

## happenings

### Men's Breakfast this Saturday at 10am.

Deliciousness and male bonding are likely to occur. If you're a man, and about half of you are, there is no reason not to be there. At the building: 935 W 11th Ave.

### Council Update:

One of the objectives of recent council meetings has been to focus on vision and spiritual direction. We are excited to give Mike room to brainstorm and share his passions. In addition, we continue to work on polity to help define Scum's structure and organization.

### SPIN

We have a really exciting training opportunity coming up for anyone who might be interested. On May 8th, we are hosting Bob and Jan Burnside of Suicide Prevention Intervention Network (SPIN) for a suicide prevention and intervention training. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for how to sign up!

### Living Jesusly.

Ed Dobson, author of The Year of Living Like Jesus will be at Scum on April 25th to share his experience. "Live one year as Jesus lived. Eat as Jesus ate. Pray as Jesus prayed. Observe the sabbath as Jesus

observed. Attend the Jewish festivals as Jesus attended. Read the Gospels every week." Expect it to be super rad - I mean, look at the guy's beard...



## devotion from the Reverend Mike Sares

The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.  
The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.  
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.  
The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.  
The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.  
The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.  
My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. (Psalm 145:13b-21)

When you read the life of David (who wrote this Psalm) you understand that it would have been just as easy for him to forget that God was good as it is for us to forget. As a young man, he literally ran for his life from King Saul. He had done nothing wrong -- nothing to deserve being hunted down like an animal. As a matter of fact, the reason that his life was in danger was because he trusted in God!

When he was old, he ran for his life again, running from his own son who wanted to be king in his place. This time, however, David had brought the calamity upon himself by his own evil deeds.

In between, David's life was full of sins and triumphs, love and hate just like ours. David knew he was far from perfect, but he also knew that God loved him anyway. He knew the world at large was far from perfect, but he also knew that in the middle of everything, God was good anyway. Seems like sometimes David had to write these truths down and say them out loud.

So often we forget what God is like. David is reminding himself (and us) of these things. We need to be reminded. That's just one good reason for reading the Bible.

-Mike

## SOTEC news

Help with Sunday night stuff: clean up, sound, powerpoint, dinner, etc contact Mollie at [info@scumoftheearth.net](mailto:info@scumoftheearth.net)

Check out the new small groups on [www.scumoftheearth.net/small-groups/](http://www.scumoftheearth.net/small-groups/)

We enjoyed having the Dylans in town - wish them well as they hit the road again and keep up with their progress at [scumgypsywagon.wordpress.com](http://scumgypsywagon.wordpress.com)