

# MOVING SPIRIT

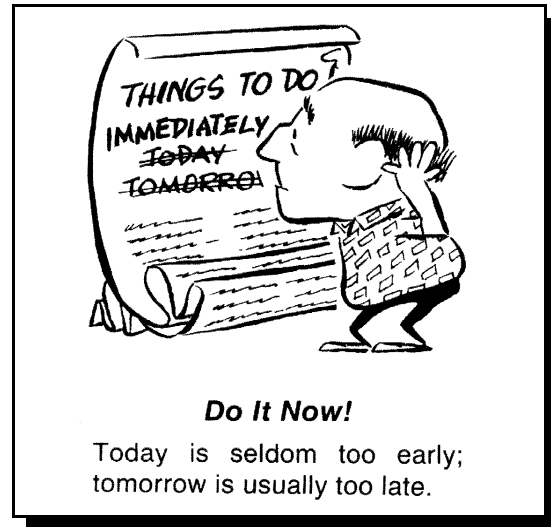
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## Eskaton Village Community Church

### Pastor's Parcel

Welcome to our first issue of *Moving Spirit*, which will be, Lord willing, published by EVCC every other month. This newsletter is to be a forum for sharing with one another those things which inspire us, comfort us, edify our hearts, and bring us closer to the Lord Jesus Christ and to one another. All those who attend EVCC are invited to participate by writing down things you read in devotional magazines or books, verses of Scripture, or lines of hymns and religious poetry, giving any comments you may have. These can be given to Beth Stege (#279), who will turn them over to me. Personal testimonies of God's grace and goodness, answered prayer or lessons the Lord has taught are also helpful to share. Let's make this a very useful tool for our ongoing spiritual encouragement and growth.

No one knows what tomorrow may bring. The good that we would do, we must do while we have the thought to do it and the strength. Procrastination not only affects our own happiness. Others are waiting for our kind words or kind deeds which the



Lord prompts us to say and do. If there is good to be done, don't put it off. Write that note now, make that phone call now, plan to visit a lonely person today. As the cartoon above says, "Do it now!" And the Lord bless you in it!

---Pastor David

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### People's Pieces

(from our church folks)

Lord help us find our way  
Through the changes of our lives.

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Betty MacKinnon is our new contact person for lending out tapes. We encourage you all to share this great service to others.

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Don't forget to hand in your items of interest and sharing to Beth Stege, #279. Make it an interesting newsletter. Get involved.

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Looking forward to **Sept. 22nd**: Bell Ringers in So. Auditorium. And the Women's Chorus (Oct. 6th).

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## *Praise's Portion*

How many times today will you stop to say "Thank you, God, for the blessedness of sleep when we have run down, like a clock that needs rewinding, peaceful sleep to prepare us for yet another day, and to commune with you, in deep and blissful slumber; for our faith in you, who watches over mortals, and for your faith in us, guiding our steps even as we seek so many things--immortality, blessed love, the fleeting something we call happiness--and find them all in you?" How many times today will you stop to say, "Thank you, God, for all these things"? (*Readers Digest*)

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I have many things to be thankful for, God, and sometimes I remember them, and other times I forget. When something large or small goes wrong, it fills my mind and I forget those things for which--when I remember--I *am* thankful. Help me to remember the good things, God. To name them, to savor them and to be thankful to you.

(*Reader's Digest*)

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## *Prayer's Priority*

If you kneel and look up straight into the face of Jesus, your needs will be met. (unknown)

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God, teach me lessons for living  
so I can stay on course.

Give me insight so I can do what  
you tell me--my whole life one  
long, obedient response.

Guide me down the road of your  
commandments; I love  
traveling this freeway!

Divert my eyes from toys and  
trinkets, invigorate me on the  
pilgrim way.

Let your love, God, shape my life  
with salvation, exactly as you  
promised.

Oh, I'll guard in my life what  
you've revealed to me, guard it  
now, guard it ever;

And I'll stride freely through wide  
open spaces as I look for your  
truth and your wisdom. (*The  
Message*)

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## *Poetry's Place*

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"Goodbye to the painful moment,"  
I can hear her echoed sigh,  
As she slipped between the curtains  
To Eternity on High.

"Goodbye to the painful moment!"  
I will touch your flesh no more  
With a stethoscope or needle  
Underneath the gowns you wore.

I can see the sheet all wrinkled  
And her gown a crumpled heap  
On the gurney, that last visit  
Just before she fell asleep.  
She was vibrant in her suffering,  
Willing life until the end,  
And she wasn't just my patient  
But my sister and my friend.

"Goodbye to the painful moment!"  
I discern her face somehow  
In a glimpse of Heaven's glory:  
No more tense and fevered brow.  
All her courage turned to wisdom,  
She has learned the answers there  
To the heavy earthly trials  
This sweet woman had to bear.

"Goodbye to the painful moment!"  
You have left and closed the door  
To your temporary sorrows:  
You will visit here no more...  
"Goodbye to the painful moment!"  
I will not forget your smile.  
You're embedded in my memory,  
And I'll see you in a while.  
(David L. Hatton, 1/31/91)

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## *Pearls of Prudence*

It takes two to start a quarrel, but it  
takes just one to say the word that  
brings reconciliation.

*(Upper Room)*

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Christ can do wonders with a broken  
heart, if given all the pieces.

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God is great, and therefore He will be  
sought; He is good, and therefore He  
will be found.

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