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FROM THE PASTOR

AMBASSADORS OF HOPE by Pastor Tom Miles

First Peter teaches us that the trials and suffering we have experienced through these last several months have a purpose that is united with the purpose of our Savior. As Christ suffered to atone for our sin and rebellion, so we also suffer with Him in order to reveal Him to the world.

To suffer trials with an attitude of joy and hope reveals our faith in the person and message of Christ. This is the living Gospel. It is our responsibility as ambassadors of Christ. People need hope that is communicated with much more than words. As ambassadors, we are to live lives of hope, which is realized through our faith, gifted to us by God’s loving grace.

This is our role at such a time as this. We certainly can’t deny that God has generously “gifted” us with a great opportunity to bring this message to the world!

Please pray for our church. Pray that God grants us the measure of faith to live lives of hope that shine so brightly that others cannot help but see Jesus and His Gospel.

*With love,  
Pastor Tom*

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# WE ARE OPEN!

by Pastor Tom Miles

## HAPPY TO BE TOGETHER

After a long six months of being apart, we celebrated worshipping together in our chapel and Fellowship Hall on September 20. We captured some of your thoughts as you arrived. You can see these interviews on our livestream service on September 27. Services are at 9:00AM and 11:00AM on Sundays. We still have plenty of room if you would like to attend. Please call the office to reserve a space for you and your family. We will be planning childcare and children's services very soon.

The church office is also open for regular hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

We look forward to worshipping with you!



# MID-WEEK MESSAGES

by Pastor Tom Miles

Are you feeling discouraged? Isolated? Do you feel in need of a confident word from God in the middle of your week?

Our Midweek Messages are meant to encourage and guide you through difficult times. Our Elders record a short 7- to 10-minute message that is posted on YouTube, Facebook and

our website every Wednesday at 5:00PM. If a midweek infusion of God's Word is what you need (and we all do), please take time to watch or listen.



## BABY EMMETT

We thought we would share this with you!

Many of you have been praying for baby Emmett, son of Melina and Cody Funk and grandson of Pastor Raymond and Lisa Flynn. Emmett was born several weeks premature on May 24 and has been hospitalized since his birth. According to Pastor

Raymond, Emmett is doing very well now, eating from a bottle and showing no signs of ongoing health issues. The family is grateful for your prayers and believes that it is by God's grace that Emmett is doing so well.

The family thought you might enjoy these photos of this beautiful boy.





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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by Jewell Joslen

More than ever, children around the world need joy and to know that God loves them. 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 people to disperse into boxes. OCC boxes are available in the church office Tues-Fri, 9am-3pm.

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

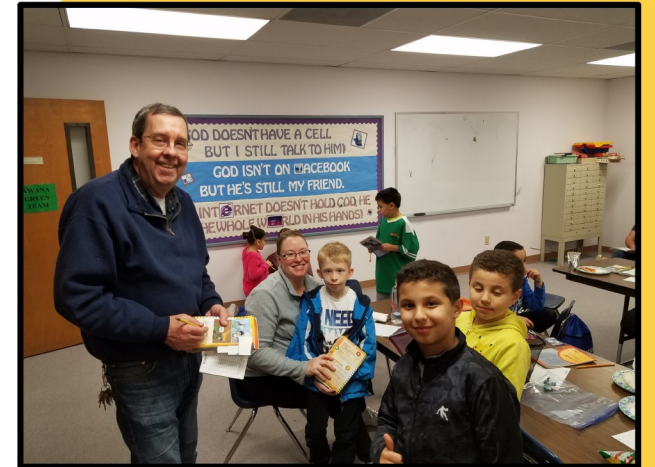
## AWANA BEGINS!

ALTERED SCHEDULE

by Pastor Tom Miles

Our AWANA Team, led by Lisa Cervantes, has spent the summer brainstorming and planning how we can safely serve our children and families while limiting exposure to the Covid-19 virus. They have researched the Oregon Health Authority guidelines for youth and children's gatherings and have developed an AWANA program that follows OHA guidelines and provides for a wonderful Bible and worship experience for kids.

There is not enough space to fully describe the program here, but in short, parents will drop children off and we will limit the number of adults entering the facility. Sparks (K-2nd grade) and TnT (3rd-5th grade) will meet on alternating weeks and groups of 10 will be maintained throughout the entire season in order to limit exposure. Sparks begins September 30 and TnT on October 7. If you have any questions, you can contact Lisa via the church office at (503) 661-7686 or [office@woodvillagebaptist.org](mailto:office@woodvillagebaptist.org). Thank you, AWANA Team, for your faithfulness and creativity!





## YOUTH GROUP

by Craig Crandall

The Wood Village Baptist Church Youth Group has been meeting on-campus Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings since the beginning of July, following three months of on-line Zoom gatherings. It was a highly welcome return to face-to-face fellowship and gathering for both students and leaders! Since early August, many of you have seen the youth assisting in the execution of our Sunday services in the field, handing out worship folders, song sheets and water, assisting with parking, and handling other necessary tasks throughout the morning.

Youth Group attendance on Wednesday nights has been steadily returning toward pre-Covid levels. Screening, masks and

social distancing are applied for all youth events. Alisha Garcia and Chris Wright are taking the lead each Wednesday evening preparing the evening's activities and an engaging devotional discussion with the students. Kerri Archey, Craig Crandall, Katie Wardle, and Kerry Woods continue as active participants on the youth leadership team and have helped to coordinate and execute our plans each Sunday and Wednesday.

In early August, the youth enjoyed an

all-day trip to Cape Meares Beach in Tillamook. God blessed us with a beautiful day at the coast. The event was well-attended by students and leaders,

with great fellowship, beautiful scenery, and enjoyment throughout the day.

Our new Youth Pastor, Patrick Vestal joined us for the first time the week of September 21! We are so excited to have him on-board and look forward to his leadership, discipleship and friendship as he transitions into his new role leading our students and our youth ministry.



## FAMILY FEATURE

Katelyn and Patrick both grew up in the Gresham area. Both Katelyn and Patrick are the youngest in families of 6 children. Katelyn's family has two girls and four boys and Patrick's family has three boys and three girls. Katelyn's family lived around West Orient. Patrick's family lived around "12 Mile Corner" until he was in 6th grade. Then they moved out closer to Barlow High School. So, the two met after that move in 6th grade. It wasn't long before Patrick

developed a crush on Katelyn and - because it was middle school - he told Katelyn's best friend. So although she knew and they became better friends, they never talked about it from then all the way up until their senior year of high school when they started dating!

After high school, Katelyn moved down to Eugene to attend the University of Oregon where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Patrick attended Multnomah University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Bible and Theology as well as Youth Ministry. He plans to continue his education through Multnomah Biblical Seminary. He hopes to graduate with a Master's in Biblical Studies with a focus in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament).

Patrick and Katelyn dated for four years before getting married on July 22, 2016 - soon after Katelyn had graduated from college. Their first apartment was in a building that had formerly been a church - built in 1895 in Troutdale! They served together at Grace Community Church in Gresham while Patrick

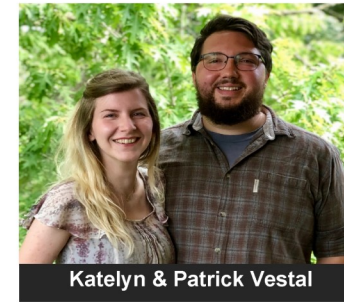
was the Student Ministries Intern. While at Grace, he oversaw the middle school ministry and also worked as the janitor.

In 2017 Patrick accepted a full time youth pastor position at Sandy Baptist Church. Katelyn remained actively involved in every step of ministry at SBC. They found themselves pulling many late nights painting rooms and hallways and redesigning the youth room. Through the years and ministry at SBC, they grew into a very strong team and

loved working on any little or big project with each other. And there was no shortage of work to be done - as Patrick consistently signed them up for more or thought up new ideas nearly every week! Katelyn was always there to help, oftentimes working a full day and then coming out to the church to help.

They both love coffee and reading. So, in their spare time they enjoy going to sit at cool coffee shops and read. Their favorite places are The Albina Press in Portland and the lodge at Timberline. They also both really enjoy working in the kitchen. Katelyn is an excellent baker and Patrick loves to cook. So, they love having people over to be able to share new recipes.

They're expecting a baby boy in late January- so they're working on preparing a nursery for him. C.S. Lewis' books have been close to their hearts, so they decided to decorate the nursery after the book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. They're very excited to be entering into this new chapter of life - as parents as well as serving at WVBC!



Katelyn & Patrick Vestal



NEW MINISTRY FEATURE

VIDEO SNAPSHOTS

by Pastor Tom Miles

We have been learning so many new things over the last six months! One thing that was unexpected was how much you enjoyed the video testimonies and messages from our church family. We listened to you and have now created a new ministry – “Video Snapshots.”

Jennifer Miles is heading this up by creating and organizing the videos, with Zeke Goodrick and the Tech Team editing and producing the videos for Sunday services.

Be on guard! You might get a phone call asking you to be a part of the next “Video Snapshot.”





RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 23  
Volunteers Needed

WVBC will host another Red Cross Blood Drive on October 23, 12-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for two volunteers to help. Please contact Pastor Tom if you would like to serve! If you want to donate blood, you must make an appointment with the Red Cross (redcrossblood.org). Donors have a chance to win an Amazon gift card!

BIBLE STUDIES

Check Out Our Bible Studies and Small Groups

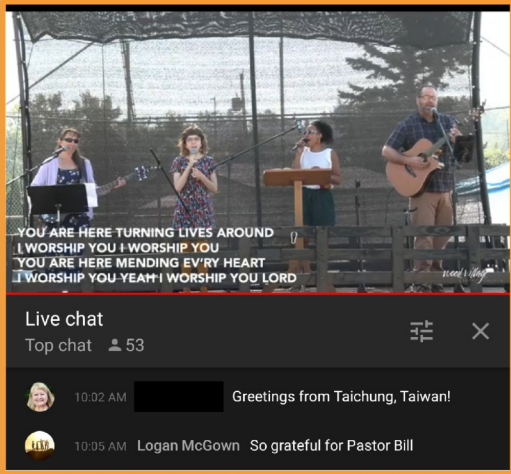
We have a growing number of Bible studies and small groups. Please check out our website for ongoing studies and groups and new additions for the Fall.

DRIVE-IN SERVICES

by Pastor Tom Miles

We began drive-in and livestream services in August and were pleasantly surprised when we heard how much you enjoyed this. Many of you loved the drive-in services because you were able to worship together, see friends and family, and even celebrate communion together. Those of you at home felt as much a part of the worship services as those who were present.

We have also had responses from people who are watching our services from different cities and states! The Gospel will always be proclaimed in ways we would never expect.



Over 100 cars drove in for the Worship & Memorial Service for Pastor Bill Ehmann on September 6, and there were over 200 views on YouTube. It was a beautiful tribute to an extraordinary man who will forever be in our hearts.



Our Worship Team and Tech Team have put in many hours to execute our livestream services. People are tuning in both locally and from afar!



what's going on

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, October 6**  
Facilities Ministry Team, 7:00pm

**Wednesday, October 7**  
AWANA TnT Begins, 6:30-8:15pm

**Monday, October 12**  
Elder Board Meeting, 6:00pm

**Tuesday, October 20**  
Children's Ministry Team, 7:00pm - Zoom

**Thursday, October 22**  
Fresh Food Market, 9:30-11am

**Friday, October 23**  
Red Cross Bood Drive, 12-5pm - FH

**Saturday, October 31**  
Elder Prayer Time, 7:00-8:00am

**Tuesday, November 3**  
Facilities Ministry Team, 7:00pm

**Tuesday, November 10**  
Elder Board Meeting, 6:00pm

**Tuesday, November 17**  
Children's Ministry Team, 7:00pm


**Friday, November 20**  
Red Cross Blood Drive, 11am-4pm - FH

**Thursday, November 26**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**Saturday, November 28**  
Elder Prayer Time, 7:00-8:00am

NEW BABIES


**Logan Thomas Bell**  
Born August 10  
8 lbs, 10 oz




Proud Parents: Caleb & Rachel Bell  
Grandparents: Pastor Tom & Jennifer Miles

NEW MEMBERS

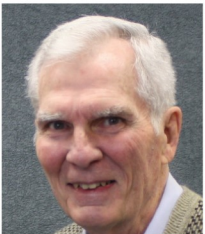
**Benno & Amber Milmore**




HOME TO HEAVEN



**Pastor Bill Ehmann**  
August 19, 2020




**Ralph Young**  
August 28, 2020




**Suzy Boulware**  
September 2, 2020

NEW BABIES



**Ivy Faye Lape**  
Born September 3  
6 lbs, 14 oz

Proud Parents: Tyler & Abby Lape  
Grandparents: Kevin & Danita Hunter  
Great-Grandparents: Charles & Stella Sellers



**Eloise Kelly Wardlaw**  
Born August 27  
7 lbs, 1 oz

Proud Parents: Jeremy & Kimberly Wardlaw  
Grandparents: Kenny & Kerry Woods

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