



Heart & Home

“Where your *treasure* is, there your *heart* will be also” MATTHEW 6:21

CASCADE VIEW COVENANT CHURCH

Dodgeball Evangelism—DAVE BLAIR (FOR THE LEADERSHIP TEAM)

DODGEBALL is a strange way to bring someone “One Step Closer to Jesus,” but I’ve not only witnessed it personally—I threw a red playground ball as hard as I could at that someone!

It was 1982, and “political correctness” hadn’t quite made its way to our Wednesday night youth group at Kent Covenant Church. In case you’re not familiar with it, dodgeball is a sometimes violent, dog-eat-dog game largely outlawed in today’s public school system. My generation is probably the last to experience the thrill of victory and agony of defeat via the sting of a large red rubber ball.

I remember the absolute shock on the face of the new kid that showed up to Junior High Youth Group when he heard we were going to play dodgeball for our activity. *What? You do cool stuff at church? There’s laughing and goofing off?* Previously he had associated church with sitting still and singing hymns. That night, we listened to a short devotional, we sang some non-hymns, ate some snacks, and then did battle with red playground balls. He was hooked. Long story short, he became a regular attendee of the youth group, and eventually showed up to church Sunday morning with his parents and sister in tow.

Like most of you, I think of the possibilities the future brings. As I think of *Heart & Home*, I think about the great things already going on at Cascade View becoming even greater. Being in a permanent space gives us more ability to expand our ministry to beyond Sundays and people’s homes. Jim mentioned a few of his dreams in the last newsletter...who knows, maybe there’s room for a dodgeball ministry in CVCC’s future.

I consider myself a human being, perhaps you consider yourself one too. Human beings in general don’t like change and have a healthy fear of the unknown. We have some of each coming in the months ahead.

Want the good news?

Cascade View Covenant Church is on its collective knees before God this month. We are all carrying around white cards, praying boldly and specifically over the

Heart & Home Campaign. We are praying in unison over our ministries, our current and future members, and those in leadership positions. This gives me chills.

To me, this removes the biggest obstacle in the whole project: *doubt*. We can truly let go of the worry. We’ve given up the right to second guess ourselves. God is in control of this project. There are several white prayer cards that speak to this. God not only answers prayer, but promises peace beyond our understanding! “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6–8).

Over the next few weeks there are a couple of events you’ll want to place in **BOLD SHARPIE PEN** on your calendars. Each Sunday there will be additional updates:

- **May 31: Information Sunday** with Don Fensterman.
- **June 13: Celebration Saturday**—please stay tuned for upcoming details.

In closing, I thank all of those on the *Heart & Home* Team for the passion and dedication they bring to this project. I am amazed at all that has already been accomplished. Please continue to cover them in your prayers!!!



An Interview with Daniel and Marisa Polka —Pastor Jim Sequeira

Jim: When and why did you start attending CVCC?

Daniel: Marisa's mom suggested Pastor Jim as someone who could marry us. After we met with him the first time, eight years ago, we thought he was a cool guy and have been attending ever since.

Jim: How has CVCC impacted your lives?

Marisa: Every day has impacted us. I don't think a day went by in the ten months we worked on our house or in the seven months our son Hudson was sick that someone didn't ask what they could do for us. I don't know what we

would have done without our faith and our church family.

Jim: What do you want people to know about CVCC?

Marisa: No matter where you are in your walk with God, when you walk into CVCC, you'll feel that everyone there is genuine, so happy to be a part of the family, walking in God's life and excited to tell others about it. It really is a safe place to be, a safe place for your kids to be.

Jim: What are some of your hopes and dreams for CVCC?



Daniel: I'd like to see us in a semi-permanent location where we could have study groups, open events, a place for kids to hang out after school. If we didn't have to spend so much time in setup, we would be able to enjoy more time in fellowship.



Next Sunday Is Information Sunday!

Next Sunday, May 31st, Don Fensterman from the Evangelical Covenant Church will be talking to us about the scriptural basis for the *Heart & Home* emphasis. *Heart & Home* is a proactive emphasis to strengthen and expand our ministry by establishing a 24/7 mission- and ministry-focused facility. Our lease with the Evergreen School District is coming to an end and we are currently exploring various options such as continuing to lease or a lease/buy.

However we are seeking to be responsible in "counting the cost before building the tower" (Luke 14:28-30). We can only do this if we know the level of participation of each person who calls CVCC home. All that we ask at this point is that you continue to ask God's help in shaping the ministry of Cascade View in such a way that we are a beacon of compassion, mercy and justice to our community and the world.



Prayer for Guidance	Daily
Simon's introduction ✓	May 10
Erik's challenge ✓	May 17
Jim's encouragement ✓	May 24
Information Sunday with Don Fensterman	May 31
Response from Jeff and Dave	June 7
Celebration Saturday!	June 13

