



SBA Weekly News

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Happy 2016 to you all,

It seems just yesterday that Ken and I were new to So. Oregon. It has been an interesting, trying and enjoyable time. The changes just here in Grants Pass have been amazing. Certain times of the day, one just wants to turn right everywhere you go. It just tells me that there is so much work for Him to do.

Our SBA churches are reaching out to their communities in a number of ways. Each community is as different as people are. Is there a personality test for communities? Neighborhoods? How better can we share His love and enlarge His Kingdom? What more do we need to do this year 2016? What do we need to do differently? Is it time to re-think some ministries? Bath it all in prayer!

On Jan 18, 2016 at noon (Lunch is provided) in Eugene at Riviera Baptist Church there will be a coming together of the 5 Associations of Region 4 that touch the I-5 corridor. We met at the NWBC one morning for breakfast and so this is a continuation of that conversation. [See below](#) for further information. I will be going. If anyone wants to car pool with a couple of churches at least, SBA will be able to help with the fuel expense.

Also, [see below](#) some information for our Youth Ministry leadership. "More than Dodgeball - NWBC Youth Ministry Summit" will be February 19 – 20 in Vancouver, WA. This is for volunteer, part-time and full time youth pastors, college/seminary students and spouses (there is a special break-out for youth ministers' wives)

PTL!!!! New Senior Pastor, Charlie and Brooke Granade and their 2 boys have arrived in Rogue River from Alabama. Here is their E-mail - charliegranade@gmail.com.

Jimmie and Barbara Roberts are settling into their retirement in Mexia, TX, here is their information:

6223 FM 39 N; Mexia, TX 76667; The new home phone is: 254-237-2143; Our cell phones remain the same at least for now.

Little Emmelyn Merritt made it home on Christmas Day!! What a fun and beautiful Christmas gift from God!

Nancy

January 2016

January Birthdays and Anniversaries: Please remember to pray for these on their special days.

Peter Allen, 2nd; Ken Goss, 6th; Jeron Allen, 8th; Heidi Merritt, 12th; Daniel Woody, 16th; Cheryl Pearson, 23rd; Nita Kanton, 25th; Jaime Pantoja, 26th

1/?? - Admin Team Meeting -Tap Rock GP 11:30 AM -541-659-7261

1/19 – Region 4 Coalition - Noon at Riviera Baptist Church - Lunch Provided Please see below the full info.

1/31 - 5th Sunday Sing ??

February 2016

February Birthdays and Anniversaries: Please remember to pray for these on their special days.

Stan and Rhonda Smith, 1st; Sean Sullivan, 6th; Ron and Carol Lloyd (ret), 6th; Bev McKinney, 16th; Ron and Jeanette Allen, 16th; Susan Sloan, 19th;

2/14 - Valentine's Day

2/15 – Presidents Day

2/19-20 – More than Dodgeball – NWBC Youth Ministry Summit. Vancouver, WA See below for more information

March 2016

March Birthdays and Anniversaries: Please remember to pray for these on their special days.

Abigale Gates, 3rd; Kaye Craig, 3rd; Linda Darr, 6th; Josué Delgado, 15th; Jim McKinney, 16th; Larry Brons, 17; Addie and Nate Allen, 24th; Peighton Allen, 29th

3/ 4-5 – Youth Retreat Fir Point, Glendale

3/ 6-13 – Week of Prayer for North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Missions Offering

3/13 - Daylight Savings Time – Forward

3/11-12 – MAPs Conference, Vancouver, WA Ministry Assistants – 541-659-7261

3/15 – Story Witnessing Workshop (Margaret Slusher) Medford

3/20 – Palm Sunday

3/27 – Easter Sunday

• Prayer Needs and Praises:

- Let me know if your church has a prayer concern it will be posted here.
- Updates are a great thing.

Home:

Health/travel issues for those in our churches: **Baby Emmelyn** – PTL she made it home on Christmas Day.

Trinity-A Loving church: Linda Darr's Sister in Law has stage 4 cancer, has a 13 year old daughter. Pray for God's will in both of their lives.

SBA:

- **Our churches special needs:**
 - **Nueva Vida** for Jaime and Claudia Pantojas as they reach into the community to encourage encounters with Jesus.
 - **Living Hope Church** for Shawn and Tina Snyder as they step into their community and see where God is leading.
 - **Sixth Street Baptist** as they search for a new pastor.
 - **Grace Baptist Church** as the Granada's settle in and the church and they begin to minister together.
- **Pray for these SBA Pastor's and Wives:**
 - Bruce and Cheryl Pearson, First Baptist, Phoenix
 - Shawn and Tina Snyder, Living Hope, Medford
 - Dwayne and Tammy Johnson
 - Bob and Betty Batte
- Intercede for your pastor and church staff/leaders. Pray their passion for spreading the gospel beyond the church walls and to the nations would spread throughout the congregation
- **Pray for our school children and young adults as they live their faith out before peers and teachers.**
- **For the Admin Team, Fellowship Team, Missions Team, Children & Youth Team as we work to accomplish the task that you have assigned us to do, that we would be unified in what God would have us to do.**
- **SBA teams to be energized with new participants and helpers** – Pray about how you can be serving our churches in our association.
- **For the planning and execution of plans made here in and through SBA and our churches.** That He will be glorified in all that happens and that many would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- **For ministries and outreaches throughout our SBA area that are reaching out to their greater community.** (U-Turn, Lampman Rd; River Valley New Hope Church; Southern Oregon Truck Stop Ministry and others) Want to join them give them a call!
- **For Youth Ministries in our churches:** College Heights, First Baptist, Grace, Lozier Lane, Living Hope, New Horizon, Prospect, Sixth Street, Trinity, River Valley New Hope Church. Those working to encourage Youth attendance in their churches.
- **For our churches that are struggling with both much and lack of growth and financial issues.**

Region 4

- Pastor Tim Foster, First Baptist Myrtle Creek – Had a stroke a couple of days ago. Pray for his recovery, it will be a long time. For the family and church as they help him through.
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary - Jeff Iorg - The next six months will be unlike anything ever experienced by any of us before. We are moving the primary campus of one of the ten largest seminaries in the United States more than 400 miles, while remaining fully operational. Classes are full for the upcoming semester, graduation is scheduled for May, and then the actual move will happen. These will be intense days – emotionally and physically – for all of us. How can you help? First, pray for us.
- Pray that the rural area of region 4 will experience vibrancy and ability to spread the gospel message to every person around them through ministry endeavors. Pray for churches in urban areas to experience the Spirit's leading in reaching people from all backgrounds with the message of the gospel.
- Pray for all the churches in region 4 as they share the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Ask God for specific direction on being the churches He desires. Pray that your own church will be a community where people find hope and healing in the Lord. (from NWBC Prayer Guide)
- Pray that there would be the funds to train our folks who are coming to be church planters. That there would be funds to help them with their travels and moves.

Region 4 Church Plants: Pray for these Pastors, their leadership teams and the many partners helping to start and grow these works.

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| • Boris & Teresa Alfaro (<i>Hispanic</i>) | Comunidad Cristiana Renuevo, Salem |
| • Josh & Elizabeth Howeth (<i>Collegiate</i>) | The Branch, Corvallis |
| • Sean & Christina Sullivan (<i>English</i>) | RVCC/New Hope, Grants Pass |
| • Jamie & Claudia Pantoja (<i>Hispanic</i>) | Nueva Vida, Medford |
| • Shawn & Tina Snyder (<i>Legacy Plant</i>) | Living Hope, Medford |
| • John & Cindy Peters (<i>English</i>) | Living Water Fellowship, Salem |
| • John Y & Kyungyoung Lee (<i>Korean</i>) | Salem Grace Church, Salem |
| • Bryan Bernard (<i>Collegiate</i>) | Mosaic Church (OSU Campus), Corvallis |
| • Ryan & Lori Moore (<i>English</i>) | Beautiful Mess, Eugene/Springfield |
| • Hernan & Maria Cancino (<i>Hispanic</i>) | North Bend (sponsor: FBC, North Bend) |
| • Fernando & Ruby Duran (<i>Hispanic</i>) | Eugene/Springfield |
| • Jorge & Lourdes Franco (<i>Hispanic</i>) | Salem |
| • Daniel Estrada (<i>Hispanic</i>) | Unassigned |

A thought in regards to our language church plants, it seems that there is a difficulty to go from the 1st to the 2nd and 3rd generations. This has to do with their language and customs that change throughout the generations. Pray that all of the generations will be called of God to be the light to theirs.

NWBC

- **Pray for our Pastor's and wives, Region 4 Team, Missionaries (IMB and NAMB) and NWBC staff** that we would spend much time in the Word and Ask God to give them discernment. 2 Tim 2:15
- **NWBC leadership as they continue to serve Northwest churches.**
- **That the Northwest Impact offering will be funded.**

USA

- **Pray for those recovering from the many shootings these last few months. Some still have physical healing, many need mental and spiritual healing.**
- **For the USA to turn back to God.**
- Pray that our government will do the right thing for our Christian brothers and sisters who are incarcerated in another country..
- **Continue to pray for the Baptist Disaster Relief folks.**

World

- For IMB missionaries as those who have and will be retiring or otherwise be stepping down from their positions arrive "home".
- For the IMB as they climb out of the financial distress they are in.
- For our USA churches as they step up to help our missionaries to find new ministries, work, and help with all that comes with an unexpected move.
- Pray that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be all that is needed to keep our missionaries on the field.
- **NWBC East Asia Partnership.** <http://www.nwbaptist.org/ministry/eastasia/Current%20EA%20Partnership%20Project%20Requests.pdf>
- **200 from our NWBC churches will go to Thailand for an IMB missionary meeting. This will include their children. If you feel lead to go contact the convention office (360) 882-2100 for more information. (See Randy Adams 2015 report below)**
- **For our missionaries who are in difficult countries or working in difficult situations.**
- Pray for the missionaries who must move to be out of harm's way in so many of these situations around the world.
- Pray for the families of those who have lost their lives because of their Christian belief.
- Pray for those who are dealing with unexpected health issues. That they will receive or be able to get to proper care.
- Pray for the Unreached/Unengaged People Groups all over the world. That many servants of God will be lead to their very door with His message of salvation, love, grace, and mercy.

Please pass this on to the Contacts you have in your area of influence within region 4 of the NWBC. I hope to see you there.

Brothers and Sisters,

Last year, at our annual (NWBC) conference, we held a breakfast to see if there was an interest in forming a coalition within our region to cooperate together for the work of the Kingdom in our area. Pastors and Lay-leaders from 15 Churches representing all five of the Associations in our region attended the breakfast. I am inviting you all once again to attend a meeting on January 19th at Riviera Baptist Church in Eugene, we will start at noon and lunch will be provided. Our goal is to identify several projects that we can all get behind and support together and it is not limited to Church Planting. We want to create a culture of success that we can all celebrate and build upon for the future of our region and the Churches within it.

Together, for the sake of the Kingdom, the Gospel, and our Savior Jesus, who we represent.

"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully pressing forward and men who press forward lay hold of it" (Jesus) Matthew 11:12 God Bless and see you there, **Ron Allen**

More than Dodgeball

NWBC Youth Ministry Summit

A leadership retreat for Adult Youth Leaders

February 19 – 20, 2016

Northwest Baptist Center

Vancouver, WA

The schedule begins on Friday the 19th at 5:15 pm with Registration

6:00 pm is Welcome, Appreciation Banquet with Dr. Allen Jackson - Youth Ministry Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Josh Martin, worship leader – Resonate Church, Pullman, WA

The Summit is dismissed at 3:30 pm on Saturday.

I will make copies of the flyer and send with the SBA News Letter to the churches and Pastors. Please get these to those who would qualify to go. Hopefully I can get a scan or E-mail info to our Youth folks directly.