



## *God is Still Dreaming About You*

*It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. ~ Chinese proverb*

He was born in 1742 to Quaker parents who did not put a premium on learning and shunned any talk or display of conflict. Books were not offered in his home, so he bought his own with any money he received from his efforts. He had a keen interest in logic, military tactics, fortifications and warfare which horrified his parents and caused him to eventually be disfellowshipped from his spiritual community.

The Rhode Island militia he founded would not allow him to join due to a mild limp he suffered with from childhood. They eventually relented and let him become a lowly private taking orders from less able men. He persevered one halting step forward at a time.

It took a meeting with the new Commander of the Continental Army, General George Washington for him to go from private to Brigadier General in one leap (having never been in a battle) and then on to Major General, Quartermaster General and Commander covering for Washington himself. A logistical genius who could organize and provision the chaotic forces of the evolving army, the quiet Quaker boy with a limp never took his eye off the prize, independence. "Crippled" Nathanael Greene, who had been raised a pacifist, the unlikely of military heroes, made the continental army work and helped make the United States of America a reality.

God, the ever-brilliant tactician, knows just who needs to enter the stage of history at what moment. All through scripture the right man or woman for the job was often the most unlikely and ill-suited by human reason. It is no different with all of us today. How often have we all felt we were less than our calling? "Who, me?" is something I have asked God many times.

Yes, me and yes, you! We don't have to be what is needed all at once. Whomever God calls he also equips. That takes time. God is brilliant at time management. Chances are He has been preparing you your entire life for the days ahead. Age does not matter to Him. What matters is obedience. David was just a young man when he took five stones with him to meet Goliath but it only took one to end a giant who made a flawed assessment based on stature, age and equipment. BIG mistake!

Let us ever be grateful that God had a dream that was America and that He inspired men to lend their particular gifts to that dream. I believe He is still dreaming and directing us towards service to our neighbors, our country and to His Kingdom. Who knows what miracles we may yet see if we do not stop?

May the Lord bless each of you and may He bless the United States of America.

**Pastor John La Mantia**



## Good Neighbors



What a wonderful team the ANHC sent over to evaluate and treat our clients with medical needs. These folks were so gracious and professional. We can't thank them enough for coming today and for committing to a time each Wednesday going forward. This is an exceptional opportunity for our shelter clients and program people.

Dr. Procknow, Kasey, Heidi and Jason from the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center.

## July Memorials



*All my heart to  
Him I give,  
Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed  
presence live,  
Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty  
and so true  
Merits my soul's  
best songs;  
Faithful, loving  
service, too,  
To Him belongs.*

Memorial for: Patricia & Zygmund  
Kowalewski  
Memorial for: Charlotte Johnson  
Memorial for: Gayle Cleary  
Memorial for: Neil Givens  
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by: Patrick & Jane Lamb  
by: John & Darlene Chapman  
by: Thomas & Mona Grib  
by: Soveyra Rosas  
by: Marilee Rodriguez

With the exception of a few days, it has been a cold spring. We gave out our last two blankets and could use some help replacing them. I ordered blankets and rain ponchos but the order will not arrive until mid-July. If you have any clean, used blankets we would put them to good use. Thank you.

## Prayer for America

Almighty God,

We pause to reflect on Your character as we seek wisdom for such a time as this. You remain all-powerful and able to protect. You remain all-knowing, leading us aright. You remain absolutely sovereign. Our times are in Your hands. Our dependence on You is total. Our need for Your forgiveness is constant. Our gratitude for Your grace is profound. Our love for You is deep.

We ask that You guard and guide our President and all who serve the people of these United States. May uncompromising integrity mark their lives. We also ask that You unite us as truly "one nation, under God." May genuine humility return to our ranks. May that blend of integrity and humility heal our land.

In our Lord's name we pray. Amen.

~ Chuck Swindoll

## Goodbye for Now



Neal Given's memorial service took place June 9th in the chapel. Neal would have appreciated that it was attended by staff, program people, shelter clients and volunteers. Rest in peace, Dear Brother. Special thanks to all who participated and to those who spoke.

## It Was a Knockout!

Some of our program men were excited to have an outing to view the new George Foreman movie. What God did in his life was amazing and inspiring. I appreciate the people who give to our Donor Directed Event Fund which makes us able to take advantage of community offerings.





## A Frozen Blessing

Moving day for the frozen food! No more outside freezers. Everything placed in the new indoor freezer which is as big as a small house. How good is the Lord who daily releases blessing upon blessing into our lives! Thank you, program folks and volunteers, for helping. I promise I did not even notice some of you eating the frozen desserts instead of moving them. (Smile.)



The Mission is in need of tooth-brushes, razors, travel size tooth-paste, soaps, shampoo, and lotion. Any help would be appreciated.



God used Goliath to get David to the throne. Your giants aren't meant to defeat you. They are meant to promote you.

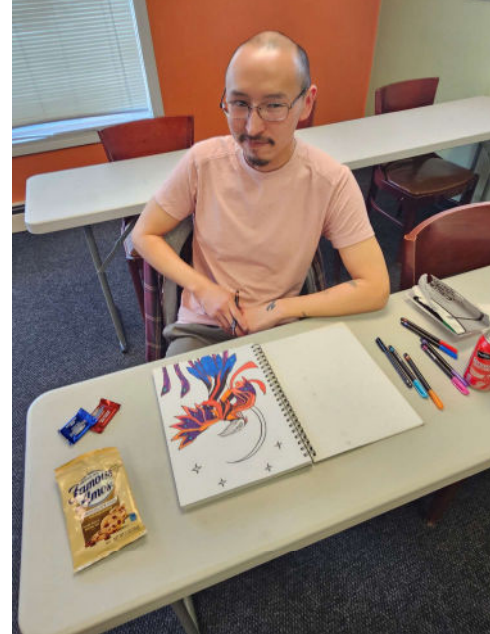


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**Nightly Services 7:30PM - 8:30 PM**  
**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Loving Art Class*



What a good time we have in art class making friends *and* art! Exploring new areas and gaining a sense of accomplishment. We are always in need of markers and mixed media paper.