

The Carpenter's Tool Box

Christ calls us to minister with all in need of safe haven by being a caring fellowship and providing a sense of purpose through interaction with people of faith

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Doubling Makes A Big Difference ... by Rev. Duane L. Sich

“As for you, be strong through the grace that is ours in union with Christ Jesus. Take the teaching that you heard me proclaim in the presence of many witnesses; entrust them to reliable people, who will be able to teach others also.”

2 Timothy 2: 2

This is absolutely true: If you start with a penny and double the amount each day, in just one month the total is tremendous! Day 1 = \$.01; Day 8 = \$1.28; Day 15 = \$163.84; Day 22 = \$20,097.52; Day 28 = \$1,342,177.28; Day 29 = \$2,684,354.56; Day

30 = \$5,368,709.12. If you choose a month with 31 days, well WOW! It is over Ten Million Dollars! This is not a trick, it's the truth. Doubling makes a big difference.

The same is true in other aspects as well. Just imagine if the following were similarly doubled: the number of times God is thanked; the number of times a kindness is shared; the number of new ideas gained from words of encouragement; the number of lives changed by persons who care. Imagine the amount of difference if we just

“doubled up” in doing good things! Obviously, it would be impossible to do it alone. In order for the numbers to work out, it would take many people all working together.

Surely this was the intent of the Apostle Paul's teaching to Timothy. He told Timothy to take the Good News he had heard Paul teach and pass it on. Oh, not just in a casual sort of letting it go. Rather teaching it so intentionally that the words are entrusted into faithful and committed followers who will pass it along, and along, and

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THIS MONTH'S STARS! THANK YOU'S TO...

★ Thank you to St. Paul Lutheran Church for hosting the Wednesday Noon Prayer and Praise Worship Service for the last 10 and 1/2 years. Every Wednesday, Pastor Chris Nolte, Lay Pastor Geri Hiller,



Rev. Duane Sich and/or Vicars Angela, Tim, Brian and Brahm have led worship and music for the Vancouver downtown community and those

attending Friends of the Carpenter Wednesday events.

★ To those have donated coffee in the past.... However... we are in need of MORE! Donations of regular coffee would be greatly appreciated!

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along, and so on! The doubling will undoubtedly make a huge difference in the Body of Christ!

This principle is really practical; however it's pretty tough to actually make it happen. Sure, doubling that penny (or whatever) the first few days or even the first couple of weeks isn't that hard. Giving up a bad habit or going in a new direction can be easy at first. But as a discipline is developed – like a runner working towards a marathon – it takes more effort, more time and more intention to eventually make the goal; giving up can quickly happen when the going gets tough.

In ministry, in faith and in the Body of Christ,

it's never about "going it alone." It's more about doubling up, being surrounded with fellowship, sharing and serving with others on a similar journey. It's not so much about numbers as it is community. It's the connection to the peace and power of God's love which grows day by day, as friendships form and "double." Down the road, it's amazing how it mounts up and how it makes a big difference. Equally amazing is when you look back and see how small the start was.

Friends of the Carpenter is in its 13th year. Back in 1998, nobody knew what would happen or even if the ministry would survive. Sometimes people now say, "What a great idea this was." Ha, it was "penny

-size" at the time. But day by day, month by month, and now year by year, well not doubling but definitely growing. Like that runner in training for the marathon, the effort, energy and expense has grown. We are grateful for all who have helped God "expand our territory." (See Prayer of Jabez – 1 Chronicles 4:9/10) But the truth is, the need and opportunity is greater than ever. Doubling of our volunteers, doubling of revenue, and yes the doubling of those seeking support is critical. Every person and every penny is needed and appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer, please call or come by for an orientation and assignment. Blessings will abound, and double!

If you are able to contribute or increase your financial support, again blessings will abound, and double! Lives will be changed by doubles, and doubles, and so on. Financial gifts to support our overhead are needed. Financial gifts to the endowment fund build a strong foundation for the future. If you can help or need information someone from the Board of Directors or I will be eager to visit with you. Or talk with your financial advisor regarding an endowment gift, a transfer of stock or a pledge from your trust funds.

Doubling does make a big difference; if we work at it together it can happen!

2011 Lenten Bible Class Series—Starting soon!

"Biblical Poetry on Lenten Themes" will be the topic this year for the Lenten Bible Series. The class will be held in the Conference Room of the Friendship Center for 6 Fridays at noon—1:30 beginning on March 11

The Human and Divine feelings reflected and







expressed in Old Testament poetry will be explored. For several years, Dr. William Lehmann has taught these courses, and they are always thought-provoking and fun! Bring a bag lunch or goodies to share!



Your Gift Can Make a Difference!

Are you 70 and 1/2 years old and have an IRA that you would consider donating to Friends of the Carpenter? You have the ability to donate up to \$100,000 of your IRA to Friends and exclude that distribution from income in this year, 2011. Please contact the center at 360-750-4752 and/or your financial advisor for more information as to how you can "make a difference today"!

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 13 	14 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Valentine's Day	15 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	16 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am HUGS Valentine Event!	17 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Recovery Bible Class	18 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	19
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27	28 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	March 1 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	2 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am AFTERNOON EVENT	3 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Recovery Bible Class	4 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	5 
6	7 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	8 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	9 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am NEWSLETTER EVENT Ash Wednesday	10 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Recovery Bible Class	11 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am LENTEN STUDY 12-1:30 PM	12
13 Daylight Savings Begins 	14 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am BOARD MEETING	15 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	16 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am AFTERNOON EVENT	St. Patrick's Day 17 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Recovery Bible Class	18 Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am LENTEN STUDY 12-1:30 PM	19 
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Friendship Center Events & Activities

Our Friendship Center offers a safe place for everyone to spend time engaging in activities. Join us for morning devotions led by local pastors and lay persons at 9:30 am, followed by a variety of activities, Monday through Friday from 10 to 11:30 am. On Friday mornings we are offering arts and crafts activities. The first Friday of the month will be drawing and coloring arts; second Friday 'quilting bee' style (bring your crocheting, knitting, etc.); third Friday will be working with painting; fourth Friday is miscellaneous activities. On months with fifth Fridays; we will have games or movie days. **Donations of craft items are needed; magazines for pictures, card stock, and colored paper, color books, crayons, colored pencils, markers, paints, etc.**

Our Wednesday events begin at 1pm with circle and devotion followed by an activity and closing circle at 2:45 pm. Love gifts of bus tickets, gas, haircuts or store cards are given out for the Wednesday events.





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Dear Friends, Let us love one another because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God 1 John 4:7

2nd Chance Thrift Store - A Short History of How it Came to Be

In the fall of 2010, Wendy Loyd, Kristen Carr, Carla Lehto and Arlas Nemnich approached the Board of Friends of the Carpenter with a proposal for a thrift shop. All proceeds would go to Friends of the Carpenter's ministry with the homeless in Clark County. After the Board gave the "go ahead", it took a few months to find the right location. We said we could be in business two weeks after getting a key.

A location was found at 3414 NE 53rd St. and we moved in on December 1. It became evident that we needed to start selling ASAP in order to pay the rent. Several volunteers worked long, hard hours, and the 2nd Chance Thrift store opened one week later, on December 8, 2010.

The response from the neighborhood and surrounding community has been overwhelming! Everyone is pleased to see something in a facility that had been empty four years. The store is clean, bright, and roomy. We are staffed entirely by volunteers and all merchandise has been donated.

We have 3,200 sq. ft. of store to keep stocked with merchandise. Your donations keep the store filled! **We can always use:** antiques, furniture, clothing, jewelry, house wares, books, shoes, linens, tools, vintage items, and handcrafted furniture. All items must be clean and in working condition.

THANK YOU! to those of you who have already donated useable items; and THANK YOU to the volunteers who worked countless hours to get the shop up and running in only one week.

**The Friends of the Carpenter's 2nd Chance Thrift Store is located at
3414 NE 53rd St. (on the corner of 53rd and St. John's).
COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR GREAT PRICES.**

A Special Thank You to the Thrift Store Founders and all the Volunteers

FROM The Friendship Center!

