
Thanks to those who volunteered their time and talents for this service...

PASTOR: JEFF BOWMAN

Pastor Jeff received two years of training from Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, majoring in Bible and Theology, then completed his Bachelor's degree at the Derby School of Theology in Denver, Colorado in 1977. In 1989, he went back to school and in 1991 received his Masters degree in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

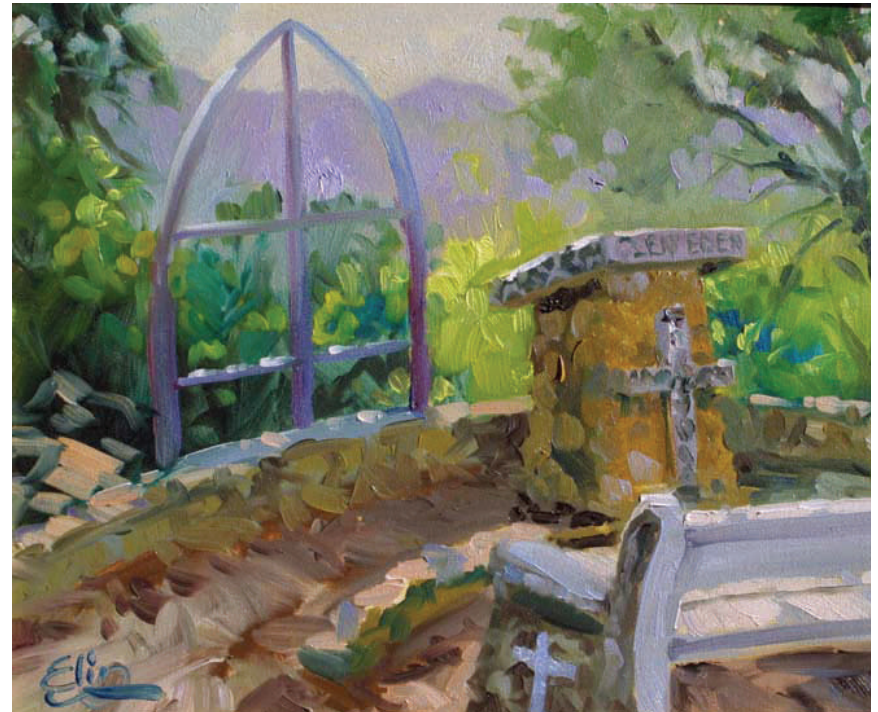
Jeff has had successful ministries as pastor in four congregations. He has also spent 15 years in senior management in the computer field. What Jeff is known for is his fresh, open, and honest approach to God and life. He has no problem thinking "outside the box" and enjoys asking questions and seeking Biblical answers. He is married to Judy (since 1973). They have raised four children and have two grandchildren. Jeff likes to play electric guitar and surf (both in the ocean and on the internet), and he and Judy enjoy naturism. Currently they are both LMTs (Licensed Massage Therapists) and own a European style clothing optional spa where they provide people with a safe place to experience "Good Nudity" and bless people with "Good Touch." Jeff and Judy have been members of Glen Eden since 2000.

LITURGICAL DANCER & SONGLEADER: JEANNIE

Jeannie, a member of Glen Eden, has been dancing since she was three years old and has danced professionally for many years. She was chosen among hundreds to be a dancer on a nationally syndicated show called "Upbeat" on ABC. She danced at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and was a backup dancer for the likes of John Denver, Stevie Wonder, Sly and the Family Stone, and Three Dog Night. Jeannie is a devout Catholic and has been a Liturgical Dancer for 25 years, performing her beautiful spiritual dance for conventions, retreats, funerals and women's groups.

COVER ARTIST: ELIN PENDLETON

A member since 1991, Elin has been painting since she was very young and doing so professionally since 1982. She loves "on location" painting of landscapes, figures and horses from life. She makes her living selling her art. Her website is www.elinart.com (email info@elinart.com).



Easter Service

At Glen Eden's
Outdoor Chapel

April 4, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Easter Service

Jeff Bowman, Pastor

The congregation is invited to join in singing along with our Song Leader.

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today".....led by Jeannie

Introduction and Welcome to All.....Jeff Bowman

Dance: "Spirit of the Living God".....Jeannie

Easter Message.....Jeff Bowman

The Doubt of Faith

What do you think of those who doubt? How about the person who always questions? Do you sometimes doubt? Are you a skeptical person? Have you ever found yourself to be the only person who questions a situation? I suggest to you that you are not alone and that doubt can be an indication that faith is about to be hatched. Let's take a look at the poster-boy of doubt – doubting Thomas. He is not what you think...

Jesus is ALIVE – Resurrection = Fear and Doubt Removed

John 20:19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

The Nooks and Crannies of Thomas

- Thomas was one of 12 men chosen by Jesus to be His Apostles.
- He was a twin. (John 11:16)
- He was not afraid to admit that he didn't know something and to ask for help. (John 14:5)

A Doubter's Doubts

24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

- "Unless I..." is the doubt of faith.
- Our culture has a problem with credulity - a readiness or willingness to believe especially on slight or uncertain evidence.
Credulity (n): willingness to believe or trust too readily, esp. without proper or adequate evidence; gullibility.
Credulous (adj): Disposed to believe too readily; gullible.
- Thomas asks for what the others got.

The Reality of Easter or "Is This What You Want, Thomas?"

26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" 28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. 29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

- God meets us where we ARE!
- The facts are present and a skeptic sees and believes.
- Doubt & Pride = unbelief.
- Doubt & Openness = belief.

Purpose of the Gospel of John and the Bible as a whole

30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Allow Yourself to Have the Benefit of Doubt!

Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace".....led by Jeannie

Concluding Comments.....Jeff Bowman

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