




MONTHLY CHURCH MEAL: We will not have lunch on Easter Sunday, but will plan for next week, after the 2nd service. Stay tuned for an email letting you know what we'll be serving, so you can plan to bring an appropriate side dish. As always, this is a great time of fellowship, and a good opportunity to get to know more of your church family.



UPDATE FROM THE TELLS: We're blessed to have the Tell family with us this Easter Sunday, and to hear from them about their work in Thailand. Look for their March update on the lit table, and to know how we can more specifically be praying for them. In the update, they wrote: *March felt like a month we called on you all a lot for prayer, and we want to thank you. Although it felt really hard at times, God showed up in so many ways, through encouraging words, Bible passages, care packages, and beautiful relationships in Thailand and the US. You reflect God's love to us and we pray we can reflect that ourselves to those we serve.*

SOMETIMES MIRACLES HIDE is a luncheon for mothers and a carnival for their children with special needs. Mothers will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, rest, and respite and will receive a lovely gift at the end of the event. Meanwhile, their children, including siblings, will have a great time at the carnival where they will enjoy lots of games and activities. They will be paired with a buddy who will play with them and be a friend. Lunch for the children will also be provided. This takes place on Saturday, May 13th from noon – 2pm at First Baptist Church, Medford. Space is limited. Reservations are required, so please RSVP by May 9th by calling (541) 897-0482, (541) 864-9864, or email bolstad@joniandfriends.org.


THE SPRING SEASON OF TOPSoccer IS HERE! TOPSoccer is a recreational activity for families of children with disabilities and their typical siblings. Organized by Bear Creek Church volunteers in cooperation with Youth Soccer and the Rogue Valley Timbers Soccer Club, this unique program enables special athletes to play at levels consistent with their skills, not necessarily their age. Volunteers need to have attended BCC for at least 6 months and be 14 or older. 12 & 13 year-olds can volunteer, but must have a parent/guardian accompany and participate along with them. TOPSoccer takes place each Thursday, beginning April 6th at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. Volunteers will help out from 6:15-7:45pm. If you have any questions, contact Tom or Debbie Eastwold at tdmleatwold@msn.com or (541) 776-6315.



Cornerstone Lecture Series
Presents:

'Knowing Christ'
(Getting Christology Right)

With *Dr. Mark Jones*
Saturday, May 6, 2017
9:00am-2:30pm



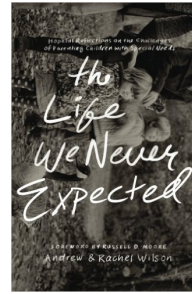
Dr. Mark Jones is the minister at Faith Vancouver Presbyterian Church (PCA). He is also Research Associate at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, and Lecturer in Dogmatic Theology at John Wycliffe Theological College, South Africa.

Registration: Before 4/30: \$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

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NEW AT THE BOOK TABLE:



From Rachel Olstad: I haven't quite finished reading it yet, but I can already tell that *The Life We Never Expected* by Andrew and Rachel Wilson is going to be a go-to favorite. Subtitled, *Hopeful Reflections on the Challenges of Parenting Children with Special Needs*, it is conveniently divided up into 5 cycles each of weeping, worshiping, waiting, witnessing, and...breathe. Theologically rich and filled with good story-telling of real life events, it is profoundly, yet practically hopeful. One of my favorite sections (so far) is in Cycle 1: Worshiping, where Rachel tells about wanting to spend her life on the mission field serving disadvantaged people. She recalls quoting from Ruth 1:16 to God in a vow of servitude: "Your people shall be my people," and then coming to realize that her gifts and talents were not wasted because the two little people with autism for whom she stays at home and off the mission field, ARE God's people, and hers now, too. God's call to sacrifice has a different economy than the world's, just as it did when the woman broke the alabaster of expensive perfume on Jesus' feet. Special Needs Parents, we are serving Jesus greatly by lovingly meeting our children's needs. I can't wait to finish this book, and then re-read it many times in order to keep gleaning new insight that I still need (or especially need) in this season of my life.

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

UPCOMING

- May 13th Sometimes Miracles Hide - Reservations required. For information contact Brent at bolstad@joniandfriends.org
- Jun 29th - July 3rd 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 - "