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# Wood Village Voice

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### GRATEFUL FOR YOU - WVBC FAMILY

During this time of medical sabbatical, it is a privilege to remember and pray for the faithful team that is covering for us.

The Pastoral/Office staff, along with the Elders, are caring for people and doing what I typically do. The church family worships, contributes, cares, prays – each one doing their part.

So many offers of support come our way as we journey hour by hour toward knowing what the future holds. We send our love and gratefulness.

With love, Pastor Bill & Carol



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# SUPERHEROES CAN'T SAVE YOU

BREAKFAST WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

by Pastor Tom Miles

**The Academy Men's Ministry and our Youth Ministry present:**

**"Superheroes Can't Save You"**  
*Epic Examples of Historic Heresies*



by Dr. Todd Miles,  
Professor of Theology  
and Director of the  
Master of Theology  
Program at Western  
Seminary, Portland, OR

Join us for a breakfast workshop on **March 21, 9:00-11:00am** as Dr. Miles introduces his book and shows us who Jesus really is using the imagery of popular superheroes.

This is a breakfast for parents and kids interested in learning about the real Jesus.

At the workshop, we will hand out copies of Dr. Miles' book and challenge families and small groups

to read the book together.

The Academy Men's Ministry will host a breakfast "book club" the last Saturday of each month April to October, 8:30–10:00am, to discuss the seven chapters of the book, each focusing on a different aspect of the person and work of Christ.



# 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.

The cost for the weekend is just \$90, which is more than half off (thanks to our Silent Auction!). This includes four meals and two nights lodging. In general, rooms will house 3-4 ladies. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$30. Let Connie know ASAP if you are interested in a single room. Mark your calendar! Sign-ups will be held in the lobby starting in March.

## baby shower

### EPHREM & ROSE MAMO

Everyone (yes, both women AND men) are invited for a Couples Shower honoring the parents-to-be! Lunch will be provided. This will be a fun time of celebration and getting to know Ephrem & Rose better. Please plan to join us! Gifts are optional. The Mamos are expecting a baby boy in March. Please contact Jennifer Miles with questions.

## craft day

All women and girls are invited to a Craft Afternoon on March 15 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come for an afternoon of fellowship and learning to make a greeting card. Supplies and instructions provided. Just bring a snack to share and get to know other ladies in our congregation — or bring a friend! Contact Amber Milmore with questions.



## LAS POSADAS

by Pastor Tom Miles

### Where church and community come together!

This December, for the seventh consecutive year, Wood Village Baptist Church hosted Las Posadas, a church and community organized event celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

This year we celebrated four evenings, each sponsored and attended by organizations we and the community partner with to build a more healthy and flourishing neighborhood.

These partners, the Cities of Wood Village and Fairview, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the Reynolds Education Association, and Comunidad de Gracia, are big supporters of our community outreach and of the kids in our community.

This year we were honored to have

many community leaders participate in the event: Mayors Harden and Cooper of the Cities of Wood Village and Fairview, Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Steggman, deputies

from the MCSO, Ricky Ruiz for the City of Gresham, and the Reynolds School District Board, all huge supporters of our programs at WVBC.

The attendance ranged from 150 to 300 people,

most from our local neighborhood. My thanks to the Grupo de Padres de la Comunidad de Wood Village (Wood Village Community Parent Group) for their tireless work organizing and running the event, and a special thanks to Chuy and Lilly Silva for preparing all of the meals!



## BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

by Pastor Raymond Flynn

Last July, Kelly Gable and Connie Crandall signed on to help me direct "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." I ended up helping them; they did a masterful job in all aspects of putting together this production. I enjoyed cheerleading. In September, we put the cast together and started rehearsals. It was a real joy to watch as the actors developed their characters and learned their lines.

With help from the cast and many others working on sound, lighting, costuming and backstage, we were able to present, in comedic and dramatic fashion, the story of people from all walks of life experiencing the Christmas story for the first time or from a new perspective. I believe God was glorified as we presented the story of the birth of our Savior. Thank you, thank you to all who helped make it possible.



*Over 50 people were involved in the cast and crew of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." It was fun to see the kids overcome their fears and build relationships with other kids and with the adults who supervised.*



# MINISTRIES COMING SOON!

by Pastor Tom Miles

## COMPASSION CLINIC

### Compassion Clinic (Medical, Dental, Chiropractic, Optometrist) A New Outreach Ministry Led by Young Adults and Youth

Wood Village Baptist Church, in partnership with Compassion Connect, Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Comunidad de Gracia, will be hosting free quarterly clinics on campus beginning April 18, 2020. The clinics are offered for four hours on a Saturday, and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The services offered are typically dental, medical, chiropractic, optometry, social services and even haircuts.

Compassion Connect was created through a partnership of churches with the belief that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is most effectively offered through real acts of compassion. Since 2007, they have worked with churches to offer professional health and social services through the body of Christ – His church. In turn, the churches provide spiritual guidance, prayer, and follow-up care.

**Our goal at WVBC is to lead and staff this ministry with our young adults and youth,** supported as needed by other adults. The idea and energy for this ministry was first envisioned by three of our own youth and young adults: Elvia Angel Silva, Anna Milmore and Cindy Sanchez.

If you are interested in helping or volunteering, youth or adult, please contact Anna Milmore, Pastor Raymond or Pastor Tom.



**Elvia Angel  
Silva**



**Anna Milmore**



**Cindy Sanchez**

## FREE FRESH FOOD PROGRAM

Our Wednesday Morning Women's Spanish Bible Study Team will be partnering with Oregon Food Bank to provide free fresh fruits and vegetables for anyone in the community. The group has chosen this service as a way to serve their own Wood Village Community. Their goal: To spread the Good News of Jesus through serving people.

The program offers the free fresh fruit and vegetables on the fourth Thursday of every month here on our campus. The program will begin March 19th from 10:00am-12:00pm.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Irmgard Blevins, Pastor Tom or the church office.

### *Matthew 25:35*

*For I was hungry  
and you gave me  
something to eat, I  
was thirsty and you  
gave me something  
to drink, I was a  
stranger and you  
invited me in.*





# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

by Pastor Tom Miles

## WVBC Safety Team

Who are these men and women in bright yellow vests you see in front of the church and in the parking lot every Sunday morning? This is the Wood Village Baptist Church Safety Team.

The Safety Team was created over five years ago with the vision to:

- Provide assistance to anyone who comes to our campus
- Ensure the safety of those attending functions or visiting our campus
- Provide assistance during campus emergencies
- Live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all they do

It is an unfortunate reality today that churches be prepared for many kinds of emergency situations. That is why these men and women have been trained by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and emergency organizations as to how to respond in case of security threats or emergencies and how to perform CPR and use the AED system.

These men and women pray every Sunday morning for the security of our campus and the spread of the Gospel in our neighborhood.



Please stop by and thank them as they stand in the cold, wet weather, opening doors, assisting passengers and staying vigilant for our safety and security.

My special thanks to Rick Ashford (Safety Team Lead), Jim Merhar, LeRoy Stratch, Scott and Pam Seckels, and Dave Ketchem.

If you are interested in joining the team, we are very interested! Contact Pastor Tom or Rick Ashford.

# YOUTH FUNDRAISER

by Pastor Raymond Flynn

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

For the second year in a row, a generous friend of the church offered our youth free Christmas trees to raise funds for youth activities. For three Saturdays leading up to Christmas, Craig Crandall led a team of youth to the tree farm in Corbett where they harvested the trees and brought them to the campus where others were waiting to sell them. Many from our church

family, as well as people from the community, came and purchased very nice trees for much less than a typical lot would sell them for. We raised nearly \$2,000 that will help offset the cost of the MOVE summer conference. A big "thank you" to our friends for another generous donation and to the youth leaders and students who made the experience fun.

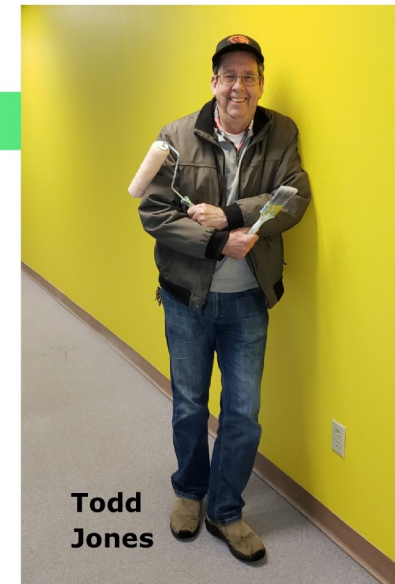
# THANK YOU

by Pastor Tom Miles

## WHAT A GUY!

Notice anything different? Have you noticed the new fresh look of the church office? Have you seen the brightly colored walls in the upstairs Children's Center?

A very special thanks to Todd Jones for his many



**Todd Jones**

hours spent painting the upstairs Children's Center and carpeting and painting the office. And we want to thank Mark Wheeler and Norm Lindquist for moving, prepping, and reassembling fixtures and furniture. We love the new look!

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, February 8**

Youth Snow Day, 8:30am-2:00pm

**Sunday, February 9**

Couples Baby Shower for Ephrem & Rose Mamo, 12:30pm (lunch provided)

**Friday, February 14**

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

**Sunday, February 16**

Singles (40+) Potluck, 12:30pm

**Sunday, March 8**

Daylight Saving Time Begins

**Sunday, March 15**

Women's Craft Time, 2:00pm

**Thursday, March 19**

AWANA Pit Party #1, 6:30pm

**Friday, March 20**

Spring Begins!

**Saturday, March 21**

"Superheroes Can't Save You" Breakfast Workshop, 9-11am

**March 23-27**

SPRING BREAK

**Thursday, April 2**

AWANA Pit Party #2, 6:30pm

**Sunday, April 5**

Baptism Class, 12:30pm

**Friday, April 10**

Good Friday Service, 7:00pm

## New Member



**Sandee Norman**

Joined December 22, 2019

## YOUTH SNOW DAY

Middle School and High School

Saturday, February 8

- \* Meet at WVBC at 8:30am
- \* Return 2:00pm
- \* Bring lunch and drinks
- \* You may bring your own sledding device if you like

Contact Pastor Raymond with questions.

