

# LIVING<sub>THE</sub> GOSPEL

January 23, 2012

February is the month to register for RYM Summer Camp 2012. Can you find Bethany Dugan in the tug of war of 2010? -the year the girls dragged the boys through the pit! Register at the EPC Office.



## Psalm 8: 3-9 God's View vs. Our View of Humanity from the Pastor's Desk

David supplies us with a common view of the human race: *"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers/The moon and the stars, which you have set in place/What is man that you are mindful of him/And the son of man that you care for him?"* Compared to the galaxies humanity seems small indeed. We may falsely conclude: "small" means insignificant. Have you ever thought: "I am merely one undistinguished member of the human race and so God does not notice me, not to mention, value me."

David supplies us with God's view of humanity in sharp contrast

to this common view: *"Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings/And crowned him with glory and honor/You have given him dominion over the works of your hands/All sheep and oxen and also the beasts of the field/The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea/Whatever passes along the paths of the seas."* God has a higher view of humanity than we do. Though he has confined us to this realm, unlike the angels who can go from the heavenly realm to our earthly realm, he has nonetheless endowed us with authority to care for his creation.

God the Father so highly values us that he sent the Son of God to take on human flesh to redeem us

from our sins, death, and hell. In Hebrews 2:5-9 we discover that Psalm 8 ultimately speaks of Jesus who has perfectly executed divine authority in caring for creation winning divine glory not only for himself but for all of us united to him. In him our race has risen to the heights of heaven!

David's response to this is: *"O Lord, our Lord/How majestic is your name in all the earth!"* As redeemed daughters and sons of God let us join in this praise of God alone.

# The Evergreen Buzz

## Don't Miss the Whispers of Divine Grace

At the **House of Prayer** on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. people of all ages are receiving prayer training and offering ardent prayers. We are fast approaching our 50th meeting with hopes of more people joining us, dreaming of 200 lifting their voices to God. We have learned from our sisters and brothers at Eden Korean Presbyterian Church that regular and zealous prayer is central to the life of the church.

On Sunday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m. we are hosting the **Ordination and Installation of Keith Thomas**. A commission of the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest will lead us. The Reverend Larry Trotter, Pastor of Iglesia Presbiteriana Cristo Redentor, the Thomas' pastor in Guadalajara of many years, will preach. As an ordained Teaching Elder in the PCA, Keith will have the privilege of administering the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. At this worship meeting, Keith will baptize Alex Lyons, who has recently professed faith, having worshipped faithfully with us at Reconciliation and Evergreen. A dessert reception will directly follow the service.

The women of Evergreen are actively serving and enjoying fellowship. On the first and third Fridays at 7:30 p.m. women are meeting at **Moonstruck Chocolate at Beaverton Town Square**. (There's more

than truffles there! -Great opportunity to build relationships.)

**Surveyor**, our Wednesday night dinner and classes for all ages is off to a good start. Many thanks to Keith and Julie Thomas, John and Tiffany Breckenridge, Catherine Maule, Debbie Beeman, Raelene Meeker, Penny and Jon Spivey and many more who are improving all aspects of this ministry.

**James Hieter** is our new intern at Evergreen. He plans to enter studies at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia this summer. In the meantime, Pastor Lewis is assigning to him tasks to prepare him for pastoral ministry. He is presently serving as Clerk of the Session. He is helping to lead worship. He is teaching through the Prophecy of Zephaniah at our Wednesday Minor Prophets Study meeting in the Evergreen Library at 10:30 a.m. His mother, **Kathy Hieter** is soon to be publicly received as a member of Evergreen.

**Kevin Epp**, our **Missions Committee Chair** has made a whirlwind trip to our orphanage in Mexico to visit **Anthony Forney** and to deliver medication and gifts. **Pastor David Hopkins** is busy teaching School without Walls on reservations. Pray for him!

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