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**Wood Village Voice Deadline**

Articles submitted for the next edition (June/July) of the Newsletter are due May 16.  
 Articles must include the name of the person submitting them in order to be considered for publication.

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 Newsletter is also available on the website listed above.*



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# Wood Village Voice

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### EXCITING MISSIONS DAY

WVBC supports people and organizations through our Global Missions and Neighborhood Outreach Ministries. Currently, this includes nine missionary individuals/couples.

Typically, one or several of our missionaries are in the area on home assignment, but this year is different. All of them will be in the area during a portion of the summer.

On July 14, we anticipate filling the chapel platform with all nine of these individuals and couples. A special program is being planned for that day, including lunch. I did not think this would happen this side of Heaven, but we believe God is putting this together. It will be good for them and for all of us.

Some special funding projects are in the works to go along with this special day. You can read about this in the coming Sunday worship folders. Meanwhile, thanks for praying for God's guidance and blessing on this anticipated event.

*~ Pastor Bill*

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# EASTER WEEKEND

## GOOD FRIDAY

**April 19, 7:00pm**

The service will be led by the Youth Music & Drama Team and will include multimedia, dramatic Scripture readings and dramatic monologue.

## EASTER SUNDAY

**April 21 at 9:30am**

- Traditional Service
- Nursery for Infants through Age 3
- No Adult Sunday School
- No Youth Group
- No Children's Sunday School

**April 21 at 11:00am**

- Contemporary Service
- Nursery for Infants through Age 2
- Children's Sunday School for Age 3-Kindergarten
- No Children's Sunday School for Grades 1-5
- No Adult Sunday School



# CO-ED FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

by Craig Crandall

WVBC attenders and friends are invited to play fastpitch softball this summer with other east county churches! Men and women 16 years and older are welcome to participate, enjoying great fellowship, making connections and friendly competition! Invite a friend or family member! Games are played weekly on weeknights during June and July - the schedule is to be determined. All games start at 7pm and will be played mostly at the WVBC sports field. We will practice every Thursday night during May from 7-8:30pm, starting May 2, at the WVBC field. The cost to play is \$25 per player. We look forward to seeing you out on the field! Feel free to call Craig Crandall with any questions about the league and the team.

# LADIES TEA

MAY 4 AT 12 NOON

All women and girls are invited to the Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 4 at noon. Delicious food and warm fellowship will be provided! We encourage you to invite your mother, daughter, grandmother, niece, neighbor or friend! No childcare will be provided, so please use your own discretion on age appropriateness.

The cost is \$5.00 for ages 13 and over, \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in the lobby

on March 31, April 7 & 14, or contact Connie Crandall. Pre-purchased tickets will be required, and a door prize will be drawn from the ticket stubs brought to the Tea. Space is limited, so get your tickets early!

We are looking for ladies interested in decorating a table. Items needed are tea service for 8 (tea cups & saucers, lunch plate) and any decorations you would like. Contact Connie Crandall.

# GALENTINE'S PARTY



Games, crafts, encouragement and even a lip synch battle were enjoyed at the Women's Galentine's Party on February 15.



# MEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 26-28, 2019

by Pastor Tom Miles

## "PROVEN"

### Mastering the Two Essential Elements of Leadership in Your Life

As a man, you've been called to be a leader — a leader at work, a leader at church, a leader in your home. But if you've never been taught what *real* leadership looks like, you may have found it easier to either disengage, give in, and do whatever it takes to avoid conflict, or try to overpower and force your agenda on those you're called to lead and love.

Imagine becoming *truly* influential with those that matter most to you, while still getting things done efficiently *and* effectively and building stronger relationships at the same time. This can start to happen at your job and in your marriage when you learn about the two essential skills of effective leadership that are proven to work for any man at any stage of his life.

Join us for a weekend with Paul Elmore, a Licensed Professional Christian Counselor in the Portland area for the last 16 years. Paul holds two Master's degrees, has a private counseling practice in West Linn, and has had the opportunity to teach and consult on topics including shame, failure, leadership, conflict resolution, abuse recovery, codependency, and sexual addiction. He and his wife, Shannon, have been married for 26 years, survived raising four kids, and together they started SecureMarriage.com where they teach couples how to fight less, feel understood, and enjoy a deeper connection with their spouse.

April 26, 5:00 PM – April 28, 11:00 AM

Two Nights, Five Meals - \$75.00

Come and be challenged

Camp Arrah Wanna

24075 E Arrah Wanna Blvd, Welches, OR 97067

Bring clothes, a towel, sleeping bag or blankets, your Bible

**Sign up in the office or online by April 12**

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

by Pastor Tom Miles

## Reading Tutors

If you ask any teacher, "*What is the number one skill a child needs to be successful in school?*" their answer would be, "*Good reading skills.*"

Helping kids to read and teaching them a love for reading is a gift that will help a child flourish over a lifetime. It is a guaranteed investment in their future success. And helping kids to read is fun! It is as simple as sitting and reading a book with a child for 30 minutes. It is wonderful getting to know these kids and showing them that you care.

Wood Village Baptist Church is committed to helping kids and families in our neighborhood flourish. Our Outreach Ministries



focus on meeting practical needs to help families grow and succeed. In doing so, we fulfill the words of Jesus:

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

Would you consider giving an hour or two in the afternoon each week to help kids in our neighborhood succeed?

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tom Miles or Norman Abel through the church office at 503-661-7687 or [tom@woodvillagebaptist.org](mailto:tom@woodvillagebaptist.org)



# MEN'S BREAKFAST WORKSHOP

by Pastor Tom Miles

On Saturday, March 9th, 45 men enjoyed the second of four breakfast workshops offered by The Academy Men's Ministry Team. The theme of the breakfast was, "Things I Would Have Done Differently." Five men shared their experience of God's



grace and growth through their past mistakes and trials. Each man reflected on marriage and fatherhood

and the truly miraculous work of God in their lives. These were messages of humility and faith, and of trust in God and His power to work in our lives.

My thanks to Rick Ashford, Ephrem Mamo, Jim Whitehead, Julio Vera and Todd Jones for sharing their lives with us. And as always, thanks to The Academy Men's Ministry for their hospitality and an incredible breakfast.



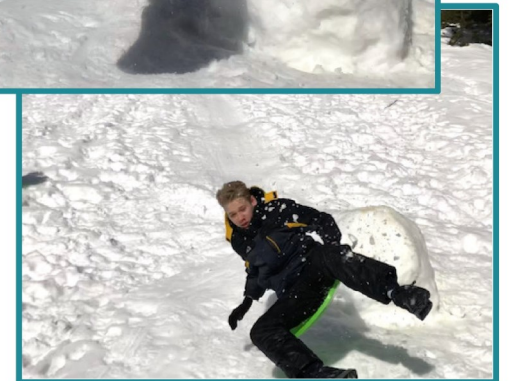
## AWANA GAMES

# YOUTH SNOW DAY

by Youth Pastor Raymond Flynn

Every year in February we take a group of students to Mt. Hood to sled down some snowy slopes. You may not have realized, but this year we had to re-schedule Snow Day because of... well, snow.

Twenty-five students and leaders finally made it to Snow Bunny on March 16th. We could not have planned the conditions any better — clear safe roads, clear skies, temperature in the 50s, and a lot of snow on the hill. We spent 2 1/2 hours sliding down, walking up and enjoying conversation. As always, we finished the day with a trip through Dairy Queen's drive-through window for 25 vanilla cones.



The East County AWANA Games were held at Damascus Community Church on March 16. WVBC was well represented by Sparks and T&T clubbers, along with leaders, coaches and parents. Both Sparks and T&T took 2nd Place. "Each team had 10-12 players. What a joy to watch as they displayed great sportsmanship!" commented AWANA Commander, Lisa Cervantes.



## THE JOURNEY OF MISSIONS AT WVBC

by Pastor Bill Ehmann

From its founding in the early 1950's, WVBC has made missions a priority. Jesus' Commission to tell His Story locally and globally continues to be our emphasis. Technology has changed the way we communicate the Gospel. Short-term missions has become a prominent focus. Personal sharing has remained a constant and is the emphasis of our missionary family today.

In many ways, the opportunities to share Jesus have come to us. During recent decades, our community has become multi-ethnic. Dozens of language groups now fill our local schools, making this a diverse community. We offer translation of our printed materials into Spanish, including during our 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Six years ago, it was suggested that we could provide clean water in countries that need it. We have completed nine wells – some new and

others refurbished – in Rwanda, Liberia and India. Through Living Water International, these wells are managed by a local church in the village, where

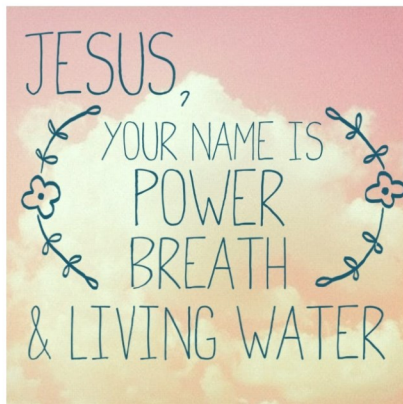
people will be taught about Jesus, the Living Water, along with hygiene and maintenance of the well.

Neighborhood Outreach currently involves a lot of time, energy and resources. Our local cities of Wood Village and Fairview,

along with Multnomah County, understand the significance of facilitating intentional mentoring of youth so that they can complete high school, learn relationship skills and be motivated to succeed in life.

While many of us cannot be directly involved in actual missions, we can pray, contribute financially to special projects and enjoy hearing the stories of how God is doing "His will on earth as He has planned it out in Heaven."

~ Grateful, Pastor Bill



## CHURCH FAMILY FEATURE

by Connie Crandall

### TODD & KAREN JONES

When you come to the church campus during the week, you are likely to see two things: the smiling face of Karen Jones at the front desk, and the composed demeanor of her hardworking volunteer husband, Todd.

Todd was born in Portland and grew up in the Parkrose area. He had one older sister who died in 2015; his mother was saved late in life and is now with the Lord. Todd's family did not attend church when he was growing up. He graduated from Parkrose High School and Oregon State University.

Karen was born in Eugene, but her parents moved to Portland when she was two weeks old. She grew up in the Rose City Park and Alameda neighborhoods. She has two younger sisters. Her family attended a Lutheran church throughout her growing up years. She graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School and attended Pacific Lutheran University.

After graduating from college, Todd went to work for Multnomah County. He met Karen when she had a summer job in the building where Todd worked. They married in June 1978 and lived in southeast Portland. Karen worked for US Bank in downtown Portland. Within a few months of getting married, a co-worker of Todd's invited them to attend Hinson Memorial Baptist Church. It was while attending Hinson that they

accepted Christ as Savior and were later baptized.

Their daughter, Kristen, was born in 1983. She is married, lives in Troutdale and has four-month-old twin boys, Aiden and Jack (Todd and Karen's first grandkids – they see lots of babysitting ahead!). Their son, Kevin, born in 1986, also lives in Troutdale.

They began attending Wood Village Baptist Church in 1985, after Todd took on the job of Park Supervisor at Blue Lake Park, which required living on-site at the park (a fun place for the kids to grow up). Karen was a stay-at-home mom during most of those years. Todd changed jobs in 2003, going to work for the City of Gresham as Parks Supervisor.

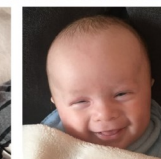
Todd retired in November 2015. He now spends some of his time doing maintenance work around the church. He is also part of the

Worship Team at both services, playing the drums. Karen went to work in the church office in May 2000 and has been working there since.

They have enjoyed volunteering in various ministries during their years at WVBC, especially in AWANA. Karen has "retired" from AWANA, but Todd recently completed his 33rd year in AWANA. They look forward to serving where they can for many more years and to being part of the WVBC family. What they appreciate most about their 34 years at WVBC is all the people they have had the privilege of knowing.



Baby Aiden



Baby Jack



# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, April 4**

AWANA Pit Party, 6:30-8:30pm

**Saturday, April 6**

Memorial for Ellie Dirks, 2:00pm

**Sunday, April 7**

Children's Sunday School Teachers Lunch, 12:45pm

**Friday, April 12**

AWANA Grand Prix, 6-9pm

**Saturday, April 13**

All-Church Work Day, 8:00am-12:00pm

**Wednesday, April 17**

Youth Parent Night, 6:00-8:15pm

**Friday, April 19**

Good Friday Service, 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 21**

EASTER SUNDAY; Services at 9:30 & 11:00am

**Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28**

Men's Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna

**Saturday, May 4**

Ladies Tea, 12noon

**Wednesday, May 8**

AWANA Award Night, 6:30-8:15pm

**Sunday, May 12**

MOTHER'S DAY

**Wednesday, May 15**

AWANA Spring Fair, 6:30-8:15pm

**Friday, May 15**

Youth Mall Masquerade, 6:00-9:00pm

## New Babies



**Brennan Suzanne Grace Maia**

Born February 27, 2019

7lbs, 10oz; 20.5 "

Proud Parents: Glenn & Liz Maia

## Home to Heaven



**Ellie Dirks**

March 10, 2019