



SBA Weekly News

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Good afternoon to all of you!!

I don't know if this is the February thaw or not but it is nice out today. Looking forward to future events and trainings, I hope you are too.

I am especially excited that I have successfully filed the W2-W3 with Social Security. Maybe it won't be so hard next year!! Maybe someone else will get to do it. Hahahahaha.

February 19-20 is More than Dodgeball a summit for Youth Ministers. The Badley's are going last I heard.

February 26-27 is the Youth Retreat at Fir Point. Flyer is on the SBA Web page. The registration packet was E-mailed to the Pastors last week.

In March comes the Week of prayer for North American Mission Board and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The MAPs conference, a local revival, Story Witnessing Workshop and the Easter Holiday, there is also a Children's Directors/Leaders Retreat NWBC (see attachment).

April has more training at the Region 4 Leadership Summit in Eugene. This will include the 52andOne Children's Training. See attachment for the Children's Training.

So watch for more information on all of this and more!

Have a great day!!

Nancy

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

2/12 – Childhood Directors Day Register by Feb 12th. Sponsored by the NWBC

2/ 14 - Valentine's Day

2/ 15 – Presidents Day

2/19-20 – More than Dodgeball – NWBC Youth Ministry Summit. Vancouver, WA

2/ 26-27 – Youth Retreat Fir Point, Glendale check for flyer on line. Packets have been E-mailed to the Pastors.

March 2016

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

Kaye Craig, 3rd; Linda Darr, 6th; Abigale Gates, 13th; Josué Delgado, 15th; Jim McKinney, 16th; Larry Brons, 17; Addie and Nate Allen, 24th; Peighton Allen, 29th

3/3-4 – Childhood Directors Day Register by Feb 12th. Sponsored by the NWBC

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

3/13-16 – Revival – College Heights

3/11-12 – MAPs Conference, Vancouver, WA - Ministry Assistants – 541-659-7261 We have 4 going please send your Ministry Assistants (Secretary or office helpers). It is an encouraging and beneficial event.

3/13 - Daylight Savings Time – Forward

3/15 – Story Witnessing Workshop (Margaret Slusher) Medford, I'll get more information soon.

3/20 – Palm Sunday

3/27 – Easter Sunday

April 2016

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

Bruce Sloan, 22nd; Carol Lloyd (Ret), 23rd; Betty Batte, 25th; Tabitha Badley, 25th

4/1-3 – Women’s Retreat – Galice Resort – “Garden Getaway” More information to come - Brandie Woody 541-787-0792

4/9 – 52andOne Children’s/VBS Training – Eugene

4/9 – Region 4 Leadership Summit - Eugene

4/10–Co-op Program Sunday

4/15-16 – NW Women’s Summit—Vancouver, WA

4/18 – Executive Board Mtg – Living Hope? - 541-659-7261 - 7:00 PM

4/29 - 30 – Disaster Relief Roundtable

4/29 – 30 Student Conference 4 PM - Vancouver, WA

• **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: **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. Kevin Darr’s father is not doing well right now. **Grace Baptist** – Charlie Granade as he is at Golden Gate doing his

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 Granade’s settle in and the church and they begin to minister together.
- **Pray for these SBA Pastor’s and Wives:**
 - Sean and Christine Sullivan, New Hope Church, Grants Pass
 - Pastor Search Team; Sixth Street Baptist church, Gold Beach
- 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 – Continue to pray for his recovery. He is in rehab now. For his family and church as they help him through. There is a Go-Fund-Me account if you would like to help them financially.
- 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 Reneuvo, 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 |

NWBC

- **Pray for our Pastor's and wives, Region 4 Team, Missionaries (IMB and NAMB) and NWBC staff** as they regularly seek examination by God and to repent from any errors that have crept into their lives. Ps 139:23-24
- **NWBC leadership as they continue to serve Northwest churches.**

USA

- **For the USA as we seek to vote according to our conscience.**
- **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 who have retired to be used of God. That their transition to the states will be smooth. Pray for their children as they begin their schooling here.
- 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.**
- **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.

*Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not boast, it is not proud. It
is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not
easily angered, it keeps no record of
wrongs. Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth. It
always protects, always
trusts, always hopes
always perse-
veres.*



Evangelism in an Election Year

by [erandalladams](#)

President Clinton was impeached when I was a local church pastor. The issues involved matters of morality that required a response from pastors, on occasion, but doing this in a “non-political way” wasn’t always easy. The Sunday following his impeachment was most memorable. I began my message saying that in the past week someone had done something to our country for which I could never forgive them. “The harm to our country was so great it could not be overlooked,” I said. I could see the congregation bracing themselves for what I would say next. They thought, “Oh no, here it comes!” And then, just when they thought I was about to launch into a political rant, I said, “I will never forgive Michael Jordan for retiring from the NBA!” which was the other “big news story” of the week. That statement prompted the biggest outburst of laughter we ever enjoyed together.

All laughter aside, political issues are always difficult for pastors and churches, and perhaps doubly so in an election year. And when politics intersects with biblical teaching, it often requires a response from pastors. But as important as elections are, and they are important, evangelizing the lost is truly vital. And lest you want to evangelize only Democrats, or only Republicans, I want to suggest some guidelines for our conversations with others, particularly with unbelievers.

First, the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be the supreme message of our lives. When speaking with unbelievers, do not risk offending them and lose any chance of witness by discussing politics. Stick with Jesus as your subject. If we confuse receiving Jesus with adhering to a particular political viewpoint we will destroy our witness to at least half of our neighbors.

Second, God’s ways are not man’s ways. Politics and elections don’t deter or detour Him. There are many biblical examples of God orchestrating the politics exactly the opposite of what believers would have preferred. Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus were God’s instruments, the Bible says, though they were pagan rulers and wicked men. Contemporary historians say that Chairman Mao Zedong, the atheistic ruler of China for 27 years, who sought to destroy the church, helped to establish the conditions for the explosive church growth that China has experienced in the past 30 years. I read recently that the two countries in which the Church is growing fastest, as a percentage of the population, are Iran and Afghanistan. The article suggested that growth is being accelerated by hardline, Islamic rulers, which are turning people away from Islam and toward the Prince of Peace.

Third, heart transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit. The most important thing we can do for the lost is lead them to Jesus, then teach them to pray and read the Word. If they (or we!) will do these things, the Holy Spirit will transform their (our) minds so that they (we) become more like Jesus. When people come to Jesus their morality and worldview changes. About a year ago one of our Northwest churches led a young couple to Christ who made their living by farming marijuana. The pastor told me that they got very involved in Bible study and were hungry to grow in Christ. By the fall, the couple became convicted that they needed a new line of work. Jesus saved them, forgave them, and He is transforming their hearts and minds. Note that salvation came before transformation.

Fourth, the “world” already regards us politically. The message of the Church to the lost world is too often a political message, and that is a shame. If you ask an unbeliever what a conservative, evangelical Christian is, he will describe them with political language. We have already seen this in the current presidential race as various candidates vie for the “evangelical vote.” It is far better to be known for the ministry we do and the God honoring character we have than the political stand we take, or the candidate we endorse, if we want to have spiritual influence with the lost.

Finally, the true Gospel is cross-cultural and cross-political. It works in every context. The Gospel works in Afghanistan, Ethiopia and the United States. It works in free societies and in those ruled by tyrants. The true Gospel can bring conviction of sin to liberals and conservatives, and both need Jesus.

I once had a professor whose father was a pastor. He said that a man once came to his father asking for spiritual counsel. He visited with the man, and then asked, “Aren’t you a member of such-and-such a church? Isn’t so-and-so your pastor?” The man said that yes, he was correct on both matters. My professor’s father then asked, “Why didn’t you go to your pastor for counsel?” And the man said, “If I needed a golfing tip I would speak with my pastor, but I needed to speak with a man of God.” Ouch!

That is the greatest lesson that professor ever taught me and I’ve never forgotten it. Whether you are a pastor or a layman, the people you know will figure you out. In time they will know what is most important to you. Each of us must decide, is it more important to share our political opinion or to share Christ. Don’t be known as a political preacher or political Sunday school teacher. Better to be known as a lover of Jesus and seeker of lost souls.