

BEAR BULLETIN

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BCC News



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HOW TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND DISABLED: When we know someone who is suffering from an illness or disability, our response is often to pray for healing. It is compassionate to desire relief for one who is suffering, and it is certainly appropriate to ask the Lord for healing. Our God is loving and compassionate, and He is grieved by the suffering of His children (Psalm 86:15, John 11:32-35). He is also a powerful God who is able to heal (Mark 1:29-34).

However, healing is not always God's plan for those who are sick and disabled. Sometimes God chooses to heal, but sometimes instead He chooses to use a long-term illness or disability for the good of His people. For this reason, it is good to pray for more than just physical healing. **-Look for these suggested ways to pray (with Scripture) in the full article. You can find it on the lit table.**

RESPIRE NIGHT: We love families affected by disability! The BCC Disability Ministry Team, and our BCC volunteers will be hosting a respite night for kids 6 months – 12 years old on March 10th, here at St. Mary's. Volunteers will need to be here from 5 – 9:30pm, and families from 6 – 9pm. Both volunteers and families can register on our website - bearcreekchurch.org.

THE LADIES PRAYER FELLOWSHIP will meet this Thursday, March 9th at 1:00. We will be at Anne Scott's home at 661 South Stage Rd. If you have any questions or need directions please call Anne at 541-857-5067 or 541-772-0606. These meetings are open to anyone that would like to come and share good fellowship, and pray for the needs of others.

WHAT THE TRANSGENDER DEBATE MEANS FOR THE CHURCH: You can find the entire article on the lit table. Here's a sampling of this article by Russell Moore. *Christian congregations that seek to be faithful to the gospel must teach what's been handed down to us, that our maleness and femaleness points us to an even deeper reality, to the unity and complementarity of Christ and the church. A rejection of the goodness of those creational realities then is a revolt against God's lordship, and against the picture of the gospel that God had embedded in the creation.*

But this also means that we will love and be patient with those who feel alienated from their created identities. We must recognize that some in our churches will face a long road of learning what it means to live as God created them to be, as male or female. That sort of long, slow, plodding and sometimes painful obedience is part of what Jesus said would be true of every believer: the bearing of a cross. That cross-bearing reminds us that God doesn't receive us because of our own effort but because God reconciled us to himself through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



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MEALS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



"Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

-Rom 12:13

Look for the signup table or e-mail ServeBCC@gmail.com

You can be a huge blessing to others in the family of God at BCC by providing a meal when the need arises. Deborah Bailey is ready to point to where you can meet this tangible expression. She needs 6 meal providers (preferably once a quarter, more often or whatever works in your schedule). Please meet Deborah today for details and to sign up in the entrance hallway for this Jesus-like opportunity.

BCC WOMEN 19 TO 90 YEARS! Would you like to grow in your understanding of scripture while meeting weekly with another woman (or women)? There are many at BCC who have gone through such training and would love to pass that knowledge on to you! After all, the goal of learning is to pass it on by being able to articulate the scriptural basis for what you believe and why you believe it to be truth. This is for the brand new Christian as well as those of many years who want to appreciate doctrine more in depth. If you are interested or just have questions, please contact coordinator Marla Lance by text, phone or email at: 541-531-1192, MarlaLance2@gmail.com.

SPRING MINI-CONFERENCE - A *Sampling of Sanctified Sisters*: For Bear Creek Church Women, and friends you'd like to invite. Join us in the St. Mary's Library on Saturday, March 18th as our 3 Pastors share about some God-glorifying women from the New Testament. Young women 16 and older are invited. We'll begin at 8am with a light breakfast. Be sure to park and enter on the south side of the campus. Questions? Contact Nancy Meador at either ndm44@aol.com, or at (541) 779-0225. Look for the flyer on the lit table, and make plans to join us for a great time of fellowship.

See www.bearcreekchurch.org for a list of our current small group opportunities

UPCOMING

Mar 18 th	Women's Mini Conference with the Pastors - 8am until noon, light breakfast served. More info on the lit table.
May 13 th	Sometimes Miracles Hide - Reservations required. For information contact Brent at bolstad@joniandfriends.org
Jun 29 th - July 3 rd	BCC Campout
Aug 14-18	JAF Family Retreat #1 at Twin Rocks - more details at joniandfriends.org/family-retreats/detail/twin-rocks-i-2017
Aug 21-25	JAF Family Retreat #2 at Twin Rocks - "