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Spring has sprung! Seems a bit early this year, but maybe it's just the blessing of God. (It's getting passé to blame it all on El Nino). Looks like a lot of good things just keep coming down the chute for us, so lets make sure we keep together and enjoy them.

Many of us have been meeting every week for a Sunday dinner whether there is a SNAC event scheduled or not, so we just said, *Why not schedule one every week?* We left off the first week this month in case there might be a conflict with the Mission Weekend, but the rest is covered. Let me draw your attention to the last one, as that is something we haven't done for a while and probably should do more of.

This will be at G's place. We'll be cooking a meal that should have a little something for everyone available and just having a good get together too. Rather than pot luck just bring \$4 a person and that will cover the costs of food and you will be well taken care of. Since this is an *in house* operation we can make a further offer too. If you've been wanting to come to one of our TORCH get togethers and don't have any resources, just tell us and this one will be our treat. You're just the person we'd like to meet.

After lunch there's a fairly quick but very important activity planned. G- wants to blitz his neighborhood with Eternity tickets, so plan on a little walking and praying. We'll take about 45 minutes and

go door to door seeing who's home and extending a little love and blessing to all we can.

There are two Saturday outings planned, both centering on a theatre but very different kinds. On the 7th we're looking at a trip to the Sky Theater (Planetarium) at Mount Hood Community College. Being TORCH we can't get there without a restaurant stop, so we'll meet at The Truffle Hunter, 225 W Powell in Gresham. Meet at 11AM when they open as we need to get to the college by 1PM. For those going please try to either call or leave a message for G- so we can get an idea of group size ahead of time. Admission to the Sky Theater is \$1, plus whatever you spend on brunch.

The following week we will be trying to take in a showing of a contemporary movie, 'The Apostle'. This is a story centered about a Pentecostal preacher who experiences a fall and a rebirth of his faith. While it is a secular, Hollywood movie and thus not a Christian production it still appears to have a lot to recommend it. (As of this writing we have not been able to talk to anyone who's seen it). So if everything still looks go by the 14th, we'll figure out the where and when more specifically. The one to call for the final scheduling will be C-, as right now we don't know which theaters will have it and what times will be available.

Our monthly group meeting will be at A's. We are actually having this on Friday the 27th, so if you would like to attend you can still be part of your neighborhood cell groups the following Sunday. This is an area where we're really sounding out the people for their feelings, as there seem to be many

singles who would benefit from TORCH but want to be in a neighborhood group. TORCH is, however a fully accredited cell group too, so there is flexibility at this point.

Have a great month... GAH

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Prayer Needs: Remember that prayer builds churches and the same works for anything we want to make happen in the kingdom of God.

-Many singles of TORCH age are coming to the church and literally crying out to get plugged into such a group. Yet we're having trouble making connections. May The Lord lead us here!

-That TORCH will find its 'niche' more solidly in the overall plan and purpose of Bible Temple, (oh, excuse me, City Bible Church) and be a real building force in the plan and purpose of God for our day.

-That TORCH members will continue to find release in the Lord and in their giftings, so that the Glory of the Lord can fill each of our houses. Have you pounded your stake yet?

-That we can really learn to intercede and destroy the spirit of self pity, self indulgence, and indifference that singles so easily fall victim to, not only in our own lives but in those we would reach out to minister to. There is work to be done!

-That God would continue to pour out his presence on the entire Portland/Vancouver Metro area, and show us our part in it.