

THE VISION

A NEWSLETTER OF WOOD VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

FROM THE PASTOR by Pastor Tom Miles

Things to Come

“Making Disciples” is our Mission at WVBC. Over the last two years, we have deliberately invested our time, money, and resources to create an environment to disciple youth, to provide leadership for our Worship and Children’s Ministries and now, to disciple our congregation through LifeGroups. Each of these investments has yielded fruit in the form of new youth, families, servants and people willing to disciple others.

Our next focus is to create opportunities for adult learning. We plan to offer classes in Bible interpretation and Biblical Theology that will deepen our understanding of God’s revelation that transforms hearts and our church.

We will begin by creating a classroom, downstairs in the Children’s Center, to facilitate an appropriate learning environment. Please pray that with this very small investment, we will produce a new generation of disciple makers here at WVBC.

Farewell but not Goodbye

Join us in saying farewell but not goodbye to Karen Jones, who is retiring after 22 years as office secretary and manager. Karen and her husband, Todd, will remain active at WVBC (whew!) and at home, spending more time with their twin grandsons and hopefully a bit of travel away from home.

Karen has been a bedrock for this office with her experience, wisdom, and her love for our church family. She was also instrumental



in guiding a rookie Senior Pastor in his first year. It is impossible to replace someone like Karen, but we know that any void she leaves, God will fill with his power and grace.

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GALENTINE'S PARTY

by Jennifer Miles

What's better than going to a Women's event at WVBC and enjoying the fellowship? Well, going in your pajamas, of course! We had a great gathering of women of all ages (and our mascot, Emmett) at our Galentine's Party in February. Mothers, daughters, friends and neighbors were busy making crafts, talking, and eating delicious appetizers. My personal favorite was Pepino Loco which translates to Crazy Cucumber. If you didn't come to the party, you missed a fun, tasty treat.

We gather together as women to enjoy each other's company. We love to laugh, sing, and eat. However, the main reason for our fellowship times is to have the time to make new connections with women who might otherwise be isolated or lonely. We seek to be invitational to those who would otherwise feel uncomfortable walking



through the church doors. We strive to give women service opportunities in which they can use their gifts and talents to serve other women. In the midst

of these goals, we also try to just relax and have a bit of fun.

As you can see from the picture, we managed to enjoy ourselves.

GARDEN PARTY

All women and girls are invited to a fun afternoon of yard games, lights refreshments and a tour of a stunning flower garden!

*Saturday, May 14 - 1:00-4:00pm
Jane Merhar's home
960 SE 28th Place in Troutdale*

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, mark your calendars now for the next Women's Retreat!

*Friday-Sunday, February 10-12, 2023
Cannon Beach Conference Center
Pacific View Lodge*

CHESS FOR SUCCESS

by Zeke Goodrick

As a parent, it is so great to have programs my kids can participate in throughout the week here on our church campus. One such program is Chess for Success led by Coaches Eldridge Fantroy (CFS Staff) and Church Members Norm Abel, and Ed Anderson. Let me tell you, my son, Flynn, loves it! WVBC is one of only two community groups participating in the program which is primarily based in schools. On April 25, 10 students from our club attended the Chess for Success Gamer Changer

Portland Cup. Our team competed in a variety of chess and strategy games, like Pawn Wars and Team Speed Chess. We closed out the night with a pizza party and awards. There was a 5-way tie for first place and WV made the cut to bring home the Portland Cup. It was a lot of fun to share this moment with Flynn. Chess for Success is held on Tuesdays and

Wednesdays from 4-5pm during the school season. For more info about the organization and summer camps, check them out online. www.chessforsuccess.org



LIFEGROUPS

by Pastor Tom Miles

WVBC LifeGroups are off to a wonderful start with 9 groups and over 80 people in attendance. This is an amazing turnout and we are praying that the groups will foster close relationships as well as changed lives for all those who attend.

There is still room in some of the groups if any wish to join. The groups

and meeting times are listed on our website under Connect/Small Groups.

Contact the office if you are interested.



YOUTH NEWS by Pastor Patrick Vestal

February began with our cooperative youth retreat at Camp Jonah. Four churches from the greater Portland area joined together to make one, big retreat. We had a blast! Zeke did an incredible job of putting together the worship team from the different youth groups and transforming the chapel into a really awesome worship space. He also invited that team to come and lead WVBC's "Awaken" worship night.

For the last 10 weeks we

have been in a "The Bible Doesn't Say That" series in our youth group. We've been looking at common ideas that people think are from the Bible — but aren't. "God helps those who help themselves," and "God works in mysterious ways," are just a couple of examples. You may hear the students yell, "The Bible's not a self-help book!" or see a student wearing a hoodie that says, "I just can't help myself," as we learn that the truth of the Gospel is that

we are powerless to save ourselves — but Christ died for us. (Rom 5:6-8)

We also took a deep dive into the book of Philippians, studying the large structure all the way down to individual words and how Paul uses similar ideas to build big themes in a book. Hopefully, through our study of Scripture, we all will learn to look after the interests of Christ rather than our own and think of others as more valuable than ourselves.



SAVE THE DATE

Church Campout

AUGUST 19-21, 2022
Deschutes River
Recreation Area

Hiking • River Rafting • Fellowship
Games • and more!

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MEN'S MINISTRY 2022 by Craig Crandall

As the month of April concludes, we are so encouraged by the renewed fellowship of our men, their service to the church family, and the trajectory God has established for this ministry as we progress through 2022. We give a big thank you to Ray Lubeck who spurred us on at our April 23rd breakfast through a highly relevant and interactive teaching on the role of leadership in the Christian walk, and more accurately, the sacrificial responsibilities of "headship" and keeping other's best interests in mind as the Bible exhorts us as Christ followers.

On Saturday, May 21, we're sponsoring and looking forward to a Campus Clean-Up & Yard Sale in which men, youth and women are invited to help clean out a number of spaces within the church buildings,

ridding of obsolete and aging goods and furnishings, and opening up classrooms, storerooms, and the garage space for better usefulness and intended purposes. Items will be available for immediate sale, while other items may be given or thrown away. In addition, our Facilities team will identify a handful of other maintenance

projects that need to be completed for proper campus upkeep. In the coming weeks look for information and sign-ups to indicate how you can serve or contact Craig Crandall with your questions and interest.

See the box below for more upcoming opportunities. We hope to see you at the Campus Clean-Up on May 21, and throughout 2022!

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2022, please mark your calendars for a number of other opportunities for discipleship, fellowship and service:

Saturday, June 18 - Men's Barbeque Fellowship

Saturday, August 13 - Auto Detailing Fundraiser

Friday-Sunday, September 9-11 - Men's Round-Up at Camp Tadmor (near Lebanon, OR)

Friday-Sunday, October 21-23 - WVBC Men's Retreat at Arrah Wanna (Welches, OR)

Saturday, November 19 - Fall Service Project

Saturday, December 10 - Family Activity Night

EASTER by Pastor Tom Miles

Our campus was filled with kids and families on Easter Sunday. Our Auditorium and Fellowship Hall were also full of people participating in our Easter Service. This is what we prayed for and this is what God supplied.

The breakfast was wonderful, the Easter egg hunt was a huge hit with the kids and families, and all who visited were treated as very special guests.

Thank you all for your participation on that day, as well as all the days of preparation prior. There was a huge turnout of servants showing love and care for our neighbors!



Guests were greeted with a balloon arch made by Elvia Angel-Silva and Patrick Vestal. Elvia also created a photo booth.



This Easter was focused on outreach. We were thrilled that so many people from the community attended!



We love to see our church serving others with such joy! The many hours of preparation provided opportunities for fellowship as well.

Pictured left is part of our breakfast crew.



EGGS, EGGS, EGGS!

by Vera Hallman

What a perfectly wonderful and blessed Easter Sunday we had. I prayed for months before Easter that we would have good weather and God definitely delivered! Between all the rain, snow and hail the prior week, we could not have asked for better weather!

With the help of the church and volunteers, we had almost 3,000 stuffed Easter eggs for our hunts! As I look back at pictures, I can see many kids from the community that attended our outreach event. When I was counting kids in pictures I would say we had close to 75 kids ages 0-11 attend, and our regular attendance is about 30 kids. Even if the kids did not stay for the service after the egg hunts, they received a bag with an Easter Story sticker book sharing the Gospel and a “Save the

Date” card inviting them to our summer VBS. Kids had smiles and bags full of eggs after the event.

I am praying that connections were made and that we will see kids come back to church and future events! Thank you for all your support and encouragement! I pray that we can continue to be the hands and feet of Christ as we move forward to serve the

community and the children around us in the months to come!



The Goodricks and friends were part of the crew that filled 3,000 eggs in preparation for Easter.

FAMILY ROOM by Connie Crandall

As part of our effort to reach and serve young families, we have created a new “Family Room” in the church basement.

What used to be the old church library is now a cozy space for parents to take their kids during the worship service if desired. Sometimes a child is too young or just plain refuses to go to the Nursery/Sunday School that day! We know there are times when parents find it easier to take their child out of the worship service. The Family Room gives parents a place to go that allows them to still be part of the

worship experience with a direct feed TV to the service upstairs, while kids can play and relax.

Special thanks to those who helped me tear out carpet, install flooring, transform the ceiling to a hammered silver effect, replace light fixtures and outlets, paint the walls, install a new TV, build a board

and batten wall with hooks for diaper bags and jackets, and find affordable (some free!) furnishings: Jennifer Miles, Katie Wardle, Kim Blegen, Randall Wardle, Patrick Vestal, Zeke Goodrick, Todd Jones, Norm Lindquist, and Craig Crandall.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 14, 1-4pm Women's Garden Party
- May 21, 8am-5pm Campus Clean-Up/Yard Sale
- May 28, 5-9pm Men's Movie Night
- June 3-4 Youth Service Trip to Camp Jonah
- June 5, 6-7:30pm "Awaken" Worship Night
- June 18, 3:30-6:30pm Men's BBQ
- June 25, 12-3pm Youth Summer Kickoff BBQ
- July 3, 6-7:30pm Hymn Sing
- July 10, 12:15pm Baby Shower for Kristal Bossen (ladies luncheon)
- July 15, 5-9pm Wood Village Nite Out
- July 18-22, 5:30-8:00pm Vacation Bible School
- July 24, 12:15-2pm Summer Celebration Lunch for all
- July 30 Youth Wild Waves Trip
- August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Youth Group Hiatus
- August 7, 11am-3pm Outdoor Service and Youth Center Grand Opening
- August 13, 9:30am-2:30pm Men's Ministry Auto Detailing Fundraiser
- August 19-21 Church Campout at Deschutes River Recreation Area
- September 7 Youth Group Restart & Parent Meeting
- September 9-11 Men's RoundUp at Camp Tadmor
- October 21-23 Men's Retreat at Camp Arrah Wanna
- February 10-12, 2023 Women's Retreat at Cannon Beach



HOME TO HEAVEN



SYLVIA GOSNELL
Apr 8, 1941-Feb 25, 2022



LES BARNHART
Mar 22, 1922-Mar 23, 2022



NANCY HOOVER
Aug 17, 1927-Apr 3, 2022



CAL ROGERS
Apr 8, 1922 -Apr 9, 2022



DOROTHY HAMALAINEN
May 25, 1930 -Apr 23 , 2022