



SBA Weekly News

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Good afternoon to you all,

Merry Christmas to you all. This week brings on the Christmas programs all over the Rogue Valley. Four of our churches are among them. Please pray for them as they meet new folks from their community and encourage each other in fellowship. You are welcome to attend and of them.

Saturday, Dec 19th Trinity – A Loving Church will have: Christmas Potluck Dinner. Dinner will be at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall followed by a Christmas Sing-a-long and performances by Trinity's Kids.

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

PTL!!!! Grace Baptist has a new Senior Pastor. Charlie and Brooke Granade and their 2 boys will be on the field in January. . They will be moving from Tennessee is all I know.

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.

Nancy

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 that she gets that eating down so she can get home! **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, 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 they begin the transition to their new pastor.
- **Pray for these SBA Pastor's and Wives:**
 - William and Brandi Woody, College Heights
 - Stan and Rhonda Smith, Dayspring
- 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.

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

Missions Prayer article:

7 things to pray for missionaries

[Evan Burns](#) — October 14, 2015

There are numerous ways a church or even those who are preparing for ministry can pray to bless their missionaries. Because the church might not always know those immediate, pressing issues in the missionary’s life, praying from God’s Word is always valuable and applicable in every season and place. Here are seven simple ways to pray for missionaries from Paul’s charge to Timothy (see 2 Tim. 2:1-7):

1. To be strengthened in Christ. Pray that the missionaries would be strengthened by the grace of Christ; pray that they would stand on the promises of God and derive their confidence from the past, present, and future triumph of Christ.

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim. 2:1; cf. Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3:14-20)

2. To make disciples. Pray that the missionaries would be actively making disciples. There are many good, helpful services that can be done on the mission field, but a missionary fails to obey Christ if disciples are not being made. Making disciples does not happen passively; it requires actively pursuing people, planning what to teach, and raising up nationals to lead and serve the local church. Essentially, a missionary should always be looking for ways to work himself out of a job.

“What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Tim. 2:2; cf. Matt. 28:18-20; Titus 1:5; 1 Tim. 4:16).

3. To suffer well. Pray for missionaries as they suffer with Christ. There is a heightened level of adversity and affliction that missionaries experience due to the spiritual darkness of the host culture, the overall stress of living cross-culturally and its physiological effects, the mental exhaustion of learning to operate in foreign language, the emotional challenges that can result from isolation, strained relationships, and overall discouragement in the ministry. And, there are many other unique factors that contribute to the suffering of missionaries. The missionary needs prayer for Spirit-filled perseverance and heavenly-minded perspective.

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim. 2:3; cf. Eph. 6:17-20; 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 12:1-10; Phil. 3:7-10).

4. To stay focused on the mission. Pray for missionaries to not fall into legitimate distractions. In our globalized culture, there are many ways to stay connected. For some missionaries, the host culture can be so difficult and daunting that they slip into anesthetizing habits and seek to escape to their friends in America through social media. Much time is unduly wasted simply trying to stay connected to everyone and stay up-to-date on the latest entertainment, news, and trends of American society. Too little time is spent in prayer, intercession, and meditation, which can result in disheartened evangelistic efforts, undisciplined language learning, indifference to disciple-making, and overall spiritual anemia.

“No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.” (2 Tim. 2:4; cf. 1 Tim. 1:18; 6:12; 2 Cor. 5:9-11; 10:4).

5. To keep the Word. Pray for missionaries to obey the Word of God carefully. There are many pragmatic ways to create a platform, fund a project, or start a church that are not prescribed in Scripture. There is a temptation to call every good activity “preaching the gospel” or “missions,” when in fact the gospel is not being preached at all. There are many good deeds done in the name of love, hope, and peace; just as words that have no works are empty, so are good works without good news.

“An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.” (2 Tim. 2:5; cf. John 15:4-11; 1 Cor. 9:25; 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7; Isa. 8:20; Josh. 1:6-9).

6. To work hard. Pray for missionaries to work hard. As in any ministry where there is sometimes little accountability, idleness and slothfulness can become big temptations for missionaries. Because of the stress and exhaustion of living cross-culturally and in hostile countries, unconscious discouragement can lead to resignation and apathy. Sometimes the hardest thing is to just survive living a normal day. So, any effort given to making disciples, evangelism, and prayer can become weak. Because of the daily sacrifices and the relentless spiritual battle, the gospel labor of a missionary is indeed by the power of Christ alone working effectively through the missionary. No one has the strength in himself to proclaim the gospel, let alone in a foreign language and hostile culture.

“It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.” (2 Tim. 2:6; cf. 1 Cor. 15:10; Col. 1:29; 1 Peter 4:11; Rom. 15:18).

7. To meditate on the Word. Pray for illumination from the Word. Pray that missionaries would do the work of Bible memory and meditation. One of the greatest ways to fall into despondency, to slacken in evangelistic zeal, to neglect prayer, and to abandon Bible-driven ministry for other more tolerable and socially acceptable ventures is to lose confidence in the supremacy and sufficiency of the Word of God. This happens when the mind is not regularly immersed in and recalibrated by the Scriptures. Missionaries will lose perspective and hope if they only read the Bible briefly and occasionally but do not take time to absorb it and think hard about the Spirit-intended meaning.

“Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.” (2 Tim. 2:7; cf. Ps. 19:7-11; 119:9-11, 18, 41-47, 129-131; Prov. 6:23; John 14:23-24; 15:4-11).

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