



SBA Weekly News

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Hi Everyone,

Rain, rain come and stay, won't you play a few more days. But alas it will be short lived this time. I heard Mt Bachelor got a dusting. Fires in CA should have enough to douse the forests pretty good. Be in prayer for displaced families. Disaster Relief folks are on the scene and more to come. Pray for them as well.

If you need some pulpit supply, consider giving Bob Batte a call!

Please be in prayer for these events:

1. Dayspring Baptist Church Revival Sept. 27 11:00 AM through Sept 30 - Gary Maroney is the evangelist.
2. Annual Church Profiles will be due the 1st of October! If you have not received your Profile let me know.
3. SBA Annual Meeting October 24 @ 10AM. You will be served lunch at noonish and then we will continue until 2 PM We meet at Lozier Lane Baptist Church. This is a Saturday! Our preacher for the day will be determined soon. The missionary speakers will be ready.

Bruce Sloan sent a message that Gary Maroney is available October 18-21, 2015. His contact information is: Cell – 254-627-9004 or Email – ddm6tx@yahoo.com

Have a wonderful day!

Nancy

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

9/27-30 – Dayspring Baptist Church Revival –The 27th 11:AM and 6:30 PM, 28th – 30th 6:30 PM Gary Maroney is the evangelist

October 2015

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

Jeanette Allen, 7th; Bob Batte (ret), 17th; John Dawson, 19th; Carolyn Brons (ret), 20th; Brandie Woody, 20th;

Ron Allen, 26th; Dwayne Johnson, 30th

10/24 – SBA Annual Meeting 10 AM – 2 PM at Lozier Lane Baptist Church. Lunch will be served at Lozier Lane. Please plan to be in attendance with your messengers! The meal will be a fund raiser for the Rogue River World Changers.

November 2015

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

Jorie Allen, 8th; Emilee Woody, 23rd; Josué and Janet Delgado, 26th

• **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** – Looking to be able to leave for Mexico soon; **Nate Sheets** (friend of Liz Law-College Heights), They think he may have an autoimmune disease, but have no definite answers. He also has pneumonia and is being treated for that as well. He has a wife and 4 children, one an infant. **Gary Maroney** – evangelist traveling

SBA:

- **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. The new church plant Living Hope Church.
 - **Sixth Street Baptist** as they search for a new pastor.
 - **Prospect Baptist** as they reach out to their community with renewed fervor.
 - **Grace Baptist Church** they continue the process of Pastor search.
 - **New Horizon** as they sponsor the Nueva Vida Hispanic church plant in Medford. Jaime and Claudia Pantojas
- **Pray for these SBA Pastor's and Wives:**
 - **NWBC, Region 4**
 - Bruce and Susan Sloan
 - Ron and Jeanette Allen
- Pray for Dwayne and Tammy Johnson as they wait on the Lord for clear direction in their lives.
- Pray for Lozier Lane – for direction and God's peace.
- Pray for those who attended VBSs and Youth/Children Camps for God to continue to work in the lives of these young folks.
- **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.**
- **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.
- **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, 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 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.

- **Hispanic Church plant in Medford – Pastor Jaime & Claudia Pantojas.** Nueva Vida
- **Waters of Life Legacy Plant** - Shawn and Tina Snyder – Living Hope Church
- **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.**
- **Pray for funds to help them get settled.**
- **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 work together in unity with each other and other ministry partners. Romans 15:5
- **NWBC leadership as they continue to serve Northwest churches.**
- **That the Northwest Impact offering will be funded.**
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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 who are incarcerated in another country..
- **Continue to pray for the Baptist Disaster Relief folks. Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Around the USA, Our own back yard.**

World

- For IMB missionaries as the decisions are being made to bring 600 + home due to financial situation.
- **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.**
- **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.
- **Nepal Rebuild**
- 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.

NorthWest Impact Mission Offering

Goal: 120,000
September 2015

Videos on how offering funds make an impact

[Church Planting \(50%\) \\$55,000](https://vimeo.com/137394331)

<https://vimeo.com/137394331>

[Evangelism Training/Resources](https://vimeo.com/137407924)

<https://vimeo.com/137407924>

[Leadership Development:](https://vimeo.com/137408075)

<https://vimeo.com/137408075>

[Disaster Relief:](https://vimeo.com/137403838)

<https://vimeo.com/137403838>

Note from Bob Batte via face book

I got good news from the cardiologist yesterday. I'm clear to travel to Baja the end of this month with the admonishment to not be doing any heavy lifting or heavy exercise. I will start cardiac rehab finally with another echo-cardiogram scheduled to make sure the circulation for the heart is what it needs to be. So I will (be) traveling with Merle and Paul to help with the excavation of the fire station site in El Rosario. Our trip to Vicente Guerrero will be postponed until I'm cleared to stay longer than a week or two. Prayers for traveling mercies and discernment for the days ahead.

Article by Thom Rainier about church bulletins!

In many circles, the church bulletin or worship folder is perceived to be old school, the tool of staid and traditional churches. Leaders with such a perspective are missing an incredible opportunity to put something in the hands of guests that, at least anecdotally, increases the chances they will return.

It is for that reason that I see the church bulletin to be first for guests. While church members can benefit from it, the most effective use comes from those who are new to your church. I thus note nine essentials for church bulletin with the guest in mind.

1. **Worship times.** Many bulletins are retained for future use. It is thus imperative for the worship times to be prominent in them.
2. **Physical address of church.** You want to encourage the guest to return, so include the physical address of the church for their GPS.
3. **Website and social media links.** This is a primary means of communication for our culture. Your church must be speaking that language, and guests need to know where to find you online.
4. **Email, and telephone contact.** Make certain there is an email and telephone contact so the guest can get more information on the church. Also, make certain someone responds quickly to any inquiries.
5. **Prayer request contact.** I encourage all churches to have some type of prayer line, either email or telephone. Many guests to your church will communicate with you through a prayer line before any other means. Make certain those contacts are in the bulletin, and make certain you have someone responding promptly to them.
6. **Sermon notes.** I have been surprised at the number of guests who are eager to take notes during the sermon. They expect to have a place to take notes.
7. **Major events.** Never clutter a bulletin with a multitude of events and regularly scheduled activities. Most of the time, the event should be an event for everyone, and should be considered of major value to the congregation.
8. **Vision or mission statement.** This (hopefully) succinct statement will communicate to the guests what really matters at your church.
9. **Order of service.** Some churches have gotten away from putting the order of service in the bulletin. I think that's a mistake from a guest-friendly perspective. Guests may not have a clue what's taking place in the worship services. Make certain they have a clue.

One item that may seem like an obvious omission is a guest registration card. We have found that these cards are more effective if they are placed as loose cards in the bulletin, rather than perforated cards the guest must tear off.

Again, let me emphasize that the bulletin is a primary tool to connect with guests. If you have abandoned this practice because it does not have a cool factor, please reconsider. It's making a huge difference in churches that are using it intentionally to reach out to guests.