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Dear Fellowship Partners,

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Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could just "arrive" at maturity? We would only need to go to a seminar, read a book, enroll in a class, or attend a conference to suddenly have "the answer". And yet, God's Word says that His work in us will continue "until the day of Christ Jesus". Until then we will continue to be people in process and people who are incomplete.

In June, I had the privilege of attending the Pastoral Care conference offered by Leanne Payne. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to receive truth and experience God's healing presence in my own life as He continues His work of healing and restoration in my own soul. But, as I spoke with others attending the conference I recognized the human tendency to somehow come to a conference with the expectation that a work will be completed in us—and actually to look to a person, a book, a conference, a retreat, a seminar, etc as our "savior".

We don't like the uncertainty of being in process and of relying on the Lord's timing. We want a solution or an answer now. In fact, many of us turn inward and play the role of Holy Spirit in our own lives as we introspectively try to dissect the thoughts and intents of our own hearts. But this is a work reserved for the Spirit of God! We cannot fix ourselves and we do not know what is best for ourselves. We must rely on the Spirit of the Lord and entrust the healing process to Him.

Although the Lord did meet me at my point of need and ministered to me through His Word and through others at the conference, experience has taught me that this is an ongoing process. Our sanctification will take place over time as we continue to entrust our souls to the One who is our Healer and obediently cooperate with Him as He faithfully exposes our sin and our need for Him.

On the last day of the conference, Leanne answered the question, *Why doesn't healing 'stick'?* Those who have had dramatic experiences during healing prayer sometimes wonder months later why they are again experiencing the same struggles as though no bondages had been broken. Her wise answer was to remind us of our personal responsibility to go on to construct the soul. We must faithfully respond to the small steps of obedience that the Holy Spirit speaks to us in order to continue to experience growth and freedom.

This obedience in each of our lives will look different. For some, here at Portland Fellowship, God has called them to attend our summer series in order to further the healing process in their life. For others, the Lord has spoken something different. The ministry here is committed to offering opportunities for growth and service as the Lord leads us.

One of those opportunities is the **Sy Rogers Seminar** coming September 6. If you have not heard Sy, you are in for a real treat. I believe he is one of the most dynamic speakers on sexuality.



*Rebecca Wade has been working with the women at PF since 1998.*

"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners."

ISAIAH 61 : 1

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His seminar goes beyond the issue of homosexuality and addresses how sexuality fits in the Christian life. Some of the topics include: *5 Major Categories of Sexual Problems in the Church; Reasons Why Christians WILL Have Sexual Struggles; Powerful Principles for Redeeming Sexuality; Realistic Expectations: What Redemption Will and Will Not Do for those who Struggle and more...*

I would strongly recommend this seminar to every Christian, so invite your family and friends. Call Portland Fellowship to sign up or go on-line at [www.syseminar.com](http://www.syseminar.com). We want this to be available to everyone, so we priced the seminar at only \$25 a person or \$40 for a married couple.

Lastly, Portland Fellowship director, Jason Thompson and his wife Amy, are excited to introduce you to the newest member of their family. Trevor Andrew Thompson was born June 30, weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces. All three of them are doing great.

I pray you are all having a wonderful summer. Thank you for being a part of God's great work here at Portland Fellowship!



Trevor, kicking back and enjoying his first weeks of life.

Serving Him,

Rebecca Wade

Women's Ministry Director

### ministry update

We are excited to be moving forward in purchasing the fellowship house. Without question, we believe this house is where we need to remain. It is strategically located and has the space to meet all our ministry needs. We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to seeing how God leads in this endeavor.

With the anticipation of our Taking Back Ground group growing larger this coming year, we are in need of the use of our basement space. The Fellowship House has a full size basement, but is in need of a little tender loving care.

Would you be interested in helping us with some painting, patching, laying carpet, installing windows and/or laying linoleum?

In addition to the labor, we will need the materials to accomplish this upgrade. Our need includes: white paint, carpet, padding, and linoleum.

Our desire is to have the space completed by the end of September.

### thanks

We can not thank you enough for you financial support, prayers, and volunteer hours. It is very exciting to see God's work being accomplished with your help.

We want to thank Focus on the Family for giving us the opportunity of hosting a booth at the Love Won Out conference. Many new family members and men and women were introduced to Portland Fellowship through that event.

### prayer

We ask for your prayers for the Sy Rogers Seminar. We believe lives will be impacted powerfully through his message.

Please pray for wisdom as we move forward in the purchase of our ministry house. Pray for God's provision.

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### august calender

#### august 3

Sy Rogers introduces his Seminar at Trinity Fellowship.  
2700 SE 67th, Portland  
at 9 AM and 11 AM

#### august 4

Monthly Board Meeting. 7 p.m.

#### august 5, 12, 19 26

Wild at Heart's - Band of Brothers  
Townsend's - Hiding From Love  
Summer video series' for men and women. 7 p.m.

#### august 15

Family and Friends Group  
If you have a loved one involved in homosexuality and want direction, encouragement and support,  
Second Friday of each month: 7 p.m.

#### September 6

Sy Rogers Seminar  
Redeeming the Sexual Generation  
A dynamic presentation on the issue of redeeming sexual brokenness. To register, call 503.235.6364 or go on-line at [www.SySeminar.com](http://www.SySeminar.com)

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