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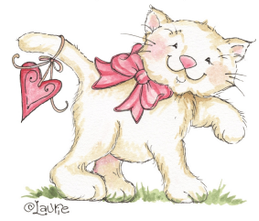


From the Director

I can't believe it's already mid-February! I had every intention of writing this in December - January at the latest. Oh, well...what can I say? Time is flying by, and the busier we are, the faster it goes!

It's a great comfort to us to know that God knows what's going to happen this year - there's nothing He doesn't have under control - so even when WE feel out of control, HE'S not! SO - He knew that we would receive death threats after the verdict was reached for the man who killed Dr. Tiller - the late-term abortionist in Kansas who was shot to death in church last year. The calls were followed by threatening emails. We called the Chula Vista Police Department, and they took a report and told us to keep our doors locked for awhile, just to be on the safe side. That meant that our clients had to call or knock to let us know they needed in. It was tiresome, but we did what we had to do to be safe. We've since installed another lock on the French door that separates the waiting area from the rest of the office. It's sad that we have to take these steps, isn't it?

Would you pray for us? As I said, we KNOW our sovereign Lord is protecting us - and He knows our future. We're not walking in fear - but having additional prayer to keep it that way is always a good thing!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director

Celebrating the Life of Fred Dow

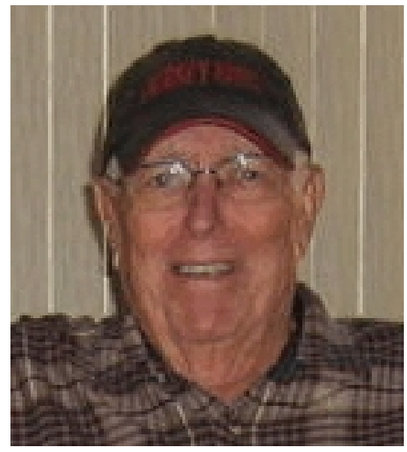
Fred was born on November 29th, 1929 in National City, CA. We're sad to report that Fred was promoted to heaven on December 24th, 2009, after fighting a short but valiant battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his wife, Mary (our "bootie lady"), and his family. There is NO doubt in anyone's mind that the first breath he took in heaven was followed by Jesus saying to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant - enter into the joy of the Lord!"

If you ever attended one of our Ice Cream Socials or Walk for Life, you will remember Fred Dow. He loved to serve, and Fred had his own special way of doing it! He came up with all kinds of imaginary flavors of ice cream, nachos, or hot dogs - and had a great time joking around with everybody. Fred was the goofiest guy we knew - but he was also the most generous. If there was a need, Fred would move heaven and earth to help.

Fred was a Champion of the Faith. He was fearless in his witness - there wasn't anyone he wouldn't talk to about the Lord. Everybody he met - no matter what - no matter where - heard about Jesus. He is missed by many.

Fred's life verse: Romans 12:2

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."



Fred Dow

Protect Your Daughter from Gardasil!

If you have a daughter, you've probably already been faced with the dilemma of whether or not she should be vaccinated for HPV. There is a great deal of pressure being put on parents to have their daughters vaccinated. And - Christian parents often feel conflicted about what they should do. Of course they want to protect their daughter from cancer - but they also want their daughters to save sex for marriage, and does getting the vaccine send a mixed message about what mom and dad expect? And - what about side-effects/risks of the vaccine? Is IT safe - is it really the "wonder drug" it's being touted to be?

SO - what does Gardasil promise to do? It's designed to prevent just 4 of the over 100 strains of HPV, so it doesn't protect women from every form of the virus. And side effects? According to the National Vaccine Information Center, a vaccine-safety nonprofit, Gardasil was compared to the meningitis vaccine, since both are given to the same age group. Gardasil's reported side effects were 30 times higher. AND - it prompted over 5,000 emergency room visits - three times more than the meningitis vaccine.

Gardasil was fast-tracked by the FDA. A former paid consultant to Merck (Gardasil's manufacturer) told CBS News in an interview last year that "Gardasil has been associated with at least as many serious adverse events as there are deaths from cervical cancer developing each year."

When Judicial Watch, a government watchdog organization, reviewed data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, they found that in one year's time there were 235 cases of permanent disability and 147 cases of "spontaneous abortion" because the vaccine had been given to pregnant women.

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