

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, April 20, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

Sitting On Your Ticket

The noted author Robert Fulghum, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, was seated near a young woman in an airport in Hong Kong. He noted that her backpack “bore the scars and dirt of some hard traveling.” He could not help notice that big tears were streaming down her cheeks.

Before long, her gentle tears turned into a veritable flood, and she was now sobbing loudly. Through her sobbing she told him that she had run out of money and had to go home. She had spent the last two days waiting on standby, with no money and nothing to eat. But what was upsetting her now was the fact that after all this time, she finally had gotten a seat on the next plane out, but she could not find her ticket. She had been sitting in this one spot for three hours, hungry, tired, frustrated, distressed and depressed. They were joined by an older couple from Illinois. They dried the young woman’s tears and hugged her, invited her to a meal, and offered to talk to “the powers that be” at the airline about replacing her ticket. Relieved at this help, she stood up and turned around to pick up her things, and with that, let out a loud scream. Thinking something terrible had happened, Robert Fulghum and the older couple rushed to her, only to discover her scream was not out of agony but out of joy. She had found her lost ticket! She had been sitting on it for three hours.

That true story from the airport in Hong Kong is a fascinating parable for us today, because the truth is that many people go through life like that, “sitting on their ticket!” That is, they wallow in self-pity, think everyone is against them, and they just want to

give up and quit on life. They think they’ve lost their tickets, but really they’re just sitting on them. The solution is right there with them. The answer is right there within easy reach. It has been there all along.

This is the lesson we learn from I John 3—we are God’s children (we are not alone and we are worthy), the test of this truth is that we love our brothers and sisters around the world, and God is worth following. Stand up, grab your ticket and travel through another glorious week.

See you in church,



Ken Feske

ANNOUNCEMENT: Here are the names of the *Church in the Forest Search Committee*: Dave Nee—Chair, Marilynn Gustafson—Vice Chair, Jack Davis, Bob Janzen, Linda Mackie, Graeme Robertson, Carol Sullivan, Shirley Temple and Joe Wandke

Calendar

Sunday, April 26, 2015

8:30 AM Bible Study with Ken Feske in the Multi-purpose room
“The Parable of the Sower” — Matthew 13: 1-23

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Romans 12:1-8; Psalm 95: 1- 7; Luke 24: 13-43

Lector Mia Jarick

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Flowers Clarence and Janet Hill

Cookies Bob and Cynthia Perry

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice

Ushers Bob Mulford and Graeme Robertson

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title “Nothing/Everything is Simple”

Thursday, April 23, 2 pm, *The Table Affair*, at the Conference Center

Sunday, May 3, 8:15 am, *Spring Breakfast*.. No Bible Study that day