

BEAR BULLETIN

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BCC News



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THE LADIES PRAYER FELLOWSHIP will be Thursday, May 11th at 1:00. We will be meeting at Pat Wilcox's house at 849 Keith St. Medford. All are welcome and we would love to see you there to fellowship with us. For questions or directions please call Pat at 541-951-3751.

NEW BRINK REPORT FROM PASTOR SAM! – *The Brink Southern Africa team met last week on Thursday and reflected on the following, which we are thankful to the Lord for the recent mission to Malawi. We want to thank you for praying with us and for reaching out to this hungry and humble nation. (To read more, and see lots of new pictures, look for the full report on the lit table.)*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JONI AND FRIENDS PROM: The 2016 Joni and Friends Friendship Prom is coming up on Saturday, June 4th. We need an amazing team of volunteers to help put on this amazing event. Please contact Adria Tollefson at artollefson@gmail.com for more information, or to sign up on Facebook under *Joni and Friends Southern Oregon*.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Be sure to mark the dates listed on the back of your bulletin. There are lots of great church family opportunities. Just added are the dates for the upcoming *Joni and Friends Family Retreats* at Twin Rocks, on the Oregon coast.

GIVE ONLINE: Check out BCC's updated website, and our new online giving. You can give from our website (and set up reoccurring gifts), and give by texting the amount to (541) 214-BEAR (2327). The initial setup is quick and easy. Previous online giving is still active, but you might want to make the change, and set up a new account through ShareFaith, our new web host.



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Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. -- 1 Thess. 5:16-18

To give thanks is not the same as "feeling thankful." To give thanks in the midst of pain and problems is to take a step of faith based on the command of 1 Thessalonians 5:18: God tells us to give thanks in all circumstances (not just those we can handle or feel on top of). For what things can you give thanks, even while you're hurting?

- The Word of God**, the gift of Christ and his salvation
- The mercies of God** which are new and fresh every morning
- Those friends and family** members who are saved
- The hope of heaven**; the encouragement of Christian friends
- The health you do** possess (despite your medical challenges)
- God's grace** that is sustaining your every breath
- Your children and grandchildren**, or other children in your life
- The provisions God gives** for food, clothing and shelter
- Laughter, sunsets, music, flowers, backyard birds, and your favorite ice cream**

Challenge yourself to give thanks for small and great things every day. As you are obedient in the discipline of giving thanks, God will eventually reward you with the *emotion* of thankfulness. This will cultivate a greater spirit of gratitude in your heart

--- **Joni Eareckson Tada**

- Footnote from Pastor Jim- Begin any day early in the morning; take a blank notesheet/pad and pencil; identify all of the things you see or recall throughout the day for which you are thankful to God; thank Him for them as you write them down on your notesheet. Review them at the end of the day (at your dinner meal or at bedtime). Repeat for the next 6 mornings. Pray along the way that you are developing eyes and a heart to see God's blessings.



ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

Please let us know if you'll be graduating from high school or college so that we can acknowledge your accomplishments, and congratulate you in an upcoming bulletin.

Email all your information - and a picture - to pastorbrianbcc@gmail.com.

UPCOMING

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| May 14 th | Cornerstone Lecture on Perseverance with Rev. Daniel Hyde |
| May 21 st | Sometimes Miracles Hide - see the Joni and Friends S. Oregon FB page for more info. |
| Jun 19 th | Father's Day Picnic (after the 2 nd service) at Holmes Park |
| Jun 30 - July 3 | BCC 2016 Church Family Campout |
| Aug 6 th | BCC Rogue River Raft Trip - see Doug and Robin Reed for details |
| Aug 15 - 19 | Joni and Friends Family Retreat - Twin Rocks |
| Aug 22 - 26 | Joni and Friends Family Retreat - Twin Rocks |
| Sept 10 th | Bike Ride (or run) from Lake of the Woods to Fish Lake - see David and Donna Jordan for details |
| Nov 11-13 | Joni Tada Event at BCC!!! |