

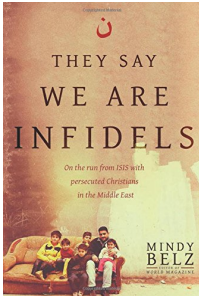
BEAR BULLETIN

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BCC News



April 9, 2017



NEW AT THE BOOK TABLE: *They Say We are Infidels*, by Mindy Belz. If you are like me, the events of genocide against Christians by ISIS are murky. How has this happened? What does it mean? Mindy Belz has traveled to the Middle East for decades, reporting in *World Magazine* on events there. This book tells the story of our brothers and sisters at the mercy of unfathomable evil: kidnappings, torture, rape, sexual slavery even of little girls. They have lost everything, continually on the run as ISIS expanded while the world (and our nation) did nothing to stop it. The world has ignored them, even the Church has, for the most part. I hope this book will change that. Christians have lived in the Middle East for nearly 2,000 years, and already they are almost wiped out. Who will help them? Christianity Today says: "With her vivid personal accounts, Belz puts a human face on grim statistics. Some of these 21st-century martyrs were her friends. After reading *They Say We Are Infidels*, no one can deny their suffering."

THE SPRING SEASON OF TOPSoccer IS HERE! TOPSoccer is a recreational activity for families of children with disabilities and their typical siblings. Organized by Bear Creek Church volunteers in cooperation with Youth Soccer and the Rogue Valley Timbers Soccer Club, this unique program enables special athletes to play at levels consistent with their skills, not necessarily their age. Volunteers need to have attended BCC for at least 6 months and be 14 or older. 12 & 13 year-olds can volunteer, but must have a parent/guardian accompany and participate along with them. TOPSoccer takes place each Thursday, beginning April 6th at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. Volunteers will help out from 6:15-7:45pm. If you have any questions, contact Tom or Debbie Eastwold at tdmleatwold@msn.com or (541) 776-6315.

SOMETIMES MIRACLES HIDE is a luncheon for mothers and a carnival for their children with special needs. Mothers will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, rest, and respite and will receive a lovely gift at the end of the event. Meanwhile, their children, including siblings, will have a great time at the carnival where they will enjoy lots of games and activities. They will be paired with a buddy who will play with them and be a friend. Lunch for the children will also be provided. This takes place on Saturday, May 13th from noon – 2pm at First Baptist Church, Medford. Space is limited. Reservations are required, so please RSVP by May 9th by calling (541) 897-0482, (541) 864-9864, or email bolstad@joniandfriends.org.



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THANK YOU NOTE FROM JETS - BCC is sending quarterly gifts to the Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary. They are equipping and sending pastors and leaders into the Arab world of Asia and Africa. Here is a note back from its President.

Dear Bear Creek Church-

Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS) is welcoming this spring a group of the doctoral students for their third series of seminars. One is from Syria, three are from Jordan,

and twelve are from Egypt. These men are seasoned pastors who have had years of pastoral experience after their theological education, and now come for advanced studies to further enhance their skills.

Dr. Wayne House is teaching world religions and Dr. Philip Madanat, a Jordanian, is teaching about the effect of mosque preaching on the community. The last is the first time we have offered this course, and we hope that both courses would bring much insight regarding the uniqueness of the Christian faith and message and its potential in a challenging part of the world.

It is your investment in us and prayers for us that make it possible to do this. Thanks for standing with us!

Imad N. Shehadeh, Ph.D., President, JETS

BCC WOMEN 19 TO 90 YEARS! Would you like to grow in your understanding of scripture while meeting weekly with another woman (or women)? There are many at BCC who have gone through such training and would love to pass that knowledge on to you! After all, the goal of learning is to pass it on by being able to articulate the scriptural basis for what you believe and why you believe it to be truth. This is for the brand new Christian as well as those of many years who want to appreciate doctrine more in depth. If you are interested or just have questions, please contact coordinator Marla Lance by text, phone or email at: 541-531-1192, MarlaLance2@gmail.com.

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

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| May 13 th | Sometimes Miracles Hide - Reservations required. For information contact Brent at bolstad@joniandfriends.org |
| Jun 29 th - July 3 rd | BCC Campout |
| Aug 14-18 | JAF Family Retreat #1 at Twin Rocks - more details at joniandfriends.org/family-retreats/detail/twin-rocks-i-2017 |
| Aug 21-25 | JAF Family Retreat #2 at Twin Rocks - " |