

Dear Friend,

On a personal level, our last few weeks have been filled with ministry to friends experiencing crisis in their families. Mike and I have been amazingly blessed simply to be useful to God and to minister to His children in these days. Romans 12:10-15 has renewed meaning in my heart: ***“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”***

In addition, we have watched God work through the preaching of His Word in a variety of ministry settings!

**Teaching Teens:** Mike preached another segment of “The Surpassing Treasure of Christ” series for teens at Open Door Christian Academy on March 4th. This time his message focused on exploring the miracles of Christ and specifically examining the significance of the virgin birth. Then on March 10th, Mike preached a message from I Cor. 15:32 for high school students at Salem First Baptist. Through the message, entitled “Eat, Drink and Be Merry,” **the Holy Spirit drew four teens to surrender their lives to Christ** and worked in the hearts of several other young people, calling them to re-engage in living out their faith.

**Biblical Forgiveness:** On March 8th, I (Debbie) invited Mike to present to my Women’s S.E.A.D.S. group his message on biblical forgiveness. This message has greatly impacted my own life, and many of the women commented on the perfect timing and essential information of the message in their lives, as well.

**Men’s Retreat:** March 31st—April 2nd, Mike led a Men’s Retreat for the Olympic Baptist Association in WA. He was blessed to have *Simplicity* Board Member, Scott Breier, travel and attend with him. Scott also shared part of his own testimony over the weekend. **One man was saved during the retreat**, and many others responded to the challenge to die the “Death to Personal Fame.” It was a powerful weekend of spiritual renewal, as evidenced by some of the comments:

- ***“I have been recharged . . . with a fresh desire to serve my Master and Savior, Jesus Christ, my Lord.”***
- ***“This weekend God spoke to me. . . . He is waiting on us to know Him. Elevate Christ; recognize He is KING.”***
- ***“[I need to] Call my sons and ask for forgiveness for those areas where I didn’t do so hot!”***
- ***“I need to do some housecleaning! Thank you, Mike, for helping [to] open my eyes.”***

For video of the men’s retreat, as well as more ministry updates, you can now find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)! Hope to see you there! Simply Devoted, Debbie and Mike



Teaching Teens  
Salem First Baptist, Salem, OR



Olympic Baptist Assoc.  
Men’s Retreat (above) Scott Breier Shares testimony (below)  
Men Respond to Altar Call

### Up Coming Ministry Events

- Apr 8-10 Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Coeur d’Alene, ID - Revival
- Apr 29 Open Door Christian  
Academy, Troutdale, OR  
Chapel
- Apr 29-30 NWBC Student Conference  
Vancouver, WA - Booth &  
Breakout
- May 5-6 The Gathering Tri-Cities, WA  
Booth & Networking

Every Monday Night: Men of Simplicity

For a complete schedule go to  
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