



THE SOUND OF *Silence*

Deuteronomy has shown us that what is most important for life is that we love God with all our heart, soul, and strength, and that life can only truly be lived by knowing His words and obeying them. He demands our attentiveness and our love.

And He delights in and rewards those who diligently pursue Him (Heb. 11:6).

Yet the world demands our constant attention. In the past it was described as the "tyranny of the urgent." Today we can add technology to the tyranny. Our devices that are constantly with us and calling us to attend to them. Yet it is God who wants our attention. He is asking us to diligently pay attention to Him!

Jesus often left his disciples and went to a desolate place to spend time alone with his father. He did this because He loved his father and because he was human, like us, and he had to make time to stay connected to the Father. It took effort. And like us, He did this while there were many urgent matters demanding his attention.

Maybe it is long overdue for each of us to seek a quiet and desolate place, every day, to pursue Jesus and fall in love with or back in love with Him. I pray we can make the time, even if it is a little time, to find life in spending time with Jesus.

Please pray for me as well!

Your fellow servant,
Tom



ANNUAL MEETING

On January 26, we held our Annual Family Meeting, where the 2025 ministry plan was approved. Thank you to everyone who attended and for those who provided lunch!

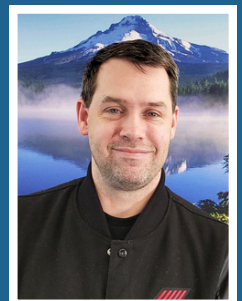
LEFT: Incoming Elder Board Chairman Craig Crandall thanks the outgoing Elder Board Chairman Todd Jones for the last three years of service in that position.

WELCOME CHRIS WRIGHT

Chris Wright is our newest staff member. On January 1, he graciously accepted the position as Accountant/Bookkeeper at WVBC. He follows in the footsteps of Don West, who recently retired from the position of Finance Director after two decades of service.

Chris comes with years of experience in private and non-profit finance including church finance. He and his family have attended WVBC for six years. He and Genette have served faithfully in the youth ministry and worship ministry from the beginning.

We are fortunate to have added Chris to our staff. He fills an important role with the essential gifts, talents, and experience needed for this position. We thank God for supplying this need and ask you to pray for him and his family as they serve in their respective ministries.



JUNIOR HIGH WINTERCAMP

We had a great time at Camp Jonah with the youth group from Hockinson Community Church. Our lessons were focused on time. Our earthly lives are short- at best. Eternity is long- really long. We should live our earthly lives in view of eternal reality. Even our short time is limited in what we can choose to do. We should be intentional about how we use our time daily. So, by our eternal convictions and daily choices, we decide what kind of life we will lead and how we

will be remembered.

On Saturday night we had a "90s" party where everyone dressed up as if it was the 1990s or they were in their 90s. Half of the time was spent in a Bingo hall and the other half was spent in a roller skating rink. Everyone left with a shirt that reminded them to follow Jesus, "As long as it's called today," from Hebrews 3.

~ Patrick Vestal



TRUE SERVANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



JAIRO RIOS-CAMPOS



PATRICIA SMITH

On January 14, the City of Wood Village swore in their elected council members, two of whom are long-time members of WVBC: Councilor Patricia Smith and Mayor Jairo Rios-Campos. We are grateful that they have both been called to these positions to serve our community. Please pray for them and their efforts to bring compassion, goodness, and justice to our community in the way of Jesus.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcomed January 26, 2025



WILLIAM O'BRIEN



RHIANNON O'BRIEN



PLAYDATE! Parents and grandparents have been enjoying getting small children together on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am in the Nursery.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

BLOCKED FOR PRIVACY