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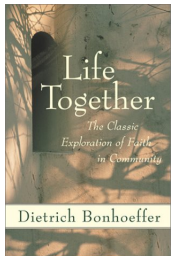
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BCC News



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NEXT SUNDAY, Oct 23rd – BCC's Monthly Meal – After the 2nd Service



NEW AT THE BOOK TABLE: *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer is famous for publicly opposing Hitler as a pastor, resisting the German state's (mostly successful) attempt to co-opt the church, and heartbreakingly being executed just days before the American liberation. There are so many lessons to be learned from Bonhoeffer, and this book is at the top for me. It's been a long time since an author impacted me so deeply. I rarely read a book more than once (always on to the next), but I am now reading this for the third time since summer. *Life Together* teaches us essentially how to be a Christian: life in community "under the Word." It is a primer, but so rich that a long time believer will find much to correct as well as encourage. C.S. Lewis exhorted us to read old books to expose our cultural blind spots; this book is valuable in showing us the emptiness and falseness of "Jesus and me" lone ranger Christianity. It is also honest about the difficulties we face in "life together." Bonhoeffer's father was a psychologist when psychology was all the rage in Germany. Perhaps that is part of what gives him such depth of understanding of the human psyche, while rejecting importing psychology into Christian doctrine (another valuable corrective to our times). He writes about loneliness, fellowship, devotional life, communal life, the necessity of solitude, love as patiently respecting others' freedom to wrestle with the gospel and their problems, and much more. His chapter on ministry is alone worth the price of the book, as he explains the necessity of listening, active helpfulness, and bearing with one another to prepare the way for the ministry of the Word. A little over 100 pages, it has become one of my all time favorite Christian works. Wish I'd encountered it twenty years ago. The perfect follow-up to Bill Pritchett's recent message on being part of a local church. -L. Barton



Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start packing shoeboxes – sharing the love of Jesus to needy children throughout the world. Look for shoebox materials in the hallway. We'll be collecting them on November 6th and 13th.

See www.bearcreekchurch.org for a list of our current small group opportunities



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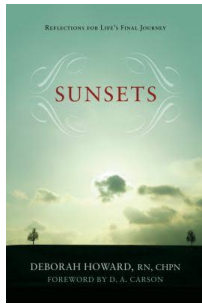


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ALSO AT THE BOOK TABLE: *Sunsets: Reflections on Life's Final Journey*. Hospice nurse Deborah Howard shares words of comfort and encouragement for everyone coping with suffering and death. Her compassion, firm faith in Christ, and years of working as a hospice nurse create a uniquely sensitive, experiential, and biblical volume. Above all, she emphasizes that there is a light that cuts through death's dark shadow. That light is Jesus Christ, and He offers hope and comfort to all who are facing life's final journey. A book for everyone, because everyone faces death.

GROWING U: Join Pastor Brian as he leads a study on John Piper's book, "Five Points: Toward a Deeper Experience of God's Grace." We meet here (St. Mary's School) each Thursday from 7:00-8:30pm. Park around the south side of the campus and enter by the library – look for room #13 in the breezeway. Contact Pastor Brian at pastorbrianbcc@gmail.com, and get a free copy of the book at bearcreekchurch.org.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT FOR LADIES 13-25: Every first Sunday of the month at 6:30pm Anne Meador will host a great opportunity for fellowship, with games and activities. Call Anne at (541) 261-6919 if you have any questions

TOPSoccer: A great recreational activity for families of children with disabilities (and their typical siblings). For volunteers: no athletic ability is needed to be a buddy/coach, but you must have attended BCC for at least 6 months. Coaches should plan on Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:45pm, at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. Contact, Tom or Debbie Eastwold at tdmleatwold@msn.com or call 541-776-6315.

CORNERSTONE LECTURE SERIES: *Who is Jesus?* Dr. John Fesko (Professor of Systematic Theology & Historical Theology at Westminster Seminary, California) will give the following lectures: *The Great I AM, The Light of the World, The Way the Truth and the Life, and The True Vine*. Don't miss out on a wonderful time of teaching that includes breakfast and lunch. Held at Cornerstone Christian Church on November 5th from 9am – 2:30pm. Register before 10/30 for \$5 off the regular prices of \$30 for adults, and \$20 for students. See Pastor Brian to register through BCC (pastorbrianbcc@gmail.com), or register through Cornerstone by calling (541) 773-8163, or at churchinfo@cccm.org.

SINGLES GROUP ON TUESDAYS: The singles group is meeting in the conference room at Jackson Creek Pizza, 317 E Main St, Medford. An excellent opportunity to meet and discuss the goodness of a biblical understanding of singleness. For more information, contact Daniel Gutfeld at either 707-319-5475 or danielgutfeld1@gmail.com.

UPCOMING

Nov 11-13	Joni Tada Event at BCC!!!
Nov 6 & 13	Return dates for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Jan 13	Women's Game Night: A fun opportunity to get to know others in a casual atmosphere. Details to come.
Jun 29-Jul 3, 2017	BCC Campout