



# PROFOUND WORSHIP AND UNWAVERING HOPE

As we journey through the book of Revelation, I am more and more convinced in the words of Jesus to Peter in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say I am?" And Peter responds, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:15, 16). And Jesus responds:

*"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."* (Matt. 16:17-18)

This is a reminder to us that we are "The Church" Jesus is describing. The church is not you or me, it is us. And we are united by our confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. And it is only together, through our unified worship of God, empowered by His Spirit, that we will be victorious over the Evil one and the destruction and death he wants to deliver.

Scripture teaches that we are unified as one people in our worship and in our hope. This is the narrow path. And it promises that we will be victorious if we worship, serve, sacrifice, love, and endure together.

~ PASTOR TOM MILES

## CHURCH CAMPOUT

A joyful group of 80 campers participated in this year's WVBC Campout at Ft. Stevens State Campground from June 20-23. Most took advantage of a three-night stay from Thursday evening to mid-day Sunday. The entire weekend was marked by a generous spirit of giving in the form of time, service, fellowship, meals and overall hospitality. We are so appreciative of how the Wood Village family cares for one another. Twelve hours of drizzle and light rain Saturday evening into Sunday morning did not dampen a fun weekend together for kids and adults as we dined, played on the beach and in the ocean, biked and walked, saw interesting sites, discussed scripture and shared about our lives around campfires. Here's to looking forward to camping together again next summer!

~ CRAIG CRANDALL

NEW BABY GIRL

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

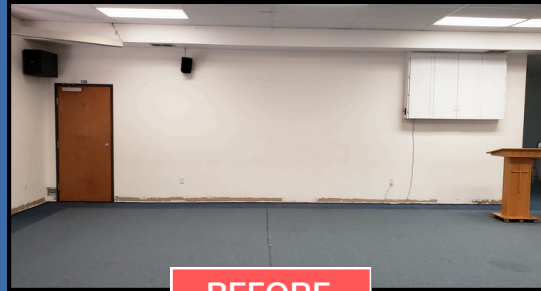
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## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

# A RENEWED FELLOWSHIP HALL

By now most of you have seen the new look in the Fellowship Hall. Connie Crandall and her team of magicians turned the worn, aged, and very well-used space into a tasteful and peaceful gathering place. It is a very attractive space that we can confidently use for our many receptions, functions, and community events. Please take the time to thank the team that spent so many hours of their own time to make this a beautiful place to fellowship. Also, this project was made possible by the funding of a generous donor in our church family. Connie's Team: Patrick Vestal, Katelyn Vestal, Katie Wardle, Danita Hunter, Jennifer Miles, Todd Jones, Craig Crandall, and Kim Blegen. Also special thanks to Tim and Bree Watt for making it possible to purchase and install the flooring.

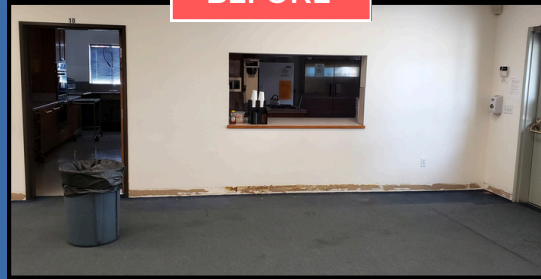
~ PASTOR TOM MILES



BEFORE



AFTER



# COMMUNITY GARDEN



# YOUTH SUMMER BBQ

It's always fun to invite the incoming 6th graders to join youth group. We have a big special event at the beginning of the summer and invite them to come and join

our youth group events and activities through the year. It's also a great time to review everything that we've talked about during the last school year. To make it fun, I wrote a "pop quiz" that the students took. The ones that did best went home with a couple cases of pop. We finished up the review on Wednesday when we talked through 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; that the gospel of Jesus is of first importance to our church and community.

~ PASTOR PATRICK VESTAL



The Garden is complete and is now flourishing with life. If you haven't been out to the garden recently, please treat yourself and take a look. Much love has gone into planting and cultivating the hope of fruit that is growing. The garden is a picture of so many things we take for granted. It shows us God's faithfulness that when we plant and water, He will provide the growth. It shows us that when we work as a community, fruit is the offspring. And, it tells us that healthy and whole relationships happen when we serve together.

Come out and see the garden and pray for the fruit of growing relationships with our neighbors.

~ PASTOR TOM MILES