



# The Connection

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## Maundy Thursday Service

April 21 7:00 PM

When Jesus met in the Upper Room with the disciples for the Passover meal, he washed their feet and encouraged them to wash each other's feet (John 13). Later that same night, Jesus taught us a way to remember him, which we call communion. Join us on this special evening as we carry on these remembrances.

## Easter Sunrise Service

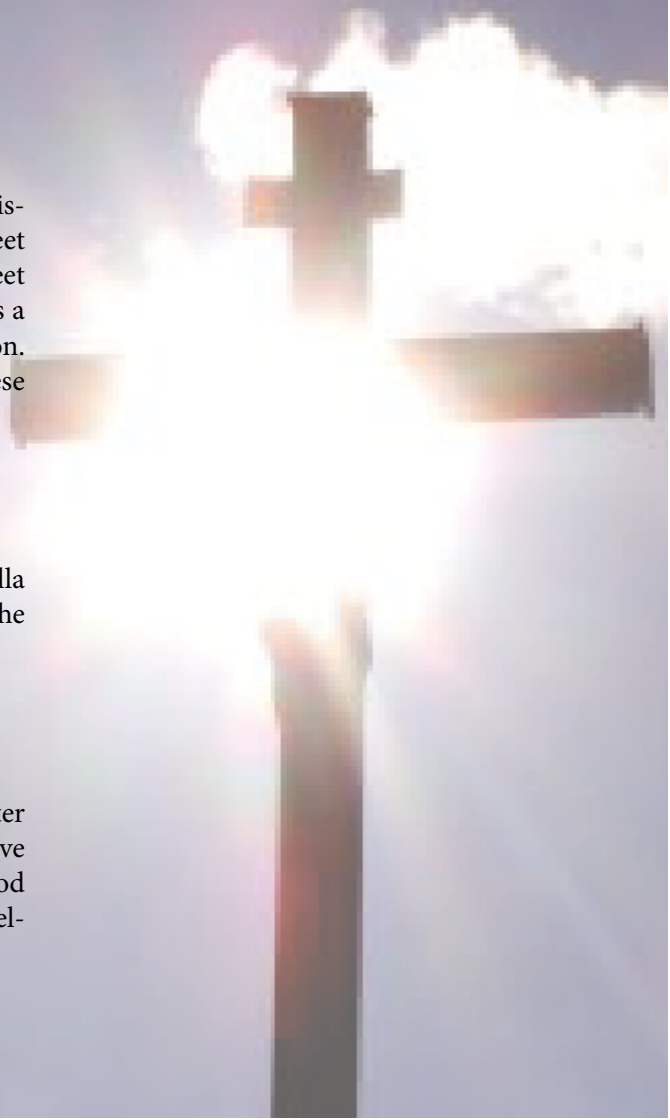
April 24 Pioneer Park 7:00 AM

Join with the community of Christ in Walla Walla and our very own Pastor Jim as we remember the dawn that Jesus rose from the grave.

## Easter Service

April 24 10:15 AM

Just another Sunday, but not any Sunday. Easter is a great day of celebration for all those who have found freedom and forgiveness through the blood of Jesus. Invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate with us!



## Ethiopian Adoption Fundraiser Dinner

by Andrea Pellicer

A family in our church, The Pellicer family, has felt God's calling to adopt one of His children from Ethiopia. Jeremy and Andrea have been married for seven years, and have two biological daughters, Madelyn, who is four, and Hazel, who is one.

After their second daughter was born, both Andrea and Jeremy began actively seeking God's will in regards to having more children. God brought back to Andrea's heart a commitment that He had asked of her when she was 17, and that was to adopt their last baby. After Jeremy sought the Lord on this, both were of like minds that this is what the Lord has for their family. They continued to seek God's direction, and He has led them to adopt a baby girl from Ethiopia.

Their eldest daughter, Madelyn, is eagerly anticipating the chance to "teach Hazel how to be a big sister" and knows that, "even though the baby won't look like us, she will be a part of our family." Jeremy and Andrea feel so blessed to have the chance to glorify God through this amazing process, knowing full well it will only be through the Lord's provision that a single-income family is able



to afford the expense of adoption. They have applied with the World Association for Children and Parents, or "WACAP" (way-cap) adoption agency.

The Pellicer family has attended BMCC for 5 years. Jeremy serves on the Building and Grounds Commission, and Andrea hosts and co-leads the high school girls' home group. As a way to help raise the \$30,000 an international adoption can cost, they will be hosting an Ethiopian-themed fundraiser dinner and dessert auction on April 23rd at 6 pm in Baker Hall. Tickets are \$10 for ages 13 and over, \$6 for ages 5-12, and free for children under 5.

They would love for our church family to pray for God's mighty provision as their family moves forward in this process. Donations or offers to help with the dinner itself are also gratefully accepted. Please contact Andrea for tickets, to make a donation, or for more information: 525-9544 *"For I assisted the poor in their need and the orphans who required help."* Job 29:12



## The Christian Man

### Do you care?

by Jeff Goodson

Do you care? Do you care about the person next to you at church? Do you care about the person walking down the street? Do you care about the person who just cut you off in traffic? Do you care? God cares! Why don't you? God cared enough about you that He sent His son to die on the cross for your sins! Do you care enough to be a part of the building of the kingdom of God? God cared enough to provide for you everyday, God cared enough to give to you beyond what you deserved and God cared enough that He saved your soul from Hell!

How much do you care? Do you care enough to be involved in the church God has brought you to that He cleansed by the blood of His Son Jesus Christ? Do you care enough to give a portion of your money, your time and yourself to further the gospel of Jesus Christ? If not, why? God has asked so little of you and you want to do less and give less. Why? Paul tells you to examine yourself, to be honest and to stop lying to yourself. You belong to God not to yourself. You are a slave to Christ, you are a servant to Christ, you are a son of God and you are a friend of Christ's.

So what is holding you back? Fear? Rejection? Life is not about you and it never will be. Life is about Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone. So why are you not involved? Leaders are not born they are made.

God placed man as the head of his family. God has a design and a plan for you. Are you follow-

ing that design and plan? Men are to lead. Men are to be on fire for Jesus Christ. Men are to be leading in the Church. If you say, "I'm not leadership material" you're wrong. God said you are the leader of your family! Lead, learn to lead, be obedient to God and let the Holy Spirit teach you to lead. To lead you start out following because you are in the learning process of becoming a leader. As you learn you continue to progress forward in Christ to lead your family physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Then you lead in the church, the building of the kingdom of Jesus Christ and the spread of the gospel.

You were not made to sit on the side lines you were built to play in the game. You were built to be a courageous warrior. We were created to have fellowship with our Father in heaven. We were never designed to be about ourselves. Our sin robbed us of our relationship with our Father. But now through the blood of Jesus Christ we are brought back into that relationship. Now that you have it why do you not pursue it with passion?

The time is now! It is time to turn from our selfish ways and turn back to the one true God who has never left our side. It is time to stop taking our God for granted and pursue Him with passion and zeal. It is time to rise up and obey the Word of God. Let the revival begin in your heart so that it will set the Spirit free to reign in your life. As Pastor Jerry has said "this is our time, this is our watch." God has given us everything we need as men to lead and witness. Let us take hold of that which God has given us and use it for His glory.

# Connecting to Ministries



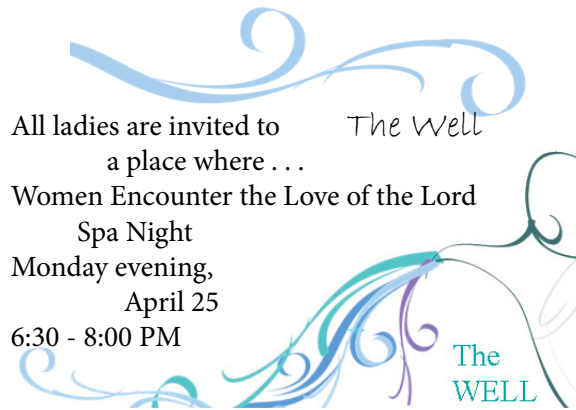
Everyone is invited! Meet Friday nights at 7:00 PM to share in support and encouragement to conquer your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Dinner provided the fourth Friday each month at 6:00 PM for a small donation.



Grow close to others in relationships centered on our faith in Jesus. For more info on joining a home group, contact the church office at 529-1212.

Senior Adult Ministries meets April 7th and 21st at 10:00 AM. Anyone 55 years or older is welcome to come and see what they're all about. Laughter is the best medicine. Come join in the fun and fellowship.

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All ladies are invited to The Well  
a place where . . .  
Women Encounter the Love of the Lord  
Spa Night  
Monday evening,  
April 25  
6:30 - 8:00 PM

The  
WELL

All are invited

Saturday Morning, April 9  
8:00 AM



Better Moms Make A Better World  
**MOMPS**  
Mothers of Preschoolers

Mothers of Preschoolers  
and MOMSNext meet  
April 14th and 28th  
from 9-11 AM in Baker  
Hall. They exist to encourage and equip moth-

ers. Guests are always  
welcome! Contact  
Shannon Naftzger at  
876-1302.



# Connecting to the next Generation

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## Youth Events

by Ken Paine

April 5, middle and high school trip to Spokane to play lasertag. We'll leave about 9:00 AM, eat lunch in Spokane, play three games of Lazertag, and be back around 7:30 or 8:00 PM.

Thursday, April 7, no high school youth group, since the leaders will be going to a conference in Seattle.

Thursday, April 21, high school students are encouraged to attend the Maunday Thursday service, so there won't be youth that night.

Sunday, April 24, Easter, no middle school youth group.

We're starting to plan summer camps for middle school and high school!



Uncharted Waters Sports Camp has returned!

Theme: "Breaking Free"

Date: Monday through Friday June 20-24, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Ages: 6-12 years of age

Also this year a special program for 4-5 year olds

Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Cheer  
(Possibly flag football)

Location: Blue Mountain Community Church

Cost: \$25.00

Verse: Hebrews 12:1-2 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."*

Registration forms will be available in next month's Connection.



# Connecting to One Another

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## Celebrating April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Bob Branscum       | 16 Allen Alexander   | 9 Don & Carolyn Groat       |
| Gene Cowles          | Pam Gregerson        | 12 Paul & Janice Davisson   |
| Evan Jameson         | Patty Harmon         | 18 Ernie & Gail Silva       |
| David McDaniels      | Ernie Hartl          | 21 Jim & Debi Evans         |
| Dorothy VanStone     | Raymond Kelso        | 21 Marty & Susan Huie       |
| 2 Nicole Houk        | Tracy Shea           | 23 Jeremy & Andrea Pellicer |
| Joyce Paine          | Matt Stephens        | 28 Gary & Kim Burns         |
| Carolee White        | 17 Christopher Eagon |                             |
| 3 Roy Clark          | Kayla Greiner        |                             |
| 4 Devin Howland      | Larry Harris         |                             |
| 6 Parker Eaglestone  | Maddie Redman        |                             |
| Bill Greiner         | 19 Wendy Baird       |                             |
| Ernie Silva          | Ken Paine            |                             |
| Ariel Skifstad       | 20 Timothy Hoppen    |                             |
| 7 Jami Brumbach      | Betty Zier           |                             |
| Marty Huie           | 21 Frank Trapani     |                             |
| Orvil Wilson         | 23 Trey Erb          |                             |
| 9 Vic Phillips       | Paul Howard          |                             |
| 10 Donna Hendricksen | Nya Neissl           |                             |
| Mary Luisi           | Dan Wooton           |                             |
| 12 Kailee Davisson   | 24 Sonia Trapani     |                             |
| 13 Sandy Goodson     | 25 Emily Redman      |                             |
| 14 Kyle Jameson      | 26 Anna Bennett      |                             |
| 15 Dorothy Palmer    | Zeana Miranda        |                             |
|                      | Andrew Paine         |                             |
|                      | 27 Bob Stewart       |                             |
|                      | Bill Whipple         |                             |
|                      | 29 Devin Paine       |                             |
|                      | 30 Robert Rice       |                             |

## April

### At a Glance

- 3 First Impressions Training AFTER SERVICE
- 5 Missions Commission 6:30 PM
- 6 Building and Grounds 6:45 PM
- 7 SAMS 10:00 AM
- Celebrate Recovery Leaders 6:30 PM
- 9 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
- 11 EOD Commission 6:30 PM
- Ark Commission 6:30 PM
- CE Commission 6:30 PM
- Worship Commission 6:30 PM
- 12 Quilter's Guild 6:00 PM
- Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 PM
- 14 MOPS 9:00 AM
- 21 SAMS 10:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM
- 23 Ethiopian Fundraiser Dinner 6:00 PM
- 25 The WELL 6:30 PM
- 24 MOPS 9:00 AM

Our mission is to lead people  
into a growing relationship with  
Jesus Christ.

## Walla Walla Missions

by Joyce Paine

When you hear the word “missionaries” our tendency is to think of missionaries in a foreign country, serving the Lord. This month our focus will be on the missionaries and ministry work going on right here in the Walla Walla Valley that our church body, through Faith Promise and our 10% giving, supports.

*“The Christian Aid Center offers nutritious meals and shelter in a safe, caring environment to men as well as women and children. We have 12 units for families and 31 for men to assist their path to recovery and independence.*

*In 2010 CAC sheltered 197 different men and 130 different family members. Meals are served to both residents as well as anyone else in our community that desires a meal. Over 34,000 meals were served!*

*Though spiritual guidance is the primary focus with our guests, the Christian Aid Center Staff work closely with many of the agencies in the Walla Walla Valley that offer services to the homeless.*

*Donations of time, finances, supplies and the continuous prayers of our supporters help to offer this vital ministry to the homeless in our community.”*

by Jason Wicklund, Executive Director

Birthright of Walla Walla is an emergency pregnancy service that ministers to women and their unborn children. The goal at Birthright is to provide the love and support women and girls need to carry their babies to term. The Birthright volunteers’ prayer is that the people coming through the doors of their house at 609 W Birch Street (across

the street from The Iceburg) will feel God’s love and realize the value of their unborn child.

Helpline’s mission is to affirm the worth of every person, address the needs of individuals, families & our community and advocate for positive life transformation. They fulfill this by assisting individuals and families on an emergency basis with food, clothing, prescriptions, transportation, utilities, short-term shelter, homeless prevention rental assistance, infant-care needs and referrals for crisis advocacy and counseling.

In addition to serving as an emergency food bank for needy families, Helpline provides screening and voucher referral for food services at three other area food banks. Helpline coordinates with a wide variety of social services to ensure needs are met without duplication of services. Wendy shared with us that in February they helped 1738 people.

We support Matt & Angela Rajnus of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Whitman College. Quoting them from a recent newsletter *“God brings us students from a variety of spiritual backgrounds: Disciples of Christ, nominal Christians, curious Agnostics, Atheists, Buddhists, just to name a few. We continue to love the privilege of co-laboring with him in developing lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ. Every day we see students transformed by our Everlasting Father. These awesome young adults will go on to be our world’s next generation of leaders. Leaders that we pray will KNOW Christ and impact our world for God’s eternal purposes.”*

Isn’t it exciting to see how our money is used in our community! Your prayer support is also important as these ministries are God’s hands and feet in our community.

