

Once the eight weeks are over, we will likely take a two-week break, and then begin a new study. The goal

will be to have two studies in the spring and two studies in the fall, with limited groups meeting in the summer and a break for the holiday season. You may decide to stay in the same group or change groups or sit one study out. We are simply asking that you commit to each study. So, for this first study of the year, we are asking for an eight-week commitment. If you would like to be a part of this exciting material, please sign up today so that we may order an appropriate number of books. We are asking that you pay \$7 for the book, which is a great deal.

Each group will provide its own childcare and each group may choose to have snacks each week or even a meal. We hope that, as a group, you will decide to meet together for a time of fellowship. You can expect each meeting to last approximately an hour and a half, depending on how the discussion goes and how much time you would like to devote to prayer and fellowship.

I can promise you that if you choose to be a part of a devotion group, you will experience the following. You will get to know the members of your group better. You will receive excellent teaching of biblical truths. You will have time to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24) as you seek to apply these truths to your lives, as a group as well as individually. The combination of meeting, studying the Word, praying, eating, and socializing will result in true Christian fellowship.

Getting to Know Walt & Judy Young



In this issue, we get to know Walt and Judy Young, who have been members of Pinehurst for two and a half years.

The Past

Walt was born and raised in Alabama, while Judy was born in

Northern Wisconsin and moved to Everett at age 4. They met in downtown Everett where Judy's girlfriend had a flat tire and Walt

(stationed at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station at the time) and his friend stopped to help. Walt's friend fixed the tire while Walt talked to the girls. A few weeks later, they all met up again and then Walt met Judy's



Judy, Age 4, in Wisconsin

parents and asked her out. Six months later, they married (they've been married for 50 years!) and moved to Alabama as Walt had gotten discharged from the Navy. (Walt was looking for work in Alabama, but they discovered there were more opportunities back in Everett, so they moved back. Walt got a job with the City of Everett right away.

Two years later, their daughter, Robin, was born, and four years later, their son, Dan, was born.

Walt worked for the City of Everett for over 35 years as a construction inspector. The City was a good place to work and he enjoyed his job. He retired in 1996.

Judy worked for a local bank after their children were out of grade school. She worked there for six and a half years

until the bank was bought out.

Walt and Judy were members of Memorial Baptist Church in Everett for approximately 40 years before coming to Pinehurst Baptist Church.

Their Family

Walt and Judy have two grandchildren; Karley, who will be 17 this month, and Austin, who will be 13 in May. They live in Marysville and are the children of their son, Dan and his wife, Krista. Their oldest daughter, Robin, lives in Lynnwood with her husband, Craig (who also has a grown son, Nick).

Karley plays soccer and does cross country running. Austin plays soccer, football, and is a wrestler. Walt and Judy try to support their grandkids in their activities as much as they can.

Hobbies

Walt and Judy enjoy traveling in their motor home. Sometimes they are gone for two months at a time. One trip took them to the south again, and up the east coast to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. They particularly enjoyed the history of the area, since both of Walt's great grandfathers fought in the Civil War for the south. One came home from that war; the other did not.

Walt loves high school and college football – of course Alabama Crimson Tide is on the top of his list of favorite teams. Judy loves to collect cookbooks from all over. They both enjoy working outside. They both love Southern Gospel music and try to go to any concerts that come to the Seattle area.

Once when they lived down south, they



Walt, Age 10, in Alabama

went to an all night gospel singing event in a football stadium in Florida. The field was packed with people in their lawn chairs and coolers full of food.

Though the kids are all grown, Walt and Judy have two miniature Schnauzers at home that they like to spoil. They follow Walt all over and want to know what he's doing at all times. When he's working on his computer, they are in their little beds right next to him. They also have their own beds in three other rooms!

Their Faith

Walt has tried to keep God first in his life, since the age of 13. Walt and Judy were baptized, along with their two children, when Judy was 27. During his time in the navy, some of which was on an aircraft carrier, and times working for the city of Everett, many dangerous situations occurred where Judy knows God kept Walt safe.

Judy feels God has worked in her life to bring her and Walt together. She says they have had a wonderful life together with many blessings. When she has had health issues, Walt has been right there by her side. They cared for her parents in their final days and whether in their last days, or in years past, her parents loved Walt like a son.

Their favorite hymns are *Amazing Grace*, *How Great Thou Art*, and *He Touched Me*, just to name a few. Their favorite passage of scripture is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Thank you Walt and Judy, for sharing a little of your lives with us!

