

Bear Creek Church

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Parenting in the Pew Tip #28: After the service, go over difficult words or concepts from the sermon with your kids. Many of us have trouble understanding the vocabulary of Scripture (like propitiation and justification, for example). For kids, it can be even more challenging to comprehend. As you take notes on the sermon, jot down any words or ideas you might need to explain to your kids when you get home. If it's too hard to do that while keeping up in church, look back over your notes once you get home. If you don't know how to explain something or have a question yourself, feel free to email Pastor Dale.

Softball season is starting up again. All players are welcome, regardless of skill level. If you want to help us have fun and represent Jesus well, are interested in playing a little ball and enjoying a lot of fellowship, please email Andrew Gettman at andrewgettman@yahoo.com or contact Jason Hulce, Andrew Gettman or Dustin Clark after the service. If you can hit like Albert Pujols, run like Rickey Henderson and field like Ozzie Smith, that's a plus but EVERYONE is welcome to participate, whether you've played before or not.

First comic book ever at the Book Table: *I Did It His Way: A Collection of Classic B.C. Religious Comic Strips* by Johnny Hart. After his death in 2007, Hart's wife compiled his Christian-themed comic strips into this delightful book. From an Amazon review: "Though I'm not a believer...I am a believer in the humor of Johnny Hart." When Johnny became a Christian in 1984 and started subtly inserting his beliefs into his comic strip it was a couple years, maybe more, before I figured out what he was doing and when I did figure it out I had to give him a nod. He was never pushy, always funny, always true to his characters. Yes, this is a book of inspirational strips, but it overflows with Johnny's humor. If you're a lover of B.C. and I've been one since forever, then you'll appreciate and love this book.— Lynn Barton

Parenting Retreat: recognizing a community-wide need, we are going to offer our Parenting Retreat again in April. It is open to everyone, from Bear Creek Church or not. This announcement didn't make it into last Sunday's bulletin (which, you'll remember, is always available at our website). Below you'll find the information necessary. If you know someone who might benefit from this popular weekend, would you think of forwarding this information along to them, or of offering to care for their children while they attend, or of helping them to finance this worthwhile event? Juli Hulce is Registrar. Contact her at jjhulce@gmail.com. This Retreat is ideally suited to parents of young children and will be offered again on Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon, April 16-17 at the Ashland Springs Hotel. Pastor Dale Meador has been hosting similar retreats for over 10 years. A not-for-profit event, the cost is just \$135 per couple (\$125 for alumni) and includes one night at this romantic old hotel, and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Participants have written: "All of this has been so helpful.. thanks for the encouragement." "There is so much to draw from this material that will be helpful in the future.." "I really needed help with my role as a husband, an area I was neglecting in my marriage." "With such a difficult subject I appreciate your lightheartedness." "Excellent! Let's do this more often." For more information on this Christian, gospel-based Retreat, open to parents from any church, contact Julianne Hulce at jjhulce@gmail.com, or call her at (541) 890-4191. Limited to first 15 paid couples. Pastor Dale and his wife Nancy, married for 32 years, have three children, all homeschooled through high school. David is married, a graduate of West Point and an Army officer; Stephen a senior at SOU and a part-time Police Department Community Service Officer; and Anne is a high school junior currently serving at a mission school in Cambodia.

Bear Creek Church friends who want to serve at the Oregon Joni & Friends Family Retreat August 15-20: find the brochure and STM (Short Term Missionary) application here: <http://soregon.joniandfriends.org/events.php>.

Four Lectures on the Psalms with Dr. Bruce Waltke will be hosted on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM at Cornerstone Church. Waltke is Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Florida and Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia. Cost: Pre-registration- \$15 (students) \$25 (non-students). At door- \$20 (students) \$30 (nonstudents) *lunch and refreshments included. Pre-register by e-mail churchinfo@cccm.org or telephone 541-773-8163.

Medford Men's Prayer Meeting - Join brothers in Christ Mondays from Noon to 12:45 p.m. at the Main Street Office. Nothing fancy, we sing some songs, read Scripture, and pray for whatever God puts on our hearts. Since it's during the lunch hour, everyone can come and leave as they need. Questions? Call Joel Dunham at 261-8707.

The next Homeschool Moms meeting will be held on Monday, April 12 at the home of Robin Reed, 1950 Orinda Circle 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.

All BCC students are encouraged to participate in the annual Bear Creek Church Performance & Display Night, Saturday, April 24 at 6:30pm, right here in the gym. To sign up, contact Robin Reed (779-0665 or allthereeds@yahoo.com) no later than March 21. For more information, contact Kim Clark at 245-2640, or kdclark01@charter.net

BCC Women, young and old: discipleship is meant for us to grow in our faith. It is a one on one study with another woman. It will also help to equip you to share your faith with others. There are women wanting to take you through the study book. If you are interested in this study, contact Marla Lance, 664-5796 or bormlance@charter.net.

Help wanted: the disability ministry is in need of more people to put onto the buddy list. These are males and females aged 16-adult who would love and encourage a child with a disability. As a buddy you will not be required to teach any classes, you are just there to

support the child and help them as needed. If selected to assist a child you will be put on a rotating schedule with several other people, and again, no teaching is involved in this role. If you are interested in getting on this list or would like some more information on what this role entails please talk to Faye at Church or at FayeJH@gmail.com.

Help wanted: Sometimes Miracles Hide is on Sat. April 17th and our help is needed. This event is a morning- long treat for families with members with disabilities. Families come, buddies pair up with the children for fun, moms are treated to a nice lunch, etc. There are many different areas for which to sign up: set up on Friday, tear down, in the kitchen making amazing lunches for the moms, making sack lunches for the children & volunteers, at a fun booth during the carnival, and by being a buddy with a child. If you are willing to help in any of these areas or for more info please see Faye or contact her at FayeJH@gmail.com.

New at the Book Table: Believing God: Twelve Biblical Promises Christians Struggle to Accept, by Dr. R.C. Sproul Jr. Do we really believe the extravagant promises God has given to us? Twelve promises are covered in twelve chapters, such as these: Our Heavenly Father loves us, Wisdom for the asking, Open the windows of heaven, Mountains cast into the sea, and We shall be like Him. I found this book easy to read and very encouraging. \$15 -Lynn Barton

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.

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.

Upcoming events: Saturday, April 24: Performing Arts Night; Thursday, May 6: Great Start Pre-Marital Seminar with Pastor Dale & Pastor Stan Way; Joni and Friends Family Retreats (Santa Cruz CA: June 7-11 and July 19-23; Rockaway Beach OR: Aug 15-20); June 19-July 2: Missions Trip to the Amazon; August 12-16: Church Family Campout, Sugarpine Campground, Howard Prairie Lake.