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December Program

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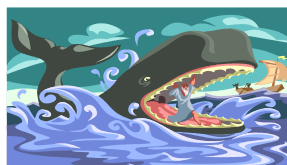
“Holiday Treats— Humor in Scripture”

*Presenter—Rev. Doug
Dunn, St Luke’s
Episcopal Church*

What a gift from Father Doug! We had a grand time identifying those parts of scripture that are just a little more fun than others.

Think about it—picture Jonah telling God “I don’t

wanna” and then trying to ignore God. Duh—not so smart. Imagine Jonah’s surprise when he



finds himself in the belly of the fish—eww. So, the fish belches him up and Jonah jumps on the opportunity to do God’s will. Now picture Jonah in his fishy clothes,

bleached white by the stomach contents of the whale, looking (and smelling) pretty nasty and he’s telling Ninevah to repent. I’d repent!

Mostly, Fr. Doug reminded us about the love the Father has for us, and how He shared that love when he sent His only Son to die for us.

Amen! And God bless us all this Christmas season.

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Financial Peace University

Would you like to get control of Your Money? Stop struggling to make ends meet? Stop having ‘money fights’ with your spouse? Tell your money what to do? Give more to your favorite charities? The Dave Ramsey video series *Financial Peace*

University will help you address these questions. This 13-week class will begin at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on February 15. Consider registering to attend at Shepherd, or even hosting the seminar at your own church. It’s a very timely

tool to offer your congregation and your community. Contact Mary Backhus at 303.707.4363 for information.



Position Wanted

Church administrator specializing in finance looking for position in church. Over 20 years experience in church

finance and administration including many duties in church office and with volunteers. Please contact Becky

Walkington at 303-290-8707 if you have an open position or know of another church needing someone.

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January Program

“By now, it should be clear to church administrators that they need to have an emergency plan for worst case scenarios.”

George Sullivan



January 9
“Emergency Preparedness”

Presenter—Chester Gilliam, Wizard Works and George Sullivan, Tutis Vero

Incidences such as church shootings, natural disasters, and other emergency situations should all be included as part of a church’s all-hazards emergency plan. George Sullivan knows that churches sometimes have a difficult time uncovering and addressing all possible incident scenarios. “But they should try to identify

hazards, analyze their vulnerability and mitigate before it happens.”

George and Chester will discuss the training of staff members and security teams on what to do before, during and after an incident . A well-developed emergency plan is only as effective as the people who are trained to implement it.

George Sullivan is Emergency Planning Consultant for Colorado-based Tutis Vero, a consulting company that helps churches and schools prepare their communities for any

hazardous situation. Chester Gilliam has been involved in the security systems industry for over 25 years. In 1991 he and his wife, Spooky, started Wizard Works Security Systems (WWSSI). Over the years WWSSI has become one of the leading security providers for the Commercial, Government and Church sectors. By working in all of these areas, WWSSI has been able to develop a unique prospective on how systems can be crossed from one sector to the next providing the best fit for real security solutions.

February Program

February 13
“Finance and Management Seminar”

Presenter—Capin Crouse

“The 2009 Finance and Management Seminar will be an all-day event that will include topics ranging from tax updates, accounting, and personnel to technology issues.

Each of four sessions will highlight a topic helpful in the administration of your church.

Capin Crouse has been actively involved in the development of financial accounting and related standards for nonprofit organizations through our work with various committees and groups

including the AICPA Nonprofit Expert Panel and Audit Guide Task Force, several State Societies of CPA Committees, the Evangelical Joint Accounting Committee (EJAC), the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), and others.



Develop an Attitude of Life-Long Learning...

“Today Matters”

By John C. Maxwell

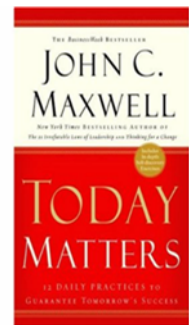
Today Matters is one of the few books that claims it will change your life and does just that. In his book, John Maxwell provides steps to help you make the most of every day. John will challenge you to stop spending too much time remembering the "good ol' days" or day dreaming of what could be, and focus on making today the most important day we have. Only by making today the best it can be, can we build for a better tomorrow.

In Maxwell’s book, you will learn to:

- Assess your current progress
- Prioritize your agenda
- Stretch your creativity and thinking
- Stay the course
- Improve and build relationships
- And much more!

Most of us look at our days in the wrong way: We over-exaggerate yesterday. We overestimate tomorrow. We underestimate today. The truth is that the most important day you will ever experience is today. Making today your masterpiece is the key to your success. Maxwell offers twelve decisions and disciplines.

He calls it his daily dozen that can be learned and mastered by any person to achieve success. He teaches lessons in possessing possibilities, remaining focused, being tenacious, learning to grow and more. These lessons are simple, but the gap between knowing and doing is greater than the gap between ignorance and knowledge. Maxwell teaches how to close that gap in *Today Matters*.



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Chapter Location

Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E Hampden Ave,
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113
(Hampden & Happy Canyon)

8:30 a.m. Fellowship/breakfast
(cost is included in membership fee)

8:45 a.m. Business meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m. Program of the month

Non-members pay \$25 per session (includes breakfast)

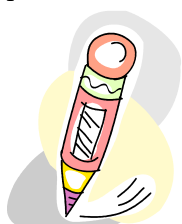
Let us know you're coming...

Contact Hospitality Chair -
Christin Crosby at
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her at 1.616.889.1381 to make
your breakfast reservation.



We encourage participation in the newsletter as part of the networking of the chapter. If you have articles regarding opportunities within your organization, please let us know. NACBANews is published monthly. Deadline

for articles to be included in the newsletter is the 15th of the month prior to publication.



NACBA National Conference—2009

Keynote Speaker

July 19, 2009

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Bishop Swenson is the Episcopal leader of the Los Angeles Area of The



United Methodist Church, serving the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Mary Ann Swenson has been preaching ever since she could line up her dolls to listen. As a girl, she was told the best she could hope for was to marry a preacher. "I went to college and I started dating the pre-ministerial students and sitting in class with them. And that's when I decided I'd

rather be a preacher than marry one." In 1992, she became the youngest of 50 Methodist bishops in America, one of only six women.

Bishop Swenson was awarded the degree Doctor of Divinity by her alma mater, Millsaps College, in 1994. That same year she was named a Distinguished Alumna by the Claremont School of Theology. She is an Honorary Alumna of the Illiff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado. She has served on the Boards of Trustees for both Illiff, and the Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri.



Smile...

Academic Phrases and Meanings*

The following list of phrases and their definitions might help you understand the mysterious language of science and medicine. These special phrases are also applicable to anyone working on a Ph.D. dissertation or academic paper anywhere!

- *It has long been known...* I didn't look up the original reference.
- *Three of the samples were chosen for detailed study...* The other results didn't make any sense.
- *Typical results are shown...* This is the prettiest graph.
- *In my experience...* once.
- *In case after case...* twice.
- *In a series of cases...* thrice.
- *It is believed that...* I think.
- *It is generally believed that...* A couple of others think so, too.
- *Correct within an order of magnitude...* Wrong.
- *According to statistical analysis...* Rumor has it.

- *A statistically oriented projection of the significance of these findings...* A wild guess.
- *It is clear that much additional work will be required before a complete understanding of this phenomenon occurs...* I don't understand it.
- *After additional study by my colleagues...* They don't understand it either.
- *Thanks are due to Joe Blotz for assistance with the experiment and to Cindy Adams for valuable discussions...* Mr. Blotz did the work and Ms. Adams explained to me what it meant.
- *It is hoped that this study will stimulate further investigation in this field...* I quit.

Thanks to Pastor Tim for this joke!

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