



David Knight

4/5/1930-6/17/2015

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4 KJV

As one of our board members in the early days of The City Gate, David Knight can be considered a patriarch to this ministry. Through decades of continued support and service, he will not be forgotten. Following are a few words about Mr. Knight from one of our current board members, Russ Deniston,

I'd like to share a few words about David Knight, what I knew of his character, what a good man he was, how well he inhabited this earth, his generosity and his kindness.

I knew him as Father Knight when I moved to Spokane in 1977, and that title is one that probably fits him best of all. He was a father. He had such great children, each so unique, so full of life, all so different from each other. This doesn't happen by accident, I don't believe it is a God-like quality to give permission to each of your kids to become who they were created to be. It's also the case that he had the same profound paternal impact on the lives of so many people, so many of us over the years, in our own pursuit of God, in our own desire to become Jesus with skin on. The ability to create and allow freedom seemed to be a natural, innate part of Dave Knight's character.

When I told John Murinko, pastor at The City Gate, about Dave's passing he was shocked by the suddenness of it. John told me that only a few weeks before he left us Dave had been down to The City Gate. This was a regular visit, one where he brought sandwiches down to feed the the guests. Dave would always allow time for a visit with Pastor John, fellow staff and guests.

My mother, Merilyn Deniston, was traveling in New England, when I phoned her about his service, she was so very disappointed not to be here. She went on to recall how much David had watched over and encouraged her, first in what became extended work in Vietnam and later when they were serving together down at The City Gate.

What I will remember most of all about him was his laughter. His particular, peculiar laugh. I can hear it right now, inside my head, and it will always be what I first think of when I think about David Knight. **It touches me to know that this laugh is currently being heard in heaven, in the presence of God. I also know that we will all get to hear his laughter again.**

August 2015

The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko
co-director / office mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko
co-director / food bank
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station
- Jim Horton , cook
- Glory Phelps, kitchen manager
- Brenda Gulbranson, kitchen
- Kathy Gibbons,
- Wes Heimbecker, social services
- James Gulbranson, security & maint.
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House mgr.

Please PRAY for:

- Brian Grimes
- Memphis
- Jace & family
- Shirley
- Knight family
- Alberta House tenants

Word from the board

By: Laura Wintersteen-Arleth

Control.... Many of us are comfortable “being in control” of situations in our lives. I am one of these people. I like to plan and organize events the way I think they should go. I make lists for everything and everyone just to make sure things are done “the right way”. I like to be in control. When we feel we need to be in control of everything and everyone in our lives, it sets us up for disappointment. Disappointment in ourselves, circumstances and people. We ask the Lord to make sure people turn out the way we “know” they should turn out, or a circumstance turn out the way we “know” it should turn out and when it does not happen, we feel as if God is not hearing our prayers. We become so consumed in how we think things should go, that we lose faith in God when circumstances do not turn out the way “our list” say they should go.

What we have to realize is that God is always really in control, not us. This is a time when we need to reach out in faith. Faith is realizing that we don’t know what God is going to do and we don’t know how, but knowing that God does have it all under HIS CONTROL.

I am sure that most of us are experiencing or have a circumstance that you feel is completely out of your control. It could be a financial issue, a job situation, a broken relationship, a tough family situation, a child who is not serving the Lord, a car that has broken down or your own heart that is struggling. Maybe you have been trying to do things your own way for too long and your troubles have just increased. God wants you to place your burden at His feet.

We need to throw our lists and expectations away. We need to cry out to God with knowledge and faith that He is in control. This can be a time of such faith growth. We can spend so much energy trying to make sure everything or everyone on the list is doing things our way that we become spiritually, physically and emotionally exhausted. This exhaustion is a time when Satan can come in and give us doubt and make us question who is in control. .

Day by day...



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Scripture can comfort and strengthen us. As I have been going through my own circumstances, God’s word and promises have been wrapped around me tightly for comfort and faith. **Proverbs 19:21:** Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand. **Joshua 1:9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

If you are the list maker and like to be in control, I encourage you to throw away your lists and come to the Lord on bended knees in prayer and allow Him to be in control. When your world is full of trials and struggles that seem too great to bear, take comfort in the Lord and His promises. He is our King, our Lord, our Friend, our Savior, our comforter and guide. Let God be in control of every situation. He is always present. **Matthew 6:34** “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. **Isaiah 41:10** Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

I have learned so much about God being in control as I have been involved with The City Gate. God shows His control daily in this amazing ministry. The staff, the board and those who support The City Gate rely on faith and God’s control in meeting the financial and spiritual needs. Pray for each person who enters the doors, pray for the staff and pray for how God has asked you to support The City Gate. Allow Him to be in control.

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- ◆ Jenna



First Presbyterian Church of Spokane and your summer KWAM group. An amazing group of kids, who year after year prepare, deliver and serve 220+ sack lunches. These young servants, with their inspiring leaders, stay for 2 afternoons of games, visits and of course, FOOD! As a part their service project they co-ordinate a food and hygiene drive for us. This year alone they brought us 1200 food items and 50 hygiene items! We are blessed beyond measure by their HEART!



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors every-day. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

Love, Pastor John & Shirley