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FROM THE PASTOR

GRATEFUL

by Pastor Tom Miles

We are in a season of change. This may be an understatement, considering all of the changes within our church and our church family this year. As I consider all that has happened and all that is happening, the Spirit consistently touches my heart with one word: *Grateful*.

* I am so *grateful* to have had the last ten years with Pastor Bill and Carol's love, care and guidance. I will miss their constant presence.

* I am *grateful* to have ministered alongside Pastor Raymond. His love for people will leave a lasting impression on me.

* I am *grateful* for an Elder Board that has shouldered the additional burdens of leadership with wisdom, love, kindness and humility.

* I am *grateful* to our staff for their dedication, taking on additional responsibilities and hours because they care.

* I am *grateful* to our ministry teams for their creativity and willingness to work outside of their comfort zones.

* I am *grateful* for you, my church family, for remaining faithful and steadfast, showing love and care — a family that has been gifted by the Spirit.

* Most importantly, I am *grateful* for our Lord and Savior Who makes all of this possible.

Grateful, *Pastor Tom*

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A PASTOR'S LEGACY

by Pastor Tom Miles

A CELEBRATION OF PASTOR BILL AND CAROL - JUNE 28, 2020

Over 200 of our church family members in 80 vehicles were led by a vintage firetruck through the streets of Fairview Village to celebrate the legacy of Pastor Bill and Carol.

The event began with a Sunday morning service honoring their 35 years of service to Wood Village Baptist Church and the Wood Village community, and ended with a parade of cars decorated with balloons,

streamers and signs expressing love for Pastor Bill and Carol.

Neighbors lined the streets and waved at the passing vehicles, making the celebration a neighborhood event.

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the special event honoring our dear Pastor and his wife. It was a wonderful expression of love.



WE ARE RE-OPENING! . . . SLOWLY

by Pastor Tom Miles

On-campus activities are back!

We began with on-campus small group activities during the month of July. Youth groups, Bible study groups and various activities are welcome to return to campus with certain restrictions on group size and physical distancing.

All of our group leaders are trained in screening, personal protection and disinfecting procedures to help maintain as healthy an environment as possible. We have also added additional disinfecting procedures for our custodial staff to ensure that meeting rooms, restrooms and surfaces are disinfected after each gathering.

Current on-campus groups include:

Youth Groups — Wednesday 6:30PM and Sunday 10:30AM

Men's Bible Study — Tuesday 6:30PM - Led by Rick Ashford

Men's Bible Study — Thursday 6:30PM - Led by Dave Evans

Tae Kwon Do — Tuesday and Thursday 5:30PM-7:30PM - Led by Rick Bossen

Summer Breakfast and Lunch — Monday thru Thursday - Led by our BTS Team

Other small group activities are scheduled for fall.

If you are interested in any of these activities or have questions, you can check the Calendar of Events on our website at <http://woodvillagebaptist.org/events-calendar/> or contact the church office at office@woodvillagebaptist.org or call (503) 661-7686.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

August 9 Drive-In Worship Service - 10:00 AM

We have scheduled a drive-in Sunday worship service on the green!

The service will be held on the softball field, where you will watch from the comfort of your car. The music and message will be provided through your FM radio.

We ask that you stay in your car or the cab of your truck. As wonderful as it would be to sit on a lawn chair or in the bed of your truck, we are asking you to stay inside. We hope to continue this as long as the weather allows. Restrooms will be available.

Looking forward to seeing you all on August 9th at 10:00 AM. Please arrive at least 1/2 hour early so we can start at 10:00 AM.

SUMMER IS BACK

NOW SERVING BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Summer is back with the Free Summer Lunch Program. Our Building Towards Success young adults are on campus serving free lunches supplied by Reynolds School District to our community Monday through Thursday from 12:00PM-1:00PM. This year, with many of our neighbors out of work, the lunches include breakfast as well.

The Free Lunch Program has been offered and run by our BTS Team of young adults for the last five years. It is wonderful to see and interact with our neighbors again.

I am grateful for our BTS Team this year: Nancy Bautista, Elvia Angel Silva, Brenda Bautista, Andrea Bautista, Alexandra Beltran, Ofelia Garcia and Anna Garcia.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by Jewell Joslen

As the Coronavirus continues to spread and cause untold suffering, children around the world need great joy now and to know that God loves them more than ever. Again this year we at Wood Village Baptist are going to fill Christmas shoeboxes. This is a wonderful way for us to be used of God during a time of limited mobility.

There are two ways you can fill a box. (1) Take a box from the church office and fill together as a family. (2) Gather gift items and bring them to the

church office for women to place them in the boxes. OCC boxes will be available after August 8th.

Choose a girl or boy and age group: 2-4 years; 5-9 years; 10-14 years. Gift idea sheets for each age group will be in the office. Let's fill lots of boxes for every gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love.

For questions contact Jewell Joslen 503-891-6958

SUNDAY SERVICE VIDEOS

BEHIND THE SCENES

by Pastor Tom Miles

If you have been watching our regular Sunday Service videos, you can't help but notice their quality. From the music, message and testimonies to the production effects, a tremendous effort is made to give you, our church family, the opportunity to worship God in a meaningful way from home.

The production begins with a weekly meeting of our worship leaders every Sunday morning at 8:30AM to plan the service weeks ahead of time. With the message as the focus, the leaders plan the music, instruments, vocals, testimonies, arrangement of the service and the production schedule to ensure all is complete and posted to YouTube and our website by Saturday evening. Throughout the week, hours of work is being done in the background – meeting, recording, coaching and editing.

The production requires hours of editing and splicing, adding words to the music and Scripture. To meet the schedule, all pieces of the service, music, message and testimonies must be complete and uploaded by computer on Tuesday in order to meet the Saturday deadline.

Thank you to the Worship Team and team leaders!



YOUTH GROUP

by Pastor Raymond Flynn

After three-and-a-half months of online Youth Group and Bible studies, the Wood Village Youth Group started meeting back on campus! With all of the screening and social distancing guidelines in place, we welcomed leaders and students back onto the campus July 1st for Wednesday Night Youth Group.

What a joy it was to see smiling faces – well, we assume they were smiling. With the nice weather, we have been

able to enjoy some outdoor activities. We also started having Sunday Bible study in the Youth Center, preceded by a home-cooked meal. Although things looked different, the Spirit-led fellowship and learning was the same. I continue to pray for the day that churches can resume all regular activities and worship meetings without restrictions keeping us from doing what we do best.



A FAREWELL FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

For the first 15 years of my life, I spent nearly every Sunday morning at Catholic Mass. At a young age, I knew Jesus lived in my heart, but I also knew I did not want to be Catholic. I had heard of other faith systems but did not know that they were any different from what I had experienced.

When I married Lisa and she wanted to explore her faith, I wasn't all that excited to explore it with her. For nine years, we faithfully attended a Protestant church, but I was not willing to get involved or even build many relationships. Lisa had suggested more involvement over the years, and one Sunday in 1996, a group of high school students spoke at church after spending a week at a Christ In Youth "Move" Conference. I leaned over to Lisa and said, "If I am going to get involved, that is the ministry I would choose." That put me on a path that would change my life.

Two years later, I enrolled in what is now Multnomah University, resigned my position as a salesman for a manufacturing company, and started classes. It was Lisa's faith that God was at work and that He would work out the details that made it possible for me make choices that seemed so reckless. After spending five years to complete a four-year program, I graduated with a degree in Biblical Studies and Youth Ministry.

Wood Village Baptist Church was where God landed me, and I could not be more grateful and pleased that this church is where my education in faith would really take off. Pastor Bill was a fantastic mentor, giving me



the freedom to lead the ministry as I saw fit, with an occasional, "Well, I wouldn't do that, but if you want to, I won't stop you." I appreciate the countless conversations in his office getting advice about family, ministry and so much more as we talked through the state of the world and how to stay focused on what matters most – people.

I cannot even count how many partners in ministry I have had over the years, each of them adding to my personal journey in faith. I would not be the person I am today without all the conversations with people, both those with whom I agreed and those with whom I disagreed. All of them helped me to become a well-rounded person of faith.

And as to the hundreds of students who passed through the doors of the Youth Center, I told them on several occasions that I learned from them as much as they learned from me; after all, "iron sharpens iron." I am eternally grateful for the memories of: Camp Canada, Wood Village Nite Out, Mexico Missions, Move Conferences, Fall Retreats, Days at the Beach, Hikes, All-Night Parties, Car Rallies, Men's Retreats, Mall Masquerades, Theology Fellowship Nights, Miniature Golf, Laser Tag, Progressive Dinners, Movie Nights, Service Projects, Campouts, Dramas, Talent Shows, VBS, Harvest Parties, Snow Sledding, Wild Waves, Sunday Services, Bible Studies and Youth Groups.

Thank you all for 16 fantastic years. I will miss being here. Keep up the good work and keep loving each other.

VBS LIVE!

Our Children's Ministry Team continues to stretch their creative wings this summer to serve our children and young families. Unwilling to cancel outreach to our community, the team produced an online Vacation Bible School. "Christmas in July" was the theme. Videos were recorded with music, crafts and stories. Crafts and materials were mailed to each child (kids love to get mail!) in advance, as well as prizes.

Thank you to our VBS Team – Amber Milmore, Lisa Cervantes, Veronica Muganyizi, Zeke Goodrick, Mary Ashford, Ken Woods, and Tim and Tia Collins – for their dedication to our kids and community.



BLOOD DRIVE



WVBC has continued to serve the community through this pandemic. We have hosted two Red Cross Blood Drives on our campus so far. If you would like to volunteer for a future date, please let Pastor Tom know.

FAMILY FEATURE

by Connie Crandall

Floyd and Carole May are very familiar faces around WVBC. They have been attending for 28 years, and have been involved in several areas of ministry. In fact, for many years they were part of the "Newsletter Crew" that prepared this newsletter for mailing. Carole has volunteered in the Church Library for the past 20 years.



Floyd has a twin brother, and has one other brother and two sisters. He was born in Waterloo, Iowa. Carole was born in Seattle and is a sister to three brothers. They have lived many places over the years, including cities in Washington, Arizona and Oregon. They are now settled in the Troutdale area.

When Carole was living in Bremerton, Washington, Floyd was hired to paint her house. She offered him a cold drink and he just "kept coming back." This led to their 52 years of marriage! Between them, they enjoy nine grandkids and 15 great-grandchildren.

Carole was raised in a Lutheran church, where she taught, sang and attended Bible studies. Floyd was raised Baptist and has attended many Bible studies. He has also volunteered many hours as a painter. They have been attending Bible studies at WVBC for 20 years.

Floyd attended Mt. Hood Community

College for four years. Under the VA program, he was able to earn money to buy their first house. Carole also attended some college and liked to play sports (especially badminton).

Both Floyd and Carole are now retired. Floyd worked for 32 years at Willamette National Cemetery as a Backhoe Operator and Maintenance Supervisor. He finished his last working years as a clerk in the Fred Meyer returns department. Carole started her work career issuing fishing licenses for the State of Washington. She spent 10 years working as a clerk for Wagner Mining, and finished her working years at Anodizing Aluminum Extrusions, typing all the paperwork for all loads for Canada, WA, OR, CA, ID and UT.

In his spare time, Floyd loves reading, counted cross stitching, and woodworking. He creates amazing miniature doll houses out of wood. Carole enjoys baking, knitting, diamond dots, quilting, and jigsaw puzzles.

When asked what they like best about WVBC, Carole says, "The people are so caring. More like a very close family." They love that WVBC teaches from the Bible, and appreciate the pastors and staff.

During this pandemic, they are mostly staying home, keeping safe and enjoying their hobbies.

what's going on

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 5

Youth Day at the Beach, 8:30am-8:00pm

Sunday, August 9

Outdoor Worship Service, 10:00am

Tuesday, August 11

Elder Board Meeting, 7:00pm

Sunday, August 16

Outdoor Worship Service, 10:00am

Sunday, August 23

Outdoor Worship Service, 10:00am

Thursday, August 27

Fresh Food Market, 9:30-11am

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Thursday, September 10

Women's Evening Bible Study Begins, 6:15-8pm

Thursday, September 24

Fresh Food Market, 9:30-11am

CANCELLED EVENTS

Church Campout

(was scheduled for August 28-30)

Youth Fall Retreat

(was scheduled for September 11-13)

NEW BABY



Eleanora Dawn Walker

Born March 20, 2020

7 lbs, 6 oz

Proud Parents: Randall & Kecia

Grandparents: Lars & April Dahl

Home to Heaven



Jan Goodrick

August 16, 1941 -

July 5, 2020



Jerry Darrah

October 4, 1932 -

July 7, 2020