



# 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](mailto:pjcartwright@charter.net)).

Parenting in the Pew Tip #20: Make Sunday special. Talk to your children throughout the week about the joy of gathering together to worship God. On the way to church, share your own excitement about the day. The more you talk about Sunday as the highlight of the week, the more your kids will appreciate its significance and join in the anticipation.

Our next Ladies Prayer meeting will be January 21st., 1:00 at Barbara Taylor's, 145 Willow Bend Way, Central Point. All ladies welcome. Call Barbara 541-664-2620.

The annual Jackson County **Roe v. Wade Commemorative Rally** is TODAY 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!"

Report from the Dads/Sons small group: *Last night's dads/sons group was a buzz. The dads and sons were highly engaged. It was great to hear the boys share what it meant to be a righteous steward of what (allowance for jobs/chores) and what their budget looked like. Then, the dads spoke up and introduced the size and kind of a budget they are responsible for. It made me wish that my dad and I would have discussed what it means to be a wise manager of all that I would be entrusted.* – Pastor Jim

2009 Contribution Statements have been sent either by email or mail. If you haven't received yours by Jan 20, let me know. If you find discrepancies or other questions, please let me know. Shelley Hulce, [bccoffice@charter.net](mailto:bccoffice@charter.net) or (541) 821-4769.

From Charlie Marsolini, Director of Crown Financial Ministries: *"Hi Everyone: I want to invite you to join me on a Journey to True Financial Freedom. Some of you may have started this journey before and stopped and started again. Some of you may be well on your way to True Financial Freedom. Some of you never thought about it. Regardless, where you are, you will find that God has a lot to say about money. Money is at the top of Jesus teaching list. The bible has over 2350 verses pertaining to money and possessions; and Jesus never asked for money and was not a fundraiser. It's not about what God wants from you; it's about what God wants for you. God wants us to be set free; we are not free if we are lost financially. Come and find out who's economy you have been following, God's or Man's. On January 30th 2010 Saturday 8:30am through 4:30pm. See attached flyer for sign up details. God Bless you. Charlie Marsolini, Crown Financial Ministries, 503-698-1211 home, 503-320-8560 cell, email: [cmarsolini@gmail.com](mailto:cmarsolini@gmail.com), website: [www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org) and [www.crown.org/city/home.asp?sid=68](http://www.crown.org/city/home.asp?sid=68)*

From the Book Table: We still have some exquisitely beautiful note cards hand-made by Mildred Machaka in South Africa to help raise money for school tuition. Though they are black on the outside, they have a cream-colored insert so you can write your message with a regular pen. It may be hard to justify spending \$2 a card for yourself, but what about gifts for your friends? Buy three or six or a dozen for a truly unique birthday present, made even more meaningful by knowing that at the same time you are supporting a sister in the Lord. (There are few Christmas cards left too. Buy now for half price, \$1 each.)

From a BCC Mom about last Saturday's Father/High School Son breakfast: *"I've been meaning to thank you also for the breakfast on Saturday for the young men. What would be the reputation of Christians if every church mentored their young men and called them to high biblical standards as this church does? And more personally, if it wasn't for BCC men, my son might conclude Christianity is for women. He is blessed and welcomed by the men, and this is a huge spiritual support to him. I know it makes a difference in his life, because I see how he responds to what he learns and what he observes."*

Report from the Urbana Missions Conference by Dan Veghte: *BCC Elders, I wanted to write again and say thank you to BCC for the support it gave me for URBANA in St Louis. The conference itself was a whirlwind of four and a half days learning about missions across the world and in the country. At the start of everyday we started going through the gospel of John and divided it up between personal reflection, group discussion and speakers on portions of the text. It is always amazing to see all the different perspectives and learn more about the book through such an in depth study of the first four chapters. The main focus of the conference was missi-*

sions either abroad or where you were at. There were quite a few speakers from across, one of my favorites was Oscar Muriu from Kenya. His talk along with quite a few others can be found here <http://www.urbana09.org/program.webcast.cfm>. In the afternoons we were able to take seminars on a wide range of topics. Ones that I took were along the lines of ministering in the sciences and spiritual vitality in graduate school. The speaker for these had his PhD in Chemistry so he was really interesting and after a seminar a few others and myself had the chance to talk to him for a few hours and learn more-i think that was one of the best things I did. The other focus of my seminar time was to see how to minister to the Jewish people, which has always been on my heart. Those seminars were quite informative and I learned a little bit more and possibly how I could get involved in the missions to the Jewish people. The whole week itself was so busy I am still trying to comprehend all that I heard. At the conclusion we had a long last night of worship and communion that went into the New Year and was the best way that I think I could have spent the New Year with almost 17,000 other people worshipping God. - Dan

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:NDM44@aol.com) or call at 779-0225.

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Find a complete list of all of Bear Creek Church's small groups at [www.bearcreekchurch.org](http://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](http://www.Perspectives.org/Medford) or ask Aaron Tweeton, (541) 531-9537 or [aaron@tweeton.com](mailto: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 SATURDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:greenlab@charter.net).

A reminder that you can always find our bulletin online at [www.bearcreekchurch.org](http://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, February 13: Disability Ministry Respite Day; Joni and Friends Family Retreats (Santa Cruz CA: June 7-11 and July 19-23; Rockaway Beach OR: Aug 15-