

# Valmont VINTAGE

CELEBRATING *150 years* OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



**Pastor Jeff Hoffmeyer**

## On Letting Go

It is the Monday after a Sunday (always a special day for a pastor!) when I preached a sermon on Philippians 2:1-11, and talked about the importance of letting go. That sermon is still fresh on my heart and mind, so I thought I'd share a few more thoughts about this practice, so crucial to a life devoted to following Jesus.

The opposite of letting go is holding on too tight, a posture with which I think all of us are familiar. The list of things we hold on too tightly to is long and varied. Some of these things are good or even very good, like our careers, our families, our opinions. Some of them are not good at all: habits, patterns of sin, incidents of self-absorption. In the end, though, the movement of letting go is the same.

We come to know of God's call to let go through prayer. "God, what do you want me to let go of?" I suggest praying this prayer. You might even try praying it in a cemetery, which is what I did. Letting go, ultimately, will mean letting *something* die. This doesn't mean that the thing itself has to die (career, marriage, relationship, etc.). But how we are holding on to these things may need to die.

As God answers this prayer, and as we begin to let go, we need to realize that this is a process, not a moment. What God is doing in our lives is seldom a one and done type of venture. We may let go of something—a dream, a person, a behavior and realize months later that our fist is once again tightly clenched around that very thing. We need, then, to have patience with ourselves, because our Lord is greatly patient with us. Indeed, it is his patience which sees this process through.

On the other side of letting go, there is joy. Deep joy. Resurrection kind of joy. When Jesus let go before his death (see his prayer in the gospels: "Lord, if it is possible, let this cup be taken

from me; yet not what I will, but what you will), this letting go ended, ultimately, in resurrection. This resurrection joy is also built on what God is doing *through* us. God's call to let go is seldom, perhaps never, only about us. God wants us to let go so that we can be a deeper blessing to others. Being this blessing is a joy indeed.

What is God calling you to let go of? That I don't know. But I know that God loves you, and longs to bring resurrection joy into your life. So what are you waiting for? Find a cemetery, and let this process begin!

In Him, Pastor Jeff

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**Sunday School: 9am**  
**Worship Service: 10:30**

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# Bulletin Board

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## CALENDAR

Sermon titles:

11/3 3.4b-11 Resume Rejects

11/10 3.12-14 Grabbed by God

11/17 4.4-7 Rejoice Also, Rejoice!

11/24 4.8-9 Think, Thank, Thunk

12/1 **Advent starts**



## Weekly Activities

Every Sunday: Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00 pm

Every Tuesday: Women's Association meets  
Second Tuesday at 10 am

Art group meets 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Choir practice at 7 pm

Every Wednesday:

Yoga Class 9 am

Tremble Clef Choir 11 am

Session, third Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Parkinson's yoga group 11:30-2:pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

## DEACONS' NEWS BOX

### *Caring Basket:*

**November** - Operation Christmas Child, cont'd, and Family Giving Tree

Please return plastic shoe boxes to church by Sunday, November 24th.

We will begin announcing and collecting for the Family Giving Tree, immediately after Thanksgiving. Valmont friends will have opportunity to give gift cards or actual gifts, helping families in the Boulder area. More details to come soon.

**December**—Family Giving Tree

We will collect gifts for Family Giving Tree by mid-December.

## What we (you) do--Mission activities:

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1. Iglesia Evangelical Christiana Espiritual meets at Valmont Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings.
2. As part of the 150th celebration, Valmont members and friends have done a landscaping project at San Juan Learning Center.
3. Also, as a part of the 150th celebration, members and friends continue to donate food items to the Round Pantry at Westview Presbyterian Church in Longmont. More than 250 lbs. have already been donated. At least four members from Valmont donate their time at this pantry.
4. Every month, contributions are made to the Deacons' caring basket. These items go to local outreach programs of various kinds. The June caring basket items was to CYAK in Alaska.
5. Joash Chest, an unfunded outreach, provides emergency monetary help on a one time basis to those who have no other resources.
6. Project James in partnership with Boulder County does small home repairs for those seeking licenses to operate foster homes.
7. Valmont church supports two missionary families: Stu & Edith Nelson with Wycliffe Bible Translators and Stephen and Dottyanne Bird with JAARS.
8. Women's Association filled many "Bags of Grace" for distribution to those on the street.
9. The fellowship hall is used for wedding and funeral receptions as needed. Receptions are considered a service of the church.
10. Fellowship hall also serves as a regular meeting place for an AA group, an art group, two Parkinson groups, and a yoga group.
11. Fellowship hall is also used on an as-needed space for such local groups as a polling place for general elections, ditch company meetings, the local cemetery board meetings, Optimist board meetings and oratory contests.
12. Outside the building is community garden space with water included.
13. The grounds house the Valmont Amateur Astronomy telescope. Star parties are held.
14. Boulder Amateur Radio Club uses the grounds for annual overnight outings.
15. Lake permits are issued to those who wish to use the lake.



For the most part, these are local missions. Mission trips to disaster areas have not been included. These mentioned activities are outside the regular worship hour. Can you add others to this list? Ella

## Pig Roasts and Potlucks

### Chiles Rellenos Casserole from the Kitchen of Kris Overfelt Makes 4 - 6 Servingst



- ♦ 8 - whole green chilies, roasted, peeled, stems & seeds removed (poblano chilies can also be used)
- ♦ 1/2 lb. Monterey Jack cheese, cut into strips
- ♦ 3 eggs
- ♦ 3/4 cup milk
- \* 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- \* 1/4 cup flour
- \* 1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Cut a slit down the side of each chili. Gently stuff each chili with Monterey Jack cheese strips. Lay chilies side by side in a greased 9 x 13" pan. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese.

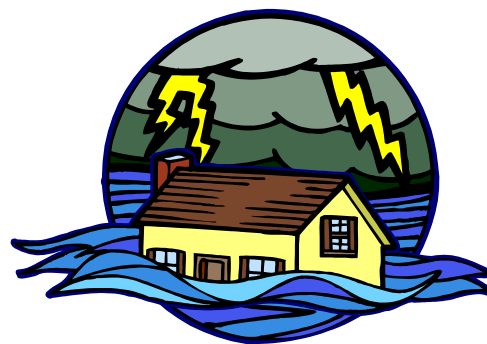
Beat eggs and flour together until smooth. Add milk and salt.



## Dear Valmont Family,

We trust you are all recovering from the shock of Boulder / Front Range's extreme rain and flooding—plus an empty lake! *Who would have thought....* For your encouragement here are some other, happier, news bites:

A believer in a mainly Muslim country lay dying of leukemia, surrounded by his family and the village Imam. They were all amazed at the extraordinary peace with which he died, a smile on his face, and an invisible Presence in the room as he drew his last breath. Afterward the Imam said, *"I have never seen a Muslim die in such peace. When they die, I watch them kicking and screaming in terror."* (Likely this huge contrast is a factor in conversion of other Imams we hear about....)



Moise Yonta joyfully read aloud a Scripture portion on his smartphone, punctuating the phrases with excited gestures. This was God's Word in his mother tongue—the Ngiemboon language of Cameroon—and he was seeing it on his phone for the first time! Moise coordinated that translation project and has used both printed and audio versions for years. But getting the digital version took his experience to a whole new level! Moise is now preparing a training course on how to use cell phones for evangelism. With good reason. There are *650 million* cell phone subscribers in Africa.

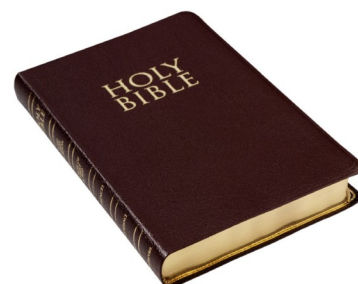
A believer in Papua New Guinea looked longingly at the Scriptures that had been translated for his people, now for sale. But what use was there in buying one of these books since he couldn't read? He did buy one though, and carried it home to his remote village. He often took it out and stared into it, and—long story short—learned to read it *with no human help*. The Holy Spirit enabled him not only to read it, but to understand it so well that he has become a highly effective teacher for his people.

You've been asked to put together a team of three guys to facilitate the training of nationals in Bible translation and literacy for three language groups in Equatorial Guinea (Central Africa). So where would you start? Well, meet Sol from *Chile*, Jas from *Peru*, and Mainor from *Costa Rica*—all well qualified and plunging in together as you read this. Of course they are all Spanish speakers. And Spanish is one of two official languages in Equatorial Guinea. Hey, that means Sol, Jas, and Mainor don't have to learn a foreign national language up front! So Bible translator *trainers* are now coming from former mission fields, prepared by God in advance to work in fields with similar colonial backgrounds!

And just where would you find North America's largest weekly gathering of Christian young people? At Liberty University in North Carolina, where President Bob Creson of Wycliffe USA recently spoke on completing Bible translation to the student body of 13,000. A good percentage of Liberty's 90,000 (!) online students listened in too, along with others watching via Liberty Channel streaming.

*Who would have thought....*

**Stu & Edith Nelson, Wycliffe**





***Submitted by Bob S***

***Share God's love and wisdom to all those you have contact with and even bless someone you don't know. Have a blessed day!***

1. Give God what's right -- not what's left.
2. Man's way leads to a hopeless end! -- God's way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma--but never let him be the period.
6. Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
7. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.
8. When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
9. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
10. We don't change God's message -- His message changes us.
11. The church is prayer-conditioned.

12. When God ordains, He sustains.
13. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
14. Plan ahead -- It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
15. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
16. Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
17. Exercise daily -- walk with the Lord.
18. Never give the devil a ride -- he will always want to drive.
19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
21. He who angers you controls you.
22. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
23. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
24. Be ye fishers of men -- you catch them & He'll clean them..
25. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

## **Highlands Christmas Party and Auction**

**Saturday, December 7th**

**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Due to limited road access to Highlands, **we have moved our Annual Christmas Party and auction to Shepherd's Hall at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. 10785 Melody Dr. Northglenn**

We are delighted that part of the celebration will be the recognition of **Buddy Jones as our Distinguished Volunteer.**

Earlier this summer, Buddy returned to ministry at Highlands as a volunteer. Since the flood, Buddy has spent up to 8 hours a day, six days a week, in our backhoe and skid steer, filling holes and repairing roads. It is a joy to have him volunteering with us!

***I hope you will help us celebrate his ministry.***

Funds raised will help to defray costs related to the flood damage. Contact Ruth or Don Lewis for more information!!



## STORY TELLING WORKSHOP

All women interested in learning to write their life stories are invited to attend workshops led by Louise Alderson on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month (weather permitting), 10 a.m.-noon, in the home of Ruth Lewis, beginning November 5. This will be a 6-week adventure at the cost of \$10. per session. We need to provide our own loose-leaf notebook & writing utensils; Louise will have handouts for us at each meeting. More info? contact Cindy Sexton.

## LADIES' FUN(D)RAISING TRIP TO FT. COLLINS

The 10,000 Villages Store in Ft. Collins has for sale MANY unique, handcrafted items made by indigenous women in many countries around the world. The selling of these crafts allows women the opportunity to earn money to support themselves and their families. The store invites non-profit groups from the area to have a "shopping time" and earn money for their own non-profit.

If you would be interested in spending part of a day shopping, eating, and "touristing" in Ft. Collins in November, please talk to Debbie Greever, Judy Holmes or Cindy Sexton so we can co-ordinate a fun day.

Cindy 253.312.2294



## A Birds-Eye View “My Bucket List”

Do you have a “bucket list”? (A list of things you want to accomplish before you “kick the bucket.”) I didn’t think I had a bucket list, but apparently I do. It’s been a long-held dream of mine to be a forklift driver. Last month I was able to check Forklift Operator off my bucket list. This falls into that broad category of “Things They Never Taught Me In Seminary,” ... or the Air Force. But it’s just one little link in the long chain that brings God’s word to the world. As you can see in the photos, we are loading a sea-land container onto a truck. In the container is a Cessna 182 that will minister to aboriginal language groups in northern Australia. JAARS spent months preparing this donated aircraft for its specialized ministry. It will now carry linguists to help aboriginal people learn of the transforming grace of Jesus Christ, as they are able to study the Bible in the languages they understand best.

Fuel (AvGas in particular) is the challenge on the other side of the world. Wycliffe needs to keep its Robinson R-44 helicopter flying in support of missions in Cameroon, but AvGas is so expensive and scarce there that we fill 55 Gallon drums of AvGas and ship them to Cameroon. Any of our technicians could have worked that project, but with my newly acquired forklift skills, I was able to assist with filling and stacking the drums, freeing a mechanic for an entire workday to dig into the backlog of aircraft projects that use their technical training to advance Bible translation around the world.

My work as a manager is to ensure those with particular skills have direction and the support they need to accomplish our mission for Christ’s kingdom. If I can accomplish that by driving a forklift, then that’s way cool! Now If I can just figure out how to work a Bobcat loader into the mix....

Stephen and Dottyanne



Faith Presbyterian Church, our new church home, is only five years old! Worshiping in a gymnasium is a whole lot different than being in a building designed for worship. It gives one cause for thanksgiving for things we often take for granted.

## A Farewell to Bob and Magdalene Stevenson



About ten years ago (I'm not sure exactly) in one of the happiest and most privileged moments in my church-going life I passed the little Peace Candle on to the congregation of Valmont Community Church. On our most recent visit to Boulder, in February this year, Magdalene and I were delighted to see that the flame still burns.

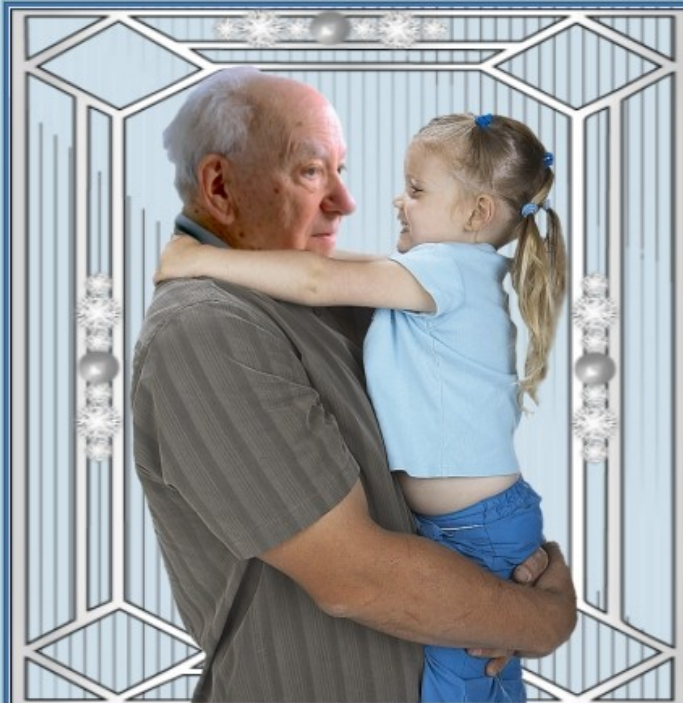
A short time before that, our daughter Isobel had moved with her husband Ken up from Austin, Texas. With some regret on our part, they have moved again.

They are both now at the University of Connecticut, and our twin grandsons, Douglas and Andrew, are now at middle-school there. That means that from now on our annual family visits 'Across The Pond' will be to that fair state.

We have made a great many friends at Valmont. On my very first visit to the Church I was greeted by at least five Christian gentlemen before I could find a pew. I can't quite remember who they all were, but Rev Stephen Bird was one, and Ken Crowe was another, there was probably Stu Stickler, Lucky McGinty, Jim Mac-Millan, John Gnocha, and when you get to my age details get forgotten. I hope that I can be forgiven for failing to mention everyone.

We have unforgettable memories; Don Lewis and the pie sales, Maggie Fries and her choir, Dottyanne and her laughter and her family, the hay-rides. I could go on and on but I'd better not. We love you all, and we will miss you all. We're missing you already.

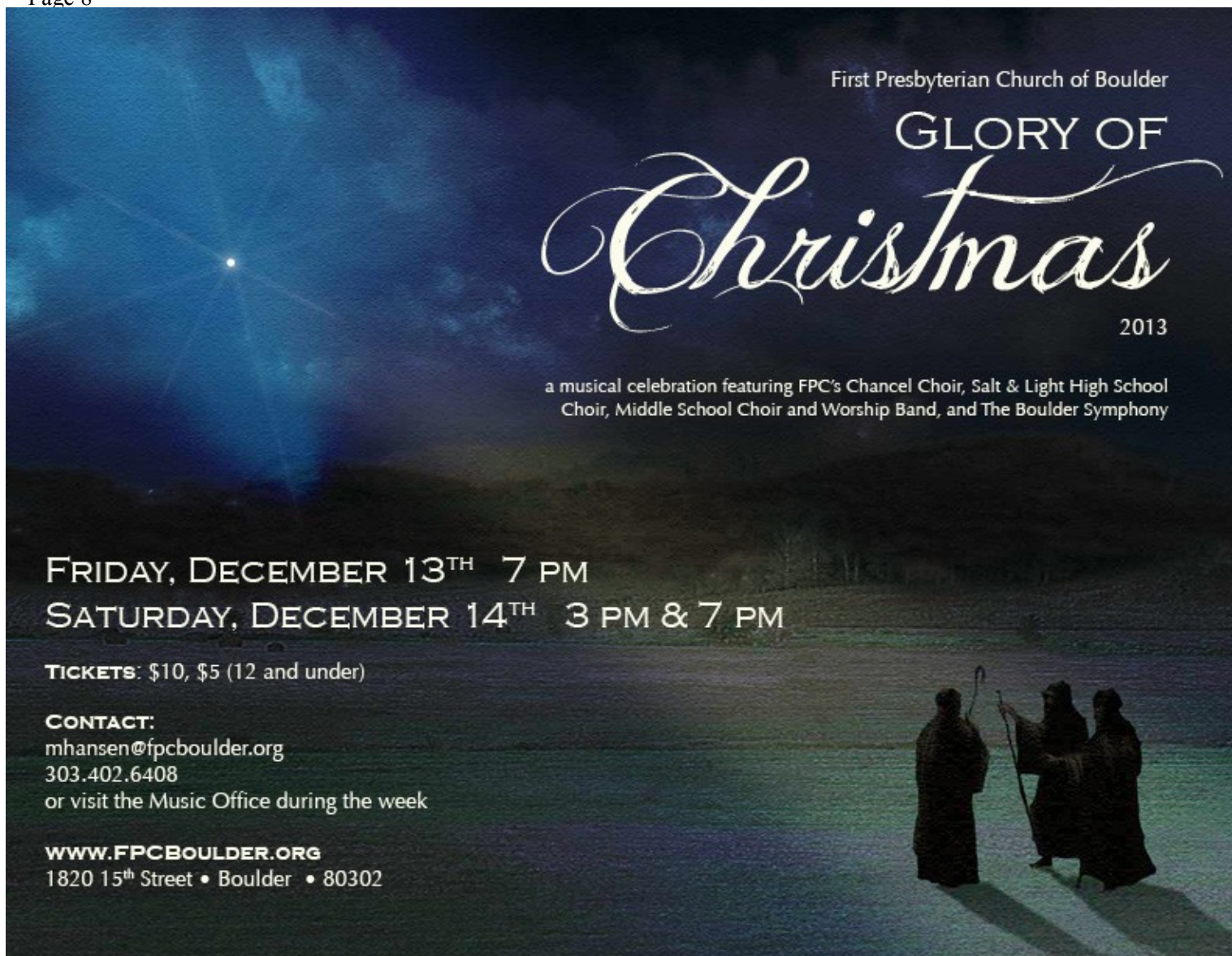
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*A little girl ran to her Grandfather, jumped into his arms and gave him a great big hug. Then she ran her fingers along his balding head and down the side of his wrinkled face. "Did God make you Grandad?" she asked. "Yes honey, he made me." She felt her own cheek and then asked "Did God make me too?" "Yes honey he made you too." "Well" she shrugged "Don't you think he's doing a better job now than he used to?"*

Sandi V  
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