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FROM THE PASTOR

"WHY WE SUPPORT MISSIONS"

by Pastor Bill Ehmann

In July, we had the privilege of visiting with eight missionary families and encouraging them with a special cash gift. It was an amazing day for WVBC. All of those people are back on their field of ministry.

All summer long, several of our students and adults spent their days and weekends at Trout Creek Bible Camp. In a recent chat with Director Joe Fahlman, I learned that more than 200 campers trusted Jesus as Savior, more than 150 campers grew in their assurance of salvation, and more than 350 made a statement of dedication to live for Christ.

For years, we have supported Jonah Ministries, another year-round camp and conference ministry in Trout Lake, Washington. Our youth will have their Fall Retreats there next month.

We support Multnomah University, from where Youth Pastor Raymond graduated, and Western Seminary, Pastor Tom's alma mater. For decades, we have sent money to My Father's House and SnowCap and helped them in other ways. First Image, formerly Pregnancy Resource Centers, has helped men and women in crisis make important decisions.

These groups are meeting practical needs and their desire is to see people learn to know Jesus –which is why we do missions. Thanks for being a part of the solution to the human problem of sin by supporting Global Missions.

Pastor Bill

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NEW MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

"REVEAL THE WONDER"

The Wonder of Reading

Reading Tutoring Program
Tuesday-Thursday, 3:00-4:30pm

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all"

– Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

"Reveal the Wonder" is a new program here at WVBC focused on helping children to read and fostering a love for reading.

After five years of CASO (Community After-School Outreach), we have learned that what children need most in order to be successful in school is the ability to read well and to enjoy reading. So, we have replaced CASO with three days per week of tutoring kids in reading.

If you are interested in volunteering and making a **HUGE** difference in a child's life, contact Norman Abel (503) 405-5623, Patsy Dimmick, Sharon Osborne or Pastor Tom.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

by Connie Crandall

Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2020 Women's Retreat! It 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.

Watch for more details! Questions can be directed to Connie Crandall.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by Jewell Joslen



WVBC has a great opportunity to participate in Operation Christmas Child. Last year close to 11 million gift-filled boxes were given out around the world. After receiving shoeboxes, many of the children also participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey."

In 2017 our teen girls filled 25 boxes. Last year the teen girls and Friendship Circle women packed 50. This year we are asking our church to help us do 100. These boxes open up families' hearts to Jesus.

SILENT AUCTION & PANCAKE FEED

**Saturday,
December 7th
10-11:30am**

Fun and exciting annual event! Thanks to last year's Auction, we will be able to offer the 2020 Women's Retreat registration at less than half price! We need donations! Please bring new or handmade items to the church office anytime by November 25. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun morning, where you will find a delicious pancake breakfast, amazing deals, and fellowship with all ages! *Contact Jane Merhar with questions.*

BABY DEDICATIONS

by Pastor Tom Miles

There are many joyous events that take place in the family life of a church. For a pastor, baby dedications would be right at the top next to baptisms and marriages. It is a special privilege to formally welcome a child into the church family. Recently, we welcomed three children into our family: Elliott Wagner, Brennan Maia and Aria Gable. We invited the extended families to participate in praying for these precious additions to our church.

We were blessed and challenged as a church to embrace these young families and their children as our very own. Each of these families face special challenges and will need us to care and pray for them. Please take the time to find these families over the next several weeks and get to know them.

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14



A NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION

by Pastor Tom Miles

Over 120 of our neighborhood and church families celebrated Mexican Independence Day on Saturday, September 14. September 16, 1810, marks the beginning of Mexico's fight for independence from Spain.

You might ask, "Why do we celebrate this event?" Good question.

Many in our church family and our neighborhood have their origins in Mexico and value their heritage and culture. We engage in cultural events different from our own in order to get

to know and value people who have different backgrounds and experiences. It is a way to honor each other.

There is a second reason: Jesus chose to become a man in order to engage with us. He did this because He loves us and wants to welcome us into His family. Jesus wants us to do the same with others.

"Thank you" to all who attended and all who made this event possible. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19*





PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Here are a few comments from some of our attenders, which represent our feelings about our awesome pastoral staff!



Dave & Wanda Ketchem

What you see is what you get & we are so blessed to have three amazing & loving pastors!



Jewell Joslen

Many, many times I have thanked God for Pastor Bill who is a true Servant Leader. Pastor Tom is following in his footsteps. Thank you both for following the pattern Jesus taught.



Jane Merhar

Pastor Tom, I appreciate how much time and effort you give in running all the many programs around the church to keep it running smoothly. Your love for outreach and for missions really shows your love for the Lord.



Nathan Clement

Raymond has been instrumental in my journey of faith. He is a great leader, mentor and friend.



Dave & Laura Bossen

We all appreciate Pastor Bill for so many things. For teaching from the Bible, for caring for our church members, for his compassion for the surrounding community, for doing so many things that are NOT in his job description. His example truly matches the Biblical description of "Shepherd." Thank you, Pastor Bill, for ALL you do.



Jim Malnar

Speaking for the entire congregation, "You can't be grateful and grumble at the same time"!!



Dave Schutjer

Pastor Bill's enthusiasm for our Lord is contagious. He obviously loves people and he loves God's Word; we see that in his great sermons. He displays the fruit of the Spirit in his life, especially "faithfulness, gentleness and self control." He is a treasure!



Terri Clement

With grace and unconditional love, Pastor Bill has helped my heart to heal of some very deep wounds. Even through his own trials he is positive, kind and full of gratitude. I truly appreciate his wonderful example!



Gordy Whipps

I am thankful for the longevity of our pastoral staff. Pastor Raymond exhibits endurance for the long haul and reaches out to our graduates after high school.



Teresa Campos

Pastor Bill, God has given you a gold heart and an attitude of sweet love to approach people you did not even know and now they are followers of Christ. Thank you for your love and flexibility for our community. Pastor Tom, we greatly appreciate your dedication and approach to our Latino people and with that you are helping them to become closer to Christ every day.



Ron Cleys

Pastor Bill is the guy you look up to, even though in his presence he makes you feel like you're his equal.



Jim Whitehead

I would like to express my appreciation to Pastor Bill for his remaining faithful to the Word as he leads the congregation and to Pastor Tom as he models reaching out to the community.



Norm Abel

Pastor Tom — God built a fire in him, a man of conviction, very caring and compassionate, a brother and a friend, with his arms wide open for anyone in need.

WE ❤️
OUR PASTORS!

OUTREACH TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

by Pastor Tom Miles

Many are familiar with our food pantry outreach. Our food pantry offers a bag of food, once a month, to individuals and families who need a bit of food to supplement their monthly resources.

Others may be familiar with our Fellowship Fund, which purchases food for the pantry, but also assists individuals and families who may need help with their rent, gas or electric bill.

What many may not see are the other, less obvious, services our church offers people in need: We regularly offer spiritual and emotional support to individuals. We pray and counsel people

in crisis, offer marriage coaching, help educate parents, offer educational assistance to students, resume writing, job coaching, financial coaching and many more services.

We offer a growing number of coaching services to the homeless, assisting them in finding resources for addiction recovery, finding a place to live, financial guidance and ways to improve their living conditions.

Chief among these services is offering to all the greatest opportunity for hope — Jesus, their Savior.

Thank you, Wood Village Baptist Church, for supporting this Gospel vision!

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

by Pastor Tom Miles

As the summer neared its end, so spelled the end to our Building Towards Success program. Several young adults from our church and neighborhood spent the last three weeks of their summer serving families in our neighborhood and church by performing much-needed home maintenance projects. Many of these projects were done for busy parents or for those who are unable to do the repairs themselves.

I am very proud of these young men and women who chose to care for our neighbors.



CHURCH FAMILY FEATURE

by Connie Crandall

Lisa Cervantes was born in Portland, Oregon. She has three older brothers and a younger sister. Being the first girl born after three active boys, she says, "Needless to say, I was the princess; well, until my sister was born 15 months later." Her family lived in the Portland area until 1977, then moved to the Boring/Sandy area.

Juan was born in Zacatecaz, Mexico. He was raised in Baja California, Mexico. He was the only child of his mom and dad. He has 9 half-sisters and 3 half-brothers. Juan came to the United States at a very young age. He worked in the fields picking and pruning berries for a very short time. He also worked in a nursery digging and pruning trees. Juan started in the tire business in 1984.

Juan and Lisa met in the Gresham area through a mutual friend. "I found out years later that Juan already had an eye on me. He was wishing he could date me. We dated for a year and hit it off. We married a year later in 1993 and lived in an apartment in Sandy. We saved our money to buy a house and bought our house in 1995 in Wood Village where we still live."

They have three daughters: Sarah, Veronica and Rachael. Sarah and Veronica both work for apartment management companies; Rachael works at Costco. Sarah has a 3-year-old daughter, Avigail. "She brings so much joy to our family. We can't wait to fill our home with more grandkids!"

Lisa has been watching kids in their home

for 17 years. "I have always enjoyed taking care of children. I can't imagine doing anything else. This has given me an opportunity to be home with my kids while they were growing up and fostering my relationships along the way with my daycare families. It is a great honor

that people have trusted me with their children. God is good."

Juan works for Point S Tires as a GM. He has been there for 21 years. "I enjoy what I do because I like to help people with their needs. My job has many different duties that keep me busy. Through the years I have built many great relationships."

The Cervantes family has been attending Wood Village Baptist Church regularly for about 18 years. When Veronica was 4 years old, they were invited by Teacher Judy to join the AWANA program. At that age, it is a requirement for the parents to volunteer at AWANA. Recalls Lisa, "I thought 'sure,' I can volunteer for a couple years. Once I started, I did not want to stop. Before long I was able to convince Juan to come along with us. I am proud to say that Juan and I are still going strong." All three of their girls volunteer as well, along with Veronica's husband, Christian, and Rachael's boyfriend, Colin. Their granddaughter Avi will start in the Cubbie room this year. It looks like they will be around for a while longer!

Juan loves fishing, hiking, working out at the gym, steam baths and making people laugh.

Lisa enjoys camping, spending time with family and has recently learned how to quilt.



what's going on

Upcoming Events

Friday- Sunday, October 4-6

Youth Fall Retreats at Camp Jonah

Friday, October 11

Velada-Película Movie & Evening Gathering,
6:00pm-12:00am

Wednesday, October 16

Community Health Workers/Census Meeting,
1:00-4:00pm

Sunday, November 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends; Set clocks back!

Friday, November 8

High School Theology Fellowship, 5:30-11:59pm

Monday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Friday, November 22

Thanksgiving Dinner & Posada Fundraiser,
5:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, November 27

Church Office closes at noon

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29

Church Office closed

Christmas Drama Rehearsals:

October 13 & 27; Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8
12:30-3:00pm

Home to Heaven



Verna Farmer
May 4, 1912 - August 3, 2019



Janet Shearer
May 17, 1939 - August 21, 2019

New Baby



**Charolette Kalmia
Abagale Rice**
Born September 9, 2019
8 lbs, 3 oz. - 19" long
Parents: Brendan & Mariah Rice
Grandparents: Benno & Amber Milmore