



Valley Baptist Church Newsletter
July 2007

From the Pastor's Desk

One of our newer folks recently asked me over coffee, "What is your vision for the church?" I thought you might like to "hear" my answer....

My vision is to keep building a vision among our church members to turn our attention outward to the lost world. The church is a place where believers sharpen and strengthen each other in order to go out the rest of the week and live for Christ and make Him known. I want to see us growing in our sharing of the Gospel and expanding the "entry points" for hearing God's Word. For example, you might want to open your home for a Bible study and invite your neighbors. I would be thrilled to help you. Or maybe you might start a lunchtime Bible study at work aimed at reaching your lost co-workers. Again, I would love the chance to help you. Look around. How could God use you to get the Word out?

In order to strengthen the believers at our church services, our church meetings need to be a haven or a refuge, a place where the church family gathers to be challenged and equipped by the Word of God. We need to trust each other. We need to extend grace to one another, especially newer folks. We need a place where people can make mistakes, spill something, sit in the "wrong" seat, break something.... you get the picture.

In preparation for an upcoming seminar in my degree program I read a simple, yet profound truth – "People are not looking for a friendly church; they are looking for friends." How true that is! How many times have you seen "friendly" churches that never grow? When a guest attends or a new member joins, get to know them, take them to lunch, get their phone number, call them, invite them to your Sunday School class, etc.

I would also envision that our church is one that disciples its body so the body is ready to disciple new members in the future. Just this week I began an early morning, young men's discipleship group. We meet over breakfast and share from our time in the Bible and from our lives. I will then be training and coaching these men in their walks with God and their wives. In time, when God adds new men to our church these men will be ready to repeat the process, serving themselves as the coach. (continued)

I would that our church becomes a world missions center. I desire to see folks leaving regularly on mission trips across the state and across the world. What a joy this will be for all of us.

I picture families, broken and whole being strengthened and loved and encouraged.

I picture you! You have been added to this body of believers on purpose, and with a purpose. As I seek to call you out to serve the Kingdom in the ways God intended, help me out. Beat me to the punch and approach me with what God is saying to you about how He would use you in His Kingdom.

Recently, I read in Isaiah 32 about the coming destruction of the Lord in that day. The last verses, though refer to the restoration God would bring. Verse 20 says, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters....." I believe God wants us to sow during every phase of our church's journey. Now is the time to get out of the church and into the harvest.

Thankful to be your pastor,

Ronny

Vacation Bible School – WOW! What a great week! Thanks to Kelly Menne and ALL the VBS workers, cookie makers, van-loaners, decorators, and on and on!

❖ Music Ministry

Choir rehearsals begin in September! This is a great time to join the choir and use your voice and your smile for the Lord!

❖ Discipleship Training

Come join Jim Hildabrand on Sunday evenings at 5:30 as he leads the study of Baptist doctrines, "Foundations of the Faith."

❖ Women's Ministries

Tickets for the Women of Faith Conference will be ordered July 6th. If you are interested in attending this event October 12-13, see Carrol Bowerman ASAP.

Ladies Night Out has been moved to Monday, July 30th. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and carpool to Izzys in Newberg. Mark your calendar with the new date and plan to join us for an evening of food and fellowship! A sign up sheet will be available so I can let the restaurant know how many will be attending.

Koinonia Women's Conference for women ages 12 and up will be held at Clackamas Valley Baptist Church in Estacada on Saturday, August 4th, 9 am to 3 pm. Featured guests will be Marianne Wille, Cheree Jones, Debbie Jones, and Amber Wilson. Admission is free. An offering will be taken at the event to cover costs. It will be an outside event under the big tent. Bring a friend, your Bible, paper, pen, lawn chair and/or blanket, sack lunch, drinks and cooler, sunglasses

and sunscreen. "Promise Keepers" Men's Ministry will be serving a small lunch. See Carrol Bowerman if you are interested in attending.

VBS Thank You

I want to thank everyone who contributed to crafts for VBS. Your generosity provided enough materials for the entire week. The children enjoyed each project and were very excited as they entered the Craft Cove every day. Special thanks to my excellent assistants: Hannah Cooksey, Elizabeth Hampshire, Catherine Hampshire and Megan Menne. You all have a gift for working with children and I know your interaction with those in attendance added to the joy of craft time.

Carrol Bowerman

❖ Youth & Family News

Operation Backpack: Tuesday July 17th, at 7:00 pm we will host the next meeting for Operation Backpack. We are joining with other churches to get low income children a new backpack filled with school supplies and a Bible. More information is coming on how you can be involved in this outreach project.

The old building of our church will be the storage location for Operation Backpack. This is the list of items we are joining with other churches to donate. Look below and see what you might want to contribute and bring it to the church office.

New backpacks (500)
2 Pencils (500 packs)
Colored pencils 12 pk. (500 packs)
3 Ring Binders (500)
Pencil pouch (500)
Elmer's glue (500)
Glue sticks (1,500)
Crayons 24 pk. (500 packs)
Colored markers (500)
Spiral notebooks (1,000)
Composition Books (800)
Scissors (500)
Rulers (500)
Notebook paper (wide ruled) (1,000 packs)
Basic calculator (500)
Erasers (1,000)
Ziploc bags, Gallon size (500 boxes)
Kleenex, large box (500 boxes)
Watercolor paint set (500)

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the Bible is loved and taught,
Homes where the Master's will is sought,
Homes crowned with beauty Your love has wrought;

God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the father is true and strong,
Homes that are free from the blight of wrong,
Homes that are joyous with love and song;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the mother, in caring quest,
Strives to show others Your way is best,
Homes where the Lord is an honored guest;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the children are led to know
Christ in His beauty who loves them so,
Homes where the altar fires burn and glow;
God, give us Christian homes;
God, give us Christian homes!

(God, Give Us Christian Homes; The Baptist Hymnal; 1991, pg. 504)

Bobby

❖ Greetings From the Hostess Committee

We have been busy and we have had lots of help. On June 24th, we hosted the All-Church Pot-luck to welcome the Volunteer Team from Texas. Thanks you go to Bobby and the men for the set-up of tables, Carrol Bowerman at the Beverage Table, the Hampshire family, Hannah Cooksey, and the Menne girls for their help in the kitchen.

I want to thank the team of workers that worked in the Snack Shack during Vacation Bible School and those that made snacks for the children. Wanda Hill, Ruth Taylor, Marian Gadberry, Jean Phillips, Lera Hildabrand and our volunteer from Texas - Deb Stewart.

Parent Night - Vacation Bible School -

Many people to thank and I don't know all of you that brought food and helped. Soo...

THANK YOU! A thank you to Roy and John for preparing the meat, Bobby and Ronny for setting up, Carrol for managing the Beverage Table, Hannah and the volunteer team for preparing the tomatoes, lettuce and onions and finally Wanda Taylor for washing the dishes.

In Christ's Service

Jo Ann Gamble, Hostess Chm.

Upcoming Events

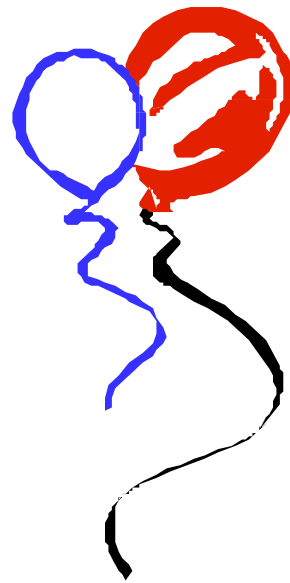
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| July 2 nd | 6:30 pm - Quilting |
| July 4 th | 6:00 pm - Picnic, Block Party, Fireworks
Office Closed |
| July 11 th | 6:30 pm - Business Meeting
Turkey Rama Set-Up |
| July 12 th -14 th | 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Turkey Rama |
| July 15 th | Missionary Speaker - David Browls
Evening Service |
| July 16 th | 6:30 pm - Quilting |
| July 17 th | 7:00 pm - Operation Backpack Meeting (VBC) |
| July 21 st | 7:00 am - Deacons Meeting
9:00 am - Men's Breakfast |
| July 25 th | 9:00 am - Caleb Club Breakfast
Church donations for Operation
Backpack accepted |
| July 30 th | 5:30 pm - Ladies Night Out |

Women's Prayer Time

Wednesday's 10:30 am, at the Cooksey's
All women and girls are welcome to
come for a time of prayer

July Birthday's and Anniversaries

July 1st Alene Hammerschmith
 July 4th John & Rosa May Kentie
 July 9th Nola Stephenson
 July 10th Jack Crabtree
 July 13th Caitlyn Menne
 July 14th Leslie Taylor
 July 19th Charles Haxton
 July 20th Ken Lund
 Dory Watson
 July 21st Jerry & Pat Merilatt
 July 25th Lera Hildabrand
 Matt Sweet
 July 28th Sharon Whiteley
 Tom & Nancy Snow



Have a GREAT “***Jesus Loves You***” special day!!!!

If we have omitted anyone, please let us know, so that we may recognize your birthday and/or anniversary in future newsletters. If you are a newcomer, please let the church office know, so that we can be sure to recognize your birthday and/or anniversary as well.



**Has your home address, phone number, or
your e-mail address changed?
PLEASE keep us posted!**

If you have items for the newsletter, please submit them to the church office by the 20th of the month. macvalleybc@yahoo.com

***Be sure and take a look at our updated church website:
www.macvalleybaptist.org or www.macvalleybaptist.com***