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 Articles must include the name of the person submitting them in order to be considered for publication.

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# Wood Village Voice

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### TWENTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY CONNECTION

For 21 years, the Annual National Nite Out has been a part of the City of Wood Village. Twenty of those events were hosted on the WVBC campus. Attendance started with just a few hundred people and grew year by year to as many as 2,500 or more. The leadership team included the City, who planned the event, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Department, which provided education and equipment, and the church, which supplied more than 100 volunteers.

Local merchants provided food and drinks. Our team served up to 2,000 hot dogs, buns, chips and salads. On warm evenings, we had 2,000 bottles of ice water and 1,200 sodas. In the early years, we served ice cream cones but soon grew out of that and provided ice cream bars and sandwiches. Cotton candy and popcorn were in high demand. The campus was filled with vendors offering free items and interesting demonstrations. There were toys and rides for the children. Usually, a helicopter landed on the field. There was always music. Families were heard leaving the campus commenting about a fun evening of food and entertainment that did not cost them a dime.

So why did WVBC do this for 20 years? It cost a lot of time, energy and money. I asked myself that question each year as I dragged my tired body home. And I always answered the same – this church is committed to building relationships with the community and seeing people trust Jesus. It is one more aspect of our mission. It will not happen this year – canceled because of the coronavirus. I will miss it.

~ Pastor Bill

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**We appreciate our online ministries.  
Thank you to those who make these ministries happen.**

## SUNDAY SERVICES

by Associate Pastor Tom Miles

The WVBC Worship Leadership Team meets together weekly, plans and executes each Sunday service with energy, love and creativity. If you have watched, and I hope you have, you have seen this for yourself.

The team wants to connect you in ways that will draw your heart into worship and experience the presence of Jesus through our messages, music and personal testimonies from our church family.

If you do not have access to these services, please contact us and we will make sure to find a way for you to watch. Just email the church office at [office@woodvillagebaptist.org](mailto:office@woodvillagebaptist.org) or telephone us at 503-661-7686.

Special thanks to our Worship Leadership Team: Zeke Goodrick, Danita Hunter, Traci Drapela, Kelly Gable, Tim Collins, Tim Watt, Dave Cone, Benno Milmore and Larry Boggs.



*Kelly Gable, Katie Wardle and Zeke Goodrick lead online worship on May 17.*

## CHURCH FAMILY FEATURE

by Connie Crandall

Dan Beaumont was born in Dallas, Texas (his dad was attending seminary at Dallas Theological). He is the oldest of six children with one brother & four sisters. His wife, Jan, was born and raised in Crescent City, CA. She has three brothers (one a foster brother from age 7) and two sisters.

Dan and Jan met at Multnomah School of the Bible (now Multnomah University), and became more acquainted while studying for Western Civilization class (a strength for Dan and a struggle for Jan!) They have two children. Daughter Amy Felton & her husband John have their two grandkids: Olivia, age 11 and Jack, almost 8. Son Steven and his wife Trina were married in 2010. Steven went home to heaven (brain cancer) in August of 2015 at age 30. Trina re-married a year ago to Forrest and the Beaumonts can't wait to meet their new little one (Beau) born in the middle of the COVID-19 separation directive. Jan comments, "Our greatest desire and prayer for our children was/is that they love the Lord their God with all their hearts, soul and might (Deut 6:5). Great guidance for all of us."

The Beaumonts have attended WVBC for about 35 years. Dan has spent many hours teaching Sunday School for both adults and youth, and has served on the WVBC Elder Board. Jan has taught several different age groups of children in Sunday School & AWANA. When asked what he enjoys most about WVBC, Dan says "Sound Bible teaching and the friendliness of staff and congregation." Jan is especially blessed by the worship, "from music to giving to pastor's messages to communion and emphasis to incorporate it in everyday life."

Both Dan and Jan have recently retired. Dan worked as a teacher & coach at Portland Christian Jr/Sr High School for 37 years. Jan was an Executive Administrative Assistant at Tri-Met for almost 19 years.

Collecting Disney books/DVDs and going to Disneyland are some of Dan's favorite things. He also enjoys elk hunting and vegetable gardening. Jan loves floral gardening (mostly pots). "Playing piano was something I enjoyed beginning in grade school and have let slide for a number of years. Looking forward to getting back at it!" says Jan.

Dan was a high school and college athlete. He played soccer, basketball, & baseball at Portland Christian High School, and played college basketball and baseball at Multnomah. He attended Multnomah, Portland State, and Warner Pacific colleges. His favorite Scripture passage: Phil. 1:20-21.

In high school, Jan was participated in choir and Madrigal group, and served as the church pianist. In college (Multnomah), she continued with choir, and sang with small group summer tour choirs.

Now that they are retired, the Beaumonts have some time to enjoy more walking and reading. Dan says, "We are new to this phase of life with retirement for both of us coinciding with the stay-at-home directives. So perfect! I do miss my colleagues and students from school. We have plans to see Disneyland again soon and visit places like Yellowstone Park, the Grand Canyon, Mt. Rainier, and other sights we have not seen or visited. We also want to explore day hikes and lakes in the Columbia Gorge and on Mt. Hood (might even take up kayaking!)."

Jan adds that she is "hoping to get out the piano books that have been tucked away for way too long. I too miss my colleagues and our daily interactions. Absolutely do not miss the hour commute twice a day, 5 days a week!"

We at WVBC have been blessed to have the Beaumonts as long-standing active members. Congratulations, Dan and Jan! We wish you a very happy retirement!



## MID-WEEK MESSAGES

Our Mid-Week Messages are 5- to 8-minute messages given by Pastor Bill Ehmann, designed to encourage and guide us as we navigate the ups and downs of life each week. Pastor Bill has the unique gift of knowing our church family and providing the right word at just the right time.

The messages are posted each Wednesday on our website and Facebook page.



## MEN'S STUDY

### Men's Thursday Morning Study

**(Thursdays 7:00-8:00am – Begins June 4)**

We will kick off a new men's Bible study via Zoom meetings beginning June 4 at 7:00 AM. The study is designed to foster questions and conversation. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Tom or the church office. You can access the study through a laptop, tablet or smartphone. Just let us know and we will send you an invitation: [office@woodvillagebaptist.org](mailto:office@woodvillagebaptist.org) or call 503-661-7686

## WOMEN'S ONLINE MINISTRIES

by Connie Crandall

Our Women's Retreat committee was very disappointed when the Retreat was cancelled due to Covid-19. We were so looking forward to spending time together and sharing in fellowship and growth. The good news is that we have rescheduled the Retreat for the same weekend next year, at the same place with the same speaker! Mark your calendars for April 16-18, 2021. We have an amazing weekend planned for you!

Despite the current social distancing restrictions, we have many opportunities for women to connect. On Tuesday mornings at 8:30am, all ladies are invited to join me and a bunch of entertaining women for "Coffee with Connie." We have enjoyed catching up and laughing together, and have shared things like Bible verses, jokes, and "show and tell." If you would like to join us, email the church office at [office@woodvillagebaptist.org](mailto:office@woodvillagebaptist.org) and we'll send

you the information.

On Thursdays at 5:00pm, many ladies are participating in an exercise class led by Jen Miles and Katie Wardle. It's a fun time with everyone working at their own pace. Modified movements are demonstrated along with more active exercises so that everyone can get a

great workout.

Every other Thursday, Terri Clement leads a "Creative Connection." Terri assures us that "no creativity is required!" Just a fun time of

coloring and crafting, and learning about each other with fun questions posed by Terri. The next Creative Connection is scheduled for June 11, from 7:00-8:00pm. E-mail the church office for the link.

Jennifer Miles and I have also put together a couple of virtual game nights. If you like to laugh, you won't want to miss the next one! Watch for details at the end of the online Sunday Services.



*Catching up with each other at "Coffee with Connie"*

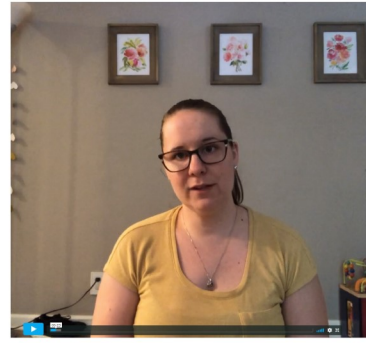
# CHILDREN'S CHURCH

by Pastor Tom Miles

Our Children's Ministry Team – Carl Archey, Lisa Cervantes and Amber Milmore – have stayed committed to providing our kids with Sunday School lessons while our families are staying at home.

Amber Milmore oversees the process by providing Sunday School lessons each week by mail. She is helped by teachers Danielle Martinez and Jessica Flatt, who video-record the lessons to the kids. Amber edits the videos, which are uploaded to our website by Connie Crandall every Friday morning.

There is much effort that goes into the Sunday lessons, and if you speak to these wonderful servants, you will realize it is a labor of love for our children. Thank you for caring for our kids!



*Jessica Flatt teaches a virtual Children's lesson.*

# AWANA

by Pastor Tom Miles

Our AWANA ministry came to a close last Wednesday evening. It was a challenge to finish the year well, as our kids were unable to meet together these last two months. Yet the leaders and volunteers continued to mail lessons and provide video instruction online.



*Amber Milmore presents an AWANA lesson.*

A big "thank you" to our AWANA leaders and volunteers for your faithful and loving service to our kids. AWANA is a ministry that takes a tremendous amount of hands and energy. And it yields so much fruit by planting God's Word in the hearts of our children.

Thanks for taking such good care of our kids!

# ONLINE YOUTH GROUP

by Youth Pastor Raymond Flynn

God is bigger than our circumstances.

We have not been able to come together in our Youth Center for nine weeks. I had to re-count that several times, because I just find it hard to believe it has been that long. It is very difficult as we continue to miss the relationships we have built with each other. We miss the smiles, laughter, food and all the activities our building allows us to enjoy.

However, God is bigger than all that. He has provided smartphones and tablets and computers and a way for all those devices to come together with our faces and our voices on them. Our youth are meeting together weekly for Bible study and youth activities. Although it



looks different than what we are used to, we can still see smiles, hear voices, learn together and enjoy fun activities.

Our Deep End group, which consists of student leaders and youth leaders, meets most Saturdays. When we are not discussing the best ways to stay

connected and maintain relationships, we are studying the Book of Hebrews (Jesus is superior to the coronavirus).

Our students and leaders all come together Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for Bible study. We screen share a video overview of a particular book of the Bible, followed by a discussion on that book. Wednesday evenings we meet again for online youth activities.

After nearly 25 years of youth ministry, I am learning new ways to teach and engage students. Who would have thought?

I pray we can all come together again soon, and it looks like that might be in the works. Praise the LORD!

## "JOURNEY" ADULT CLASS

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

by Pastor Tom Miles

Missing Sunday School with your church friends and family?

Juan and Lisa Cervantes have been organizing the "Journey" class via Zoom meetings at 9:30 AM Sunday morning. Glenn Maia is teaching through the Gospel of John, and there is plenty of

room for questions and interaction.

You can access this meeting through a laptop, tablet or smartphone. Just contact the office if you are interested and we will send you an invitation: [office@woodvillagebaptist.org](mailto:office@woodvillagebaptist.org) or call 503-661-7686.

## FRESH FOOD MARKET

**Wood Village Baptist Church  
has a new ministry to the  
Neighborhood!  
The Fresh Food Market!**



WVBC is partnering with The Oregon Food Bank to bring fresh fruit, vegetables, and staples such as milk, canned meats, and peanut butter to our neighbors. Our hard working volunteers are part of our Wednesday Spanish Bible Study group who have a heart for Jesus and serving. The market takes place the last Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 AM and is offered to anyone who comes by. In April we handed out 200 boxes of food serving over 1000 of our neighbors!

## A LOVELY LITTLE LADY

by Jewell Joslen

ABIGAIL FAST



*Abigail Fast  
can often be  
seen around  
campus  
spreading  
joy and love.*



I first met Abi Fast when she came with her mom to help with our annual church Clothing Exchange the first weekend of August. Each year she would find things to do and be helpful. I also have had the privilege of being Abi's piano teacher until the pandemic brought a halt to the lessons.

When Abi entered our youth group I appreciated her positive friendly attitude and of course her hugs. It lifts the spirit of we older women to see a young teenage girl run to hug us. Abi, continue to run and hug. You are special.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Upcoming Events

**NOTE:** All activities subject to change, depending on current COVID-19 situation.

**Sundays, 9:30am**

"Journey" Adult Bible Class (online)

**Sundays, 10:30am**

Youth Bible Class (online)

**Tuesdays, 8:30am**

Coffee with Connie (online; for ladies)

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm**

Youth Group (online)

**Thursdays, 7:00am**

Men's Bible Study (online)

**Thursdays, 5:00pm**

Women's Exercise Class with Katie & Jen (online)

**Every other Thursday, 7:00pm**

"Creative Connection with Terri" (online)  
June 11 & 25; July dates TBA

**Wednesday, June 3**

Fresh Food Market, 9:30-10:30am - Parking Lot

**Wednesday, June 17**

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10am-4pm - FH

**Wednesday, July 1**

Fresh Food Market, 9:30-10:30am - Parking Lot

**Saturday, July 4**

Happy Independence Day!

**Thursday, July 23**

Fresh Food Market, 9:30-10:30am - Parking Lot

## New Babies



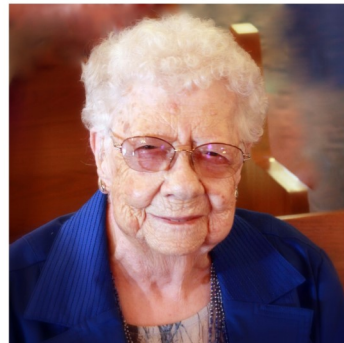
**Luke Stephen Fast**

Born April 13, 2020

6lbs, 11oz; 19.5"

Proud Parents: Steve & Natalie

## Home to Heaven



**Beatrice Baughman**

September 12, 1920 -

April 11, 2020