



SBA Weekly News

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Hi There Everyone. I hope you are enjoying the spring rains. I do and so do my garden and chickens. I saw an amazing thing today. God confirms his love for me (us) everyday. I was letting the chickens out of the coop and giving them their morning treats (spoiled!) When something zipped over head. It was just slow enough for me to focus on the fact that it was a tree swallow (I think). In any case at one point it raced in front of me and almost got tangled in the fencing but it was so quick it was off and gone again. Then I noticed a couple more racing around. PTL that He takes care of them and that is a plus for us, as He takes care of us as well. PTL for His protection, provision, precious salvation!

[Updates on folks](#)

Bruce Pearson

I spoke with Cheryl just a minute or two ago. She conveyed that Bruce came home last evening. That he is doing as well as can be expected. He "gets" to lay around and put his feet up for awhile, then I'm sure the hard stuff begins in a little while. **They thank you all for your prayer support and caring.**

Margaret Fry

No major complications and surgery went as planned. Bad news is that cancer was found in the lower lobe so they took the entire right lung (three lobes). It sounds like that this will mean that all cancer associated with the lung is out of her body. I will update all once she comes out. I expect she will be in ICU for a couple days. Our understanding is that she can live a productive life with one lung. I won't be able to get her to climb and top out our 100 ft trees but healthy walks in the woods are fine. Thanks for all your support and prayers. The family needs and appreciates these. She has a long ways to go before she is out of the woods. God bless you all.

Margaret is in room 4425 at Trinity Mother France in Tyler. As I reported earlier on Monday, they removed her entire right lung and lymph nodes near the trachea. She is recovering and doing well and really enjoyed her Styrofoam cup of culinary chipped ice last night moving on to a full Jello enriched breakfast this morning. She slept ok last night with LeeAnn at her side standing watch and will continue breathing treatments periodically. She even got up and set in the recliner. The doctor removed a tube that was to drain fluids from chest cavity today so this is a good sign of healing. Yesterday, I read her the many responses from her friends and she was very much encouraged by all and I have forwarded others this morning to LeeAnn to read to her. Keep them coming. She will remain in the hospital a minimum of 3-4 days if all continues as expected but things can happen.

You can send anything to our house and we will get them to her or send direct to the hospital.

Mary Margaret Fry (room 4425)
C/o: Mother Frances Hospital - Tyler
800 E. Dawson
Tyler, Texas 75701

<http://www.tmfhs.org/MotherFrancesHospitalTyler>

If you would like Margaret's families address please let me know and I'll get it to you.

Prayer Needs and Praises:

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

Updates are a great thing.

- **Jamie Batte:** He is facing serious life changes and needs total clarification from God that he is doing what God wants him to do.
- **Church Needs:** We have three churches that could use **large tents** for a period of time. They would need to hold about 100 for two and 150 for one. Pray that God would make provision for those tents and the muscle to put them up! PTL there is a possibility for College Heights. Checking into it more.
- **Bruce Pearson:** Strength and healing from heart surgery.
- **Margaret Fry:** Healing from lung removal surgery.
- **Children and Youth Team** as they plan Camp 2012. Lenny and Sherry Brewer are leading out in this. See below for dates of meetings. Pray that these are well attended and much is accomplished.
- **College Heights** They are taking resume's for their pastoral position. Pray that they will find the man God is leading to their church. Continue to pray for the reconstruction and all of what goes into that.
- **Pastor Ron Lloyd, FBC Tule Lake, CA.** Church family is still in pastoral call process: please pray for church unity and wisdom from God as they complete their pastoral call. As for Carol and I, we continue to trust Him to provide further wisdom as our next interim ministry.
- PTL Melissa went through the surgery well don't know if she is home yet or not.
- **From Pastor Richard Williams, Petra, Central Point; 3/22/12**
Pray for Petra as they seek God's direction and will for their place of worship.
- **For Trinity Baptist** - Ron and the church as they learn to work together for the Glory of God.
- **Pray for your purity of heart, that you will be a bold and courageous witness that God can use.**
- **Pray for these Pastors and their wives:**
 - Bruce and Cheryl Pearson, First Baptist, Phoenix
 - JC and Karen Barnett, Foothills, Medford
 - Brian and Arlene Farrar
- **Pray for all of our Pastor's and wives, Region 4 Team, Missionaries (IMB and NAMB) and NWBC staff** that they (we) would be bold as we share the gospel or preach. Eph 6:19
- **Be in prayer for Bill Crews, Executive Director of the NWBC.** Pray for his health and those who are treating him.
- **Be in prayer for Sara Wisdom, Retired Women's Strategist/WMU Director of the NWBC.** She has cancer and covets your prayers.
- **Prospect Baptist Church and Bob Batte** as they work on making more room for many new folks and bus ministry. They are on hold for engineering etc. The waiting game begins.
- **William Burns** - William has had a steroid shot in his left eye, and he is seeing better. He is still getting shots in his right eye for macular degeneration. We are praising the Lord for the healing in his left eye; he can read his Bible again. Thank you for all of your prayers. Love to all, William and Peggy Burns
- **For ministries throughout our SBA area that are reaching out to their greater community.**
- **For upcoming events, that they would encourage and edify the Body of Christ here in So. Oregon.**
- **For So. Oregon New Work** that we will seek to see where God is leading and follow Him to reach many for Jesus.
- **For our churches that are struggling with both much and lack of growth and financial issues.**

Reminders of upcoming Current Calendar Information:

541-659-7261 or E-mail office@siskiyoubaptist.org

Church VBS's - Do you have dates set yet? Others coming from out of the area or using your or SBA's own Youth and adult VBS trained leaders?

Grace July 2-6

Lozier Lane July 29 - August 3rd

College Heights? After Jo Co Fair.

Call Teri Franell 541-826-2477 or Pat Stancel 541-840-7940

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

Kevin and Linda Darr-Anni - 14th; Mike Franell, 18th; Bruce and Susan Sloan-Anni - 19th; Jim and Beverly McKinney-Anni - 21th; Kevin Darr-22nd; Ken and Nancy Goss-Anni - 23rd; Larry and Carolyn Brons-Anni - 25th

Camp Leadership Meeting June 23rd, 6-8 PM (Medford, Place to be determined?)

For all adults/leaders helping with this year's camp.

Please give Lenny a call at 541-326-1238 for more information.

We'll go over the schedule, probable assignments, rules, have a time for questions and answers and get to know others we'll be working with as well as camp staff: camp nurse/lifeguard, cooks and crew, worship leaders/pastors, cabin leaders for youth/children, youth director/lead, children's director/lead, snack shack personnel etc.,

We hope to meet with as many leaders as possible to go over rules/schedule, divvy out assignments, collect CAMPER / LEADER forms.

Meet camp youth/children leaders, pastors, teachers, cooks, nurse etc., and have a time of prayer.

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

William Burns - 1st; Richard and Patricia Williams-Anni, 8th; Sawyer Badley (4), 9th; Zach and Tabitha Badley-Anni, 17th; Zach Merritt, 17th; Ken and Pat Barrington-Anni, 18th; Carolyn Dawson, 21st; Rhonda Smith, 24th; Bob and Betty Batte-Anni, 25th; Teri Franell, 28th; Stan Smith, 9th

VBS 2012 Grace Baptist

July 2-6

CAMP 2012- July 9th - 13th, 2012

Youth and Children's Camp **July 9th - 13th, 2012** watch here for more details as they become available.

If you are interested in helping, call Lenny or Sherry Brewer at 541-582-1617. or E-mail: lennysherry@msn.com

See Web site for printable forms etc.

VBS 2012 Lozier Lane Baptist

July 29-August 4

5th Sunday July 29th - College Heights, Grants Pass

5th Sundays 2012

September 30th - Grace, Rogue River ??? may need a back up for this one. Call Sherry

Dec - we will not have a 5th Sunday sing in December 2012

Thought of the Day: from *Preaching Today Magazine*

The following statistics represent some of the challenges facing the church in the unfinished task of world evangelism:

- As of April 2012, there were approximately 7 billion people on Earth.
- Approximately 750 million (or about 11 percent) of those are willing to claim Jesus as personal Lord and Savior.
- About 2.6 billion people (or 38 percent of the world's population) have heard the gospel but have not accepted Christ yet.
- At present, just over 50 percent of the world's population (or 3.5 billion people) have not heard the gospel and most of them do not have a realistic opportunity to hear the gospel.
- Here's another way to look at the challenge of world evangelism: Of the 11,646 distinct people groups on the planet, 6,734 people groups (roughly 60 percent) contain between zero and two percent evangelical Christians. Many of these 6,734 people groups have no churches, no Bibles, no Christian literature, and no mission agencies who are seeking to share the gospel with them.



Of Thermostats and Boots

B.R. Rick Curtis Place: South America

Mental State: Exhausted

Alarm Clock: About to be destroyed!

I slowly awoke before the sun to begin on one of the most impactful days of my life. There I laid, pillow over my head trying to ignore the alarm that was crying out for me to start my journey. As I peeked out, my eyes began to adjust. In that moment—the focusing of my eyes in dim light—three things began to stimulate my senses; the roar of the Vilcanota River, the ever-so-faint outline of my boots next to the wall, and about three feet

above them, the room's thermostat. The combination of these two visuals caused me to begin not only an adventurous day, but a pensive one as well.

Leaving that hotel in Aquas Calientes, Peru, my brother and I began our final two days in our push to hike to Macchu Pichu, famed for its secrecy and its breathtaking ruins. While the leadership lessons learned on these two days are abundant, and I have written about them extensively, I want to convey the impact of the visuals that burned their way into my consciousness that morning, the thermostat and my boots. You see, it occurred to me that those two everyday items represented my life in many ways. More specifically, they represented a paradigm shift in my leadership perspective. Here is my epiphany.

As the thermostat came into view, my mind wrestled with it. If you know me, you will know that I am plagued with trying to make everything more efficient, whether it's a person, an organization or a system. So there I sat, in those brief moments, thinking that thing needs to be reinvented. Then a lateral thought ... forget peanut butter and chocolate, those hiking boots had just T-boned my consciousness and I realized that those two items, slammed together, represented both the leader I had been as well as the leader that I was becoming. Let me explain.

Truly impactful leaders are like the boots, comfortable, yet rugged. More importantly, they are the greatest factor in getting the climber where he needs to be. The task of the day, Macchu Pichu—in all its glory—would be impossible without those boots. They propel me to take risks, they provide traction when I slip, and they protect me from injury. Those boots represented empowerment and the ability to stretch myself beyond previous capabilities. I remembered purchasing them with the expectation of where they might take me.

... eyes slowly moving to the thermostat ...

The thermostat is always working. Always on call. However, unlike the boots, the thermostat puts all of its energy into keeping things the same, into maintaining the system. It only adjusts when there is a shift, and it spends its time making sure that things return to how they were before. While the boots love new adventure, the thermostat loves the status quo. Its entire existence serves to maintain the most pleasant setting.

As church planters, we need to be the boots. The days of status quo are gone. We cannot succumb to the tyranny of the urgent just to maintain the system. The system is changing and if your desire is to sit there and maintain what is and what was, then you need to stay right there on the wall. We, the boots, we're hittin' the trail. See ya!

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