

Prayer of surrender and a heart of praise

Bud and Beda Anderson

First Word: Bud and Beda, members of our church for many years, will be moving to Denver in October. This move was the result of God at work in the lives of Bud and Beda. From a place of surrender and a special prayer, God shows His faithfulness - even through a forty-year friendship with a missionary couple.

Bud:

We have three daughters that are still living. However, all of them are spread out in different locations. One lives in Illinois, another lives in Denver and our third daughter lives in Calgary, Canada. Beda and I did not know how our living arrangements were going to come together, but Beda, on a Saturday afternoon, began praying, "Lord show us what YOU really want us to do." It was soon after that prayer that our daughter from Denver invited us to live with her and her family as she said, "We have two rooms ready for you." Beda and I realized God had provided, and we decided to comply with our kids so we could be close to them. Beda and I are eighty six and not in the best of health so this was a real blessing.

We needed to find a way to sell our apartment because of this new provision, but ended up not even needing to advertise our condo. We have had the privilege of sharing a friendship with David and Gracia Tader for forty years. When Beda and I were missionaries in Venezuela, David and Gracia were also serving together with us. God has used these two friends in a wonderful way. These same two friends recently showed up at First Free Church, and we ended up visiting with them. We asked them if they were in town for something special. We then found out that they were interested in finding a place to live, and they ended up looking at our condo. After doing further research and looking at other places to live, David and Gracia decided that our place would be ideal to live in, so they ended up buying our place!

Beda:

I was in my living room dusting when a thought came over me. "I don't like the fact that I am not going to be doing this much longer. This season of life kind of ends a lot of things for us." These thoughts were coming to me regarding the move to Denver. I was also feeling sorry for myself about leaving friends here. My thoughts were in the negative order. Realizing this, I stopped and prayed. For us it is a temptation to want to go and be with our kids, but I wanted to know what the Lord thought. I prayed, "Show us something God, so that we definitely know it is your will." I just then had to leave it with the Lord, and didn't think about it much until the next day when David and Gracia came to church. Bud invited them out to lunch. I am happy because I know this provision involving David and Gracia is the Lord's will. I don't like leaving - that is tough to think about, but the pain that was there before is not as strong.

At our age we feel like working more to the end, but after I saw the Lord working the way he did by providing for us, my whole attitude changed. We go back a long way with the Lord - over seventy years of walking with Him, and we still never cease to be amazed by how He leads. It is all for His glory!



*And we know
that in all things,
God works for
the good of
those who love
Him who have
been called
according to
His Purpose.*

Romans 8:28

KICK OFF FOR THE FALL

September 10, 2006

Kick off Sunday

Don't miss out on our fall kick off, Sunday September 10th. We will be starting the double service schedule as follows:

Double Service Schedule

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Fellowship
9:50 am Children / Youth Programs /
Adult Bible Fellowships /
Prayer Time
11 am Worship

September 13, 2006

Women's Bible Study

ladies of FEFC, we will begin gathering together on the 13th of September from 9:30 - 11 am to fellowship and explore the Bible. If you are wanting to connect, this is a great group to do that with. The Bible study group will be looking into the book of Mark. If you are interested in joining, contact Patty Mellema.



Prayer Emphasis Week

September 10 - September 17
7 days of prayer

This month, there is an emphasis on prayer for a full week. You will find the FEFC library transformed into an intimate prayer room. You are invited to spend time with the Lord in prayer there.

Also join us for a special potluck at First Free Church on September 17th, at 5 pm. Those whose last names begin with A-L, bring a meat or veggie dish. The people whose last names begin with K-Z, bring a dessert. You are also invited to participate in worship and prayer after the potluck during **FRESH ENCOUNTER** beginning at 6 pm.

We will seek the Lord in prayer with the main focus on praising God, our church's ministries, and other prayer needs.

Prayer Emphasis Week includes...

- Two sermons on prayer
- A week of prayer
- Fresh Encounter

