



SBA Weekly News

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Hi Everyone,

Good afternoon. We want to welcome home our Firehouse builder men, Bob Batte, Merle Woody and Paul Maurer. They had a long hard few days but not without success and blessings. They were quite the neighborhood sight to see as they worked to get the plot cleared and laid out.

PTL Jeanette Allen and Heidi Merritt made it home from the hospital.

I also understand that the Pearson's arrived home as well. Evidence here at the office is their ACP report. Thank you to the four churches who have completed your reports. 7 more to go!! (Hint, Hint)

Pray also for Jill Stickler as she is in Alabama training for the World Changers event coming in 2016.

Please be in prayer for these events:

1. Roseburg and Umpqua Community College! That tragedy touched well beyond their city for sure.
2. **Annual Church Profiles are due now! If you have not received your Profile let me know. Questions? Let me know.**
3. SBA Annual Meeting October 24 @ 10AM. This is a Saturday! You will be served lunch at noon and then we will continue until 2 PM - We meet at Lozier Lane Baptist Church. Our preacher for the day will be Shawn Snyder, Living Hope church plant. The missionary speakers will be Paul and Christina Van Stone.

If you have a ministry or something that you would like to have a table at the SBA Annual Meeting please let me know. You should plan to bring your own table.

This is Newsletter mail out day to the churches and pastors.

Have a wonderful day!

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October 2015

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

Jeanette Allen, 7th; Bob Batte (ret), 17th; John Dawson, 19th; Carolyn Brons (ret), 20th; Brandie Woody, 20th; Ron Allen, 26th; Dwayne Johnson, 30th; Uziel Pantoja, 27th

10/16 – SBA Pastor Appreciation dinner, 6:00 PM at Olive Garden in Medford. Brandie Woody is the contact.

10/24 – SBA Annual Meeting - 10 AM – 2 PM at Lozier Lane Baptist Church. Lunch will be served at Lozier Lane. Please plan to be in attendance with your messengers! The meal will be a fund raiser for the Rogue River World Changers.

November 2015

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

Claudia Pantoja, 1st; Jorie Allen, 8th; Emilee Woody, 23rd; Josué and Janet Delgado, 26th

All of the following are at Red lion Inn, Portland, OR 909 N Hayden Island Dr. Portland, OR 97217 800-733-5466

If you are staying there mention NWBC for reservation and rates.

11/9 1:30 & 6:30 – NWBC Pastor and Layman conference – “Encourage One Another”

11/9 – 1:30 – NW Women - mission celebration and dessert - please RSVP nwwomen@nwbaptist.org or 360-882-2100 (flyer attached)

11/9 – SBA dinner?

11/10 – Ministry Wives Luncheon \$25 - Send non refundable reservation fee to NWBC attn : ministry Wives Luncheon 3200 NE 109th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98682 - Deadline Oct 31st

11/10-11 – NWBC Annual Meeting – “Neighborhoods to Nations”

11/10 – Missions Dinner \$25 per person with advanced purchase by Oct 31

11/29 – 5th Sunday Sing – Grace Baptist – More to come

December 2015

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

Bruce Pearson, 2nd; Barbara Roberts, 2nd; Zach Badley, 4th; Rileyann Snyder, 4th; Abigale Woody, 13th; Tina Snyder, 18th; Mike and Teri Franell, 22nd; Janet Delgado, 27th; Dwayne and Tammy Johnson, 28th; Karen Barnett (ret) 30th; Lenny and Sherry Brewer, 30th; Doug and Brook Gates, 31st

12/4-5 – Women of Faith – Portland - \$99 for ticket contact Brandie Woody for more info. 541-787-0792

• 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: **Heidi Merritt and Baby Emmelyn** – PTL Heidi got to come home. Continue to pray for Emmelyn's health/weight gain. **Jeanette Allen** – PTL made it home on Monday. PTL **Bob Batte, Merle Woody and Paul Maurer** – Made it home today

SBA:

- **Our churches special needs:**
 - **Living Hope Church** for Shawn and Tina Snyder as they step into their community and see where God is leading.
 - **Waters of Life Baptist** – many of their regulars are seriously ill.
 - **Sixth Street Baptist** as they search for a new pastor.
 - **Prospect Baptist** as they reach out to their community with renewed fervor.
 - **Grace Baptist Church** they continue the process of Pastor search.
 - **Nueva Vida** for Jaime and Claudia Pantojas as they too reach into the community to encourage encounters with Jesus.
 - **Lozier Lane** – for direction and God's peace.
- **Pray for these SBA Pastor's and Wives:**
 - Zach and Tabitha Badley, Grace Baptist, Rogue River
 - Jim and Beverly McKinney
 - Pastor Search committee
- 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 Dwayne and Tammy Johnson as they wait on the Lord for clear direction in their lives.
- Pray for those who attended VBSs and Youth/Children Camps for God to continue to work in the lives of these young folks.
- **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.** (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!
- **For Youth Ministries in our churches:** College Heights, First Baptist, Grace, Lozier Lane, 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

- 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 that 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.

- **Nueva Vida – Pastor Jaime & Claudia Pantojas.**
- **Living Hope Church** - Shawn and Tina Snyder
- **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.**
- **Pray for funds to help them get settled.**
- **Korean church in Salem OR – John Y. Lee will be the planter**

NWBC

- **Pray for our Pastor's and wives, Region 4 Team, Missionaries (IMB and NAMB) and NWBC staff** that we would work together in unity with each other and other ministry partners. Romans 15:5
- **NWBC leadership as they continue to serve Northwest churches.**
- **That the Northwest Impact offering will be funded.**
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USA

- **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. Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Around the USA, Our own back yard.**

World

- For IMB missionaries as the decisions are being made to bring 600 - 800 home due to financial situation.
- 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.
- **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.
- **Nepal Rebuild** – I read recently that they are re-doing their constitution. That it may include stricter guidelines regarding Christianity
- 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.

NorthWest Impact Mission Offering

Has your church promoted this yet?

It is not a dated offering so if you haven't please promote it sooner than later.

Roseburg Reminds Us to Honor Our Pastors

by [erandalladams](#)

Last Thursday, October 1, several pastors in and near Roseburg, OR responded to the horrific murder of eight students at Umpqua Community College. Many others were wounded physically and many more were damaged emotionally, and, perhaps, spiritually. Like the hero first responders who advanced to stop the attacker and bind the wounds of the suffering, these pastors waded into an ocean of grief to pray for and comfort those whose hearts were ripped open by a wicked and violent act. And their work is not yet complete. There will be funerals, many home visits, and continued counseling. And when the community and the world turns its attention elsewhere, grief, anger, and depression will remain for months and years and even a lifetime for many, and pastors will continue to give care and comfort.

Fortunately, events like last Thursday are rare for a community, but ministering the love and presence of Christ to those who suffer is not unusual for pastors. If you are not a pastor, you probably can't understand that many pastors say that they would rather serve a family suffering from the death of a loved one than perform a wedding. Among the reasons for this are that death provides a unique opportunity to point to the hope of the resurrection and the need to know Jesus Christ. A pastor's heart is like that of the shepherd who leaves those who are safe and secure to seek for the one who is lost and hurting. The calling and work of the pastor is difficult. A pastor rarely rests his head, confident that he completed all of his work. Sunday is always coming, and there are always others to visit and counsel and with whom to share the gospel.

Each October churches are encouraged to honor their pastors and show them appreciation. Many reasons exist to honor a faithful pastor who labors to bring a fresh message from God's Word each week, among his many other tasks. In addition to the burden of the church, many pastors are compared to other pastors who are deemed more "talented" and more "successful." Within the last week someone told me that sometimes they stay home from church so they can watch their favorite preacher, a mega-church pastor, on his live internet feed. We preachers and pastors serve God first, and such things shouldn't stab us like a knife to the belly. But pastors are human and they too can get hurt. Another person told me last week that a pastor friend of his, whose church had several thousand members, battled depression and felt he didn't "measure up" because a nearby church had thousands more. His depression became so severe that he took his own life. Obviously he had problems. Faithfulness to his calling, and the joy of knowing God, wasn't enough for him. But the fact is, many pastors battle discouragement.

Your pastor is God's gift to your church and your community. He loves God and he loves His people. He was called by God to lead the church in the proclamation of the Word of God and in prayer. He is worthy of respect, love, and, yes, honor. Allow me to suggest a few ways you can show appreciation to your pastor.

Consider providing your pastor an extended retreat for prayer and study each year. Such a retreat should be a week at minimum, but there may be good reason to consider a two-week retreat, during which your pastor will plan sermons and seek God's presence and direction for himself and the church. When I look back on my 19 years as a pastor, I preached too much and didn't take enough time to retreat from the daily pressures of ministry. Many of my "breakthroughs" came when I was on vacation or doing a mission trip because the weekly routine was broken. But I should have retreated for extended prayer and study. Help your pastor to do this.

What else can you do to honor and appreciate your pastor? Some "dos" include: pray for him every day, tell him thank you, support him with your participation in ministry, encourage him to seize opportunities to attend pastoral trainings and other "iron-sharpens-iron" opportunities, send him on a mission trip (and don't count it as his vacation), and forgive him when he makes a mistake (or when you think he makes a mistake). Also, respect his wife and family, understanding that their involvement in ministry will shift and change depending on the ages of children, work schedules, health issues, and other family dynamics.

Some "don'ts" include: don't compare him to other preachers. Don't expect him to spend all of his time in the church house, but help him connect with people and needs in the community. Don't speak badly of him to church members, and certainly not to those who aren't members of the church. Most who complain about their pastor don't pray for him. Please don't do that. Every day he is dealing with matters concerning heaven and hell and life and death.

I used to tell our church that I want to forgive others because I need forgiveness. I want to extend grace to others because I need grace. I want to be generous with others, because I need others to be generous with me. Everything that you need, your pastor needs. He carries a heavy burden. He cares about your children. He serves the young and the old. And he's trying to lead the church to look to the fields which are ready for a spiritual harvest. You can be his friend. You can walk beside him in ministry. You can encourage him.

And know this, when tragedy hits home, when the need is great, your pastor will be there. He'll be there whether or not you're a "good church member." He'll minister to your family. He'll love your kids. Just like those pastors in Roseburg are doing this very day. God bless our pastors. Encourage them with Your presence and Your strength. Amen.