"A Passion for God"

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

September 24th,2023

⁴ "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Big idea: God is looking for people who have a passion for Him.

A passion for God will produce in you three things:

1. A Passion for God's Mission

2. A Passion for God's Word

3. A Passion for People

On Your Own (better with others)

- 1. What insight, observation or principle did you find eye-opening, helpful, or troubling?
- 2. The word "passion" has several uses—there is emotion, sensuality, drive, desire, even a fruit! What do you think it means to have a "passion for God?"
- 3. Would you describe yourself as someone who is passionate for God's mission, God's Word and other people? Why or why not?
- agree/disagree
 Following Jesus is an "all or nothing" relationship.
- 5. READ Luke 18:9-14. Which of the two men mentioned in this parable do you think was more passionate to follow God? Explain
- 6. Choose one of the following Bible characters and share why you think they are good examples of a person with a passion for God.

Abraham

David

Mary (Martha's and Lazarus' sister)

Zacchaeus

Peter

COMING EVENTS!

Ambassadors Games & Snacks Sept. 25th from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sewing group will meet Monday, Sept. 25th @ 9:30am. Join them in room 111 on the last Monday of each month and create items to be donated to Hope Pregnancy Center. Contact Jaira Hill 503-508-0443

Men's breakfast next Sat., Sept. 30 at 7am to 8am Water Mtn Restaurant

Life Groups is a small group ministry of our church. Some meet in homes. Some at the church. There's a place for you to connect. Sign-up today! Groups will begin meeting the week of October 8th.

W2R "Weekend To Remember" is coming in Vancouver, WA November 3-4-5. Every marriage can use a tune-up. Pastor Tom and Sherie are going. This is for engaged, newly married, or long-married couples. For more details https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/itinerary/. Register using our group name <SilvFirstBapt> and get \$100 off!

Weekly Opportunities (here at S1B)

WEDNESDAYS Youth Group (6-12th grade) in Youth Building 6:30-8:00pm. **THURSDAYS 7 to 8pm** Join in prayer with other believers in fireside room. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (Colossians 4:2)

SUNDAYS 9 to 10am Youth and Adult Sunday School classes

"Discovering Relational Wisdom 3.0" in room #111 Pastor Tom Duke Ricketts "Jacob- His Sons and Daughter" upstairs in room #207

6th-12th grade in Youth Building (begins 9/24) o Zach Richman Ladies' class "Book of John" in room #110 o Pam Warmack

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm. (These are the best times to find someone in the office to assist you.) Church Phone: 503-873-6181 Mailing: PO Box 1800. Silverton, OR 97381

PRAYER/PRAISE/COMMENTS prayer@silvertonfirstbaptist.org For most other questions email info@silvertonfirstbaptist.org

WELCOME 9-24-2023

Carl and Cindy Reed



Carl and Cindy Reed have been serving in Indonesia for 50 years, first working at Bethesda Hospital in West Kalimantan (Borneo) from 1969 until 1982. Cindy, a nurse, arrived in Indonesia in 1969, and Carl, a Medical Technologist, arrived in 1976. They were married in 1978 and continued to work in medicine until 1982, when their work permit from the Department of Health was not

renewed. However, God opened an opportunity to work planting churches with their national church in the interior of Kalimantan from 1983 until 1992.

In 1992, they moved to Java, the main island of Indonesia, and for the last 30 year have been working with the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Indonesia (ETSI) and Immanuel Christian University (UKRIM) next door to the seminary in Jogjakarta, Central Java. ETSI has set for itself the ambitious goal of reaching Indonesia for Christ in one generation, by using seminary students to plant churches. Every student must lead 15 people to the Lord and start a new Christian fellowship in order to graduate. Since the seminary started, more than 150,000 people have believed and been baptized through student outreach.

Cindy has been teaching Christian Counseling at UKRIM, and Carl has been teaching Old Testament in the bachelor's, masters and doctoral programs at the seminary. During the last 3 years they have been mentoring Indonesian professors who are continuing to teach the bachelor and masters courses the Reeds have taught. Carl continues to teach in the doctoral program on-line while in the States.

