

# BEAR BULLETIN

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BCC News



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### **NEXT SATURDAY - 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT:** Pacific Bible College will hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Biblical Higher Education Summit, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, at Cascade Christian High School.

*"Our goal is to speak to pastors, educators, business people, parents and students about the critical role of biblical higher education in transforming occupational pursuit into informational kingdom work... The culture war concerning truth is being challenged in many places but much is being lost at the dividing wall of sacred and secular in the marketplace. We desire to equip believers to climb over it; we want to equip pastors with the knowledge to exhort others concerning the critical choice for a biblical higher education in transforming career choice to kingdom work; we desire to inform parents and students preparing for college that their choice of education and occupation is a choice about turning our current culture back to real truth."*

**Session 1, Influencing a Generation for the 'Calling of Work'** (for business owners/leaders, pastors, and educators) will be from 4:00-5:30pm

**Session 2, Attending a Non-Christian College - 'The True Cost'** (for parents and students – including a College Fair) will be from 6:30-9:00pm.

Attendance is free. For more information call 541-776-9942 or see [pacificbible.com](http://pacificbible.com).

**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](mailto:MarlaLance2@gmail.com).

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



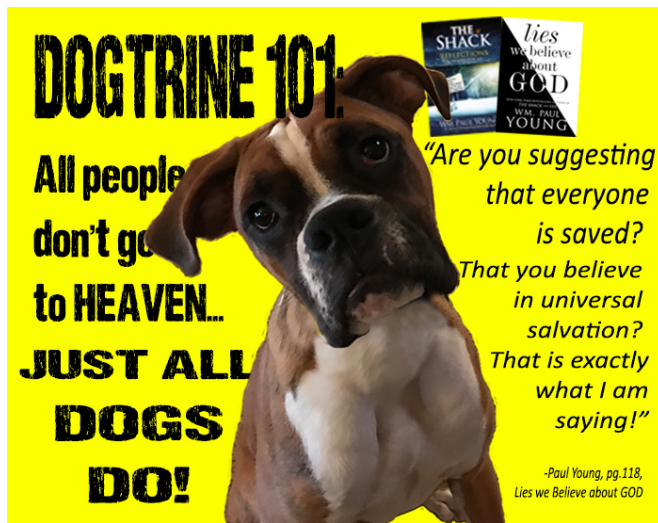
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### WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? IT'S JUST FICTION:

Paul Young (author of *The Shack*) betrayed his intention to communicate his real beliefs about God as he quotes from *The Shack* in his newest non-fiction book, *"Lies We Believe About God."* Fiction can be a very powerful tool to communicated truth, and this shouldn't surprise us because Christians for centuries have benefited from works of fiction like *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Also, we of all people should know that Jesus taught by illustrating truths in parables, which is a form of fiction. So don't make the mistake of dismissing the heresy in *The Shack* by saying "It's just fiction."

**WHY A CHRISTIAN BLOGGER WON'T REVIEW *THE SHACK* MOVIE:** In a recent post, Tim Challies writes, *God is not a human being. God is not like a human being in any way that can be explained by presenting him in an embodied form. God is so other that any visual representation harms instead of helps our understanding. Even as The Shack uses human beings in an attempt to lead people closer to God, it will actually lead them farther away. It must. J.I. Packer says, "we should not look to pictures of God to show us his glory and move us to worship; for his glory is precisely what such pictures can never show us. ... all manmade images of God, whether molten or mental, are really borrowings from the stock-in-trade of a sinful and ungodly world, and are bound therefore to be out of accord with God's own holy Word. To make an image of God is to take one's thoughts of him from a human source rather than from God himself; and this is precisely what is wrong with image-making."* – **If you'd like to read his complete post, look for the article on the lit table.**

### STUDY FINDS CONNECTION BETWEEN STRONG FOYER COFFEE AND SOUND CHURCH THEOLOGY:

US—A recent LifeWay Research Center study found an "undeniable" connection between the strength of a church's foyer coffee and the soundness of its theology, a report by the organization revealed Tuesday. "Those churches that had coffee rated as 'weak' or 'very weak' suffered from much more watered-down, biblically feeble sermons than those that had bold coffee available in the foyer," the report read in part. "Churches with strong, full-bodied coffee were found to boast much more solid, well-rounded theology from the pulpit." According to the report, the strong correlation between the two variables suggests some kind of causation. Further, the study suggested that churches that served tea or hot cocoa in place of fresh coffee suffered from more aberrant theology than even the congregations being given watered-down cups of joe. Churches that didn't serve coffee at all were not included in the study, as they were assumed to be either apostate, or entirely non-Christian in the first place, according to LifeWay. – **For more Christian News Satire, go to [BabylonBee.com](http://BabylonBee.com) – and to help out with the BCC coffee ministry write us at [ServeBCC@gmail.com](mailto:ServeBCC@gmail.com)**

## UPCOMING

Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Mini Conference with the Pastors – 8am until noon, light breakfast served. More info on the lit table.
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sometimes Miracles Hide – Reservations required. For information contact Brent at <a href="mailto:bolstad@joniandfriends.org">bolstad@joniandfriends.org</a>
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 - "