



# SBA Weekly News

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Happy New Year to you all,

I hope your Christmas and New Year Holidays were all that you desired of them. We had an interesting one for sure. We still ate and cooked all day even with just the two of us. That is OK! It is fun to see some of you on Face book sharing the times you had with your families.

Jeff and Marla Cain's Ordination was a blessed event. The service ran like clockwork and the challenges from Bruce Sloan, and the other pastors who took part were very timely and clear.

The Christmas program at Grace Baptist was wonderful. When all the folks who took part took their final bow I was amazed at how many did. Saw a new side of Sherry Brewer I hadn't seen before! God's message of salvation was clear throughout the program. Great job Grace Baptist!

I understand that the Ice Skate for the Children went very well.

Back to the grind that I love so much!!

Please be keeping me in the loop of your church activities, etc. Even if another church from our SBA does not attend, prayer should always be the most important thing on your planning and execution of said plans. Let the rest of the churches help you with this if nothing else.

Have a wonderful day.

*Nancy*

### January 2015

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

Trish Williams, 5<sup>th</sup>; Ken Goss, 6<sup>th</sup>; Heidi Merritt, 12<sup>th</sup>; Daniel Woody, 16<sup>th</sup>; Cheryl Pearson, 23<sup>rd</sup>;  
Nita Kanton, 25<sup>th</sup>

**Administration Meeting – January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

We will meet at Tap Rock in a meeting room for lunch. Please let me know if this will not work for you Admin Team!

**Youth Retreat – Gold Beach – Jan 17-19**

All of the churches with youth have been contacted by E-mail with attachment for the Winter Retreat. If you need more information or did not receive the packet, call Lenny Brewer at 541-582-1617 or 541-326-1238. I will attach the info here and on the web as well. Registration is due on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.

### February 2015

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

Stan and Rhonda Smith, 1<sup>st</sup>; Ron and Carol Lloyd (ret), 6<sup>th</sup>; Ron and Jeanette Allen, 16<sup>th</sup>; Bev McKinney, 16<sup>th</sup>;  
Susan Sloan (Region 4), 19<sup>th</sup>; Jim Hildebrand, 23<sup>rd</sup>

2/16 Presidents Day observance

2/10-18—New Orleans Street Ministry—Pray at this time

2/20-21 NWBC Student Ministry Event

## March 2015

3/1-8 Week of Prayer for N Am Missions

3/6 Assoc. VBS Team Training

3/6-7 NWBC Kids Ministry Conf

3/8 Daylight Savings Time – Forward (YEA)

3/13-14 MAP's Conference—Vancouver, WA-Ministry Assistants, 541-659-7261

3/27-28 Disaster Relief Roundtable

3/29 Palm Sunday

**3/29 5th Sunday Sing - More info to follow**

### • **Prayer Needs and Praises:**

- **Let me know if your church has a prayer concern it will be posted here.**

- **Updates are a great thing.**

- **Nita Kanton**—Continue to pray for Nita and family
- **Pray for Wanda Johnson's daughter, Jenny.** Continue to pray for she and her family She is looking for a home that will accommodate a handicapped person.
- **Continue to pray for Jimmie Roberts.** Healing after foot surgery. Last I heard he is doing well.
- **Continue to pray for Bob Batte** – He and Betty are home. He is planning on leaving again soon. See below for needs.
- **SBC International Missionaries** as our holidays have been a time of opportunities for them to tell God's Story. Pray for those who were touched by His grace and mercy.
- **For So. Oregon New Work and Church Renewal** that we would be reaching out to our neighbors in a way that gets them to thinking about God and Jesus.
- **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.
- **SBA teams to be energized with new participants and helpers** – Pray about how you can be serving our churches in our association.
- **Continue to pray for the Baptist Disaster Relief folks. When they are not serving they are training.**
- **For our missionaries who are in difficult countries.**
- **NWBC East Asia Partnership.** Pray that the teams needed for special projects in 2015 will be filled  
<http://www.nwbaptist.org/ministry/eastasia/Current%20EA%20Partnership%20Project%20Requests.pdf>
- **For Christians who are being persecuted**
- **For the USA to turn back to God.**
- **Prospect Baptist** as they look for a new pastor. Richard Giles is Interim.
- **Waters of Life Baptist** as they continue on in the process of being a Legacy Church. Pray for Richard Williams as he takes on other areas while Jimmie recovers.
- **Pray for these SBA Pastor's and Wives:**
  - Kevin and Linda Darr, Lampman Rd, Gold Hill
  - Zach and Heidi Merritt
- **Pray for our Pastor's and wives, Region 4 Team, Missionaries (IMB and NAMB) and NWBC staff** that they and we would be recognizing our need for weekly rest away from ministry responsibilities Mark 6:31
- **NWBC leadership as they continue to lead and serve Northwest churches.**
- **Health issues:** Pray for, Jimmie Roberts (W of Life); Jenny (College Heights); Nordeca Irvin (Lozier Lane), Rick Horton (Hospice is caring for him )(Dayspring); Rachel Bell, Cancer treatments (College Heights) and several other veteran SBA folks as well.
- **For ministries and outreaches throughout our SBA area that are reaching out to their greater community.** (SOS, Lozier; U-Turn, Lampman Rd; River Valley New Hope Church; Southern Oregon Truck Stop Ministry and others) Want to join them give them a call!
- **Pray for U-Turn** as they need a separate place from Lampman Rd BC due to space issues. Give Kevin Darr a call if you see something promising.
- **For Youth Ministries in our churches:** College Heights, First Baptist, Grace, Lampman Road, Lozier Lane, New Horizon, Prospect, Sixth Street, Trinity, River Valley New Hope Church
- **For our churches that are struggling with both much and lack of growth and financial issues.**
- **For our churches that are in the midst of remodels/redecorating.**
- **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.

**Region 4 Church Plants:** Pray for these Pastors, their leadership teams and the many partners helping to start and grow these works. (There were 22 new churches added to the NWBC family at the convention. PTL)

- **River Valley New Hope Church** - Sean & Christina Sullivan
- **The Branch in Corvallis** - Pastor Josh Howeth
- **Freedom Pointe Ministries** - Bobby J. Blake Church Planter, Willamette Valley Baptist Association
- **Two Micronesia Churches** –Kieny & Antonette Aisek, Tigard and Salem. The language group is Chuukese.
- **A church plant for Vietnamese in Salem.**
- **Pray for those who are considering coming to the NW to either plant a new work or to take a pastorate.**



**Note from Bruce Sloan;**

Pastor, Church and/or Associational Leader:

Please note the link below concerning the Billy Graham presentation of "Captured by Grace" a personal interview and story by Louie Zamperini (in his own words). This resource could be used as in a variety of ways to evangelize and encourage others to trust God in their darkest times.

- <http://billygraham.org/video/louis-zamperini-captured-by-grace/>

May God continue to bless others through you and your faithfulness to Him in this new year.

Bruce



**Bob Batte information regarding Mexico mission trip,**

If you would like to know more about the Mexico mission trip, then come to Prospect Baptist Church on Sunday Jan 11 to hear about it. If you cannot come there, then come to Prospect Assembly of God on Jan. 18! If you are more in the area of Medford, then Bob will be speaking at Phoenix Baptist Jan 25, and on Feb. 1st he will be speaking at College Heights in Grants Pass. The times are all at 11:00. If you wanted to hear him and cannot make these times, then he, hopefully, will be scheduling other churches when we come back around the 3rd week of March.

If you are interested in helping Bob and Betty out they will be leaving early in February and will be back late March. He is taking his flat bed truck with supplies for the fire department he is working with. Funding would be appreciated as the fuel costs will be large.

Another need is for an overhead projector he can use with his power point for the training. He is suggesting an In Focus brand. I do not know model #. Give Bob a call for clarification! 541-621-3289

And pray for their journey and the lives touched for Jesus and encouraged through their ministry there.