



The Connection

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A New Thing?

by Pastor Jim

“It’s a new day!” A phrase like that can seem trite after a while. Especially after you have seen a few new days come and go as any church with 112 years of history has. But, I know that it really is a new day for me here in this place and I sense that it can also be a new day for Blue Mountain Community Church as well. The words of the prophet Isaiah seem to echo in my mind:

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Now the funny thing about a new day is that yesterday’s troubles aren’t always gone when you wake up. Sometimes they are waiting to greet you. And we discover that God often chooses not to rescue us but requires us to work our way out of the hole we have dug. Most often he is willing to help or send someone to help but we never seem to be able to avoid consequences. Maybe the major difference is not the old trouble but the attitude with which we approach the trouble. Have you

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Dear Sponsors

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. I thank God because of you. I thank you so much for your great support because of my studies at Kima International School of Theology. May God bless you abundantly as you stand with me.

The knowledge at KIST has improved me in the ministry. It has made me to have courage and confidence with the word of God and has made me to be of great impact to my family and the church at large. And I trust God that through this in the ministry I will reach out to the nations spreading the gospel according to Matthew 28:19-20, to fulfill God's will.

God BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Yours Sincerely



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ever noticed how a different attitude makes you look at a problem with a whole new set of eyes? And often a new set of eyes sees solutions we have been missing all along.

As a church you have come through some difficult times. The good news is that we are emerging on the other side of those times. That said, we are not out of the woods. We still have the difficult task of simplifying the systems of the church so we are not tripping all over each other any longer. After that comes the more difficult task of seeking God's vision for this church in the next season of our life; and finally working to bring that vision to fruition. In any case, I am content to "forget the former things" and step back and watch to see what this "new thing" God is doing will look like.



Board Notes

by Bret Larreau and Jerry Dickinson

As your Board of Elders we sense a new hope with the arrival of Pastor Jim. As we work with Jim, we trust you will pray that the Lord instills his vision and direction for BMCC in each of our hearts. Here are a few recent items of business:

- * The pew cushions were cleaned.
- * The Building and Grounds Commission is installing an exterior surveillance system.
- * The Board authorized the formation of a committee to study needed changes to the bylaws and church policies.
- * Pastor Jim is praying and contemplating what his future staff will look like.
- * Two new furnaces were installed in the worship center.
- * The prayer room has been refurbished and we encourage you to stop in and dedicate this area for the purpose of meeting with God.
- * We ask for your prayers as BMCC researches ways to meet the needs in our Children's Department.

Events for Newcomers

by Julie Caton

Have you noticed all the new faces around BMCC lately? Are you one of them? If so, we welcome you and want you to have a chance or two to get to know who we are and how we roll. On May 15th, at 5:30 PM, we want you to come to dessert with the staff and get to know us as people and ask any questions you may have about BMCC, the Bible, being a Christian, or any other thing you've been wanting to know and unable to find who to ask. This is your chance. We hope you'll join us.

The following Thursday night, the worship team is hosting a similar event so you can find out who they are, what they do, and how you could be a part of it. This is not just for musicians or people who like to sing. They want to find sound and video technicians, people who are good with computers, visual or dramatic artists, and anyone with a passion to use their gifts to worship our great God. Come May 19th at 6:30 PM to find out more.

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.

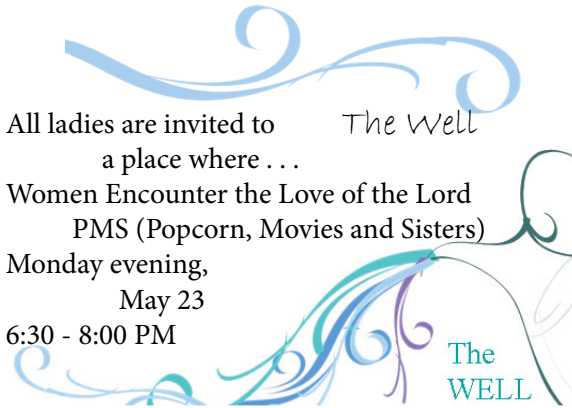
Senior Adult Ministries meets May 5h and 19th at 10:00 AM. Anyone 55 years or older is welcome to come and see what they're all about. Laughter is the best medicine. Come join in the fun and fellowship.

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All are invited
Saturday Morning, May 14
8:00 AM



All ladies are invited to *The Well*
a place where . . .
Women Encounter the Love of the Lord
PMS (Popcorn, Movies and Sisters)
Monday evening,
May 23
6:30 - 8:00 PM



Better Moms Make A Better World
MOMS
Mothers of Preschoolers
Mothers of Preschoolers and MOMSNext meet
May 12th and 26th
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.



Youth News

by Ken Paine

Over spring break, 21 students and three adults took a day trip to Spokane to play lasertag. This was a great trip for building unity in the youth group and just to have fun. However, I think we need to teach the kids more about respecting their elders (I got one of the lowest scores the last game).

We're looking at scheduling a middle school event and a high school event in May, but as of the time of writing this article, nothing has been solidified.

The high school summer camp is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 30 thru Wed, Aug 3. The middle school camp will be some time in mid to late July.

I've talked to the Agrellases in Guatemala about a high school mission trip in 2012 to work with them, and they're excited to visit with us this summer to lay the groundwork for the trip. This trip will be a chance for our students to help out those less fortunate than us, and to see living conditions in a third-world country. Those that go on the trip will be expected to be involved in fundraising and team-building activities.

I'm cutting back office hours to every other Wednesday afternoon from 1 – 5. Call me at 386-4959 or check with the office if you want to meet with me for any reason.

If you have any interest in helping out with youth activities regularly or even occasionally, please contact me. We can always use more help. And please keep praying for our youth and the youth of this valley.

What's Happening at. . .

In April, we opened registration for the Fall and Summer Camp



programs. We held an Open House for the public on Wed., April 20th and Tues., April 26th from 4:30—6:00. Families visited The Ark and met the teachers and toured the facility.

The month of April we had many fun activities planned. The first week, during Spring break, we had Crazy Days. We also had a Spiritual Emphasis week. Three days during Spring break all the classes combined for “chapel.” There were field trips to the Whitman Planetarium, the Library and to Pioneer Park to look for signs of Spring. We also had an Egg Hunt and Preschool Song presentation.

Graduation is coming and we are planning to recognize and honor our high school, college and post college graduates. Please submit a baby picture and recent photo, as well as a paragraph of where they're graduating from and what their plans are for the future to the office by May 23rd.



Connecting to One Another

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Celebrating May Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Ken Jurgensen | |
| 2 Linda Cline | 17 Jared Burns |
| Teresa Maxwell | Timothy Goodwin |
| 4 Skip Harrold | Jarod Mings |
| Joshua McDaniels | Adora Osborne |
| 5 Bettie Baker | 19 Dora Wilson |
| Cody Turner | 20 Spencer Conwell |
| 6 Darby Clark | Dianne Mosher |
| 9 Frank Aichele | Joelie Voeks |
| 10 Bev Kuljis | 21 Dina Anderson |
| 11 Kris Eagon | Lin Myers |
| Tanner Gorze | Andrew Somers |
| Maggie Miranda | Chelsey Wood |
| Christene Thrasher | 25 Beverly Lemons |
| 12 Anna Rice | Bernice Shivley |
| Herb Smeed | 27 Dave Hale |
| Maranatha Snider | Vonda Rand |
| 13 Cy Barnes | 28 Brenda Jones |
| 14 Ed Voss | 31 Jennifer Edwards |
| 15 Alec Carrera | Donnette Filan |
| Frankie Weed | Jerry Musick |
| 16 Cindy Blair | Donna Raugust |
| Judi Easton | |
| Kelly Hutcherson | |
| Joan Owens | |

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| 4 Michael & Wendy Baird |
| 7 John & Betty Hamby |
| 17 Bob & Diane Benfield |
| 25 Jim & Cindy Tackett |

May

At a Glance

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| 2 | All Budget Proposals due to office |
| 3 | Missions Commission 6:30 PM |
| 4 | Building and Grounds 6:45 PM |
| 5 | SAMS 10:00 AM |
| | Celebrate Recovery Leaders 6:30 PM |
| 9 | Ark Commission 6:00 PM |
| | EOD Commission 6:30 PM |
| | CE Commission 6:30 PM |
| | Worship Commission 6:30 PM |
| 10 | Quilter's Guild 6:00 PM |
| | Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 PM |
| 12 | MOPS 9:00 AM |
| 14 | Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM |
| 15 | Newcomers' Dessert 5:30 PM |
| 19 | SAMS 10:00 AM |
| | Music Night 6:30 PM |
| 20 | Pastoral Care Commission 8:30 AM |
| 23 | The WELL 6:30 PM |
| 26 | MOPS 9:00 AM |
| 27 | Annual Reports Due |
| 29 | All Church Campout |
| 30 | Office Closed for Memorial Day |

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

Vacation Bible School
June 20-24, 2011

9:00 AM- 12:15 PM
For children 4-12
Years of Age
Cost: \$25

Scholarships Available

Register Today
by mailing this form to:

BMCC
928 Sturm Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Sports Camp Registration Medical Release Form

For Office Use Only	
Paid: Cash / Check #	_____
Form signed	_____
Entered on roster	_____

Registration Form

Circle Your Choice (only choose one):

Soccer Basketball Cheer Football Team 45

Shirt Size: YXS YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

NAME		AGE	GRADE	BIRTHDATE / /	CIRCLE ONE M F
ADDRESS				HOME PHONE	
CITY	STATE	ZIP		CELL OR DAYTIME PHONE	
PARENT(S) NAME			EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE #		
ALLERGIES/HEALTH ISSUES			HOME CHURCH		

Medical and Liability Release

We realize that no activity is without the possibility of unforeseen hazards which could result in injury to an individual. As a parent or guardian, you are to be aware of your responsibility to instruct your child of the importance of conduct which will insure safety and enjoyable time while participating in this activity. By signing this form, you, as a parent, guardian or other responsible party, agree to assume the risks and hazards which are inherent in this kind of activity. You also agree to absolve and hold harmless the sponsoring organizations and their representatives for damage, loss or injuries to the child for whom you sign.

I further give my permission for the use of any photo or likeness of my child to be used by the sponsoring organizations for their use in promotional materials.

I give my child, _____, permission to participate in this activity, and give my permission to the leaders of this function to authorize any treatment deemed necessary by a licensed physician due to accident or illness during this activity.

Parent's / Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____



Quick Connect



Newcomers' Dessert

May 15 5:30 PM

Meet the staff and learn more about BMCC.

Music Night

May 19 6:30 PM

Learn about the worship team and how YOU can be a part.



All Church Campout

May 29-30

Come spend the night camping together as a church family. Food, campfires, the makings of a great memory.



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