



Knowing and Responding to **YHWH's Word**

It is easier said than done.

Knowing the Scriptures well is hard work. Anyone who is studying the Scriptures well knows this to be true. Thankfully, Jesus has provided gifted teachers to help us (Eph 4:11). We should all be taking advantage of classes and studies that help us to study the Scriptures. This doesn't mean that we should be satisfied to sit and listen and fill in the blanks of our workbooks, It means we are to study the Bible ourselves.

Jesus is our model for just about every aspect of life and quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3 tells us that YHWH's word is the means to life (Matt 4:4). Jesus lived by the words of Scripture, and he was faithful to them.

I encourage all of us to not only read but study the Scriptures. If you need help, and all of us do, we can help you find a way to study well through a class or LifeGroup. Don't wait, YHWH wants to bless our church with His words.

~ Pastor Tom

MEN'S RETREAT

For the first time the WVBC Men's Retreat was held at Camp Jonah in Trout Lake, WA. Beautiful weather, majestic Mt. Adams views, a sparkling new "Creekside" conference center, and a gracious Duke family and staff greeted 27 WVBC men and teens as we gathered for fellowship, study, prayer and worship at Jonah from September 20-22.

Speaker Bob Schilling shared with us from God's Word on "The Married Life" emphasizing resoluteness and perseverance in our faith, pressing on regardless of the circumstances of this fallen world, in our love and joy in Christ as the foundation of our relationships and marriages. This love and joy will overflow in thankfulness and care for all of God's good gifts, particularly our spouses and marriages.

Upon conclusion of the retreat, Bob and our men departed for WVBC to worship with the church family at the Sunday service. It was a fruitful weekend where relationships younger-to-older were strengthened, and men young and old were challenged by God's Word and Spirit.

~ Craig Crandall



TRULY APPRECIATED

Webster's dictionary defines the word "APPRECIATE" as being grateful for; valuing; and/or highly regarding...someone or something. Often we hear someone say, "I appreciate you," with no specifics included; hence, the word—on its own—sounds more like a cliché, diluting its effectiveness to truly encourage the recipient. Fulltime ministry is hard and demanding work, involving many hours beyond a typical workday / workweek—often sacrificing time at home with their own families—in willing sacrificial service to the needs of, and responsibilities toward, their church family. Two examples of such devoted shepherd-servants are our own Staff Ministers, Tom Miles and Patrick Vestal.

Both of these men are excellent examples of humble and willingly-available servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They consistently voice, and practically demonstrate, their sincere love for Him, His Word, the Gospel, for our church family, and for the local community...often with heartfelt compassion and emotional transparency. We are truly blessed to have these two men among us as examples of how each one of us, as followers of Jesus Christ, are to respond in humble obedience to the lessons and commands given to us in God's Word. And thank you Jennifer Miles and Katelyn Vestal...we truly appreciate you as well for your willing and sacrificial support, and sharing in the ministry of your respective husbands. May God richly bless you.

~ The Elder Board



TOM MILES



PATRICK VESTAL

NEW BABY



Roy Bossen
10lbs, 20.5"

Born 9/16/24

Proud Parents:

Rick & Kristal Bossen

Grandparents:

David & Laura Bossen

WOMEN'S FIESTA NIGHT

What do 50 women do on a Friday night when they gather together? They throw a Fiesta!

The Fellowship Hall was filled with marvelous Mexican food, beautifully dressed women, and hilarious games. We finished up the evening with a pinata and wonderful memories. Everyone could go home with a smile, a to go container of outstanding food, and candy.

If you missed this festivity, be sure to join us at the next gathering. Then, you can share in the delightful memories made with other lovely women too.

~ Jennifer Miles



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