



A Community of Radical Acceptance

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Weekly Update

February 15, 2012

From the Pastor ...



Fred Wilster lives in room 4C, second floor, at the VA Nursing Center in Denver. I met him yesterday when I went with a group of our American Baptist Women to pass out Valentine cards to the residents there. Fred was in World War II.

Unlike most of the other residents, when I entered Fred's room, he was quite busy, huddled over his bed, seated in a chair. Spread out in front of him was the same cardboard cutting board I saw my mother use many times in her sewing. Piled up on the board were heaps of materials and spools of thread. All morning, he'd been cutting out squares of material, which he turns into baby bibs and blankets for low-income mothers with new babies. The bibs and blankets are distributed by a nonprofit in Denver. On Fred's wall were articles about his work and several "volunteer of the year" awards.

Fred is sharp as a tack, vibrant, eager to talk and interact. Even in his convalescence he's found a purpose, a way to contribute to the well being of others. His purpose motivates him to get up, get dressed, eat well, rest well, and stay active. He may be attached to an oxygen tube, and he spends his day in his wheel chair, but Fred is full of energy.

I was amazed at how much others assist Fred in his efforts. His church, for example, sends someone over each week with a new batch of cloth and blanket material for him to use in his work. What a cycle: they announce the need, people respond generously, Fred makes the bibs and blankets, and then a woman from the nonprofit comes to pick them up. She distributes them to dozens of low-income women. Most of these women have hard lives. Many are out of work or can't work, and if you've priced a baby bib and blanket lately, then

you begin to get a feel for just how much Fred is providing for so many.

On the wall of his small room were pictures of his family, including his wife, who died some time ago. He's a World War II vet, a member of what Tom Brokaw calls "the greatest generation."

Being with Fred helped me put a few things back in proper perspective. Our group went to encourage the residents there, but we got far more from our visits than any of them. Many thanks to Evelyn Bradbury for arranging the trip.

See you Sunday. Bob.

This Week at FBC

Sunday, February 19

- 9:30am – Caffeine & Conversation (Reception Area)
- 10:00am – Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 22

- 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday meal and service

Please Remember

- Asha Sanchu
- Avery Morrell (Susan Anderson's granddaughter)
- Cyndie Sharkey
- Elizabeth Forester (Pete Sprenkle's niece)
- Emmett Haywood's granddaughter Emerson
- Evelyn Bradbury's brother, Eldon
- The people of Libya, Syria, Somalia, Egypt, and Haiti
- Irish Brophy (home)
- Karen Hadley Dike's Mother
- Faye Parrish (Frazier Meadows Nursing Care)
- Sandy MacKay
- Xakon (Mosaic member; Denver VA Hospital)
- Egbe Efe's Family in Nigeria

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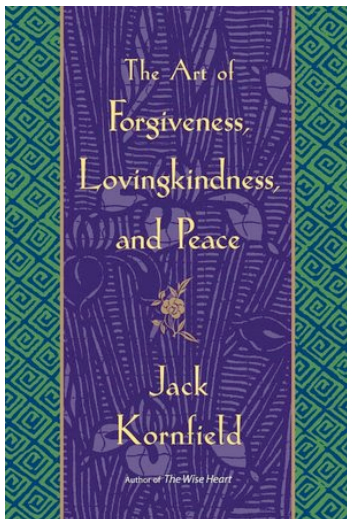
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Lenten Meal and Study Series "The Work of Forgiveness."

Begins Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 (meal), 6:15 (study) and every Tuesday through March 27 (meeting weekly in our Reception Area).

Book being used: *The Art of Forgiveness, Loving kindness and Peace* by Jack Kornfield. Hard copies are available by request for \$10.

The Kindle edition is available for download for \$13.99.



Flatirons Habitat for Humanity Luncheon this Sunday February 19

After this Sunday's service, everyone is invited to attend a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall to hear from Catherine Ballance about the Flatirons Habitat for Humanity (FHFH) north Boulder "Coburn Square" and Lafayette "Coal Creek Village" low-income home projects. After she gives a presentation with photos and project details, Missions Team co-leader Kerry Hassler will tell how our church will support these two FHFH projects via --

- Direct donations from our 2012 Missions & Outreach budget to help meet our church's "Apostles' Build" financial commitments;
- Five percent of a 2012 \$50,000 Habitat for Humanity card-sales goal in our church; and
- Support by our church's ABW women of house-warming gifts for Coburn Square and Coal Creek Village families.

Also, congregation members will be invited to participate in hands-on Coburn Square workdays (shared with other Boulder churches) in March, April and June. Hands-on workdays for Coal Creek Village will be announced later this year. Luncheon attendees will then be asked for their approval of our church's 2012 FHFH support plan to assure there is "congregational buy-in". Please plan to attend!

Cruise to Hawaii Southbound

-11 Nights- September 13th - September 26th, Begins in Vancouver and ends with 7 days cruising the islands.

-Full itinerary at the church. This is an escorted trip with **Aleta Purcell**. Sarah (Rothe) Bender of Bender Travel can answer any questions
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Ash Wednesday Meal and Service 2/22

Join us for a light dinner at 5:30 in the reception area followed by an intimate Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary @ 6:15pm.