

BEAR BULLETIN

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BCC News



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The Only Person Who is at Rest Has Achieved it Through Conflict.

“We went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.” (Psalm 66:12)

The person who may appear to be blessed, having been untouched by sorrow, is typically not one who is strong and at peace. His qualities have never been tested, and he does not know how he would handle even a mild setback. The safest sailor is certainly not one who has never weathered a storm. He may be right for fair-weather sailing, but when a storm arises, wouldn't you want an experienced sailor at the critical post? Wouldn't you want one at the helm who has fought through a gale and who knows the strength of the ship's hull and rigging, and how the anchor may be used to grasp the rocks of the ocean floor?

Oh, how everything gives way when affliction first comes upon us! The clinging stems of our hopes are quickly snapped and our heart lies overwhelmed and prostrate, like a vine the windstorm has torn from its trellis. But once the initial shock is over and we are able to look up and say, “It is the Lord” (John 21:7), faith begins to lift our shattered hopes once more and securely binds them to the feet of God. And the final result is confidence, safety and peace.

(Excerpt from Streams in the Desert, May 11)



HOUSING NEEDED FOR UGANDAN FRIENDS:

Our Ugandan friends from the Ugandan Kids Choir will be here June 9-12. We still need 2 host homes (3 boys and chaperone or 3 girls and

chaperone) for the kids to stay. What a marvelous-once-in-a-lifetime, Jesus'-loving opportunity to develop an international world in the 4 walls of your home! Please contact Ethie Zornes via text at 541-890-2130 (best option) or email at eczornes@q.com (2nd option) for details. I guarantee this to be a JOY you will always be glad God blessed you with! - Pastor Jim

SUMMER CLASS FOR TEENS 14+

TRUTH MATTERS: Finding Truth in Turbulent Times

Beginning June 12th and throughout the summer Lynn Barton will be teaching a special class designed for teens (ages 14 and above) to equip them with tools for unmasking lies that come their way through unbiblical world views. A key in doing so is not through memorizing lots of information about the various worldviews, but by learning to ask the right questions. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity for your teens.

FREE AT THE BOOK TABLE: We have about 20 pamphlets from the recent Cornerstone conference: “The Character of an old English Puritan,” introducing the writings of John Geree; and J. I. Packer's famous introduction to John Owen's book, “The Death of Death in the Death of Jesus Christ.”



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CROSS TRAINING: Join us (during the 2nd service) throughout the summer as we watch this powerful video series.

"Believers everywhere desperately need a renewed vision of Christ and the unstoppable advance of His saving work in all the earth. Our view of God's Kingdom is often too small and limited to what we have experienced. Dispatches from the Front highlights the marvelous extent, diversity, and unity of Christ's Kingdom in our world. The journal format of each episode underscores the daily unfolding of God's activity on the "frontlines," bringing viewers up-close with sights and sounds from distant corners of the Kingdom."

"Dispatches from the Front is a thoughtful, moving, understated, and ultimately convicting series of videos depicting the work of the gospel in some of the most challenging corners of the world. Here are brothers and sisters in Christ who in God's grace display faithfulness and transcendent joy, unflagging zeal to share the gospel, and an unfettered allegiance to King Jesus. To watch the kingdom advance in the teeth of these challenges is to learn humility and rekindle contrition, faith, and intercessory prayer."— D. A. Carson

GRADUATION DEADLINE – MAY 31st 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 your information - and a picture - to pastorbrianbcc@gmail.com

WILDERNESS TRAILS: If you are looking for a great opportunity to minister to youth in southern Oregon this summer, look no further. Wilderness Trails is a non- profit Christian camping organization that serves youth in foster care and at-risk youth ages 8-17 from Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath counties. Each camp is designed to share the love of Christ with all attending, while building perseverance, character and hope in today's youth through outdoor activity! If you or someone you know is interested in being a team leader, cook or staff at one of our camps please contact one of our Program Directors today (Boys call James Gordon at 541-621-2483, Girls - Jessie Lenford at 541-890-0322), or visit our website for more details at wildernesstrails.net

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

Jun 12 th	Ugandan Kids Choir
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!!!