



The Connection

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Youth Ministries

by Ken Paine

February is going to be a busy month for our youth group. On Sunday, Feb 5 we'll be having a Superbowl party. We'll have food, games (including those on the Xbox Kinect, ultimate Frisbee, basketball, jumpy castle, nerf wars, even board games). We may or may not turn on the football game. Bring snacks to share.

We'll be leaving for the high school winter retreat after school on Thursday, Feb 16, and returning Saturday, Feb 18. The retreat will be at a cabin by Lake Cle Elum. Bring snow gear for inner tubing and sledding. Cost is \$25. See me to get more information and sign up for the trip.

On Saturday, Feb 25, all middle and high school girls are invited to travel to Spokane to go to the Revolve Tour, a special one-day conference just for girls. Contact Andrea Pellicer or me for more information.



I'd like to have a middle school winter retreat the weekend of March 9 - 11, but need at least one parental unit, preferably two (at least one mom-type) to help me with the trip. We would probably leave Thursday evening after school and return Saturday afternoon. Please contact me if you're interested in helping, or have middle school students who are interested in going on the trip.

Keep praying for the kids in our church and in this valley. They have many challenges to face, and need our prayers and guidance as they grow in Christ.



Ken and Judy Jurgensen are cutting fabric at last month's Parachute Party. Over thirty people gathered to make 96 parachutes. The Mission team is sending one hundred parachutes to Voice of the Martyrs in Colombia.



Searching for Vision

by Pastor Jim

Where there is no vision, the people perish
Proverbs 29:18a (KJV)

It is hard to believe that I have served as your pastor for nearly a year now. In that time much of the governance structure is finally beginning to take shape. You will hear more about that on Jan 29th at the Business Meeting. One of the things I promised you when I came here was that I wouldn't come in with a pre-packaged vision for Blue Mountain Community Church. Instead I told you that I wanted to take my time and find out "what planet I landed on first." But as we start 2012, I have become keenly aware that the time has come for us to begin to seek God together for His vision for BMCC.

The church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to "Go make disciples." Our mission and message remain the same; however, our methods can and will change depending on a multitude of internal and external dynamics. Since we find ourselves in an ever-changing cultural environment that is filled with new opportunities and new challenges we highly value leadership and structure that can keep up with change and remain flexible to ensure that we are accomplishing our God given mission.

Vision is everything to a church! A church that truly owns a clear, compelling and pow-

erful vision becomes a dynamic force. People are drawn to it for many reasons. But a church that lacks a vision is a different story. Craig Groeschel says "Without a compelling vision the organization is quickly pulled off center. People get confused, distracted, and bored. Without even noticing, the original mission fades and the organization drifts."

Churches need to revisit their vision on a regular basis during the best of times. But there is no more critical time to refine vision than after a congregation has emerged from a period of crisis or conflict and begun to find herself again. But seeking God's vision is a process that takes intentionality, prayer, imagination and time. In the end, anything less than God's vision for us is just not good enough. This process will bring unity and energy that builds excitement about the good things to come.

This year as we begin to seek a fresh vision for BMCC we will be coordinating some seasons of prayer and fasting as well as some cooperate dreaming sessions. In God's timing we will begin to see His vision for us emerge. And then we will become the church that he sees we can become. Please commit with me to begin to seek God for his vision for us.

A Fresh Start

by Pete Erb

CR is a great way to begin the year.

CR is Celebrate Recovery but, at its core CR is Celebrating Relationships. Jesus calls us all to greater relationship. Following the teachings of Jesus we are brought closer to Jesus and God as well as a greater, more real, influence of the Holy Spirit.

However, for many of us this relationship is blocked, or hampered

by a greater need. It is the Matthew 6:24 question of the two masters. This scripture plainly discusses money...actually Money since we are raising it up to God-like heights, but I ask you to insert your obsession here. Some of these obstructions are clear to us (and others): Food, Alcohol, Drugs, Earthly Relationships, Material Possessions, Notoriety and on and on...

All of these block our ability to get into real relationships with God but also to get into real relationships with those around us at home, school, office and (of course) church.

Celebrate Recovery allows everybody a place to find instruction, taken from the word of

God and real, life experience testimonies. These two courses of instruction allow those exposed to find the way deep into their own lives and around their obstructions in groups of same-sex people who are similarly committed to confidential yet open communication of their fears and openly airing the identified obstructions to relationship that have developed in their lives.

Come and Celebrate Relationships! Find depth, freedom and joy in the release of your hurts, habits and hang-ups. We currently offer two very broad groups; men and women. As we grow we will create more specific groups. In the past CR at Blue Mountain Community Church has offered groups for the Chemically Dependent, Co-dependent, Sexual Addiction, Anger, Food Addiction and others. When I first came to CR I came to support another because I did not have a need, I thought. For me the honest and safe sharing was just what I was looking for.

Celebrate Recovery is open to all. Come once a month; come for half of the meeting...make CR work for you. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. We offer CR101 -- an orientation that is proctored by our local CR senior leadership team. We alternate weeks of teaching lessons and hearing testimonies and every 4th Tuesday we share a meal at 6:00 PM for \$3.00 a person. Questions? Call or e-mail Pete (509) 301-9219 or petert1965@msn.com.

Connecting to Ministries

Life Groups

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

Senior Adult Ministries meets February 2nd and 16th 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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Better Moms Make A Better World



Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS exists to encourage and equip moms of preschoolers. All moms are welcome.

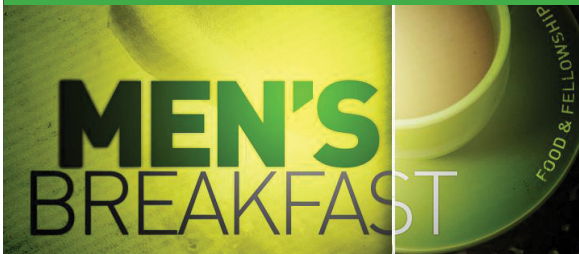
MOPS meets February 9th and 23rd from 9-11 AM in Baker Hall. Contact Lauren Kruzsewski at bmccmops@gmail.com for more information.

MOMSNext is designed to meet the unique needs of moms of school age kids. MOMSNext meets February 1st and 15th from 9- 11 AM at the leader's home. Guests are always welcome! contact Penny Baslee at baslee21@yahoo.com for more information.



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

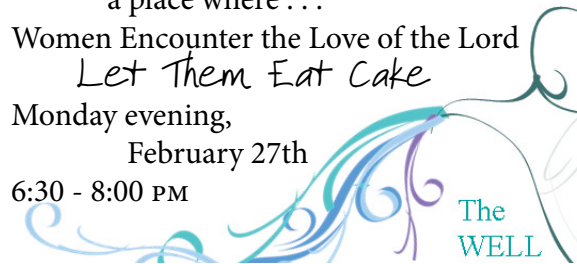
All are invited
Saturday Morning, February 11
8:00 AM



All ladies are invited to *The Well*
a place where . . .

Women Encounter the Love of the Lord
Let Them Eat Cake

Monday evening,
February 27th
6:30 - 8:00 PM



An Inside View of Kids Ministry

by Kathy Nelson

January 1st began a new chapter in Children's Ministry. That morning families worshiped together in the sanctuary as we kicked off our new format. I must say that my favorite moment of that morning was seeing families share communion together. It is a beautiful thing to watch families worship God.

When the kids leave the service, preschool kids go to their classrooms and have fun learning about God through the Bible and other fun activities that reach them at their level. The kids in grades K-3rd move through a few stations. The Teaching Station consists of a worship song lead by an amazing group of talented teenagers followed by the Bible teaching. The Link It station is the place where the kids get to participate in an activity that ties into what they are learning that day. We close the morning with table activities which allows the adult leaders to connect with the children and build relationships. It is a ton of fun!

The other exciting addition is the 4th and 5th grade group. They do not move through stations. Instead they spend the time with their leaders learning about God through the Bible and through personal application. They still get to play games that kids that age find fun while bonding with each other and their leaders.

I am so grateful to God for what He is doing in the lives of families at BMCC.

The Nexus- where parents find focus

by Kathy Nelson

On February 5th we will be offering an interactive presentation on nutrition and how to prepare healthy meals and snacks. Our very own Leslie Snyder will be sharing her knowledge and expertise in this area. We will be taking the first 30 people who come down to the fellowship hall after the end of the worship service. Lunch will be provided as it will be a part of the presentation! Bring the whole family for this delicious event.

For more information contact Kathy Nelson at kathy@bluemountainchurch.com.

What's Happening at . . .

Our community service project for the month of February will be helping out the Blue Mountain



by Candy Whittaker

Humane Society. The children will be making puppy treats to present to the BMHS. The Preschoolers will have a visitor from the Humane Society as well as a field trip to a veterinarian clinic to learn about the proper care for pets. The After school children will also have a visitor from BMHS and talking about how they can care for animals of all kinds.

We will also have a Valentine party with parents this month. Children and parents will decorate cookies and make valentines together.

Connecting to One Another

Celebrating February Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Jamie Nachtigall
Elissa Stites
Nick Swisher | 17 Davin Sands
Jack Sands |
| 2 Peter Erb | 19 Ed Hendricksen
Esmerelda Spence |
| 3 Alex Carias
Scott Haen
Rose Paul
Levi Sands
Evelyn Wallace | 20 Terry Burner
Zachery Harris
Sarah Wood |
| 5 Amanda Gorze
Walter Zier | 22 Brenda VanDonge
24 Kaeldra Caton |
| 7 Rebecca Mize | 25 Paula Hoppen |
| 8 Abby Larreau
Jessica Tanner
Adam Voss | 27 Polly Josifek
Jackie Kuljis
Darlene Mings
Rich Young |
| 9 Leanne Howard | 28 Gail Johnson
Erika Swenson |
| 10 Dan Kilmer | |
| 12 Kathy Wood | |
| 13 Emily Apsley | |

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| 7 Gordon & Nancy Jennings |
| 14 Mark & Mary Ellen Farr
Bill & Mary Luisi |
| 20 Bill & Christene Thrasher |
| 21 Steve & Rebecca Mize |
| 22 Don & Lee Lynch |
| 28 Mike & Kriss Pettyjohn |

February

At a Glance

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| 2 | SAMS 10:00 AM
Celebrate Recovery Leaders 6:30 PM |
| 3 | Leadership Essentials 6:00 AM |
| 5 | Nexus after service |
| 7 | Missions Commission Meeting 6:30 PM |
| 9 | MOPS 9:00 AM |
| 11 | Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM |
| 13 | CE Commission Meeting 6:30 PM |
| 14 | Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 PM
Quilter's Guild 7:00 PM |
| 16 | SAMS 10:00 AM
High School Retreat |
| 20 | Ken Davis Concert 7:00 pm |
| 23 | MOPS 9:00 AM |

Every Week

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| Sunday | Nova 5:00 PM
Middle School Youth 6:30 PM |
| Tuesday | Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday | Bible Class 6:30 PM |
| Thursday | Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 5:30 PM
Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM |

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

Hope

by Kandee Hoppen

The definition of hope, according to Webster's dictionary is: (1) To cherish a desire with expectation of fulfillment (hope to succeed) (hope for peace). (2) To long for with expectation of attainment. (3) To expect with desire: Trust.

The definition of mission is: (1) A ministry commissioned by a religious organization to spread its faith or carry on humanitarian work. (2) A course of sermons and services given to convert to or quicken Christian faith.

Have you ever been in the need for some hope? The Missions Commission is hoping to bring some families, who need it desperately by sponsoring the "Hope" house through the Christian Aid Center. The main purpose with the sponsorship of this home is to help transition families who have hit hard times, whether it was due to loss of job, recovering from drugs or alcohol, divorce, an unhealthy relationship, get back on their feet.

Why would we want to do this, since the majority of our missions support is outside of the country? Missions also means helping people locally, whether it's financially, spiritually, or whatever the need may be.

How can you help? Continue supporting Faith Promise and Missions financially and in prayer. If you would like to help "hands on," you can ask any of the members of the Mission Commission, Dan Kilmer, Vic Phillips, Jean Bell, Joyce Paine, Yvonne Henline, Dee Haun or Kandee Hoppen.



Quick Connect

a ken davis comedy concert



Get your tickets at events.kendavis.com

Nexus

February 5th

AFTER SERVICE

Make healthy superbowl
snacks while learning
about nutritious meals.



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