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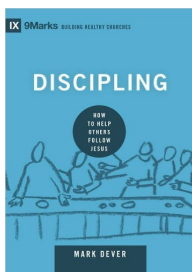
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**UPDATE FROM THE TELLS in Thailand:** There are lots of exciting things happening with Joey and Jasmine, and their work in Thailand – so-much-so that they write the following: *To meet this challenge, we continue to pray that God would send some more long or short term volunteers to join the Wheelchair Project. Is that you? Or do you know someone interested in a missions trip? We really need more manpower here on the ground. We can assist with*

*budgeting, fundraising materials, arranging travel, hosting you and all the other details of a stint here. We are open to most lengths of time, and so very eager for your help. If you or someone you know is interested please feel free to connect us!*

Look for the full update on the lit table, and look them up on Facebook for more frequent updates and lots of pictures.



**NEW AT THE BOOK TABLE:** *Discipling: How to Help Others Follow Jesus*, by Mark Dever. BCC takes discipleship seriously, obeying Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations," beginning in our own church body. But what does this command actually entail? What does it look like for Christians to care for one another's spiritual well-being and growth? In this introduction to the basics of discipling, veteran pastor and author Mark Dever uses biblical definitions and practical examples to show how Christians can help one another become more like Christ every day.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are heading into another year in our Sunday school program and we are in need of more teachers. For the past several years we have had to combine the 3, 4 and 5 year olds into one class due to a lack of teachers. While it has worked fine, it is not ideal. There is quite a difference between 3 and 5 year olds and it is my hope to be able to split this into 2 classes like we have done in the past. To do this we need more teachers and assistants. If you have a heart for children and would like some information on how to serve in our children's ministry, please contact Kim Clark at [kdclark01@charter.net](mailto:kdclark01@charter.net), or 541-601-2042.



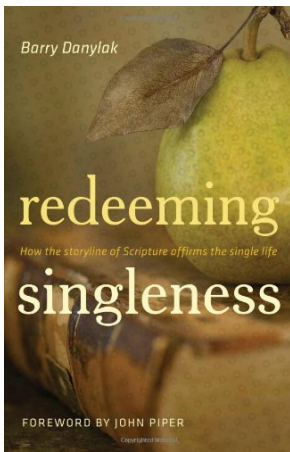
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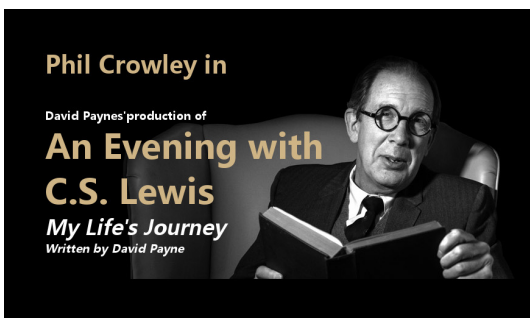
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**SINGLES GROUP:** The Lord has blessed us with a multitude of beneficial ministries to help with a diverse grouping of people at BCC; ranging from special needs, to mommies with littles, to men’s study groups, the wonderful theology discussions led by Pastor Brian, and even the occasional grandparents class. There seems to be a growing number who share my own condition that might be in need of just the same comfort. This “condition” is singleness, and it is often a delicate balance of frustration (that can lead to poor decisions), along with pleading to God for a change, idolizing a possible relationship that may never conform to our dream woman/man, and a litany of other possibilities. But, often neglected in the discussion is the biblical goodness of being single.

Recently I read a wonderful work by Barry Danylak, *Redeeming Singleness: How the Storyline of Scripture Affirms the Single Life*. A recent Amazon reviewer writes, “Though marriage is highly esteemed throughout Scripture, the Bible also affirms singleness as an important calling for some Christians. *Redeeming Singleness* expounds a theology of singleness that shows how the blessings of the covenant are now directly mediated to believers through Christ. *Redeeming Singleness* offers an in-depth examination of the redemptive history from which biblical singleness emerges... As the trend toward singleness in the church increases, the need for constructive theological reflection likewise grows. *Redeeming Singleness* meets this need, providing encouragement to those who are single or ministering to singles and challenging believers from all walks of life to reflect more deeply on the sufficiency of Christ.”

I was so taken by the book I felt more (like me) would benefit from a short discussion group surrounding what Danylak has labored to give to the church. We plan to meet from Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more info, contact me at either 707-319-547, or [danielgutfeld1@gmail.com](mailto:danielgutfeld1@gmail.com).



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Performance Dates: Sept 29 and 30 at 7pm at Cornerstone Christian Church in Medford. For more information and tickets visit: [www.aneveningwithcslewisinsouthernoregon.com](http://www.aneveningwithcslewisinsouthernoregon.com)

## UPCOMING

Sept 29 & 30  
Nov 11-13

An Evening with C.S. Lewis – for tickets and details, go to [www.AnEveningWithCSLewisInSouthernOregon.com](http://www.AnEveningWithCSLewisInSouthernOregon.com)  
Joni Tada Event at BCC!!!