



The Monthly Heartbeat

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Counseling Models Compared

By Pastor Scott Roberts

As we consider what Biblical Counseling is, it is important to understand the various models currently practiced in the world of psychology. Though not as popular today as it was in past decades among professionals, Sigmund Freud's view of man and psychology are popularized by many seeking to overturn Christian morality. Freud saw man as an instinctual animal whose behavior was determined by the environment s/he was raised in and the natural instincts s/he suppresses because of those environmental stimuli. Freud believed that psychological problems arise because our natural instincts are being suppressed by society and if we just ignored the rules of society and lived freely, we wouldn't have any problems. Unfortunately, this view of man doesn't recognize God, the conscience or personal sin. Hence everyone else is the problem- which sounds an awful lot like Genesis chapter 3 and the blame game Adam and Eve engaged in when they sinned.

A second more popular approach to psychology is that of Behaviorism. B.F. Skinner rejected Freud and instead said that humans are the product of the environment in which they live. People can be changed by the rewards and punishments we give based upon the actions we want to cultivate and those we want to suppress. Psychological problems in this model arise from poor conditioning, and so the solution for any counselee is to restructure the environment with positive rewards and negative consequences that will change the behavior into more acceptable forms. While there is a hint of truth in this, as every parent knows, the drawback to this model is that it is possible to get proper behavior but with a wrong heart and

for wrong reasons. Withdraw the reward and the behavior dies; there is no real change in the person internally. Furthermore, there is no standard by which to judge and determine what is good and there is no concept of sin. One's experiences made s/he this way, so s/he is not to blame.

Carl Rogers responded to Skinner's human neutrality by saying that human beings aren't neutral, they are inherently good and that their problems arise from society being evil and seeking to suppress their inherent goodness. The goal for curing people with psychological problems is not to tell them that they are evil or bad (society already does that), rather, we must tell them that they are good and that whatever they are doing is good. But Rogers theory and model is contradictory. If society is made up of inherently good people, they why when they come together in society do they act in ways that create oppression? For those who remember the 1990's, this was the model of the day in the public schools – "everyone deserves a trophy." Like the other models, this model also fails the scripture test: Humans after the fall are not good. We are inclined to evil, we are selfish, and our hearts dwell on things that destroy ourselves and destroy others. Only in Christ can this be overcome.

Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) said that human struggles arise not because of the environment that conditioned us or the society that suppresses us, but rather because we have bad thoughts. CBT believes that our thoughts lead to our feelings and so the cure is to think new things about yourself so that you can feel good. Essentially, we need to take off the grey glasses and put on the rose-colored glasses. But who determines the correct thoughts? What standard is there for determining truth? And what about guilt and sin? Should we not feel guilty when we sin? And if so, is the solution to redefine sinful behavior as good,
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or is the solution to admit that there are evil things that we do which require confession and repentance? CBT doesn't have a place for sin and guilt and so it falls short of the biblical presentation of psychology.

The last of the non-Christian psychological models is the Medical Model. In this model, humans are biologic machines and our responses to life are the result of biochemical stimuli in the human brain. When people encounter psychological problems like depression, mania, rage, lust, etc. it is because something is biochemically out of whack. Therefore, the solution is finding the right combination of drugs so that a person can become 'normal.' But is this the complete picture of human psychology? What about the human spirit? What about sin? What about unbiblical thoughts?

So this leads us to the Biblical teaching about human psychology. We are a people created in the image of God (Gen 1:27-28) and out of our internal heart (mind, will, emotions) we speak and act (Luke 6:45). Unfortunately, humanity sinned and fell from her pristine state and the fall has affected every aspect of our individual and corporate lives as humans. Our bodies are broken and they age. Our minds are fallen and irrational. Our societies are sinful and errant. Our actions aren't consistent and easily trainable. We are dead and hence blind to all that is good and right, according to God, until we confess our sins and repent from our selfishness and find ourselves united to Christ. Biblical psychology (BP) doesn't necessarily deny that the other models have some helpful insights. Rather, BP declares that our greatest problem is first being reconciled to God, then being reconciled to one another. BP calls us to be transformed in the renewal of our minds so that we can accurately discern truth and error. BP calls us to receive a new heart that is bent to God and his ways. BP instructs us to see all of life as an offering and to remember that God is good and in everything we encounter in life He is working 'for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose' (Rom 8:28). BP understands that before ever attempting to medicate, reprogram, or build up one must come humbly to Christ and take God's word as the foundation for life and godliness.

With this in mind, in the coming months, I hope to look at a variety of counseling cases and explore the biblical teaching on each, so that as a church we may become a light to those we meet who desperately need God in the midst of the struggles of life.

Northwest Hispanic Ministry Report

By Joe Strong

I was delighted to be standing with 12 other couples of our Amor Viviente Church, as one after the other took turns looking into our spouses' eyes and telling them what we admired about them. Nilda, along with her husband Marco, were leading a marriage encouragement night. Weeks earlier, we had visited all the married couples of our church trying to analyze the state of the union. Then last Saturday evening, we had a night together and a meal. This was very powerful and brought many couples closer together. Nilda and Marco had previously been leaders in their church in Venezuela working in this area.

Years ago, while I was traveling in Africa, I met Harry Boer, a missionary and theologian in Nigeria. When he found out that I was attending Dordt College, he told me that he had an issue with the emblem of the college. He said that very few things in life were black and white. The more I live, the more I find that to be true. Jesús, a man with whom I have been working with for years, nearly died while in jail from an infection in his blood. He was taken to Swedish Hospital in Seattle and then back to the hospital in Bellingham. He was there for 6 weeks on an IV with antibiotics. Jesús shoots heroin. Somehow, God keeps us connected. A couple of Sunday's ago, I praised our church for showing the heart of Jesus. During the time Jesús was in the hospital, many members visited this 28-year-old and witnessed to him. Last week, Jesús was released. He promised to come to church last Sunday. We went to get him and couldn't find him. Pray

We also go up and down with our Bridges of Hope transformational house. Most of these guys have had run-ins with the law. Many have addiction backgrounds. We have seen our share of successes, but we have also had our share of failures. Keeping our eyes on Jesus is the only way we proceed. We never know the impact we have on anybody. We keep planting seeds and trust God. I am also so proud of the people I have met recently that have told me that they pray for me especially on Mondays when I visit the jail in Bellingham. I am one of the only people who is permitted to go anywhere in the jail. The impact of my visits cannot be measured. Everybody knows me. This past Monday, I did not get off the 3rd floor because so many men wanted me to visit with them.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Children's Christmas Program

The Christmas program featuring the kids of our church will be held Sunday, December 2nd during the entire church service. Related to this, the dress rehearsal will be Saturday December 1st, from 10:00-12:00.

In keeping with tradition, the kids will all receive a treat bag after the program, so if you would like to donate candy, please do so before December 1st!

There will not be a Sunday school class held after the program. Sunday school classes will resume next week, December 9th.



Fruitful Organizational Structures

By Don Recker

Fruitful Organizational Structures

(Exodus 18:13-26, Acts 6:1-7)

- We can articulate a compelling, Christ-honoring vision for our church.
- We embrace evaluation as normal and natural and work through conflict constructively.
- Our organizational structures are designed to be efficient at making decisions while at the same time building congregational ownership for those decisions.

I've been asked to submit reflections on the last of the Ten Missional Markers: **Fruitful organizational structures**. I have two observations: the first a reaction to the word "efficient" in the last bullet-point above; and then thoughts on the first and operative word of this Marker – "fruitful."

An old organizational truism is: *"People won't work for your/my goals; but will work diligently to achieve goals they own."* It's relatively easy for HIC's Council to make decisions. The fruitfulness of that decision cannot do without the congregation's ownership thereof.

A sticky technical observation: Reformed Church Government differs from Congregational Church Government (that governing most Protestant churches). In Reformed Polity, Council makes governing decisions, whereas under Congregational Polity, decisions are made by a majority vote of the members. This means HIC's Council isn't bound by the congregation's majority vote on any matter brought to the congregation for its approval/endorsement! It is always the Council that nominates office-bearers (suggestions may be solicited from the congregation), proposes a budget (again, with input from outside sources), and brings motions before the membership (also with prior listening to the counsel of interested members). Under our form of church government, congregational votes are *advisory* in character, not *binding*. In 41 years of ministry in the CRC, I've never heard of an instance in which a Council set aside a congregational majority vote. In practice, it would be outright foolishness for Council to discount a congregational plurality on any grounds other than a perceived violation of biblical principle. Before taking such a drastic step, Council would be mandated to seek the advice of the Classis.

With that in view, our Council isn't necessarily as "efficient at making decisions" as some might like, but neither is "efficiency" Council's highest priority.

We function under the higher calling to be faithful to the Scriptures in all aspects of structuring and decision-making.

This Marker begins with the word "fruitful." Scripture frequently employs "fruit/fruitfulness" as a metaphorical indicator of Christ-centered belief and practice. Here are a few random examples:

"... A tree ... that yields its **fruit** in its season...."

Psalms 1:3

"The **fruit** of the righteous is a tree of life...."

Proverbs 11:30

"... You will recognize them by their **fruits**."

Matthew 7:20

"... Hold (the Word) fast in an honest and good heart, and bear **fruit** with patience."

Luke 8:15b

"... Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing **fruit** in every good work...."

Colossians 1:10

"... Filled with the **fruit** of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ...."

Philippians 1:11

"... The **fruit** of the Spirit is...."

Galatians 5:22-23

In the vision of heaven, Revelation 22 points to Ezekiel 47:12's fulfillment in heaven's tree of life:

"... with its twelve kinds of **fruit** yielding its fruit each month." v. 22:2b.

The Bible also warns of bad *fruit*:

"... I am bringing disaster upon this people, the **fruit** of their devices...." *Jeremiah 6:19*

"... You (Israel) have eaten the **fruit** of lies."

Hosea 10:13

"The earth will be desolate because of its inhabitants, for the **fruit** of their deeds." *Micah 7:13*

"... The diseased tree bears bad **fruit**..." *Matthew 7:17*

Council strives to promote the ripening of the Fruits-of-the-Spirit in the life of every follower of Christ at HIC. Have the organizational structures at HIC in which you participate fostered the ripening of the Fruit-of-the-Spirit? Ask yourself: Can I point to evidences that these fruits... love ... joy ... peace ... patience ... kindness ... goodness ... faithfulness ... gentleness ... self-control... are steadily maturing in *my* life?

There's more-to-come: Part of our congregational studies in the New Year's **Believe** series will focus on these fruits.

Giving in October 2018

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Designated Fund Offerings:	\$ 2,377	\$ 41,463
General Fund Offerings	\$17,925	\$214,169
Rent / Utilities Income	<u>2,498</u>	<u>22,748</u>
Total Undesignated Income	20,423	236,917
General Fund Expenses	<u>(19,321)</u>	<u>(202,888)</u>
Income Over(Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 1,102</u>	<u>\$ 34,029</u>
Total 2018 budget, including ministry quotas		\$ 224,758
Year-to-Date Budget for 11 months		\$ 206,028
Total Undesignated Income		<u>236,917</u>
Income Over (Under) Budget		<u>\$ 30,888</u>

Loan Balances:

Classis: \$ 15,000

Items of Interest from November's Council Meeting

By Joe Pruitt

1. How will we engage our children during the worship service and sermon during the "Believe" study each week? Discussed possibilities: drawing, coloring, noting vocabulary that isn't understood, council members ask children what they learned.
2. Worship Team advent planning is going well; candles will not be used this year.
3. Hospitality Team is thinking about another birthday dinner in a couple of years; high tea maybe in August or September.
4. Ongoing business:
 - Congregational meeting Nov. 18
 - Thanksgiving service Nov. 22
 - Photo directory will include birthdays (month and day)
 - Women's Cold Weather Shelter hosted by Fountain Community Church, supported by Lighthouse Mission: We are signed up for December to provide support on Wednesdays. We provide chili and dinner rolls for 45 people. Terry will have a sign up sheet in the foyer. The next orientation is Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.
5. New business:

Diane Button is asking for 40 gift baskets for the children.
6. Upcoming events:
 - Thanksgiving service at 9:30 a.m.
 - Christmas service at 9:30 a.m.

Deacons Digest

By Elaine Snapper

The deacons met on November 7, 2018. The same non-profit agencies that we supported this past year will receive money from us this next year. We are giving them a three-year commitment in order that they can better anticipate what money they will receive.

At Diane Button's request we will be sending some funds to the Mission School in Nicaragua as a donation.

Love, Inc. has requested groups to sponsor a family with a meal for Christmas. Groups should contact Terry or one of the deacons if they wish to help with this.

The Lighthouse Mission has requested that our church have a giving tree to give gifts to six men who reside at the Lighthouse Mission. A tree will be set up in our church for this in early December; you are encouraged to take a tag and buy the gift that is listed. Feel free to join with another family and buy the gift if that works out for you. They also have a need for people to donate hats, gloves, deodorants, razors, and lip balm to residents at the mission.

A report was received from Matthew Smith of Project 92 as to a change of missionary that we are sponsoring. The person we were sponsoring became ill and could not continue.



The following is from Matthew Smith: However, there was another graduate from the same training cycle, Susma, who our team leader requested that we adopt in place of Amrita. Susma comes from a Hindu background, heard the Gospel from her sister-in-law, became a believer in 2011, and subsequently her mom and siblings came to Christ. God gave her the desire to serve him, and from January-July 2018 she went through the missionary training program in Kathmandu that Project 92 supports. She returned to her village after graduation, where there is a small church. The person who started the church left, and Susma has stepped in to help lead and develop it. She is a devoted worker and, especially in a country with so few believers, much needed for the development of that local church, as well as for Evangelism work in the village.

W.P.T. - My Story

By Jerry Hop

What is the WPT? The WPT, or Worship Planning Team, is a group of four people in our church who are responsible for putting together worship services every week. The current team is Melissa, Ida, Mark, myself, and Pastor Scott. Each of us is responsible for planning a service once a month. (Mitchell also plans a service on the five-Sunday months.) Why would I want to be a worship planner? It just means getting stressed out for several days every month...right? Well...maybe.

I didn't just wake up one day and say, "I want to be a worship planner at our church." It was a much more gradual process. Music has been a big part of my life from a young age, including piano lessons and participation in band and choir over the years; but when asked to sing on a praise team, I was still a bit anxious. The thought of getting up on stage in front of a crowd to sing/lead a worship service...no way. But, after a few months on praise teams, along with encouragement of others, it became more comfortable and enjoyable and I looked forward to it.

Early on, planning services was mostly a group effort taking place at long meetings. After many years, it became apparent that the planning process happens over several days, even weeks. Ideas must percolate for a while and themes develop over time. That didn't lend itself to group planning, so now we plan on our own. For some of us, it takes a shorter time, and for others longer.

What's involved in planning a worship service? It starts and continues through-out the process with prayer, seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. I think every one of us planners can attest to the times when we just jumped in and struggled until we thought, oh...I should have prayed about this first. Each of us brings our unique style and musical preferences to the table because of different backgrounds and experiences. This is obviously observed in the makeup of each week's worship service. A general pattern is followed but we're each allowed to express our gifts and creativity.

Intentionality... The foremost thing many of you may not realize because you aren't intimately involved in the process like we are, is that we strive hard to be very intentional (not perfect), with our planning. It starts with receiving Pastor Scott's sermon (text) often several weeks prior to that worship service. Personally, I read through it a couple times to get the

general theme of his message. I also check out the online links to different resources that he provides. I read through the Scripture passage(s) and start making a list of potential songs that might work with the theme that week, often several days ahead.

There are many resources available to us, including various hymnals, worship sourcebooks and online materials. Litanies, Calls-to-worship, and Scripture readings are added; songs are deleted, added, shifted around until the service flows well around the message/theme for that week. Often, we ask for input and feedback from the other planners. I believe our worship services should: be God-glorifying, Christ-centric, and gospel oriented. Some weeks we do better at that than others.

This article would be incomplete without recognizing the many others involved in the worship ministry at Hope in Christ...the musicians, vocalists, and worship leaders on stage to the tech people in the back, all who spend extra time rehearsing, and those who spend time organizing music folders and our secretary who makes it magically appear on paper Sunday morning...Thank You!

Some weeks are more challenging than others, but I am blessed... every single time.

Women's Shelter

By Terry Vander Woude

Fairhaven Community Church will once again be hosting the Women's Severe Weather Shelter for the Lighthouse Mission. The shelter will be open every day during December, January and February.

Our church has signed up to provide chili and rolls every Wed. evening at the shelter. If you would like to provide a crockpot of chili or rolls, pick your Wednesday and sign up on the poster in the foyer.

The food needs to be at Fairhaven Community Church by 6:30 p.m. If you don't have a large crockpot or if you have any questions, contact Terry Vander Woude. You can pick up your crockpot on Thursday at Fairhaven Community Church or arrange with Terry to have it picked up and brought to our church.



Getting to Know Our Church Family

By Elaine Snapper

Helen Bowman was a depression baby. She was born in Moab, Utah. Her mother passed away due to influenza just two weeks after the birth of her third child, a boy, when Helen was just three years old. Her paternal grandmother helped her father take care of Helen and her sister. An aunt raised her baby brother. Her father moved them to Seattle in 1937, and two years later remarried and purchased a home in the south end of Seattle.

Helen became part of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church when a neighbor asked if she could take her and her sister to Sunday School. She still has the first Bible she received from her new church, dated December 25, 1939. She grew up going to that church and was married by her pastor, Reverend Graves, even though her husband was Catholic.

The first school Helen attended was the Maple Grade School and later Cleveland, Jr./Sr. High School. She was 17 when she graduated from high school. That summer she got a job as a switchboard operator working for Ma Bell making \$1.10 per hour. (Pacific Tel and Tel) She worked part-time there while attending the University of Washington for two years, quitting school to marry Richard Bowman. They met while in high school. She later took many classes at Whatcom Community College.

Richard enlisted in the Air Force in 1953 during the Korean War. His home station was at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif. They moved there after they married. Richard took an early out to attend school on the GI bill. They then moved back to Seattle, and Richard attended Seattle Pacific University and then transferred to the University of Washington studying Mechanical Engineering. He worked a short time in Seattle with an engineering firm and then moved to Longview when a new branch was established there. He worked on design and sales for the Pulp and Paper Industries. They moved to Longview in 1962 and lived there until 1969.

Richard was offered a job with Ershigs in Bellingham and so moved to the Whatcom County area in 1969. They lived in Ferndale for 38 years, and then moved to Bellingham. They also had a partnership in a fiberglass and sheet metal shop in Burlington, Washington, called HBR.

She had various jobs over the years. She worked in doctors' offices for 25 years as an office manager/bookkeeper in conjunction with the doctors' accountants. Her career focused mostly in accounting/bookkeeping.

The couple has three sons who attended the Ferndale

School District. The oldest two sons followed in the same field as their father. The oldest works for Feller Heating, the middle son has his own business Bowman Metal Works. The youngest son lives in Cardiff, Wales. He attended the Guild Hall of Drama and Music in London. After graduating he worked for several years for the Royal Shakespeare Company. He has performed on various stages around the world being apparat of the Shakespeare Company.

As far as hobbies are concerned, Helen sewed all of her own clothes, even her suits, until she was in her 30's. Her step grandmother taught her to sew when she was 12. Her stepmother was willing to buy her material, but not so much clothes. She is also interested in paper crafting. She has made one photo album for a niece, which contained genealogy and pictures. Another niece is requesting an album as well. She also made a nursery rhyme book for a great grandson. She also enjoys making cards. Darlys was the one who got her interested in this hobby. Helen in also interested in ancestry. She has done a lot in the past. She prepared twelve 3-ring binders. She hasn't done much with this lately, but she wants to get back to it. Her ancestors are mostly Mormon, at least the recent ones, who are from England. They helped settle Utah and arrived by wagon train. They came in with Brigham Young. Helen was also "blessed" a Mormon.

As previously mentioned, Helen worked in doctors' offices for many years. She worked with Joy Knutson, who previously attended our church. Joy asked Helen if she believed in God. Helen would comment to her frequently, "put in a good word for me; you have a better pipeline to God." Helen then decided it was time to return to church, but she didn't tell Joy she was coming that Sunday. As it so happened, they both were sitting in the same pew in church. What a pleasant surprise for Joy!

Richard started coming later. He had been a Catholic, and he believed, but didn't practice his faith. Later Helen professed her faith in front of church, and Joy and her husband Dave both stood up with Helen that day. Mitch Senti conducted the service since we were between pastors at that time; Pastor Gord had left, and this was before the Roberts arrived. Richard passed away in 2012. Pastor Scott was a good support person at that time. He frequently visited them. Helen said if it wasn't for her church family, she doesn't know what she would have done. She likes a smaller church where you get to know each other. It's a very loving church. She claims to take all of the hugs she can get. She may give you a bad time if she doesn't get her quota of hugs. Our church is very diverse, and she enjoys the people of all ages. We are all one body. Helen, we are very thankful that you are a part of our body. You are one loving and caring lady!

December Sermons

12/2	<i>Children's Christmas Program</i>
12/9	"Jesus' Humanity is Essential"
12/16	"The Divine Character of Jesus, Part 1"
12/23	"The Divine Character of Jesus, Part 2"
12/30	Guest Pastor: <i>Aaron Walters</i>

Greeters Schedule

12/2	Jay & Avis Kaemingk
12/9	Lou & Ev Kooistra
12/16	David & Ida Richards
12/23	Don & Elaine Snapper
12/30	Herm & Ali Laninga

Cookie Schedule

12/2	Jan Scholten, Joanne Schultz
12/9	Jolene Skovron, Megan Speyer
12/16	Jennifer Boer, Pat Bosman
12/23	Helen Bowman, Alice Brakke
12/30	Lorraine Brouwer, Lisa DeSalvo

Serving Assistants

12/2	Brenna, Amber, Zeke
12/9	AnaMaria, Chantel, Michal
12/16	Micah, Faith, Clara
12/23	Abee, Mattea, Maggie
12/30	Grace, Amariah, Kylie

Prayer Room

12/2	Ev Kooistra
12/9	Ida Richards
12/16	Ali Laninga
12/23	Christine Speyer
12/30	Chuck Dean

Offering Schedule

12/2	Kingdom Advancement Fund
12/9	Kingdom Advancement Fund
12/16	Outreach Fund
12/23	Kingdom Advancement Fund
12/30	Benevolence Fund

Ushering Schedule/*Foyer

12/2	Helen Bowman, Len VanderWoude*
12/9	Elaine Snapper, Joe Pruitt*
12/16	Deloris Perry, Mike Button*
12/23	Barb Zylstra, Joe Zylstra*
12/30	Don Knutson, Lou Kooistra*

Children & Worship

12/2	Children's Christmas Program
12/9	Jen Roberts, Amber
12/16	Dan Obbink, Ali Laninga
12/23	No Sunday School
12/30	No Sunday School

Sunday School Schedule

12/2	Children's Christmas Program
12/9	Jolene Skovron, Michael Boer, Aaron Speyer
12/16	Jolene Skovron, Michael Boer, Aaron Speyer
12/23	No Sunday School
12/30	No Sunday School



If you could help in any of these areas, please let us know! We could use more helpers, particularly ushers. Call the office 360-733-6177 so we can add you. Thank you!

December 2018

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