



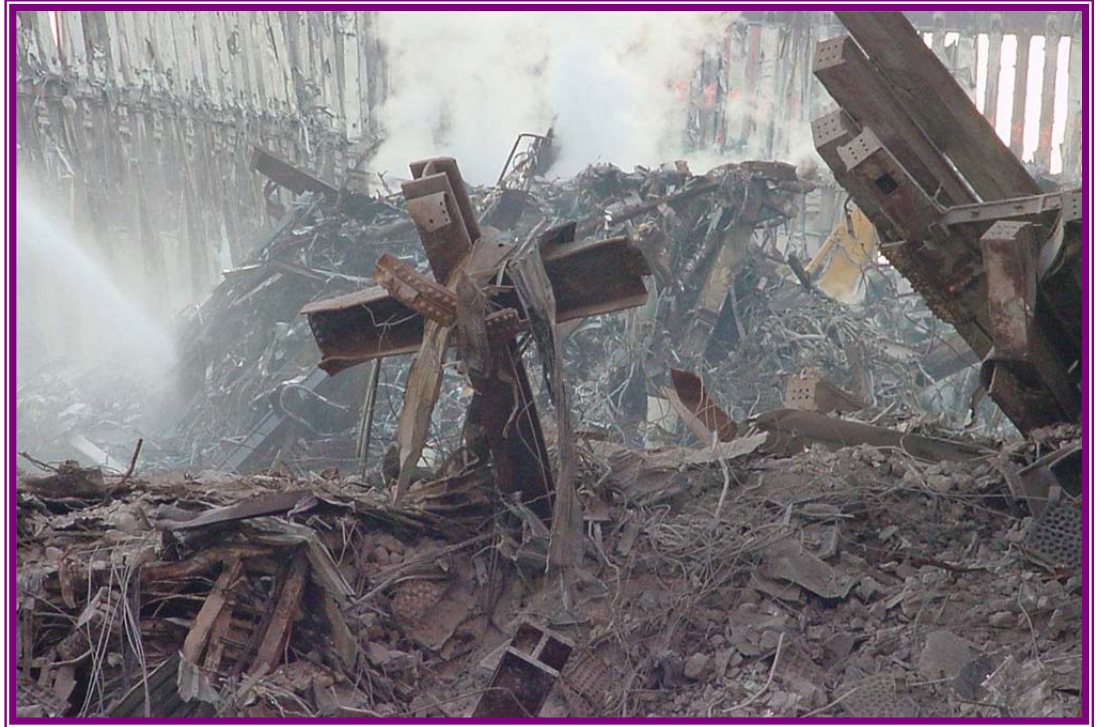
Spokane Valley



Community of Christ

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“Remember, Forgive, Repeat.”

Richard Brown, [9/11/2011 Forgive from Your Heart.](#)

<http://richbrownforewords.wordpress.com/2011/09/09/9112011-forgive-from-your-heart/>

Firm Foundation

Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure;
Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word.
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I have a living hope, I have a living hope,
I have a future, I have a future;
God has a plan for me, God has a plan for me,
of this I am sure, of this I am sure.

Your word is faithful, Your word is faithful,
mighty in power, mighty in power,
God will deliver me, god will deliver me,
of this I am sure, of this I am sure.

Sing a New Song, #10, CCLI # 1055565

Mission ~ Free Lunch Ministry

Our five week lunch program on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month August was a success. It was an enjoyable time with an average of 22 guests who came to have lunch and visit with the staff. "It's sad to see the end come" "The experience was a very positive one" "The interaction between the staff and guests was very friendly" "It was fun" "A rewarding experience" These were some of the comments about the team effort of 32 volunteers (ages 3 - 92) who came to help with the food planning, food preparation, serving, visiting and greeting our guests as they came to our church home. Our young volunteers were: Joel, Sylvie, Maddie, Emily, Morgan and Eli.

Some of the stats: Total meals served to guests, 217; average number of guests, 22. We were prepared and planned on serving a lot more guests. The ones we did serve were very grateful with comments like: "We really appreciate your doing this" "Food was so good" Every one said "Thank you" "We really needed this." There were two-three generation families and one family of five. The staff was ready to do it again. Our prayer is that the experience while we were meeting their physical needs we were also meeting spiritual needs of those who came to our door.—Doddie Williams

Where Are They Now? – Andrea Read

Here I am...a traveling from Port-au-Prince to Kansas City on my way back from 10 days in Haiti. For the past few months I've been working part-time for Outreach International as Field Operations Staff focusing on the rebuilding efforts in Haiti and for Community of Christ as Haiti Relief Coordinator. I'm so blessed to have made this transition so smoothly. I'm now living in Lee's Summit, MO and able to spend time near my Mom's side of the family and close to many of my friends from my years at Graceland, which has been really wonderful. That being said, I miss my family in Spokane so very much as well as my Spokane Valley Church family.

This trip to Haiti was productive and enlightening, as was my last trip in March. I was fortunate enough to travel to the south of Haiti this trip and saw a great deal of the beautiful countryside outside of the dense city of Port-au-Prince. Outreach International supports about 75 schools in Haiti, 26 of which were directly affected by the devastating earthquake in January 2010. Each of these schools is housed in or in association with a Community of Christ congregation. There are also a number of Community of Christ congregations that are still in need of repairs following hurricanes from a few years back, these fall within in my role at World Church. Haiti has been wrought with a number of major disasters over the past few years, numerous hurricanes, the earthquake in 2010, a cholera epidemic and all of this while lacking many of the basic infrastructural elements to support a full recovery. With my teammates, we have many challenges ahead, but I am excited to be a part of the sustainable strategies we are putting in motion. If you would like to know more about the specific projects we're working on or would like to support Outreach International and/or Community of Christ in Haiti I would be honored to be your link to these efforts. I am thankful to each of you that have supported me throughout the years since I was just a wee little girl. Mom, Dad and I have been so blessed to have the love and support of each of you. While I may have been born here in Missouri, I always tell people that I'm from Spokane and the people there are my home—always will be. --Andrea



Recollections of Camp

I have asked some of the folks that participated in church summer camps to share some of their memories. Thanks to the following talented writers: Claude Duty, Silas Chapman, Ted Chapman, John Chatburn, Aidin McLaurin, and Jo Ann Townsend.

Primary Camp – June 10-12

The weekend of June 10, 11 and 12 we had another great Primary Camp! The theme was “Joy and Hope.” Those attending were campers Andon Nelson, Addy Chapman, Eddie Montoya, and Nathan Platz. Staff were James Kaiser, Kareem Main, Amanda Townsend, and Jo Ann Townsend. The weather was great and we had a brand new tent to try out (thank you Inland West Mission Center!). Fun times included sleeping outdoors in the tents, having campfires with skits and songs, story time, worship, a nature hike, swimming at the YMCA, burying each other in the sand box, hangin’ in the hammocks, and fooling around on the play equipment. We made a craft and wrote in each other’s Camp Log. The food was great, friendships were formed, and we felt God’s loving spirit blessing us in our fun times and our quiet times. It all ended on Sunday as we joined in worship with the congregation followed by a picnic at the park. ~ Jo Ann Townsend

Samish Island Family Camp – June 26-July 2

Samish Island is a “thin” place. It is not thin because of the food we eat while we are there, but because at Samish what separates us from God, nature, and each other is very “thin.” I’m grateful for people who treat each other with respect and grace and still maintain their sense of wit and humor. I’m also grateful for amazing campfire experiences – several of which gave me some pictures of Apostle Murphy that will be useful in my career with the church. The Samish Island Reunion was a stellar experience for me because I got to learn and teach, listen and preach, love and be loved. ~ John Chatburn

Coeur d’Alene River Retreat – July 15-17

The Coeur d’Alene river retreat at Mark and Dottie’s place was a time of Sharing in God’s good creation. It is good to just allow the spirit of nature wash over you and the fellowship with Community brings one a small insight into the peaceable Kingdom. God Bless. ~ Claude Duty

Junior Camp – July 22-24

I thought that Junior camp was all around fun. I liked how we did things together and exercised. I loved the meals (especially meals). It was done well. The counselors were great, I met lots of people, we had campfires, and one of the fires we had s’mores. Like I said before, an all-around great camp. ~ Silas Chapman

Junior Camp 2011 was a blast! We hit the ground running Friday night and before we knew it, it was time to go home! We camped, made new friends, ate great food, measured all sorts of things, exercised, ate more great food, swam, had campfire, thought about our God Shape, ate even more great food (did I mention the food was great?) and most importantly we were able to spend time getting to know more about each other, more about God and more about how we can grow in the Church and in our day to day lives. I know next year will be more fun, more great food and another chance to come together and share the camp experience. Thanks so much to the fabulous staff and campers – see you next year! ~ Ted Chapman

Camp Cascade/Senior Camp – August 7-11

Camp Cascade was a very fun experience for me. I met Brandon and Kiersten and I hung out with them a lot. The theme of the camp was Shalom and we learned how to create Shalom in our community. My favorite part of camp is when Brandon and I went hiking. We hiked two miles away from camp, and we found a lot of huckleberry clumps. We also say moose tracks bigger than my hand! We had classes at camp and I took print making and campfire classes. On the last day of camp we had a dance party and I did a moonwalk. The next morning, we returned. ~ Aidin McLaurin

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Church Hours

Sunday

9:30am: Social Hour
9:45am: Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship Service

Office Hours

10:00am to 3:00pm
Tuesday- Thursday