



SBA Weekly News

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Hey! How's it going?

So what is your "Off the Track" moment, mission, life? If you have not had your VBS this year, pretty cool stuff. I like so much that after the Bible Study, the children get asked again and again about it and what it was all about. Soooo parents, when your children get home from VBS don't ask how much fun they had until you get out of them what the Bible said. I am privileged to be the helper in the kindergarten class. We had 11 today. They are great kids and so glad that they are being introduced to Jesus in such a way that when they hear His call they can answer. Can you?

If you have anything you want in the mailed out Newsletter please get it to me no later than Tuesday August 4th.

Keep in prayer College Heights and Lozier who are having their VBS this week.

Here is the list for **the rest of the VBS' this year**: Lampman/Trinity is doing VBS August 9-12 from 5-8 at Trinity and New Horizon joining up with the Spanish Mission on August 12 – 15, 9AM – 12 PM.

So I have one more visitor this coming month. But I think my schedule will be OK as she comes after checks!!

If you haven't read this next section, please do!

Our SBA Purpose Statement is: The purpose of Siskiyou Baptist Association is to resource churches and ministries as they engage their world with the gospel, seeking to fulfill their unique, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission. My question is: Are we fulfilling the purpose as stated in our Constitution and By-Laws. If not lets figure this out and give Satan the ole heave hoe. Do we need to change our purpose and head another direction? Just questions to encourage some input to the status quo.

We have an opportunity to **start a MOPS group** at a couple of our churches. Would anyone else be interested? In a church setting it is used as an in-reach/out-reach tool to mentor Christian moms and bring non-Christian Moms to the Lord. Let me know what you think.

Please be thinking also in regards to the **SBA Administration Team line up** for 2015-16. We will need a Moderator, possibly a vice-moderator at the very least.

Guess what!! It is not too late to **start thinking about the dreaded annual report (ACP) or Annual Celebration Profile**. If you have planned a look at your membership or other items that are usually on the questionnaire now is the time to get it started. It only takes a few minutes if you are prepared. If you have a new clerk or you are the person responsible for the report and need some help to plan for this let me know and we can get together to work on it.

Last but not least X2!!! Coming up is the Prospect Revival! August 16th PM – August 23rd AM. Then the **SBA Children's Back to School Splash** on August 29th at Caveman Pool in Grants Pass from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. And it is FREE!

Have a wonderful day!

Nancy

July 2015

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

Addison Merritt, 5th; Sawyer Badley, 9th; Zach Merritt, 17th; Carolyn Dawson, 21st; Richard Giles, 22nd; Rhonda Smith, 24th; Bob and Betty Batte (ret); 25th, William and Brandie Woody, 25th; Teri Franell, 28th; Stan Smith, 29th

7/26-31 – Lozier Lane Baptist Church VBS – 6:00 – 8:40 PM

7/27-31 – College Heights Baptist Church VBS 9AM-12PM

August 2015

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

Sterling Badley, 4th; Doug Gates, 8th; William Woody, 9th; Tammy Johnson, 18th; Lenny Brewer, 18th; Nancy Goss, 26th; Bob Craig, 26th; John and Carolyn Dawson, 30th; Jimmie Roberts, 30th; Elizabeth Gates, 30th; Richard and Bonnie Giles, 31st

8/9 - 12 – Trinity/Lampman VBS 9A-12P.

8/10 - 15 – Youth Camp. Contact Brandie Woody 541- 787-0791 for more information. The PDF of the packet is on the website

8/12 –15- New Horizon VBS 9A-12P.

8/16-23 – Prospect Baptist Church – Revival! I'll get the times soon.

8/17 - 21 – Children's Camp. Contact Brandie Woody 541- 787-0791 for more information. The PDF of the packet is on the website

www.siskiyoubaptist.org under the tabs: ministry/Children & Youth

September 2015

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

Ron Lloyd (ret), 5th; Brook Gates, 12th; Bruce and Cheryl Pearson, 12th; JC Barnett, 18th

9/14 – Executive Board Meeting. It was to be at Lampman Road, I don't think it can be there. Anybody else willing to host it? Do we want to try a 10 AM – 12PM time frame on a different day?

• 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 (haven't received any updates on the rest so am assuming they are status quo or are much better): Bob Batte – Is home and doing really well at last report; Lenny and Sherry Brewer as they travel to Arkansas. Gloria Estrada a "house mother" at the orphanage in Vicente Guerrero, has been on steroid treatment for her feet for 7 years. Pray for God's intervention as it is getting harder to walk due to the pain. (Bob Batte)

SBA:

- Pray that the vision of your own church that it will bear spiritual fruit in the lives of everyone to whom it ministers. Pray for your role in making a difference in the lives of others around you. (NWBC prayer Guide)

• Our churches in transition:

- Waters of Life Baptist as they continue on in the process of being a Legacy Church. For the church, for Shawn and Tina Snyder as they make the transition. They will be on the field August 10th. Pray their home sells quickly.
- Sixth Street Baptist as they begin their search.
- Prospect Baptist as they begin to minister with Richard and Bonnie Giles
- Grace Baptist Church they begin the process of Pastor search
- New Horizon as they begin to be a sponsoring church for the Hispanic church plant in Medford. Jaime Pantoja is on the field.

Pray for these SBA Pastor's and Wives:

- Bruce and Cheryl Pearson, First Baptist, Phoenix
- Jimmie and Barbara Roberts, Waters of Life, Medford
- Shawn and Tina Snyder as they come to plant a church alongside of Waters of Life.
- Pray for the churches having VBS this summer: Lozier Lane July 26 – 31 @ 6PM – 8:40 PM; College Heights July 27-31 @ 9-12; Trinity/Lampman August 9-12 @ 5-8; New Horizon August 12-15 @ 9AM – 12 PM
- 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.
- 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.
- PTL the 19 Mexico Mission Trip folks are home and succeeded in getting the four houses built.
- 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, Lampman Road, Lozier Lane, New Horizon, Prospect, Sixth Street, Trinity, River Valley New Hope Church. Those working to encourage Youth attendance in their churches.
- For Youth Camp August 10-15 and Children's Camp 17-21.
- For our churches that are struggling with both much and lack of growth and financial issues.
- For upcoming participation needed for new SBA leadership 2015-16

Region 4

- For Region 4 and 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.
- Pray for all the churches in region 4 that Northwest Baptists together share God's good news effectively among the multiple language groups who live and work in the Northwest. Pray that churches will see and respond to the people groups in their communities. (from NWBC Prayer Guide)

Region 4 Church Plants: Pray for these Pastors, their leadership teams and the many partners helping to start and grow these works.

- **Hispanic Church plant in Medford – Pastor Jaime Pantoja.**
- **Waters of Life Legacy Plant** - 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.**
- **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 stay focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be distracted by issues of the day. 2 Timothy 1:13-14
- **NWBC leadership as they continue to serve Northwest churches.**
- **For Pastors and Planters to really learn how to communicate** the gospel into a world that is changing very quickly. (Scott Wilson, NAMB, New Mexico)
- Many churches use Summer activities to connect with children and their families. Please join me in praying for these high impact, exhausting events and the churches who host them. Here are some specific requests:
 - Through events that reach families, may God be glorified and may the kingdom grow as many come to know Him.
 - Pray for clear gospel presentations and hearts softened to hear the message.
 - Pray for these churches to continue the relationships that begin at events as new families are assimilated into the lives of the churches.
 - Pray for all the leaders who serve through events to be refreshed, renewed and equipped for more leadership opportunities.
 - Pray that churches will report baptisms and their Vacation Bible Schools and similar events on the ACP! J
 - Ask God to bless the ministry of camps for kids and students, using these to draw all who participate closer to Him!

USA

- **For the USA to turn back to God.**
- Pray that we here in the USA will rise up to support, pray, encourage those who are in these areas of the world.
- Pray that our government will do the right thing for our Christian brothers and sisters.
- **Continue to pray for the Baptist Disaster Relief folks. Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Around the USA, etc**

World

- **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 our missionaries who are in difficult countries.**
- Pray for the missionaries who must move to be out of harm's way in so many of these situations around the world.
- **Nepal Earthquake situation** - Pray for those doing digging out, hiking in supplies, food, water. Pray for those who have lost family along with everything else that they would seek the One who has given all.
- Pray for the families of those who have lost their lives because of their Christian belief.
- "Numerous volunteer teams join missionaries in their work every year providing invaluable help-stretching their reach. Let's pray that missionaries will communicate well to teams what their strategy is and how the teams can help meet that strategy. Pray for volunteer teams to follow the missionary's lead. Ask God to help volunteers connect with the nationals and not just with team members. Perhaps a church will get called to a people group and will send teams consistently building that partnership with the people. Hosting teams is also tiring for the missionary-logistics, long day, etc. Pray for renewed energy. Ask that the missionary and volunteers will learn much from the debriefing of the experience. Maybe God is calling you to be one of these volunteers or to help send someone. We can be certain He is calling all of us to pray for these missions venture. The Great Commission is given to all of us." (Women on Mission Face Book)

Blogs of folks I like to keep up with maybe you would too:

Randy Adams is the Northwest Baptist Convention Executive Director - check out his Blog from the 7/28 entitled: "**A divine appointment with a same-sex married man**". Find it at <http://randyadams.org/2015/07/29/a-divine-appointment-with-a-same-sex-married-man/>

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