



Bear Creek Church

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Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (1 Thess. 5:11). **Our missionary friends, Jim and Julie Benson in Manaus, Brazil** are looking forward to hosting the 15th team from Bear Creek Church to arrive June 19 through July 2. For those interested in thinking about blessing the Bensons in this way, there are three things for you to do. First, pray for the Lord to use you to encourage Christ's ambassadors to the state of Amazonas, Brazil. Second, get (or update) your passport. Getting your passport will make you ready to go anywhere (Europe, Asia, Africa or South America) the Lord may have for you in the next 10 years as an adult and 5 years for a minor. Third, plan to come to Pastor Jim Cartwright's house (1405 Angelcrest Drive, Medford) on Saturday, January, 30 at 9:00 am. We will Skype (internet talk) with Jim and Julie, who are in Manaus. We will hear how we can be helpful to them when we come in June. For more information regarding this upcoming trip, the phonecall to the Bensons, and costs and travel to the Amazon, please contact Pastor Jim (821-0343 or pjcartwright@charter.net).

Parenting in the Pew Tip #19: Worship is for God. Remember that worship is for God's glory and **God loves the participation and praise of children**. Cultivate your children's participation by reminding them of that fact. Encourage them to praise God with their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

The annual Jackson County **Roe v. Wade Commemorative Rally** is coming up on Sunday, January 17th on the steps of the Jackson County Justice Building, 8th and Oakdale at 1:30 p.m. Here is a note from our Jackson County Chairman Bryan Platt: "It has now been 37 years since Roe vs. Wade and an estimated 51 million unborn have died at abortionists' hands. This year's rally is entitled 'Today is the First Day of the Rest of the Fight.' Our chapter's adopted scripture is Galatians 6:9: 'Do not grow weary in well doing, for in due time you shall reap, if you do not lose heart.' I believe pro-lifers are the most dedicated, most resilient force in America today. While we have certainly suffered many setbacks, right-to-lifers continue to engage at every level of American society. With the technological advances we are seeing, such as 3-D ultrasound and incredible stem cell therapies, absolutely undeniable as they are, and the potential political possibilities upcoming, we are ready to experience incredible progress in protecting the unborn.

Sure, there's trouble out there, but nothing that we haven't seen in some form before, and certainly nothing which we cannot offer common sense and loving options to help. This year's rally will have a special twist unlike any we have previously done - won't you please make plans now to attend this important event. It is truly an encouraging time, and this rally should prove to be the start of something with very real possibilities of saving babies' lives! See you all on Sunday afternoon!"

Joni and Friends/Southern Oregon invites you to join us this Valentine's Day in encouraging and **blessing our friends who are affected by disability**. Last year we collected over 1000 Valentines that we mailed to over 80 homes. Our goal this year is to mail a packet of at least 15 Valentines cards to 95 families! Be part of this exciting ministry by making or buying Valentines. Include a Bible verse or a word of encouragement, and if you wish, a small gift such as candy, gift certificates, DQ tokens, etc. This is an easy but meaningful ministry for families, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and the entire church. Mail or deliver your Valentines to Joni and Friends/Southern Oregon by February 7th. The address: 400 Dead Indian Memorial Road, Ashland, OR 97520. Call or email Joni and Friends for more information at (541) 864-9864 and jafsoregon@gmail.com

Books for the New Year on our Booktable: *Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children in to the Joy of Worship*. If you've been encouraged by the weekly bulletin suggestions, consider purchasing the book and get the big picture. Our goal as parents should be more than just training our children to sit quietly in church, and this book delivers on its title. I wish I had known about it when my kids were toddlers, as once children are in the habit of being distracted rather than engaged, it's difficult to change. \$10 at the Book Table. And *Theology Primers: The Reformed Faith* by Lorraine Boettner (\$3) and *TULIP* by John Piper (\$6). These two pamphlets summarize the basics of Reformed Theology. Boettner compares Calvinism with Arminianism point by point, demonstrating the scriptural justification for the Reformed view. Piper explains and celebrates the doctrines of grace in the five points of Calvinism. Remember, **if you don't find the book you want, please ask me to order it for you** (our books sell for a %15 discount from list). —Lynn Barton (xbartx@cybernetisp.net)

Want to take on a challenge for 2010? How about reading through the whole Bible in one year! Need encouragement to do that? Maybe this is the year! BCC men, women and families have already signed up to be on the email loop for regular encouragement and it is not too **late (only a few days needed to catch up!)** for you to join them, Pastor Dale, and his family in this challenge. There are many types of plans out there that can guide how you read scripture every day. We can help with that or use one you already like. If you are interested, contact Nancy at NDM44@aol.com or call at 779-0225.

Do we have all your family's email addresses? We use email to communicate important church news. Be sure that you are on the list by sending all relevant addresses to pastordale@aol.com

Find a complete list of all of Bear Creek Church's small groups at www.bearcreekchurch.org.

Learn how to use your skills and passions to glorify God - no matter your location or vocation. The Perspectives course **explores the plan of God to be glorified by all the world**, and YOUR part in God's plan. Each week you'll hear from different speakers explain their insight on God's plan, with a four-fold emphasis on Biblical Foundations, Historical Progress, Cultural Distinctives, and Strategic Involvement. The classes run Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m., starting January 26, 2010. Cost is \$240 with early-bird and family discounts available. First night is free if you want to check it out. For more info, look for the black salt shaker flyers on the info table, or visit www.Perspectives.org/Medford or ask Aaron Tweeton, (541) 531-9537 or aaron@tweeton.com. "Perspectives has been essential in mobilizing hundreds of lay people in our church to be World Christians and instilling passion for God's supremacy." - John Piper

Chutes of love: calling all 7th to 12th graders as well as adults to come to the Ripley home to make parachutes for the Voice of the Martyrs on Friday, February 6th from 1-5 pm. **A missionary in Columbia drops Christian literature, Bibles and short wave radios** (set to Christian broadcasts) out of a plane to the FARC guerillas below. This "manna from heaven" changes the guerillas hearts and minds as they hear the gospel. Please bring any supplies you might have: sewing machines, good scissors, permanent markers, white fabric of cotton or polyester, nylon cording (1/8" thick), or white thread. There will be a variety of jobs to construct these parachutes so you do not need to know how to sew. Please RSVP by February 1st so we can have all the necessary supplies. Contact Debbie @ 535-3992

HELP WANTED: Do you love holding babies? Are you looking for a way to serve? We need women and young women to help in the Nursery on Sunday mornings on a rotating basis. Contact Jessica Pritchett (pritchfamily@gmail.com, 665-3869) to find out more about this important ministry.

HELP WANTED: celebrate our seniors! Would you like to help us recognize our seniors, their birthdays and anniversaries, at BCC? If this is of interest to you see Dianne Heitmanek or contact her at dine@tndhome.net.

HELP WANTED: Would you like a position with low time commitment, great working conditions and smiling faces rewards (after they've had their coffee)? Then this is the job for you! We would love to have you serve at the hospitality table making sure the coffee and muffins are available to the congregation (those are the smiling faces) or in the clean-up afterward. Great training program available. Please contact Karen Green at 776-1018.

Ladies, are you wanting **to remember the wonderful things that Sharon Betters shared with us** back in October? If so, we now have the CD from the conference available for a \$10 suggested donation. If you ordered a copy at the conference or would like to get one please see Karen Green or email her at greenlab@charter.net.

The next Homeschool Moms meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 11 at the home of Heather Merrihew, 1415 Britt Drive in Medford. Come at 6:45pm for refreshments and chat; we will begin the meeting promptly at 7:00. Contact Robin Reed at (541) 779-0665 for additional information.

Magazine Exchange: Don't forget to take advantage of the opportunity to read excellent Christian magazines, displayed on the rack by the Book Table. Some of these are expensive to subscribe to, now freely available to you. **You do NOT have to donate a magazine** in order to take a magazine...help yourself, just return it when you are done.

A reminder that you can always find our bulletin online at www.bearcreekchurch.org. Also, you can get a map to St. Mary's, email any of the Pastors, find a growing list of ministries and missions we support, read about our small groups, and more. **Watch our website grow**, and don't forget to recommend it when people ask you about your church. Another thing you can do now is give online. Online giving is secure, quick and convenient and is done through Paypal. However you give, we are grateful for your financial support. Your giving to BCC is fully deductible and all used to further the ministry of this church and the missions, missionaries and ministries that are vital to a world tangled up in its search for meaning.

Other upcoming events: Friday-Saturday, January 22-23: Parenting Retreat, Ashland Springs Hotel; Saturday,