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WHERE'S THE BEEF?

It is that time of the year when we have been enjoying BBQs with family and friends.

Once again we are having a Beef raffle to raise money for the chaplaincy, with a positive twist this year. Everyone who buys a ticket has a chance to win some beef. First prize will be 1/2 of beef, 2nd and 3rd prize

winner will receive a 1/4 of side of beef each. The price is \$5.00 per



ticket or 5 tickets for \$20 dollars. There are only 1250 tickets being sold and we will be selling tickets the months of August and September only. So stop by our office at 208 Fisher's Lane in Kelso or call 425-7222. We have tickets available now, so hurry and be a winner of some wholesome beef for your dining pleasure.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Classes and more Classes, long days and short nights. Miriam and I attended the Assemblies of God Chaplains' Conference in Denver, Colorado in July.

This conference included chaplains representing military, correctional institutions, hospitals, industry, police/fire, motorcycle, rodeo, and 18-wheeler chaplains who are touching various segments of our society throughout the world.

The expected dress code as we were told was "Business casual." So we packed the proper attire and off to Denver we went. As we entered for our worship time before the class sessions what did we see? There were blue jeans, tennis shoes, jeans with holes in them, shorts, flip flops, sweat shirts, tee shirts, and power suits. Worst of all was the worship team. They were in the middle-age bracket, with spiked bleached hair, and holey (not Holy) jeans. The women's hair looked like it was blown dry and the comb or brush was missing from their luggage.

I looked at Miriam and said "and what in the world is this, and what about the dress code!!?"

Then they began to sing and play. Their songs led us to the very foot of Jesus where our hearts and souls were in the very presence of the King. With my spirit soften and the fresh breeze of the Holy Spirit flowing through me, I found myself repenting for conclusions made

based on my first impression of this group. God's Word tells us in I Samuel 16:7 that "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." God, help us to look beyond the outward appearances or first impressions!

JULY: A Mixed Bag of Emotions

July 2nd the Black Bear Baseball Team honored the Chaplaincy and I got to throw out the game ball. Boy! 90



feet is a lot further than it was when I played ball in high school. It was

fun though and the night was warm to start with but by the 9th ending it was chilly. The 4th of July was nice and it is always good to reflect on the cost of our freedom. Early Monday the 5th we were off to Denver.

The week of the twentieth we were introduced to tragedies that we were praying that we would escape this year. Our first drowning on the Toutle

River caused family members to walk through the horror of witnessing their loved one drown in front of them. What started out to be fun, fellowship and a picnic turned instead to a future of nightmares and sad memories.

While our volunteer Chaplain Mario was tending to the Toutle call, I was called to an accident at 36th and Ocean Beach where a 13- year old boy entered the road way and was struck. He died from the impact. The young mother bringing her three year old child home from the baby sitter will have etched in her memory the sight of that young boy making contact with her windshield. Such over-whelming pain for families to bear because of poor choices brings cruelty to members of our local families. May our Lord Jesus bring healing to each one.

A Moment of Appreciation

During the months of June, July and August each one of you has been so faithful with your prayers and giving. Steve and I want you to know that we deeply appreciate you. Our finances have held steady and all our bills have been paid. The Lord's name has been glorified among each of our financial obligations, such as PUD, gas, lease of equipment, plus repairs and up-keep, insurance, etc. As I post each of your checks when they come in I thank

the Lord for you. There is no doubt in our hearts and minds that without you Cowlitz Chaplaincy would not be able to exist. Your partnership with us completes the extension of the Lord's hands and feet to meet people in their hour of need. **Thank you!**

BBQ Pleasure

How are you in your Grilling or BBQing? Try this recipe.

Rib Eye Roast

Have the bones cut off but keep bones to be your rack to cook on.

Apply McCormack BBQ Mix. Sprinkle it on the meat then rub it in. Cover with plastic wrap and put in refrigerator overnight. Before cooking bring meat to room temperature - about 1hour. Take Kosher salt add egg whites, and water make a thick paste and cover meat completely.

Heat grill to 400 degrees. Place meat on the bones. I use a pan also. Cook 30 minutes then turn down to 320 degrees and cook until inside temperature is between 145 to 155 degrees. Remove from heat and let stand for up to 30 minutes.

Meat temperature will rise 10 to 20 degrees, plus the meat will set making slicing easy. Cooking time is about 12 to 20 minutes per pound. Take hammer and break the salt crust and remove salt from the



meat and then enjoy a wonderful dinner.

I cook on a gas grill and I soak Apple wood chips in water and use one tray of chips for smoke during the first stage of cooking. I also use indirect heat.

Chaplain Lyle

A Woman's Perspective

Lyle and I enjoyed driving to Denver for the Assemblies of God Chaplains' Conference in July. This was my first such conference. I enjoyed the sessions I attended, especially the women's sessions that were scheduled. I was also impressed by the fact that families were encouraged to attend and a very fine program for the children was provided by a dedicated staff.

One session that spoke to me had to do with those situations when we find ourselves called upon to minister to someone in great need or distress. *What do I say? What should I say? How can I help this person?* It is at these moments that we receive "divine downloads." God's Holy Spirit speaks the words into our hearts. He gives us the words of wisdom; words of knowledge to help. As the wife of a chaplain I find that I am often called upon to minister to someone. My words are inadequate but I pray for help and God provides the "divine downloads" which offer His wisdom; His encouragement and His love to the one in need.

It was good to get away and be challenged and refreshed by God's Word. ***Miriam Prather***

Just Some Thoughts...

You no doubt have heard the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words", right? This month I thought I would let some pictures do the talking for me.

Just a few weeks ago I was able to attend a training conference with a couple of my Castle Rock PD guys in Philadelphia (PA). We were able to spend one night in New York City as we traveled through JFK. This provided an opportunity for me to hook up with my NYPD buddy, Sgt. Jose Rodriguez. If that name sounds familiar to some of you, it should – Jose is the NYPD officer who was the main speaker for our "9-11 Night of



Remembrance" in Longview on September 11, 2002. We have become close friends since then and it was great to catch up on life for him and folks of NYC. Thanks to Jose we got a special 'insiders look' at the work being done at Ground Zero.

In late June I hosted a BBQ evening meeting with our new ICPC NW Region



Executive Director, Chaplain Jim Crowley. Jim is the director of the Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy and was making a 'loop' around our region (Washington, Idaho, Montana & Oregon). He and his wife met

with our chaplains and wives (except Carmen who was on a Mexico mission trip) to share vision and plans for the future of our ICPC organization. We had a great time of sharing and fellowship and appreciated Jim and his wife stopping off here in Castle Rock.

For the fourth year in a row, Carmen and I took a week to go down to Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center and volunteer. We work in the kitchen assisting the full-time staff with whatever duties they need done. This proves to be a "win-win" situation for everyone. This year the Food Service Manager told me that, not only do we do manual labor, but we also bring a breath of fresh air to the staff by encouraging them along the way. (I guess it's some of that 'ministry of presence' that I don't think about when I'm down there cutting fruit or trimming steaks.) Each year they add new kitchen tasks for me to do, but I am doing things so far removed from my normal Chaplaincy work that it's extremely relaxing and refreshing. By the end of the week I am convinced I wouldn't want to do it all summer long, but I do appreciate the break.



In late spring we completed another year of the "Every-15-Minute" program at our local high schools. This was my 9th year working the program and I still look forward to it each year.



Not only do I get to work alongside many of my officers, but I get to plant seeds in the lives of some of the greatest teenagers I could ever hope to be around. One of the things I miss not being a church pastor is regularly working with young people. If the students I worked with this year are any indication, our 'future' is in great hands! I have been so blessed by this program each year and 2010 was no exception.

I could never do what I do without the support and prayers



of my wonderful wife, Carmen. She is the one who sits at home when I am called out at all hours of the day and night. She is the one who has to put up with late dinners and holiday interruptions and canceled plans when I get called out. She is the one who drops to her knees and prays me through all sorts of difficult times along the way. She is deeply involved in our local Caring Pregnancy Center Ministry in the county, but I know her first ministry is to me – she proves it every day! If you think being a pastor/chaplain is hard work you ought to try being married to one! I love her and thank God for the gift He gave me. Please say a prayer for Carmen this month too!

Well that kind of tells the story for now. Your prayers and support are so vital to this ministry – please keep them up -- thank you!! Shalom!

Chap Steve