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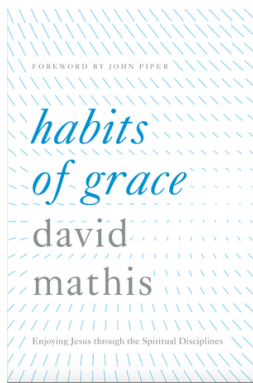
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FOOD **FELLOWSHIP** FUN

AFTER 2nd SERVICE

TODAY - Plan on staying for lunch after the 2nd service. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, and deepen your friendships at BCC.

NEW AT THE BOOK TABLE: *Habits of Grace* by David Mathis. An accessible, encouraging book on the three simple principles we need for growing in Christ. John Piper says: "This book is about grace-



empowered *habits*, and Spirit-empowered *disciplines*.

These are the means God has given for drinking at the fountain of life. They don't earn the enjoyment. They receive it. They are not payments for pleasure; they are pipelines. All of us leak. We all need inspiration and instruction for how to drink—again and again. Habitually. If you have never read a book on 'habits of grace' or 'spiritual disciplines,' start with this one. If you are a veteran lover of the river of God, but, for some reason, have recently been wandering aimlessly in the desert, this book will be a good way back." Consider this book also for a graduation gift.

How to Pray Aloud in a Group

In 2012, researchers at the University of Nebraska-Omaha asked 815 college students to identify their three greatest fears. Far more than they feared heights, flying, deep water, and even death, the students feared "speaking before a group."

If public speaking is the general population's greatest fear, public praying very well may be its Christian equivalent. And this fear is not restricted to ordinarily timid people. Even leaders sometimes have trouble leading in prayer.

Stonewall Jackson's Story

According to S.C. Gwynne's Rebel Yell, Stonewall Jackson's pastor once urged more congregation members to lead in prayer during the church prayer meeting. Afterward, Jackson went to see him, explaining to the pastor his fear of praying publicly. "But," Jackson said, "if you think it my duty, then I shall waive my reluctance and make the effort to lead in prayer, however painful it might be."...

(For the rest of the story, look for the full article on the lit table.)



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ISIS EASTER THREAT SPECIFICALLY AGAINST PASTOR FIKRET'S CHURCH



Pastor Fikret sent a Facebook invitation for Muslims from Izmir to attend Easter Church Service at Izmir Protestant Church (IPK).

40,000 people read the invitation!

ISIS did too! In response, ISIS sent a public bomb threat on the radio specifically against IPK, saying they would bomb the IPK Easter Church Service.

Pastor Fikret called Craig for counsel and prayer. Fikret and church leaders determined to proceed with church service and entrust themselves to Christ.

Surprisingly, just before service the Turkish police sent 6 armed Police to guard the building's entrance. No incident happened, praise the Lord!!

About 100 people attended, many Muslims seeking Christ, despite knowing of the ISIS bomb threat! Though Darlene admitted that every time the church doorbell buzzed, she thought this might be their last moment, the church service was energetic and Pastor Fikret's sermon on the Resurrection was God-glorifying. (Look for the rest of the Bocek's April Newsletter on the lit table)

AN OPPORTUNITY TO COUNSEL YOUTH: The Pregnancy Center is hosting *The Silver Ring Thing*, a presentation to high school students to encourage abstinence until marriage. The message includes a gospel presentation and an opportunity for teenagers to come forward for prayer. Both men and women counselors who have a burden for the gospel and youth are needed. If you're interested, please email Joe VonDoloski with Logos Public Charter School, at jvondo@logoscharter.com

Cornerstone Lecture Series Presents:

*Running the Race -
The Practicalities of Perseverance*

*With Guest Lecturer:
Rev. Daniel Hyde, M.Div., Th.M.*

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 9:00am-2:30pm



Rev. Daniel Hyde

Church Planter, Pastor, Author & Adjunct Instructor of Systematic Theology & Missions at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Rev. Hyde has written a number of books including: God In Our Midst, Why Believe in God, & With Heart and Mouth.

**Registration: Before May 8th:
\$25 Adults / \$15 Students**

**At The Door: \$30 Adults / \$ 20 Students
Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch**

To Register:

Call 541-773-8163 or email churchinfo@cccm.org
608 N. Bartlett, Medford, Oregon
Childcare Provided

UPCOMING

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| May 14 th | Cornerstone Lecture on Perseverance with Rev. Daniel Hyde |
| May 21 st | Sometimes Miracles Hide - see the Joni and Friends S. Oregon FB page for more info. |
| Jun 19 th | Father's Day Picnic (after the 2 nd service) at Holmes Park |
| Jun 30 - July 3 | BCC 2016 Church Family Campout |
| Aug 6 th | BCC Rogue River Raft Trip - see Doug and Robin Reed for details |
| Sept 10 th | Bike Ride (or run) from Lake of the Woods to Fish Lake - see David and Donna Jordan for details |
| Nov 11-13 | Joni Tada Event at BCC!!! |