

Herald of ALCC



By God's grace, Abundant Life is here
to bring people to wholeness through God's grace.

Kathie's Korner - Six-O

I've never been very shy about admitting my age. I'll be turning sixty in just a few days. I'm surprised when I say that, because I don't really have any concept of what that means. I remember each of my parents' sixtieth birthdays and it makes me smile now to say that I really thought they were fairly ancient at the time. How foolish.

What I realize, now that it's my turn to sit at this pinnacle of life that lasts such a brief moment, is that this is where the pieces of life's puzzle start to fit a little. This is where the picture of life begins to look a little like a picture.

Of course, it's a bit embarrassing to look back over all the years and realize how much of my time has been spent straining at gnats and trying my best to swallow camels. I've sweated small stuff until I turned blue in the face, and made mountains out of more molehills than I can climb. But in spite of all of it, when I look back, it becomes pretty obvious that a Master hand has had a fairly major role in arranging the mountains and valleys and gnats and such. I've not only survived; I've thrived.

I've read some pretty impressive lists of things people my age have

compiled about things they've learned from life, and I've learned a lot of those same lessons. Well, let's be honest, here, I've learned them in theory – probably much like the pundit who compiled the list – but in reality, I'll probably go to the grave sweating some small stuff and making a mountain out of the occasional molehill.

The thing that I've really learned about life is that there are two things that are vital, and they may be the only two things that matter at all. We spend most of our time majoring on minors: stuff that really doesn't make a whole lot of difference at all. But these two things make all the difference. These two things paint the picture of life with vivid color. They're simple. You've heard them before, but I've really got nothing else to say.

The first thing is that loving with abandon makes life on earth worth living. You can't love like that when you've got trust issues or forgiveness issues or anger issues – you've got to just let it all go and love. It took me years and one serious brain surgery to learn that, but when I almost lost the love of my life, I discovered very

quickly that having his hand to hold for one more day was more important than all the issues we'd spent years struggling over in the past. Almost overnight, I learned about love, and for five years, I haven't forgotten.

Faith in God is the second thing that is vital, and it makes the future bright regardless of the difficulty of current circumstances. There is no escaping life's struggles, your own weakness, the sinfulness of others, and the world's depravity. We can rail against it, protest it, vote against it, hide from it, deny it...but it remains. Faith makes it possible to know that there is a better day coming, a day free from pain and sin and darkness. The day of redemption will come. The day of salvation will someday set us free from this body of death. Knowing that, I can face today's momentary difficulty with a smile.

It is very nice to have clean baseboards and styled hair, a car that runs and manicured fingernails. I'm a pushover for a mean bowl of ice cream, but I can live without any of that. I never want to spend a moment, though, outside of love or without my faith in my great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This 'N' That - Lois Goodwill

A Love Story



Jeanie was Ed's secretary at a title company in Santa Rosa when she was 19. They lost contact when they each married and had families. Ed had a career in Real Estate. He and his wife had four children and Jeanie, two. Jeanie worked for 25 years as secretary at a Junior High School in Santa Rosa. Ed and his wife were greatly involved in service in their church. She, as church secretary and he held many positions of leadership. After 34 years of marriage, Ed's wife died. Jeanie sent a card of condolence to her old boss which led to a telephone friendship which led to, well, you know the rest of the story. Ed & Jeanie Ferguson have been happily married for 17 years.

Jeanie had been attending church, but had not really taken faith to a personal relationship until she began going with Ed. She made the important decision to accept Jesus as her Savior, and it has been a life changing decision.

Another event Jeanie described as life changing was their trip in 2005 to the Holy Land. To be able to walk where Jesus walked and see where he lived and died, to visit the places where Jesus ministered, and then

their experience of being baptized in the Jordan River, made a lasting impact. They had an outstanding guide who knew his Bible and helped them relive the history of the area. Especially memorable was their visit to Masada where 900 Jewish people took their own lives as they knew the Romans were soon coming to do so.

Ed and Jeanie purchased an aging three story home on Bennett Street. It had sixteen rooms and had been turned into three separate apartments that needed considerable remodeling. They have transformed it into "House Beautiful," every room like a little jewel. Ed has the gift of making things happen. He's the planner, the "go-fer," the helper. Jeanie has the gift of decorating, sewing and quilting. She made all the lined drapes and decorated some of the walls with her award winning quilted wall hangings. Her last one is of the Bourne Mansion at Empire Mine; another is of their present home. They have now settled into the whole downstairs, turning the studio apartment into a bedroom and bath. Next to the roomy remodeled kitchen they have added a dual purpose, window lined studio for Jeanie's constant sewing projects and a corner for Ed's office.

What do they like to do besides remodel? They have helped the economy of the restaurants in town as they like to eat out. The Fergusons love to travel and have taken a number of four month long trips and vis-

iting 48 states. (They neglected Nebraska and Alaska, but life isn't over yet.)

They love to entertain and surely have the house for it! In 2010 they had 10 parties in 5 months – which meant lunches and dinners. Jeanie now works three days a week at Ben Franklin's fabric department and in her "spare time" makes the samples for their fabric projects, which earns her fabric credits to sew more "stuff." Their closets contain all of Ed's wife-made shirts, Jeanie-designed jackets, and many items and garments made from men's ties. With 9 grandchildren, the birthdays are unending. Jeanie's sewing machine is ever buzzing to turn out birthday treasures. Yet, you will notice, the Fergusons are never too busy to help other people.



"Christianity asserts that every individual human being is going to live for ever, and this must be either true or false. Now there are a good many things which would not be worth bothering about if I were going to live only seventy years, but which I had better bother about very seriously if I am going to live for ever." C.S. Lewis

Schedules for April

Noah's Ark

Early Service

April 3 Lesson 5	Teacher- Jerry Snapp Floater Karen Snapp Baby Jessica Mayfield
April 10 Lesson 6	Teacher- Clara Watkins Floater Naomi Hayward Baby Judy Burch
April 17 Lesson 7	Teacher- Conni Fowler Floater Markus Moore Baby Lyn Aufdenkamp
April 24 Lesson 8	Teacher- Sandra Lundin Floater Baby Connie Strawser

Late Service

Teacher Jerry Snapp Floater Karen Snapp Baby Madeline Iriarte
Teacher- Joyce Smethers Floater Bhret Patterson Baby Laura Heeschen
Teacher- Debbie Ghiringhelli Floater Laura Heeschen Baby
Teacher- Marni MacDonneil Floater Baby Betty Lloyd

Ushers

Both Services

April 3	Door 1 Wayne Badding, & Marge Sapp Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Jerry & Karen Snapp
April 10	Door 1 Bob & Linda Cosick Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Phil Gemmill & Frank Goodwill
April 17	Door 1 Joe & Joe Ramus Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Mark & Connie Lagerwey
April 24	Door 1 Hazel Lace & Bernice Blake Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Bev Carlson & Josie Nicholls

Elementary Classes

Early Service

April 3 Lesson 6	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin
April 10 Lesson 7	Katherine Goodwin
April 17 Lesson 8	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey
April 24 Lesson 9	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy

Late Service

4-7 Linda Cosick 8-11 Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11
4-7 Katherine Goodwin	4-7 8-11
4-7 Mike Lundin 8-11 Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11
4-7 Jessica & Mary Johanson 8-11 Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 8-11

Worship Ministries

Both Services

April 3	Worship Tim F., Amy, Linda Sound Cissy Murphy Media Darlene Saunders
April 10	Worship Greg, Amy, Linda Sound Cissy 1st, Rich 2nd Media Darek Watson
April 17	Worship Tim F, Jessica M. Chris B., Deb Sound Bhret Patterson Media Darlene Saunders
April 24	Worship Greg, Jessica M. Chris B., Deb Sound Chris Frank Media Cissy Murphy

Parking Lot

Both Services

April 3	George Riley
April 10	Wayne Badding
April 17	Tim Smethers
April 224	George Riley

Serve the Lord With Gladness!



Special Holy Week Services:

April 17, Palm Sunday

Special celebration
8:45 and 10:30 a.m.

April 21, Maundy Thursday

Dinner served at church
Free of charge. Worship
and communion for the
whole family. 6:30 p.m.

April 22

Community Good Friday
Service. 12:00 noon

April 24, Easter Sunday

Sunrise service, 6:15 a.m.
Celebration!
8:45 & 10:30 a.m.

Golden Empire Communion

The second Friday of every month, Abundant Life Community Church provides a service and communion for the residents of Golden Empire Convalescent Hospital. The next service is **Friday, April 8, at 1:30**. You are welcome to attend and bring encouragement to those who are homebound at Golden Empire.

Senior's Breakfast

Abundant Life provides a complimentary breakfast for our Seniors, 55 or older, once per

month. This month it will be held on **April 30, at 9:00 a.m.** See you there!

Secret Sister's Tea

Ladies, you are all invited to attend the Secret Sister's Tea on April 16, at 10:00 a.m. This marks the end of the 2010-11 Sisters - you get to find out who your secret sister was, and marks the beginning of the 2011-12 Sisters. If you'd like to join the program, please come! You will be welcomed with open arms! See Connie Watson for more details.



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Schedule of Services

Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Family Night 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
Golden Empire Communion 1:30 p.m.
(2nd week)

Sunday

Early Worship 8:45 a.m.
Late Worship 10:30 a.m.

Phone: 530-273-1139
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**Classes Available on Family Night
Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.**

Adults

Bible History Downstairs
Dan Watson (Larry Van Cleave)
Band of Brothers Downstairs
Chris Bierwagen & Tim Floyd
Women's Support Library
Teresa Goodwin
I Corinthians Downstairs
Greg Fowler

Youth (Middle School & High School)

»crossover» Sanctuary
Chris Navo & the Youth Team

Kid's Klub

Evangelism Explosion Fellowship Hall
Kathee Baerresen & Team

*These classes remain open to new members at all times.
For more specific information, call the church office, 273-1139.*

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