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BCC News

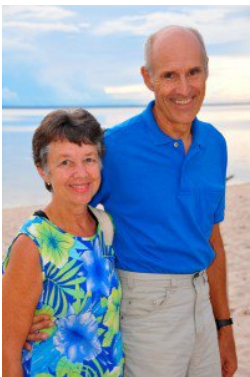


April 23, 2017



LUNCH TODAY! As always, this is a great time of fellowship, and a good opportunity to get to know more of your church family. Lunch is served after the 2nd service, so if you typically come to the 1st service we hope you'll come back at noon, or better yet, stay and attend a class during the 2nd service. There's something for all ages, including *Cross Training* – BCC's adult class (children are welcome to come with their parents) led by BCC Elder, Bill Pritchett.

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.



UPDATE FROM THE BENSONS IN BRAZIL: *We are involved in a small way with the Alive group at the large Presbyterian Church we attend. These are mostly youth, some adults, with mission hearts and a desire to learn English. We meet on Saturday afternoons, and have a contemporary type service in English, frequently translated to Portuguese and afterward and before conversations in English. Pastor Djard is also the pastor in charge of the English-speaking mission teams that come from the States. There are 5-6 churches who have partnerships with our church IPM (Presby. Church of Manaus) Our church is in the reformed tradition (like Bear Creek) So he stays in contact with these US churches, and when teams visit they usually come to the Alive and share. He also supervises the missionaries of small churches out in the river communities between Maués and Manacapuru on the Amazon River and it's tributaries. (Other pastors supervise other churches in other parts of the Amazon and the Rio Negro. IPM has about 60 churches in river communities.)*

Pastor Djard and Alive participants also take responsibility for the English Camp held every July, that camp is billed as an intensive week of English, it's also a fun camp time with a goal of evangelizing the non-Christians who come for the English. A team of youth comes from a church in Chicago area to help teach the English classes and make new Brazilian friends. 340 kids come; about half are nominal or non-Christians.

Three years ago we started having small English camps in river communities, we started with two communities, this year we are going to 6. These are 3-day events, held over a long holiday weekend. If you have anyone at BCC at all interested in coming for one of these times, I will get the name of a contact person in the states so you can ask lots of questions, etc.

The library at PAZ church is still going, (I'm afraid I have heavily stacked the shelves with authors I trust when I can find translated books (I have a couple of guys reading books by Piper and Timothy Keller, which at PAZ I consider progress) I'm training someone to take my place. We are also helping the pastor at one of the other PAZ churches start a library there).




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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

Cornerstone Christian Church - 608 N. Bartlett - Medford, OR

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.



NEW AT THE BOOK TABLE: *You and Me Forever* by Francis Chan. True confessions: some years ago I swore off marriage books. I thought it was just me, but I kept running into other women who felt the same. Too often such books seem to discourage more than inspire. I learned about this one at a wedding shower and decided to pick it up for the book table. Then I decided to read the first few paragraphs. Before I knew it, I had finished the thing. This is a great book. An amazon reviewer puts it well: "It looks like a marriage book, and it

sounds like a marriage book, but it's not REALLY a book on marriage. It's really a book about having the eternal view of every aspect of life, including marriage and parenting. It's a book about seeking first the Kingdom of God and everything else, including a healthy marriage, flowing from that. And it's about seeing everything you have, including your marriage, as something to be used for the mission of God in this world." This means that anyone who is newly married, long time married, wants to be married, or wishes they weren't married, can be encouraged by this book. Seriously. Check it out.

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

UPCOMING

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 - "