

BEAR BULLETIN

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BCC News



April 30, 2017



AN UPDATE FROM KIMBERLY MAY: On January 19, 2017, Kimberly's husband, Cody, waded into a lake near Austin, Texas, to meet their children who were floating on a raft near the shoreline. He was not aware of the perilous underwater geography of the lake, and stepped off an underwater shelf, and literally stepped into eternity. A man nearby deployed a flotation device, but was unable to rescue him. The children were rescued safely. The sheriff's office responded, and local search and rescue teams were called out, but their efforts were of no avail. The next morning, the searchers found Cody's body.

Through BCC, you were able to contribute a modest gift toward a fundraiser to help this grieving young widow, and her 7 children. The following is a recent letter from Kimberly,

describing this hard providence, and how God is using it for her good. Look for the entire letter on the lit table.

I have been writing for two months to provide the context for this: my day of deliverance. This story is exceedingly long but there isn't a good way to break it up and every detail is important in that, I believe, it displays God's glory so richly. If you have time to read it, I pray that you will taste a small piece of the much greater redemptive narrative, which He has ordained to accomplish in our midst. Praise Him, all you saints!

On the morning of February 21, 2017, my dead bones were beginning to feel the life-giving breath of God, even as my soul miserably remained antagonistic toward His unfolding purpose in my suffering. After unexpectedly facing one of the songs that was sung on our wedding day, God placed yet another song on my lips. For days, in my journal, I had been writing that I would rather have Cody than God and yet, I began to spontaneously sing "I'd rather have Jesus than anything"...



BCC CAMPOUT JUNE 29th – JULY 3rd: Make plans to get time off for the 2017 BCC Campout. This is always a great time for your children, and to build friendships within your church family. Also, this is our main opportunity for baptisms, so if you're considering this please contact one of the pastors, or write us at bearcreekchurch.org@gmail.com.




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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.

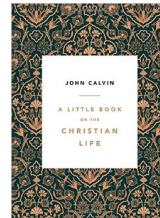
Registration: Before 4/30: \$25 Adults / \$15 Students
At The Door: \$30 Adults / \$ 20 Students
Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

To Register: Call 541-773-8163
or email churchinfo@cccm.org

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

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 LADIES PRAYER FELLOWSHIP will be on Thursday, May 4th, at 1pm. Every other week we get together for fellowship, and to pray for each other and for the needs within the church. It's a great way to get acquainted. We usually meet for 1-2 hours and we would love to see you there. We will be at Pat Wilcox's home at 849 Keith Ave., Medford. If you have any questions or need directions please call Pat at 541-951-3751.



AT THE BOOK TABLE: *A Little Book on the Christian Life* by John Calvin.

This is a new translation of the third book of Calvin's Institutes, on what it means to live as a Christian. Tim Challies comments that, "while his

name is attached to an expansive system of theology, he is a theologian who does not merely

fill the head, but one who also warms the heart and informs the hands." A mere 126 pages long, it is a delightful and encouraging read.

THE SPRING SEASON OF TOPSoccer IS HERE! TOPSoccer is a recreational activity for families of children with disabilities and their typical siblings. 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.

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 - "