

October 5, 2019

BCC *Pumpkin Spicy* News



Please join Brent Olstad, along with your family in Christ, for an evening of worship to our Lord. We will be singing from our Hymnals on Sunday, October 27 at 6pm in the St Mary's band room which is on the second floor of the new gym. Please bring a dessert to share while we provide the refreshments. - AG

Wonderful widows are invited to lunch and a fall craft day gathering at Marian Dreiling's home (528 Waterbury, Medford) this Friday, October 11th, at noon. Contact Marian (541-261-0731) for details. - PJ

Cornerstone Christian Church in Medford is hosting Dr. J.V. Fesko at The Cornerstone Lectures next Saturday, October 12. He will be talking about The Fruit of the Spirit. Doors open at 8:15, the first lecture begins at 9 am. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. Email churchinfo@cccm.org to register. -CCC

Read more at www.bearcreekchurch.org. Sign up on the home page to receive insider email!

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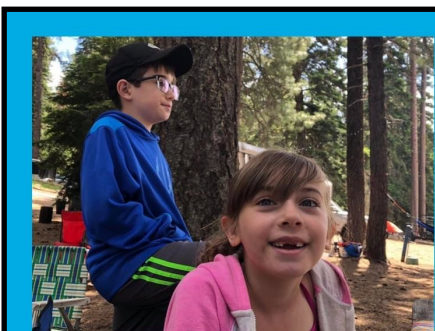
A study of predestination employing R.C. Sproul's landmark work, in the Cross Training class led by Steve & Bill after dismissal from Bear Creek Church's second service. We hope you choose to attend.



BCC's disability-and-doula-skills-servant/superfriends are coming back to the Rogue Valley
Sat Oct 19 5:30 Meetup at Bobbio's Pizza
312 Oak St CP upstairs but accessible
Sun Oct 20 9 & 10:30 Bear Creek Church
816 Black Oak Medford at St. Mary's School

CONFERENCE FULL WAITLIST ONLY: greenlab@charter.net

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7 DAILY PRAYERS FOR THOSE YOU LOVE

EXCERPT

What do you pray most often for the people you love most? The question reveals an uncomfortable amount about us (and our prayers).

First, do we pray for those we love? Prayer is one of the most powerful, thoughtful, loving ways we can love anyone we love. Yet we still often struggle to persevere in prayer for others. With countless compelling reasons to pray — to ask the God of infinite power, wisdom, and love to move in the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors — we find a thousand excuses not to. What some of us need to hear most is simply a reminder to stop and pray for the ones we love.

But if we do pray for them, what we pray really matters. And we often ask God for less than we should. At least I know that I myself have sometimes asked for less than I should — for my wife, my son, my parents, my church family. When we think to pray for others we love, our minds can default to practical, earthly concerns — that God would guard or improve their health and safety, or that he would prosper what they do at work, or that he would protect our relationship with them, or for whatever other daily or weekly needs that immediately come to mind.

1. Open their eyes even wider to you.

2. Fill their hearts with love for others.

3. Teach them the wisdom of your will.

4. Give them boldness to speak about Jesus.

5. Send them good friends in the faith.

6. Protect them from enemies of their soul.

7. Make Jesus look good with their life.

If God answers these prayers, we will see the fruit over time — and we should thank him as often as we see it. One of the best ways to stoke the fires of our big prayers for others is to praise God for what we see him doing in and through them.

This is the prayer Paul wrote as often as any other: “I thank my God for you.” Because your faith is growing (2 Thessalonians 1:3). Because you have loved the saints well (Ephesians 1:15–16). Because of your partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3–5). Because he has gifted you and given you greater knowledge of himself (1 Corinthians 1:4–7). Because the gospel is spreading through you (Romans 1:8). Because you have not lost your hope in Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:2–3).

How often do we take evidence of spiritual fruit for granted, thanking God instead for smaller, more-circumstantial blessings? The greater, more valuable, more lasting works of God (like the seven above) do not fit neatly into a day or week. To notice them, we have to be looking more closely and over months and years. But when we see, really see, the hands of God at work in the heart of someone we love, few realities will inspire our faith, intensify our joy, and strengthen our prayer lives like these answers to prayer.

*Excerpted from an article at desiringgod.org. It's very good! Marshall Segal (@marshallsegal) is a writer and managing editor at desiringGod.org. He's the author of *Not Yet Married: The Pursuit of Joy in Singleness & Dating*. He graduated from Bethlehem College & Seminary. He and his wife, Faye, have a son and live in Minneapolis.*