

Church Beyond Walls

By Andre' Provost



David Boling

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David Boling grew up in Portland, Oregon. He had a great childhood. Then in the Sixties he joined the Marine Corps; ascending the ranks quickly, David achieved top secret clearance, which landed him a position working in VietNam, Liberia and Korea for the Secret Service. His work brought him much excitement meeting important people, but the experiences also led him into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This became evident after two failed marriages and years of struggling with heroin, cocaine and alcohol addiction.

In 1992 he sought out treatment. Finding that unless one was a criminal, treatment centers required a large sum of money, which he lacked. To get into a yearlong treatment program he

got himself arrested. David has been clean and sober ever since.

After leaving treatment, David sustained himself with odd jobs in Portland. Then three years ago, Duane Sich invited him to join the activities of the Friends of the Carpenter and move in to the FOC duplex on Simpson Avenue.

On the night of March 11th, David had a disturbing dream. In his dream he woke up realizing that he needed God's mercy in his life. "For the first time, I wanted to be close to God, close to Jesus. I wanted to have the Holy Spirit in me and knew it was something I didn't have. I felt His fire under me." He came to the center that morning and talked to me about making a commitment to Christ. Even though he had already been bap-

tized as a youth, he felt it had no significance and did it to "go along" with the other boys. He told us that it was now clear to him, from the dream, that he needed to be baptized again and "to do it now, don't waste any time." So, that afternoon after a session explaining from the scriptures the meaning of Baptism, a group of us went over to his apartment and baptized him. He has been doing well ever since. David is reading his Bible and meets with Point Man Ministry, a support group run by vets for vets on Tuesday afternoons in the Friendship Center. Due to pain from osteoporosis in his hip joint, he is not able to attend longer church meetings. Please keep David in your prayers as he is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on May 11th.

May Agency Spotlight

It was no accident when Nancy Elkinton, a GATE (Gateway to Adult Transitional Education) para-educator, began bringing students to Friends of the Carpenter in Spring 2014. Nancy heard about Friends of the Carpenter from Dean Staley, supervisor at GATE. Dean hand selected Nancy to supervise the 18-21 yr old young adults, who are developmentally challenged. They come to FOC to receive credits toward

graduation and to gain vocational skills that will help them to find a paying job. "F.O.C. is a positive and supportive environment for the kids. The individual attention they receive gives them a sense of confidence and it keeps them accountable. I have seen them blossom in the time they have been coming here. I



absolutely love it here" states Nancy.

Nancy has always loved working with people. For many years, Nancy has been the manager at Sommerview Duplexes. Nancy also takes care of her friend Ida, who will be 100 years young in 3 weeks. Nancy says she stays spiritually fit by filling her days up with helping others. Nancy commented, "FOC is an awesome place. I love the positive vibe that fills the air" Nancy stated.

Thank you Nancy for your smile.

TOGETHER WE PREPARE CLASS



This presentation is a great way to increase your own preparedness and safety level, as well as the levels of your family, your workplace, and your community. **Together We Prepare** discusses the types of disasters (either man-made or natural) that can occur in our geographic area and how to prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters by establishing family meeting places and addressing

emergency communication strategies, making personal and family disaster plans, and building emergency supply kits. The presentation emphasizes the three tenets of preparedness: Be Informed, Make a Plan, Build a Kit.

Thrive Life will also be offered, which includes freeze dried food, 25 year shelf life, and emergency equipment such as water storage infiltration.

May 21st at 3 pm at the Friends of the Carpenter Activity Center, RSVP Call Michelle 360-558-2246 or michelle@friendsofthecarpenter.org

An earthquake can strike suddenly and often without warning. Practicing in advance to drop, cover, and hold will help condition you to react automatically and safely when the first shaking is felt. Each disaster is different. Each family's needs are different. Start by knowing the risk for your community. Create your emergency plan to include the actions you will take before, during, and after a disaster. Do all you can today to make sure you are prepared for tomorrow.

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Memorial Service for the Homeless

We would like to invite your participation in a Memorial Service for all of our Friends who have died in the past year and a half since the most recent service that was held in December 2013:

Wednesday, May 27th at 11 am

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1309 Franklin, Vancouver

Refreshments will be served after the service.

FOC BENEFIT

Encore Concert Series **May 9, Saturday at 7 pm**

featuring Thomas Rheingans and Ensemble

Theme: Down By the Riverside, series will turn its attention to Appalachia and endeavor to create Mill Plain's own version of an old-time "Pickathon". Old-time, or mountain music, is a genre of North American folk music, with roots in the folk music of various cultures of Ireland, Britain, Africa, and Continental Europe. Old-time music was featured extensively in the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou". Selections from the movie will be performed along with some dazzling novelty piano solos, swinging jazz standards, and Christian praise music.

**Mill Plain Methodist Church
15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver**

Concert is Free. A Free Will Offering will be taken