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### What Do You See?

by Rev. Duane L. Sich

*"Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. After spitting on the man's eyes, Jesus placed his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything?" The man looked up and said, "Yes, I can see people, but they look like trees walking around." Jesus again placed his hands on the man's eyes. This time the man looked intently, his eyesight returned and he saw everything clearly." Mark 8: 22-25*

YUK! What an unpleasant and unusual healing technique. Probably that's why Jesus took the man outside the village – to spit in his eye??? Actually, of all the healing miracles recorded in the Bible, this is the only one where it took Jesus two attempts to complete the healing. Wonder why that was? Its doubtful that Jesus "goofed" so undoubtedly He wanted His followers to learn something. The way this miracle worked out was a progressive one. At first touch, the man's eyesight was restored partially – he saw people but they

looked like trees walking around. The second touch (dose) changed what he saw. He saw everything clearly.

Wow! What a miracle it would be to see clearly – everything clearly! How wonderful to be spared from clouded perceptions, jaded judgments, and discriminatory decisions. How often are any of us guilty of depersonalizing other people – seeing the things they do and they themselves like "trees walking around" - people we don't understand or maybe even care to understand? Yet, how often do we make callous judgments that are based on partial information, limited understanding and probably even less effort on trying to understand? Oh for a "second touch" of Jesus hand!

Well, this kind of miracle takes time, and for most of us it's not only a second touch, but a third and fourth and more. I'm sure this is true in any relationship but especially necessary when trying

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to understanding the problems and predicaments of the poor. Discerning and trying to decide what you will do with persons who are depressed and often desperate, takes time and it takes getting "eye to eye," up close and personal. (Nobody does any spiting, thank goodness.) But to watch from afar, is like driving by a person "flying a sign" on a street corner – and merely see a "human tree" walking and waiting and wanting something good to happen as we pass by.

Well Jesus took the man whom He healed aside. I believe that's the lesson of this miracle. Drawing aside, finding a safe place, a quiet place apart from the hustle and hassle, a place where both parties can concentrate on the perceptions and clearly see the problems and pray.

Through the ministry of Friends of the Carpenter, Jesus is touching the lives of many people, time and again. The woodwork and various other activities we do at the Friendship Center or at our off-site events provide a special place and a process where people can come together in a safe and supervised setting. We begin by forming a hand-holding friendship circle; we each say

our name aloud which is repeated aloud by the entire circle. With just once (or maybe twice) around the circle, everyone's name is pretty well known. Our welcome encourages each person there to "lean into" the fellowship and faith, to look for God's healing and "eye opening" grace that is present. We pray and we sing the praise song, *Sanctuary*. "Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary; pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you." And then we "dive in." Oh no, it's not about the woodworking, but it does initially take our eyes off each other. In the fellowship that follows, through the conversations, the caring and sharing, the laughing and loving, God begins removing scales from people's eyes and Christ is clearly seen in every person.

Thank you for your prayers; thank you for your continuing support; it's needed to keep this ministry moving in the direction God is leading us. And I invite you to "dive in," either with Friends of the Carpenter or in whatever ministry God is calling you to consider. But please don't settle for "one touch." Christ invites each of us to a clearer vision and a closer walk with Him and with each other; but it

comes through consistently and persistently putting yourself in a special place, probably with people who need help, to do God's work and feel God's presence together. In this unity, we will share each other's burdens and celebrate one another's joys. Come join us! Come SEE!

(If you're looking for a place to "plug in," please call our office to find "that place.")



### Caregivers Still Wanted & Needed

So, if you read the lead article, you can well imagine that once you "see things clearly," particularly with our participants, the "road to renewal" often looks rough. Relapse can easily happen, but with prayer and people who care, anything is possible for anyone! If you feel called or challenged to be a personal caregiver, please talk with any of the FOC staff.

Care giving can be as simple as holding hands with a friend in "the circle," or as complicated as "being on call" in a crisis. Generally it means a weekly check-in. It might mean giving a ride and sitting in on an appointment. Support and supervision will be available.

\* Please call if you "can care."

## ALL VOLUNTEERS

Please come for an evening of  
appreciation!

### WHEN:

May 19, 2005, Thursday - 7:00 pm

### PLACE:

The Friendship Center - 1600 W. 20th St.

RSVP-750-4752

"We thank our God ever time  
we remember you.

In all our prayers for all of you,  
we always pray with joy..."

### Auction Items Desired:

Undoubtedly within our readership are persons who have or know persons who have creative and valuable auction items they are willing to donate, but haven't because "they weren't asked". Please pray and help us "ask." For example:

- A Hummer Weekend Rental
- A Hot Air Balloon Ride
- Frequent Flyer Air Miles
- Beach/Mountain Vacation Cabin
- Private Craft and/or Skill Training
- Computer Hardware Or Software Training
- Host an ethnic or gourmet meal at your home
- Items of less value that can be gathered into baskets.
- Limo Rental
- Charter Fishing
- Sky Diving Class

The Annual FOC Auction is our major fundraiser to help underwrite our mission and operation. Thank you for your effort and support to build blessings!

## IT'S AUCTION TIME!

THE PLEASURE OF YOUR  
COMPANY IS REQUESTED  
AT THE 3RD ANNUAL  
FRIENDS OF THE  
CARPENTER  
AUCTION  
AND DINNER.

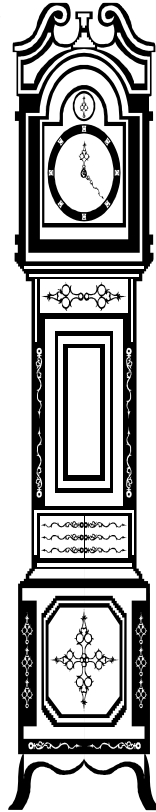
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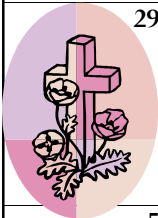
- 1) VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING OF THE EVENT
- 2) DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE AUCTION
- 3) RESERVE YOUR DINNER TICKET OR TABLE

**PLEASE CONTACT  
US AT 750-4752!**



# May & June 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>May 15</b> Rev. Sich preaches at Everlasting Missionary Baptist Church 11 am	<b>16</b> Open Shop 1:30-3:30 pm	<b>17</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast  Friendship Center Activity 9:30—11:30 am	<b>18</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast  St. Paul Worship 12-12:30 pm	<b>19</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast  Volunteer Appreciation@ Friendship Ctr.	<b>20</b> SHARE Outreach  Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am	<b>21</b> SHARE Brunch & Event Recycle Sale Drop Off 12 noon—3 pm
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Open Shop 1:30-3:30 pm  Cook SHARE Dinner and Worship	<b>24</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<b>25</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast  St. Paul Worship & Event 12-2:30 pm	<b>26</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<b>27</b> SHARE Outreach  Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Friends of the Carpenter Office Closed	<b>31</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<b>June 1</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast  St. Paul Worship & Event 12-2:30 pm	<b>2</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<b>3</b> Recycle and Renewal Sale	<b>4</b> Woodworker Show & Tell  Recycle and Renewal Sale
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<b>8</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast  St. Paul Worship 12-12:30 pm	<b>9</b> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<b>10</b> SHARE Outreach  Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am	<b>11</b>
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## ♥ WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS ♥

*"A generous man..."* WAYNE PUESCHEL  
*"A generous man will himself be blessed...."*  
 Proverbs 22: 9



V o l u n t e e r ,  
**Wayne Pueschel**  
 is a familiar face  
 at Friends of the  
 Carpenter events  
 and activities.  
 From the begin-

ning, he has been a regular attendee of our cooking and woodworking events. He is also a woodworker, and has prepared many testimony cross kits to be assembled at the woodworking events. Lately he has also been a regular attendee at the Open Shop times at the Friendship Center.

**Wayne** is a board member, serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Recently retired as a computer systems engineer, he uses his computer skills to assist the FOC staff with the mailing list updates and is helping Judy set-up our new financial system.

**Wayne** and his wife, Donna, are active members at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church. They have two grown daughters, Nancy and Tracy. He calls himself a "beginner" woodworker and he also enjoys camping, fishing and yard work.

Like so many of our volunteers, **Wayne** has many gifts and skills. He is a generous man in how he gives and shares his time and gifts. We thank God for him and the many ways he shares with Friends of the Carpenter.

We have many volunteer opportunities, from the woodworking events and cooking meals at Share House to assembling the newsletter to the woodworking in the shop. Please call to find out where and when you would like to be involved with Friends of the Carpenter.

## Amazing African Wood

What a surprise! Friends of the Carpenter received an "in kind" donation of 31,000 board feet of African Exotic Hardwood! (We didn't order it and it's not from an area to deplete the rain forest.) Yikes, that's three semi loads of wood!!!! WOW! We thank Tim Warren (and his siblings) of Three Oaks Development Company of Portland and Michael Herrod, a FOC volunteer, who together made this donation possible. The wood is rough cut, consisting of 25 species and varying dimensions from 1"x 2" by 24 inches to 2"x12" by 16 feet long. We're so glad God gave us a warehouse in which to receive it, but now we need additional help to realize the value. We intend to market raw wood requesting a fair-value donation. If you, or someone you know or a business wants to check it out, call us. Also, we've set up a special wood-work schedule to have volunteers plane and sort the wood. Wednesday evenings, one monthly Thursday morning and whenever else we can schedule a crew together. If you'd be willing to volunteer, call us. Best of all, we're planning to make finished product from this "exotic" wood. A general policy we have about our wood is, if you make "one"



Bob, Dan, Larry & Jack check out the 1st piece of planed wood.

for you, make "one" for us in trade for the wood. Also, we are forming a group of wood turners (experienced, novice and "wanna-bes") who will work at the Center or in their home shops making wooden pens, bowls, gavels, and various other products. Again, CALL. God has blessed this ministry in so many ways, and this blessing again is a gift from God to provide activities for our people and provisions to keep this ministry going! Thanks be to God!

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Through Friendship

*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*

**6th Annual  
Recycle and Renewal Sale  
Friday & Saturday, - June 3 & 4  
Fri. 9 am—6 pm Sat. 9 am—2 pm  
Salvation Army  
1500 NE 112th Ave. - 98684  
A BENEFIT FOR  
FRIENDS OF THE CARPENTER  
Items can be dropped off at the Friendship Center  
On Saturday, May 21 - 12 noon—3 pm  
1600 W. 20th  
Or Thursday, June 2 at the site  
of the sale - 9 am—2 pm**

**THANK YOU to all who have  
donated items for the  
Recycle and Renewal Sale!  
We have had a busy crew of  
volunteers cleaning, and sorting...  
(Thank you Debbie, Elaine,  
Dora and Ron...)  
BUT WE NEED MORE HELP!  
Please come on Tuesday or  
Friday afternoons. We could  
also use help on Thursday, June  
2nd in setting up for the sale, and  
during the sale itself.  
We're waiting to hear from YOU!  
750-4752**