

# The Dove



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Chris, Aimee's husband, and I were discussing a pastor's sermon. Chris's observation of the pastor's sermon was that the pastor read a sermon written by someone else. (*We call it a 'canned' sermon*)

Chris compared the sermon to orders in the military. He said in the military you receive orders from your commanders. (*He used an official name but I can not remember the name*). Chris noted that as the flight officer for the battalion, it is his job to apply those orders for the specifics of his command and his subordinates. It is believed that the job will be accomplished more effectively if the commander applies the orders to the local situation. Chris's opinion was that the pastor was not applying the message to the local situation.

At first I thought "Ooh, tough audience". Then I wondered how many times I have tried merely to get the sermon done without really being concerned about its application. Then I thought, "Don't we all need to apply God's word to our local situation?"

Paul writes:

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

Here, Paul talks of his freedom in Christ to become like others. His purpose is not to win other's approval. His purpose is that they might come to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One might see that Paul took the Gospel and applied it to the local situation.

Our task at Peace is to apply the Good News of Jesus Christ to the local situation – to the needs of people in the church who hurt because of the physical strains of life. We also apply the Gospel to the needs and understandings of the people outside the church. We apply it to the local situation – we do it not for our sake but for the sake of others.

May God move each of us to such a motivation?

Christ's Peace,

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**Sunday Service  
9:30am  
Fellowship  
10:30am  
Sunday School  
11:00am  
Adult Bible  
Class  
11:10am**

***"To help all  
people know,  
believe in, and  
follow Jesus  
Christ."***

Dear Friends at Peace,  
 Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards.  
 I know it all helped me get home with a  
 nice shiny new hip. Bless you all.  
 Dave Erickson

**FRUIT OF THE VINE**

What is happening to our country? Is the Vine  
 being severely pruned back? And if so, by  
 whom? Do we at Peace think our branch of the  
 Vine is doing enough to bear Good Fruit? These  
 are questions the local and national Christian  
 communities should think about. I think we are  
 doing great things. Can we do more? These are  
 questions that rattle around in my brain all the  
 time. Can you answer them?  
 Bill Kerr

**OFFICE HOURS**

Our church office is open Monday thru Friday,  
 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Mondays are Pastor  
 Adams day off. He is available in his study  
 Tuesday thru Fridays from 9 a.m. –12 noon and  
 also by appointment. Sally is in the office  
 Monday thru Thursday. If you are in need of  
 ministry please stop by or call the church office  
 at 388-2065.

**HOME PHONE**

You may also reach Pastor Adams at home. His  
 number is: (415) 388-7190. Please feel free to  
 call him as you like.

	June 2009	Year To Date
<b>APPROVED BUDGET</b>		
<b>INCOME:</b>	\$ 16,119	\$100,458
Income	\$ 23,648.	102,000.
Less Total Expenses	<u>-15,986.</u>	<u>-104,963.</u>
<b>NET GAIN/LOSS</b>	\$ 7,662.	\$ - 2,963.

Jim Sides, Treasure

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 8-3 Eric Erickson
- 8-6 Sharon Sides
- 8-11 Elizabeth Erickson
- 8-12 Lynn Loos
- 8-13 Brad Sides
- 8-15 Lee Rosevear
- 8-16 Herb Magnuson
- 8-18 Mary Ann Griller
- 8-22 Joyce Webb
- 8-23 Julia Hellman
- 8-26 Kathy Doyle
- 8-30 Barbara Elam
- 8-30 Joyceln Mendell

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8-6 Bill & Ulla Kerr
- 8-7 Jim & Sharon Sides

Please remember to bring  
 non-perishable food items  
 for the **Southern Marin Food Pantry.**

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If you would like to help serve or donate a dish  
 for our homeless hot meal program **PEACE  
 MEAL** please contact Lee Rosevear. Our time  
 to serve is the second Thursday of each month at  
 12n at West Minister Presbyterian Church in  
 Tiburon.

