



DISCIPLESHIP

Much of what we hope for regarding the growth of the Kingdom is dependent upon our individual willingness to partner with the Holy Spirit and help another person follow Jesus. We call this discipleship.

Jesus has charged each one of us to be disciples and to make disciples. He asks each of us to intentionally teach, train, and walk alongside one or more of our brothers and sisters and help them engage with the one who will bring them healing, peace, and purpose.

Maybe you are wondering how you learn how to do this, or just feel inadequate for the task. Considering this, Jesus would respond: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 12:9).

However, it is important to be equipped. So, in May, we are offering you a great opportunity to learn how help another person grow and walk with Jesus. Each Tuesday evening, Pastor Patrick and Nathan Hager will be teaching a course on discipling others. Classes are scheduled Tuesday evenings in June from 6-8pm beginning June 4, for 4 weeks. You can sign-up in the church lobby or with the office. My prayer is that we will fill this class in response to the commission given to us by Jesus:

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt 28:19-20 NIV)

~ Pastor Tom Miles

LADIES TEA

About 75 ladies and girls (and a couple of little boys!) gathered together for a "high tea" event on the morning of April 27.

A delicious array of finger sandwiches, bite-size quiche and scones with clotted cream and jam were served, along with several fabulous mini dessert options, including homemade macarons, lemon tarts and brownie trifles.

The ten tables were supplied with china and tea sets from women in our congregation, who then served as table hostesses. We loved having many guests and family members join us,

It was a wonderful morning of amazing food and uplifting conversation, followed by an hour of laughter and entertainment (which included impromptu portrait painting, musical interpretations, stand-up comedy, dramatic readings and a funny prepared skit).

Thank you to the hard-working bakers and chefs, table hostesses, planning committee, clean-up crew (seriously, thank you SO MUCH) and brave volunteers who stepped forward to provide the laughs and lighthearted fun!

- Connie Crandall



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

CAMP JONAH PROJECT



Sixteen WVBC adults and youth joined forces April 5-6 at Camp Jonah in Trout Lake, WA, to serve our ministry partners at Jonah Ministries.

Jonah is run by Beki and Jeff Duke. You may not know that Beki is the daughter of former WVBC pastor Don Boldt & wife Joanne. As a teen, Pastor Patrick served at Jonah and met Christ through the relationships and service God established for him there. He shared an inspiring testimony with us Friday night about the Dukes, their faith, and how God changed his life through this ministry. Today, our church supports Jonah through the Global Missions fund that you support.

Our team, young and old, helped the camp get set for its upcoming summer events and camp schedule, cleaning up winter debris around the campus, setting up summer furnishings and equipment, and restoring barbecues and griddles.

The roar of chainsaws, the blaze of a flamethrower, the power of bulldozer, and rolling large logs into pick-up position were a few of the high octane assignments as large downed trees were removed and campus debris was burned. Another highlight was the opportunity to engage with one another at the camp's "low ropes course" upon finishing our cleanup of the low and high ropes area.

A worshipful group prayer walk at the White Salmon River capped off the weekend.

~ Craig Cramlall

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

About 100 adults and kids showed up at Abby's Pizza on April 22 for pizza and fellowship. Abby's generously donated 20% of all food sales as a fundraiser for our Vacation Bible School program. Thank you to everyone who came and to Vera Hallman for organizing it. We raised about \$350 for VBS!



Congratulations

GRADUATES 2024

HIGH SCHOOL

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UNIVERSITY

Nathan Hager, Multnomah
Master of Divinity

Lena Morrison, Multnomah
B.A. in Bible and Theology

Cody Sibley, Multnomah
Master of Divinity

Katie Wardle, Western Seminary
Master of Arts in Counseling

WELCOME, NEW PASTORAL RESIDENT

I want to introduce our new Pastoral Resident and his wife, Nathan and Sarah Hager. Nathan graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Multnomah University. Prior to this role at WVBC, he served as the Assistant Director of Youth Ministries at Glennwood Community Church in Vancouver.

Sarah is the Management Analyst in the Clark County Internal Services department (Nathan says she is really smart).

Nathan's role as Pastoral Resident is to gain experience in the role of teaching and leadership. He will participate in various ministries and pastoral responsibilities to develop his gifts in leadership, discipleship, and Kingdom growth. He will be working with Pastor Patrick to develop adult curriculum and serve in youth ministries.



While all of this is important, what we will be celebrating most of all is Nathan's and Sarah's baby girl expected to arrive in August. Please pray for Nathan and Sarah in their new stage of life as parents and faithful servants here at WVBC.

~ Pastor Tom Miles