



SBA Weekly News

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Hi everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Fourth of July Celebration. We were up in Hillsboro and so enjoyed the drive to the coast to Tillamook Cheese Factory and ate at a seafood restaurant up the road a bit on the 3rd. We stayed close to home (my daughter's) on the 4th and enjoyed the festivities in the street which were maybe not so legal. The granddaughters were the highlight of the week.

This Sunday there will be an ordination service at Grace Baptist, 6:00 PM. They will be ordaining Zach Badley. I hope that you and/or your church will be represented as an encouragement to Zach.

Are you having VBS this year? If so please let me know so all of us can be praying for you and the children coming. If possible, items can be shared with each other. Grace Baptist – July 13-17 (9AM – 12PM); College Heights – July 27 – 31 (9AM – 12PM) (flyer attached) and Lozier Lane – July 26-31 (6:00 PM – 8:40 PM) so far is who I have. Anyone else have their dates?

July, I will be in and out (still) due to another set of kids coming. I'll get what I can done, but be aware that week may not have a Weekly News.

Do you have special events you would like to encourage other folks to come to. Please get me your flyer, at least a week and a half ahead of the date, and I can send it out to the others and get it on the web page.

Marriage 9/11 training was postponed. I have not heard about the next date. If you are interested call William Woody and let him know. That way we can get you direct information. 541-787-0791

My thoughts on our SBA Teams: We need more participation from 9 other churches. Do we need to look at this in detail to see why there is not the interest or desire to encourage our folks to be a part of the opportunities within the SBA? Making changes to better our service to our churches and communities for the cause of Christ may need to be made. This would entail more commitment and actually taking part.

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 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.

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

7/5 **Zach Badley Ordination**, at Grace Baptist Sunday at 6PM

7/12-19 – **Mexico Mission Trip** - pray for salvations, travel, health, growth, unity within the team.

7/13-18 – Grace Baptist Church, VBS – 9AM-12PM

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

Youth camp information: Don't wait! Spots will go fast. Youth - August 10 – 15 Children - August 17 – 21 \$115

Optional: Youth - Paintball fee-\$10. This will be at Fir Point Bible Camp, Glendale, OR. For more Info: William Woody is our

Youth Team leader 541-787-0791. 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 issues for those in our churches: Bob Batte** – Had a heart surgery this last Tuesday, 4 by passes, Doing well at last report; **Harrison**, Cancer the treatments are getting harder to manage (College Heights); **Jeanette Allen** (Trinity) will have tests in Portland to see what caused her recent health scare; **Jenny** (College Heights); and several other veteran SBA folks as well. Patty Spalding, (College Heights), bad break in leg

SBA:

- Pray that the vision of your own church bears 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. Pray their home sells quickly.
 - **Sixth Street Baptist** as they begin their search as John and Carolyn are on their way to new ministry.
 - **Prospect Baptist** as they begin to minister with Richard and Bonnie Giles
 - **Grace Baptist Church** as Lenny and Sherry Brewer make their way “back home”, as 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:

- **NWBC, Region 4**
- Bruce and Susan Sloan
- Ron and Jeanette Allen
- Pray for the churches having VBS this summer: Grace Baptist Church July 13-17 @ 9-12; Lozier Lane July 26 – 31 @ 6PM – 8:40 PM; College Heights July 27-31 @ 9-12;
- **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.
- **Pray for the 19 Mexico Mission Trip folks as they prepare to head out this Sunday. July 12 – 19, 2015**
- **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 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** - Be with 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)

Check out Randy Adams' Blog from the 6/18 entitled: **Friendship Matters: Loving Our Homosexual Neighbors**

Find it at <http://randyadams.org/2015/06/18/friendship-matters-loving-our-homosexual-neighbors/>

Check out Jeff Iorg's Blog regarding a new book to be out soon regarding same sex marriage and the church.

<http://www.ggbts.edu/president/blog.aspx>

I don't recall passing this on so it may be a repeat. We are continuing to pray for Bobbie and his family as they serve.

Dear Friends,

As you all probably know, with much prayer, we closed Freedom Pointe Church at the end of last year. During this time after the closing, we have continued in ministry here in the Eugene, OR area. I have had the privilege of leading a men's prayer breakfast/small group, as well as continued contact and ministry to the families of Freedom Pointe. I have always tried to bloom where I was planted. We have been so blessed by our Lord to be able to keep going. I have done some odd jobs here and there, but that is not where my heart is, and where I feel called.

We are searching, and waiting for His next call. Just so you know, we are not only open to a senior pastorate, but also to staff work such as Senior Adult Pastor, Missions Pastor, or Men's Ministry Pastor. These are areas that I have a passion for leading. Would you grant me this request, I would like to ask each of you to pray for us, pray for direction, vision, financial provision, and patience while waiting on the Lord. Should any of you be interested in my resume to pass along to churches, please send me an email, and I will send you one.

Thanks for all your love and support.

Blessings,

Bobby

The Exchange – A Blog by Ed Stetzer

(Ed Stetzer is the Executive Director of LifeWay Research, a prolific author, and well-known conference and seminar leader. Stetzer has planted, revitalized, and pastored churches, trained pastors and church planters on six continents, holds two masters degrees and two doctorates, and has written dozens of articles and books.)

Bring up church membership and watch people squirm.

It isn't that people in culture are against membership as an idea—Costco seems to be doing well.

Perhaps it is because church membership is not often defined well. It's one of those things that when misunderstood seems a bit like eating your spinach—"at least try it before you decide you don't like it."

Makes you want to sign right up, doesn't it?

But in the New Testament, people in churches are recognized as being in some sort of community. It's just that the reality is how community is expressed in Scripture has fallen on hard times over the last couple of thousand years.

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Membership Reality

The reality is we have often thought of membership like belonging to a select club, or like the old American Express commercial where "membership has its privileges."

That is not the way the Bible refers to membership. In fact, in 1 Corinthians Paul doesn't say the church is *like* a body. He says the church *is* a body. The phrase he uses to describe the individual connectedness is we are "members of the body."

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The word "member" in the Bible is more closely related to the medical word "member" than it is to the common cultural term. As an example, some of you who are reading may have lost a finger or toe in an accident. On that unfortunate day, you were dismembered. That's the actual technical terminology. A member of your body was separated from the body. That is a tragic thing.

Yet today in Western culture, being separated from the body of believers is not tragic. It's almost normal. It is almost understood that Christians and churches should be separated. Lone Ranger Christians are common.

Biblical Membership

Why then do we have membership? Because regardless of how the culture sees it or Christians misunderstand it, membership is not simply an opportunity to say, I'm a part of a club, but rather a scriptural expression of covenant connectedness to a church.

There are three things that help us understand why church membership is biblical and important.

1. Membership Reflects What the Church Is.

First, membership is a reflection of the organic community already existing in the body. Paul says we are a body. Can one part say to the other, "I'm not part of you"? No, it is already a part. But too often we live as if we are separated.

As a matter of fact, too many churches or Christian gatherings look like piles of dismembered body parts, not a body knit together as God's agent, his body, his kingdom, at work in the world. To reject the value of membership is to deny what God has already established in fact.

2. The Bible Teaches Covenant Community.

We find in Paul's letters to the church at Corinth that they were putting people out of the body. So Scripture teaches that we can be a part of the body, and we can be apart from the body. It is difficult to get around Scripture when it talks about being brought into the body and also being put out of it.

And yet for most churches there's no way to put somebody out because they're not even in. While there seems to be flexibility according to various bodies, there is no such thing in the New Testament as a church without some recognition of belonging—of membership in community.

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3. People Need Church Membership.

Finally, we recognize biblical membership matters because people need it. People need membership commitment because they need to be connected to a Christian community. This is not just for the sake of the faith community, but also for the sake of the individual.

Individualist Christianity is a myth and a damaging pursuit. At the end of the day we're redeemed. We're placed in the body. The Bible specifically says he has redeemed us. He has transferred us, Colossians 1 says, from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the Son he loves. A kingdom has a king. The king has subjects and his kingdom has a community together where we function as God's people.

Membership Matters

God makes us a part of his larger family when we are born again. But then we should covenant in a local body and live in community with them, agreeing to live by certain established godly principles and standards.

Membership doesn't save us. But it enables us to grow and become spiritually mature in Christ. Not only should we be members of the body, each of us should also be able to express the value of membership. Hopefully, then people will stop squirming when we bring up the topic, but instead passionately embrace the biblical nature of church membership.