



## GOD'S SPIRIT OF POWER

What better way to kick off a new school year than with the baptisms of eight students, boldly proclaiming their identity and their commitment to discipleship in Jesus!!! The new fall season approaches with great anticipation to see the Spirit of God continue to powerfully direct us in His kingdom work!

School re-starts for our teachers and for our children, and midweek Children's and Youth Ministries will reignite with new ideas and renewed purpose. God's newly provisioned and kingdom-purposed Bible Connections ministry begins September 9th with classes every Tuesday and Thursday. Already, nearly 130 adult students (and counting!) are signed up to invest in their love and understanding of the Scriptures, and in the continuing transformation of their minds and hearts. In addition, LifeGroups — a critical source of Spirit-filled intimate care, support, prayer and Bible learning — will re-engage, bringing practical fellowship and maintaining unity in Jesus' body, His church.

In the meantime, we will pray for Tom and Jennifer in these 12 weeks of sabbatical, for their Spiritual renewal as they focus in on their closeness with Jesus and with one another. And we'll also see God at work through each of us, His royal priesthood, stretching us to minister well to one another through all forms of love, shepherding care, edification, encouragement, prayer and joyful sacrifice.

Please pray as we enter into this new season with much anticipation, with new ministry opportunity and responsibility, and with a continuing mission to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything" that God has commanded.

~ Craig Crandall

## VBS

Vacation Bible School this year was another successful, fun-filled week of kids learning more about Jesus. We averaged about 60 kids from our church and our neighborhood community each night. Our theme centered on trusting Jesus in all situations and taking home truths about God's care and love for us.

We implemented a few new things this year. We added a new rotation called "Scripture and Snack," where kids got time to focus with their leaders on the key verse of the night and also time to connect and build relationships with other kids. With the timing of various other church activities, we chose to have our celebration for VBS on Friday night instead of Sunday afternoon. We had over 100 people attend, with kids and their families enjoying our campus. It was an opportunity where we all had dinner together and then we recapped the week with songs, Scripture and the puppets talking about God's truth for all ages to hear. We ended the night with a bounce house and fun activities for the kids, as well as a chance to connect with families.



Our prayer is that many of these families come to church and also attend the Rock on Wednesdays this coming fall.

~ Vera Hallman





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BLOCKED FOR PRIVACY

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

### NEW MEMBER



**Shanna Lee**

Welcomed August 24, 2025

## MEN'S FUNDRAISER



God prepared a perfect day for us to serve the WVBC family through the Men's Ministry Car Detailing Fundraiser on Saturday, August 16, turning a wet stormy Friday evening into a comfortable and dry mid-Saturday morning. Much thanks and blessings to 15 in our church family who brought their vehicles to be cleaned and detailed and who generously supported the fundraiser, which raised nearly \$1,000 thus far to offset costs and provide for scholarships toward our 2026 Men's Retreat. Thanks also to the 17, young and "older," who served with joy and care to thoroughly clean car interiors and wash exteriors. The Spirit-filled fellowship in serving together was palpable! We realize a few in our church family voiced they would be unable to bring their cars on the 16th - thanks for letting us know! We will arrange with you on a time soon to come and bring this service to your doorstep!

~ Craig Crandall

## BACKPACKING TRIP

On August 8th, five brave souls set out from Lolo Pass trailhead on Mt. Hood. We hiked for 4 days, carrying all of our gear — in a desperate search for water — to Cascade Locks. Each day we stopped for lunch and at our campsite to read *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer. It was so cool to talk about the attributes of God while in good company and

enjoying God's creation. Hopefully we'll have some more people join next year to hike and read Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*!

~ Patrick Vestal



## YOUTH BEACH TRIP

We had a beautiful day just hanging out at Cannon Beach. We spent most of the day on the sand and then went into the town to enjoy the shops and eat some delicious pizza from Pizza a' Fetta!

~ Patrick Vestal

