



# The Connection

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## Team with Ministries to support a Special Mission

by Julie Caton

The Ark school and our MOPS group are putting together shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and want you to join them. Through this project, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, millions of children receive gift-filled shoe boxes and hear the Gospel through Christian literature and follow-up discipleship programs. The children who receive these boxes are from war-torn, poverty stricken, third world or disaster-stricken areas. Many of the children have never received a gift before. If you would like to donate items (see suggestions on page 3), place them in a box at Ministry Central by November 7th. You can also donate money (specify OCC on your check or envelope). Each box costs about \$7 to deliver. If you would like to make a box as a family, home group, or by yourself, bring it to church on November 14th, where we will dedicate these boxes and pray over them before they begin their journey.



On page 3 you will find a list of suggested items for boxes, as well as labels for boxes you may choose to make.

## Tina Houser, Pastor Ray's Wife, to lead the "Kids First" Workshop at Blue Mountain, November 13

BMCC is excited about children's ministry! We are in the midst of doing some new things to help children understand and accept the good news about Jesus. As we begin this new day, we are privileged to host a nationally known children's ministry leader: Tina Houser. Her ideas have been "battle tested" in her 20+ years as a children's pastor. She is the author of seven books on children's ministry, the editor of "K!" children's ministry leadership magazine, writer of the new on-line children's church curriculum, "The Kitchen." Tina has been a breakout presenter at INCM's National Children's Pastors' Conferences the last five years, and at the D6 Conference last month. Last June she was the featured speaker, at the North American Church of God Convention Children's Ministry Seminar.



Here are the sessions we are offering:

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# Connecting to Life Stories

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## **Creative Storytelling:**

You Can Tell It So They Hear It

## **Learning to be Creative:**

Find new Creative Juices in Yourself

## **Lassoing the Energy of Your Kids:**

Turning the Fidgets into Enthusiasm

## **Multiple Intelligences:**

Teaching So All Your Kids Can Learn



You will want all the people you know who work with children to be with us on Saturday, November 13, for this great event. Sessions start at 9:00 AM (doors open at 8:30) and continue until 3:30 PM. The cost for Blue Mountain people is just \$5, and that includes lunch.

Want to know more about Tina? Check out her website: [www.tinahouser.net](http://www.tinahouser.net), or her blog: [www.tinapoint.blogspot.com](http://www.tinapoint.blogspot.com).

Here are a few things people are saying about Tina and her workshops:

*"I really enjoyed the workshop and got so many great ideas. You are such a joy to listen to and your energy is contagious! (I could hardly sleep that first night!) Our team left encouraged and excited."*

- Tammy Jones Cover Creek Baptist Church



*"I have done kids' ministry for over 10 years and I had really lost my passion. I went to CPC and told God, 'I either need to get it back here or you need to release me from children's ministry' (I do it as a volunteer.) I want you to know that God used you to reignite my fire. Thanks so much."*

- Pam Gerdes, LaGrande, OR

Reserve your place in the Kid's First Workshop, by e-mailing [bulletin@bluemountainchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@bluemountainchurch.com), or by calling 509-529-1212.

## Leadership Lifter Workshop: Restructuring for Growth

Learn about New Structural Concept for Blue Mountain Church on November 20. At the last annual business meeting the church voted to move to the governance model for its structure. The new model should make the church more agile so that it can respond to opportunities more quickly. This is a big change and the transition will take time. To help church leaders and interested members become more familiar with what the governance concept is all about, the Board of Elders has asked Pastor Ray to teach this leadership lifter workshop on Saturday, November 20 from 9 -11:30 AM. He will further explain the structure we are developing and give you an opportunity to ask questions.

## Operation Christmas Child Gift suggestions

**Toys:** Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instruments. For boys trucks and cars, for girls dolls, clip on earrings etc.

**Educational supplies:** Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

**Hygiene items:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel etc.

**Other items:** Sweets (sell by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

**No thanks,** these items should not be included...

No food -- especially chocolate. Only exception, non- chocolate sweets are allowed.

No medicine or vitamins of any kind.

No war related items: Toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind.

No clothing other than listed above.

No fragile items: Glass containers, mirrors.

No liquids: including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols.

No dangerous items: Any sharp objects, scissors or razors.

Nothing of a political nature.

No hand knitted stuffed toys without a CE mark.

Shoe Box Labels

Mark the correct age category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old



# BOY



Mark the correct age category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old



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# 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 November 4th and 18th at 10 AM in Baker Hall. They have a speaker or movie, then pot-luck lunch. 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 men are invited  
Saturday Morning, November 13  
8:00 AM

**MEN'S**  
BREAKFAST

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

home groups

FIND A PLACE RIGHT WHERE YOU FIT AND START GROWING TODAY.

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.

All ladies are invited to *The Well*  
a place where . . .  
Women Encounter the Love of the Lord  
*Stone Soup*  
Monday evening,  
November 15th  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
*The WELL*

Better Moms Make A Better World

Mothers of Preschoolers

Mothers of Preschoolers and MOMSNext meet November 11th from 9-11 AM in Baker Hall. They exist to encourage and equip mothers. Guests are always welcome! Contact Shannon Naftzger at 876-1302.

**MOMS**  
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## Youth – Whazzup!

by Ken Paine

BMCC has lots happening in the youth group. We want all middle and high school students to get involved in drawing closer to Jesus.

At the end of September the high school group traveled to Lake Cle Elum for a retreat. They canoed, played on the beach, looked at the stars, played games, ate, and most importantly, spent time studying the road signs along God's highway. We had some great discussions and the group really bonded during the three day retreat.

We're starting a Bible memorization program in youth to establish a base for the future. We'll be starting with the books of the New Testament, the books of the Old Testament, Psalm 23, the 10 Commandments, and the Roman Road. More verses will be added in the future.

We have the following activities scheduled for the next few weeks:

Sunday mornings, 9:00AM

Sunday School (6 – 12th grade)

Sunday evenings, 6:00 – 7:30PM

Middle School youth group

Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30PM

High School youth group

Thursday, Nov 4 – 8:00PM

Setup for Festival of Gifts

Saturday, Nov 6 – 4:30 – 8:00PM

Tear down from Festival of Gifts, games, food

Saturday, Nov 20 – 5:30 - 9:00PM

Party at Roy's house

Thursday, Nov 25, no high school youth group -

Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov 28, no middle school – all-church

Hanging of the Greens

I wanted clear up some questions about where sixth graders fit into the youth group. We've decided that sixth graders will be considered middle schoolers for Sunday School and Middle School youth group, along with any events we have. An exception will be events where there's a space limitation, in which case seventh and eighth graders will have priority.



## Start the Christmas Season with Hanging of the Greens Worship Service November 28

At 6:00 PM on the first Sunday of Advent we will share in a fun worship service. It is a time of learning about the various symbols of Christmas that we use to decorate the sanctuary and our homes. Enjoy the music of the season, fun and laughter as we get the season started by remembering the meaning behind all the decorations we often see. After worship we will share our favorite holiday finger foods, so be thinking about the hors d'ouvers, dessert or other snack you want to bring. It will be a great time to don your Christmas sweater or sweatshirt, and enjoy being with your church family.

# Connecting to One Another

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## Celebrating November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|---|--|
| 1 Hallie Adkins<br>Megan Agrellas<br>Harold Benzel<br>Roland Schirman | 21 Sonny Reyburn<br>Blake Woelfle                |
| 2 Shaunna Bennett<br>Wyatt Guse<br>Ryan Harmon                        | 22 Julie Caton<br>Jinny Daniels                  |
| 3 Bettie Freiberg   | 23 Nicolai Carrera                               |
| 4 Shea Matheny  | 24 Kathryn Logosz                                |
| 5 Cameron Mountain  | 25 Tom Fox<br>Donny Hoppen                       |
| 6 Susan Huie<br>Amaris Spence<br>Audrey Wright                        | 26 Daniel Miranda<br>Shirley Musick              |
| 7 Nick Caton<br>Patrick Nachtigall<br>Aaron Tackett<br>Skylar Wood    | 27 Emilia Harris<br>Paul Jones                   |
| 11 Zachary Agrellas<br>John Hamby<br>David Waltner                    | 28 Sue LaFont<br>Tara Krivoshein<br>Rachel Scott |
| 12 Lois Hobbs   | 29 Justin Hutcherson<br>Evelyn Schmidt           |
| 13 Felicia Wachtel  | 30 Elaine Kerby                                  |
| 14 Yvonne Henline<br>Madelyn Pellicer<br>Crystal Wood                 |  |
| 15 Stephanie Harmon<br>Connie Stanley<br>Dorothy Stephenson           |  |
| 17 Karl Dahl<br>Ashley Ramsey   |  |
| 18 Roberta Bardsley<br>Earl Stanley                                   |  |
| 19 Katrina Bender<br>Aaric Easton                                     |  |

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| 1 Harold & Kay Benzel<br>Kevin & Cindy Blair |
| 20 Bill & Barbara Parker                     |
| 24 Rod & Patty Harmon                        |
| 27 Frank & Deanna Aichele                    |

## November

### At a Glance

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|-------|--|
| 3     | Building and Grounds 6:45 PM   |
| 4     | SAMS 10:00 AM<br>Celebrate Recovery Leaders 6:30 PM  |
| 5     | Festival of Gifts 6:00 PM  |
| 6     | Festival of Gifts 9:00 AM  |
| 7     | Daylight Savings Time Ends   |
| 8     | EOD Commission Meeting 6:30 PM<br>Worship Commission Meeting 6:30 PM<br>The Ark Commission Meeting 6:30 PM |
| 9     | Quilter's Guild 6:00 PM  |
| 11    | MOPS 9:00 AM   |
| 12    | Christian Musician Summit  |
| 13    | Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM  |
| 15    | CE Commission Meeting 6:30 PM<br>The WELL 6:30 PM<br>Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 PM                       |
| 16    | Missions Commission 6:30 PM  |
| 15    | SAMS 10:00 AM  |
| 20    | Governance Seminar 9:00 AM   |
| 23    | Ark Thanksgiving Program 11:00 AM  |
| 25-26 | Office Closed for Thanksgiving   |
| 28    | Hanging of the Greens 6:00 PM  |

## News from Cedar Home in Lebanon

By Princess Katherine and Chadi  
"Sitting in Bed"

*Sitting in bed, hearing the rain falling down, up from the sky Sitting in bed, thinking about my life.*

*Sitting in bed, waiting for the years to pass by*

*Sitting, thinking, hearing, waiting, no answer. Time passes and passes and passes. No one gives a damn attention. No one feels what are the hurts in your heart.*

*Sitting in bed, no notice for anybody. You're sick, but you don't care, you're tired but what difference it makes????? :P :P no difference. No change, no love, no mercy, no life, I'm dead, I'm nobody I'm just a sitter in bed, that nobody loves her By nobody :S :S*

The above was written by the newest member of our family at Cedar Home. She was 16 coming from a very harsh and traumatized situation, ran away from home and came to us. A couple weeks later she asked if I would read what she wrote. With tears in my eyes I read - seeing the pain she is going through, wondering what we can do to help, to support, to protect, and to ease her pain. I felt helpless. I paused and let out a silent prayer for God to intervene. But what can I say to someone who signs her name "nobody." Katherine looked at me and said, "What do you think?" "Not sure what to say," I replied. "No need to say anything. I already received an answer," she said. She paused and then asked me to turn the page and read on. I did and the following was written on the back of the same paper.

*God talking,*

*Katherine, you're my daughter, you're my sweetie, my lovely cute doll. You told me that you want to be remade. You told me you love me. You told me that I'm the only one that cares about you. You prayed*

*everyday but you thought that no one hears you, but you're wrong, I do hear you every day, and I do care what you pray, but I ask you to be straight, to listen to my voice in your heart. Try, don't give up, I'll always be by your side, I will always hold you in my arms, I will not disappoint you, because you're my dear daughter, you're special and you are strong to pass by every pain and every problem, you'll do that. Don't give up, keep on praying, and don't forget to listen to the voice in your heart that will lead you to heaven's way.*

I was quiet again. The Holy Spirit had gone before me and directly spoke to Katherine. "This is not you writing" I commented. She said, "Yes it is me. See, same handwriting." I said, "It is your hand that is writing. But God, through the Holy Spirit, moved your hand to talk to you directly. He saw your pain, came down into your hand, and spoke to you."

I shared with her about a former Cedar Home girl who believed that since God is the King of Kings that makes her a princess and that is how she always signs her name (Princess Camilia). The next day Katherine came to me and showed me the same paper again. This time she had put a line through "Nobody" and wrote "Princess Katherine."

Katherine is still recuperating from her trauma. The pain is not completely gone. But she is moving forward day by day. We at Cedar Home, with God's grace, are trying to provide a safe and nurturing environment for her to grow in. Please pray for her and for us to have strength and perseverance to continue the journey forward.

*Blue Mountain Community Church supports the Cedar Home Orphanage through Faith Promise giving.*

# Quick Connect



## **Fall Festival of Gifts**

Baker Hall

Friday, November 5th

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 7th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOTS of vendors!! LOTS of Gifts!!

LOTS of fun!!

Spaghetti Luncheon

served from 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM



## **Hanging of the Greens**

November 28th

6:00 PM

Bring your whole family for this  
super special kickoff of advent!

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