



SBA Weekly News

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Good afternoon to you all,

Well the Senior Appreciation Event went OK! Not many were there, about 25. Trinity, College Heights, Phoenix-First, Dayspring and maybe one other were in attendance. The rest of you missed an up lifting devotional by Ron Allen. He encouraged us that, as the beginners and sustainers of many of our churches, our part for setting the foundation of them was well done. Also that God is not finished with us so we need to keep on keeping on! Thank you to Trinity-A Loving Church for arranging for the Catered luncheon. I would recommend this company. If you would like to have their information please let me know.

Since I sent out the Weekly News last week there are more programs for you to be in prayer for and attend if your schedule will allow.

Saturday, Dec 19th Trinity – A Loving Church will have: Christmas Potluck Dinner. Trinity will provide turkey and ham. Bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. We will have an ugly sweater contest, so wear your best ugly Christmas sweater. Dinner will be at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall followed by a Christmas Sing-a-long and performances by Trinity's Kids. A Christmas backdrop will also be available for family Christmas photos (with or without the ugly sweaters). This turned up on face book!

Sunday, Dec 20th is the Christmas Program at College Heights, Grants Pass. 6:00 PM. Multi aged presentation.

Sunday, Dec 20th is the Christmas Program at Grace, Rogue River. 6:00 PM. This is their Children's presentation

Sunday, Dec 20th is the Christmas Program at Lozier Lane Baptist Church. 11:00 am to 12:10 pm. This is their Children's presentation

I will be in and out of the office a lot during the 2 weeks of Christmas/New Years. Please call my cell if you have anything pressing and will try to help you.

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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

11/29 – 12/6 – Week of Prayer for IMB Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

12/19-20 Please check out above for the Christmas Programs, etc.

12/24 – Christmas Eve services: College Heights – 6 PM; Trinity-A Loving Church – 5:30 – 6:30PM; are all I am aware of.

January 2016

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

Ken Goss, 6th; Heidi Merritt, 12th; Daniel Woody, 16th; Cheryl Pearson, 23rd; Nita Kanton, 25th; Jaime Pantoja, 26th

1/1 New Years Day

1/?? Children's Winter Skate

1/19 Admin Team Meeting -Tap Rock GP 11:30 AM -541-659-7261

1/31 5th Sunday Sing ??

- **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 has made 5 lbs!! Pray for healing as she has an ear infection. She needs to be eating on her own before they will let her go. **Harrison** of College Heights has now been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. **Trinity-A Loving church**: Linda Darr's Sister in Law has stage 4 cancer. 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** they continue the process of Pastor search.
- **Pray for these SBA Pastor's and Wives:**
 - **NWBC, Region 4**
 - **Bruce and Susan Sloan**
 - **Ron and Jeanette Allen**
- 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, 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 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 |

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 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.

Randy Adams Blog:



[Update on IMB Missionaries Returning to the Northwest](#)

by [erandalladams](#)

In September of this year, all IMB missionaries and staff age 50 and above, with a minimum of five years tenure, were offered a Voluntary Retirement Incentive (VRI) from the IMB. IMB leaders determined that our international mission force must be reduced by 600 to 800 in order to bring the IMB budget into balance.

Apparently, IMB leaders a number of years ago intentionally grew our mission force beyond what the income could support. The additional missionaries were sent and sustained by selling property overseas and drawing down the IMB reserve funds. But with reserve funds significantly lower, the time has come that the IMB must operate within its budget. Current IMB leadership determined that the first step in reducing our mission force would be to ask our most senior missionaries and staff to consider the VRI. They deadline to make their decision was in early November, but they were allowed to change their mind as late as early December.

While we don’t have the complete picture as to how this affects IMB missionaries from the Northwest (the IMB has not reported on this, as of Dec. 8, 2015), I want to tell you what we know. I do this so that you can pray for the men and women affected by the VRI, and also so that you might know who could be available to serve in our Northwest Baptist churches.

Those Northwest IMB missionaries who are accepting the VRI, and leaving their overseas assignment are: Andy and Kaye Martin, Susan Vessey, Al and Ann Rodriguez, and Ian and Sherri Buntain. There may be others, and probably are, but we don’t yet have information on any others. In addition to these, David and Nora Gass have accepted the VRI, after serving 13 years with the IMB, and David will join our NWBC staff on February 1, 2016 as a church health strategist, serving in Regions 1 and 2. David will also help lead our East Asia partnership. He served as the partnership strategist in East Asia for the IMB and has a relationship with hundreds of East Asia missionaries.

In addition to these, the couple that many of you know as “Leon and Kay” (pseudonyms), have accepted the VRI, but are choosing to remain in the country and city where they have served for many years. This summer they received a mission team from the Northwest, and though no longer officially IMB missionaries, they will continue to relate to IMB personnel, and they will be continue to work with Northwest Baptist mission teams.

As we receive further information on IMB personnel from the Northwest, we will update you. Also, feel free to contact me if you receive information regarding one of our missionaries. If you would like to contact one of these that I have mentioned here, please contact Marsha Gray (marshag@nwbaptist.org) or myself and we will put you in touch with them.

Also, thank you for your support of mission work by giving through the Cooperative Program. This is also the season in which many of our churches support the work of the IMB by giving through the Lottie Moon Offering. Last year our NWBC churches increased their missions giving through the Lottie Moon Offering by 25 percent, with total NWBC giving of slightly more than \$500,000 in 2014. We anticipate another great year of giving to support the work of more than 4,000 IMB missionaries.

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