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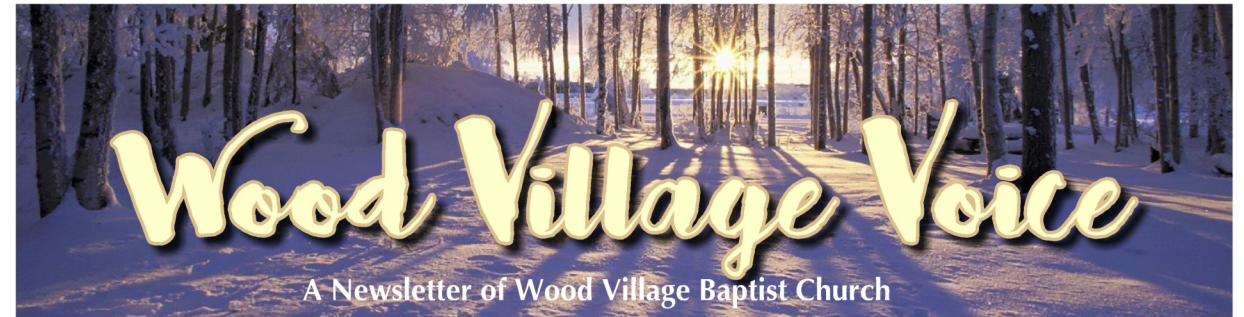
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Wood Village Voice Deadline

Articles submitted for the next edition (February/March) of the Newsletter are due January 17.
 Articles must include the name of the person submitting them in order to be considered for publication.

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FROM THE PASTOR

"ONLY ONE BABY LIKE JESUS"

At this time of year, we see Nativity sets that typically include Mary, Joseph, shepherds, sheep, a donkey, wise men and often a dog. We will have difficulty finding all of these in the Bible, but it does make a nice display.

Hopefully, the focus of the set is on a manger or feeding trough with a baby in it. This is the reason for the story. Of all the billions of babies born since the beginning of the human race, there is only one like this One. Jesus, Who is the God-man, entered our world as a baby.

An angel told Joseph that the baby Mary was carrying was conceived by God and was the fulfillment of a prophecy from Isaiah. An angel told Mary that the Holy Spirit would cause her pregnancy and the offspring would be called the Son of God.

When Jesus entered His ministry, He made claim to be God. He did miracles that only God can do. Eventually, He took our sin on Himself and paid for it with His life so that we could be in a relationship with God eternally.

The Nativity set is nothing more than an ornament until we understand the reason for the baby. I hope we will keep the focus on Jesus.

~ Pastor Bill

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CHRISTMAS DRAMA



You won't want to miss "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," which will be performed twice:

Friday, December 13 at 7:00pm
Saturday, December 14 at 2:00pm

Plan to attend one or both! The drama will include a cast of over 30 adults, teens and children from WVBC. Invite your neighbors, family members and friends to hear the Gospel through a hilarious and entertaining Christmas play.

SILENT AUCTION

A fun and exciting annual event! The proceeds allow us to offer the 2020 Women's Retreat registration at less than half price!

We need shoppers! Please plan to attend this fun morning, where you will find a delicious pancake breakfast, amazing deals, and fellowship with all ages!

Up for auction will be Trailblazer tickers, UO and OSU gear, dinner parties, gift baskets galore, toys, games, tools and much more! Come check it out!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

by Connie Crandall

"Alive in the River" is our theme for the 2020 Women's Retreat! We are very excited to welcome our guest speaker, Kari Patterson. Kari was recently the keynote speaker at Western Seminary's REVIVE Conference. She is the author of six books, including "Sacred Mundane." She is young and energetic, and will surely encourage and inspire you!

The Retreat will be held April 17-19, 2020, at the Canby Grove Christian Retreat Center. It is conveniently located just 50 minutes from the church, yet feels like a world away. Our meeting room overlooks the serene Molalla River, with a cozy firepit just steps away. Each room has its own bathroom, and many also have a spectacular view of the River. Mark your calendar! Sign-ups will begin in March.

FALL CLEANUP

by Pastor Tom Miles

Each fall season we enjoy the clean, crisp, chilly air that betrays the cold, icy winter to come. The few sunlit days are beautiful and refresh our hearts and spirits. There is one serious problem with Fall — leaves and gutters.

So, each fall, a group of do-gooders from Wood Village Baptist Church and the Wood Village community volunteer to clear the gutters (and lawns). We appreciate those who want to bless our work teams with fellowship, conversation, and improved self-esteem by allowing us to work at their homes.

My thanks to those who allowed us to work on their roofs and yards. And, a special thanks to those who volunteered on the work crews.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - Thanksgiving Meals

by Pastor Tom Miles



Each year our hospitality team and other volunteers prepare Thanksgiving meals to bless families in our church and community. This year the team purchased, assembled, and delivered 22 meals complete with a turkey and trimmings.

Thank you again, Team, for all that you do behind the scenes for families in our community.

IN HEAVEN THE ANGELS REJOICE!

by Pastor Tom Miles

We love Baptisms.....

We celebrated three baptisms in November. Each person baptized had a unique and powerful story of how God intervened in their life and created in them a new person, a new heart.

We congratulate: Natalia González Maldonado, Dante Martinez, and Nolan Street for listening to the voice of Jesus and testifying to His power and love by being baptized.

Did you know: Baptism is expected from every follower of Jesus?

If you have yet to be baptized or just want to know what baptism is, please attend our Baptism Class on Sunday January 12, 12:30-2:00pm; Light lunch provided. Questions? Contact Pastor Tom.



YOUTH FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 4-6, 2019

by Pastor Raymond Flynn

We spent another weekend at Jonah Ministries in beautiful Trout Lake, Washington at the base of Mt. Adams for this year's Fall Retreat.

We had a lot of fun worshiping together, learning together, eating together, and playing together. We asked the question, "If I knew what was going to happen 'Next,' would it change my choices in life?"

We also spent some time at the challenge course as we helped and encouraged each other through a series of challenging events.



This group photo has something unusual about it. Pastor Raymond challenges you to figure out what it is!

WHAT'S GOING ON

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 7

Silent Auction & Pancake Feed, 10:00-11:30am

Wednesday, December 11

AWANA Christmas Bazaar, 6:30-8:15pm

Friday, December 13

Christmas Drama, 7:00pm

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Saturday, December 14

Christmas Drama, 2:00pm

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Tuesday, December 17

Las Posadas, 6:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, December 18

Youth Christmas Parties, 6:00-9:00pm

Las Posadas, 6:00-9:00pm

Thursday, December 19

Las Posadas, 6:00-9:00pm

Friday, December 20

Las Posadas, 6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service, 5:00pm

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 19

Church Annual Meeting, 12:30pm

New Members

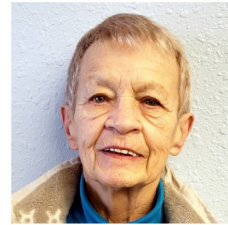


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Anderson**



**Margaret
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Home to Heaven



Sandy Tait
October 2,
2019



Vi Wyatt
October 10,
2019



**Katherine
Nash**
October 12,
2019



**Paul
Cochran**
November 2,
2019



**Twylah
Tisdale**
November 13,
2019