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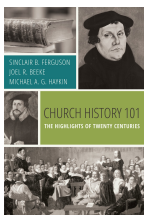
BCC News



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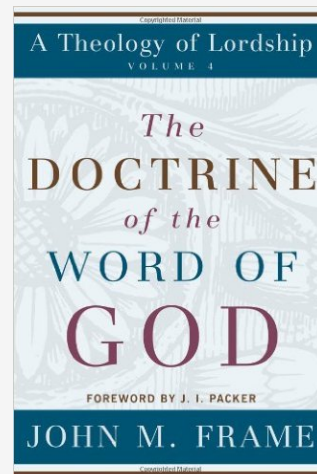
**VISITING MISSIONARIES:** This Sunday we'll enjoy a great time visiting with Charles and Delores Mahlangu. We go way back with the Mahlangus – in fact our first trips to Africa were visits with Charles and Delores, and as a result we connected with Sam and Milli Machaka. We love and appreciate the Mahlangus, and look forward to catching up with them and hearing how God is directing and working through them.



**NEW AT THE BOOK TABLE:**

Something really small, and something really big. First, the small: *Church History 101: Highlights of Twenty Centuries*. This summary of the defining event of each Christian century is a reprint from the *Reformation Heritage KJV Study Bible*. If you don't need a new study Bible but would like to learn some church history in an easy to absorb format, check out this little book.

**AND... THE BIG:** *The Doctrine of the Word of God* by John Frame. In this world where so many Christians seem continually hungry for extra-biblical revelation, wanting to “hear from God,” John Frame’s 640 page magnum opus begins, “The main contention of this volume is that God’s speech to man is real speech. It is very much like one person speaking to another. God speaks to us so we can understand him and respond appropriately...My thesis is that God’s word, in all its qualities and aspects, is a personal communication from him to us.” Recommended by most Reformed luminaries you can think of, J.I. Packer caps it off by writing the Forward, in which he calls this volume, next to the Bible itself, “magisterial” (authoritative-I looked it up) and “indispensable.”



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## PROTECT OUR CHILDREN SEMINAR THIS WEDNESDAY:

Those attending Bear Creek Church's first "Protect Our Children" seminar had their eyes opened to the problem in a way too few people understand. One participant said it was "Hard, but absolutely necessary." Another said it was better than similar online trainings required at her workplace. Our

thanks to Rebekah and Cynthia from Children's Advocacy Center, and to Detective Sandler from Medford Police (pictured here) for working long hours to school us and protect children against the tsunami of immorality.

In order to insure that our Church continues to be a safe place for our precious children, and for the sake of the protection of all children in our entire community from child sexual abuse, we are hosting this seminar in conjunction with the Children's Advocacy Center. We encourage all to attend, but especially any of you who have contact with our BCC kids through Sunday School, the Nursery, our Disability Ministry Team, or wherever. It would be useful for all parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, brothers, sisters, caregivers, babysitters, etc. The next showing of this seminar is on Wednesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:15 until 9 pm. It will be held in a Medford Public Library meeting room. The Library is located at 205 S. Central Avenue. I recommend you enter from the Central Avenue entrance. No RSVP is necessary.

**DOES THE BIRTH CONTROL PILL CAUSE ABORTIONS?** Randy Alcorn writes, *The Pill is used by about fourteen million American women each year. Across the globe it is used by about sixty million. The question of whether it causes abortions has direct bearing on untold millions of Christians, many of them prolife, who use and recommend it.*

*In 1991, while researching the original edition of my book, "ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments," I heard someone suggest that birth control pills can cause abortions. This was brand new to me; in all my years as a pastor and a prolife, I had never heard it before. I was immediately skeptical.*

*My vested interests were strong in that Nanci and I used the Pill in the early years of our marriage, as did many of our prolife friends. Why not? We believed it simply prevented conception. We never suspected it had any potential for abortion. No one told us this was even a possibility. I confess I never read the fine print of the Pill's package insert, nor am I sure I would have understood it even if I had. (Read the rest of this article on the lit table)*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** There are copies of the BCC JANUARY-DECEMBER, 2016, FINANCIAL REPORT on the literature table.

See [www.bearcreekchurch.org](http://www.bearcreekchurch.org) for a list of our current small group opportunities

## UPCOMING

Feb 1	Protect Our Children Seminar - 6:15pm - 9:pm at Medford Public Library. No RSVP required
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Mini Conference - more details to come.
Jun 29 <sup>th</sup> - July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BCC Campout
Aug 14-18	JAF Family Retreat #1 at Twin Rocks - more details at <a href="http://joniandfriends.org/family-retreats/detail/twin-rocks-i-2017">joniandfriends.org/family-retreats/detail/twin-rocks-i-2017</a>
Aug 21-25	JAF Family Retreat #2 at Twin Rocks - "