



SBA Weekly News

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Good Afternoon to you all!

I hope you are all doing great!

I don't know if any of our pastors are going to the Prayer meeting in Longview, WA. I will forward a note from Randy Adams our Executive Director as an encouragement to those of you who have not considered going. Perhaps you and your leadership could meet at your church for this time frame for a season of prayer as well.

At the end of the Newsletter will be a blog post from Kevin Ezell who had a guest writer (*Bryant Wright, senior pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, GA*) speaking about the importance of teaching doctrine.

Did you get your [Northwest Baptist Witness](#)? It is a beautiful piece. Thank you to all who put it together. It is a large print edition for sure.

Do any of our Pastor's use the KJV in their services? I have a person looking for such a congregation.

Nancy

March 2014

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

Linda Darr, 6th; Dave and Nita Kanton, 9th; Josué Delgado, 15th; Jim Mc Kinney, 16th; Larry Brons, 17th

March 2-9 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for North American Missions – That's this next week/month

March 9 – Daylight Savings Time Spring forward

March 9-12 – Revival at Lozier Lane Call 541-773-4778 for additional information. Alex Ng will be the preacher from Southwestern. A potluck will follow the Sunday AM service and dessert after the Wednesday service.

March 9-12 – Revival at Grace Baptist Church Call 541-582-2290 for additional information

March 14-15 MAP's Conference –Vancouver, WA – I will be going up on the 13th as it starts early in the day of the 14th. There is room for one other to ride with me. Call me if you are interested. The flyer is available on Web or call and I'll E-mail it to you.

March 21 – SBA Administration Team Meeting

March 28-29 – Disaster Relief Round Table – Vancouver, WA - There are flyers on the web page

March 30 – 5th Sunday Sing – Lozier Lane 5 PM?

April 2014

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

Bruce Sloan, Region 4 Leader, 22nd; Betty Batte, 25th; Tabitha Badley, 28th

April 4-5 – 52 and 1- Children's Ministry/VBS Training – At College Heights Baptist Church - Region 4. LAStark@NWBaptist.org

April 11-12 – Acquire the Fire Youth Event - See below for more info

April 11-12 – Women's Summit – NWBC Vancouver WA. \$20 plus hotel For registration contact Linda: 360-882-2101 or

linda@nwbaptist.org or for information contact: Laura Harper at lauraharper2@gmail.com They will be collecting battery operated alarm clocks to donate to SAFE Family Ministries.

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 20 – Easter

April 25-26 – NWBC Student Conference

- **Prayer Needs and Praises:**
- **Let me know if your church has a prayer concern it will be posted here.**
- **Updates are a great thing.**

- PTL Dwayne Johnson (Lozier Lane Associate Pastor/Youth) is doing well and is back to playing his instruments.
- **Continue to pray for the Baptist Disaster Relief folks.** Currently these folks are working all over with weather related needs.
- **For our missionaries who are in areas of high violence. Most would ask for a holy boldness rather than their safety.**
- **For Revival in our land**
- **For the Revival at Lozier Lane and Grace in March.**
- **For 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.
- **PTL for growth in our churches.** For God’s divine guidance and appointments as we go along our way.
- **Prospect Baptist** as they continue to go forward on a new building.
- **NWBC Executive Director/Treasurer Randy Adams and wife Paula** for God’s direction and timing of things to come.
- **NWBC leadership as they continue to lead and serve Northwest churches.**
- **For the planning and execution of plans made here in and through SBA and our churches. Upcoming retreats: For the** Mission trips, outreach ministries, Trainings, etc. coming up as well. That He will be glorified in all that happens and that many would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- **Pray for these Pastors and their wives:**
 - Michael and Teri Franell, Lozier, Medford
 - Dwayne and Tammy Johnson
- **Pray for our Pastor's and wives, Region 4 Team, Missionaries (IMB and NAMB) and NWBC staff** that they and we would give all our anxious thoughts to God and rest in His peace. Phil4:6-7
- **Health issues:** Pray for Ken and Pat Barrington, Nordeca Irvin, Rachel Bell; Rose Robinson
- **For ministries and outreaches throughout our SBA area that are reaching out to their greater community.** (SOS, Lozier: U-Turn, The Cure Church, 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, The Cure
- **Truck Stop Ministry in Phoenix:** Pray for a trailer that they can minister from at both truck stops.
- **For our churches that are struggling with both much and lack of growth and financial issues.**
- **For our churches that are in the midst of remodels/redecorating.**
- **SBA teams to be energized with new participants and helpers** – Pray about how you can be serving our churches in our association.
- **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.**

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

- **The Cure** - Sean & Christina Sullivan - Grants Pass area very busy with outreach.
- **The Branch in Corvallis** - Pastor Josh Howeth
- **Freedom Pointe Church** - 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.**



2014 mission Trips:

Pray for your participation in these mission trips. To go, help finance, help with fund raising, etc. Posters and sign-up sheets are on the web page.

PTL - The Dominican Republic Trip is filled. Contact Tammy Johnson for information, fund raisers, etc. 541-621-9534

Evangelistic RoadTrip – August 8-16 - \$500 per person

This group will travel a loop through 7 states. Lead by Lenny and Sherry Brewer
You must be 15 and older. Attend monthly meetings, Have a written and shared testimony, a letter from a SBA affiliated Pastor affirming your attendance at least twice weekly.

Meetings and funds due by:

Feb 23rd meeting and \$125 due March 16th \$125 due April 6th Mission Meeting
 May 4th Mission Meeting and \$125 due June 8th Mission Meeting July 1st \$125 due
 July 6th Mission Meeting August 3rd Mission Meeting



Petra dispersing items:

There are a couple of items that Petra Baptist Fellowship needs to pass along. They have a Wurlitzer piano – short type, spinet?. Bonnie Giles says it plays nice. They also have a Thomas organ. For either of these please contact Kay Dye at 541-826-3594. They are in a temperature regulated storage unit.

Children & Youth News – Lenny Brewer – Team Leader - 541-582-1617

Youth Camp June 16-20 (Mon afternoon - Fri morning)

Children's Camp June 22- 26 (Sunday afternoon - Thursday morning)

Watch for more information regarding these camps. I will put all forms etc on the web site.

Also the ACQUIRE THE FIRE YOUTH CONFERENCE in Eugene is April 11-12. Tickets prices usually drop by the end of March and can be snagged up cheap. You could stay at hotel and they have some listings with ATF or we all stay at Tammy's aunt's church in Cottage Grove.



What Happened to the Moravians?

Today's guest post is by my friend Bryant Wright, senior pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga. Bryant has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and he is a committed church planting partner. He shares some key points about the importance of teaching sound doctrine to the next generation of believers and how we plan to do that in our churches and church plants. – Kevin Ezell

Church planting is hot. Few things inspire me more than young adults called to vocational ministry who want to take the gospel to the hard to reach. The tougher the city to reach – the more they want to go. The harder-to-reach the people group – the more willing they are to pay the price to take the gospel to them. It is greatly encouraging for the future of the Church.

Yet in preparing for our annual global ministries week where we bring into our church some of the partners in ministry we work with around the globe, I came across some insight on the Moravians. Most Christians only know about them being instrumental in the conversion of John Wesley. He was returning from America to England as a failed Anglican missionary. The big reason for Wesley's failure is that even though he was an ordained Anglican clergyman, he was not really saved. On the ship home a terrible storm came upon them and Wesley, fearing for his life, he was struck by the calm faith of the Moravians on board. He knew they had something he didn't. And under great conviction, he soon came to personally trust Christ as his Savior and Lord during that famous Bible study on Romans on Aldersgate Street in London.

But what most don't know is how the Moravians were such a dynamic missionary force in the 1700s and early 1800s. They were bold and courageous. Their zeal and passion for spreading the gospel was the driving force behind their movement. I got to thinking. What happened? What happened to the Moravians?

So I began to do some research and found there are just over 800,000 Moravians today. How could this dynamic missionary force be so small now? Was it a classic case of embracing liberal theology that killed the missionary zeal? No, it was not.

Nathan Finn, professor of Church History at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, says that the Moravians were part of the Pietistic movement within the Protestant Church that reacted against the dead orthodoxy among many Lutherans and Calvinists of their day. They felt what was important was preaching the gospel for the individual to be saved or born again. They were so focused on that, that they neglected doctrine. So what happened? The second and third generation Moravians of this dynamic missionary movement didn't know the basic doctrines of the faith – not from liberalism or unbelief. They just weren't taught. So the children and grandchildren lost their zeal for taking the gospel to all the world.

It hit me like a bolt of lightning. Could there be a more sobering warning to the church planting movement of today? What a passion young church planters and missionaries have for reaching the tough-to-reach with the gospel! Yet where are the basic doctrines of the faith emphasized and taught? Will this church planting movement of the 21st century go the way of the Moravians?

Praise music is great for worship, yet so often it is incredibly weak on doctrine – especially in comparison with classic hymns of faith. Sunday Bible study or Sunday School is often confined to children only. Often regular weekly Bible study for adults is evaporating. Small groups that are strong on fellowship and prayer and discussing the pastor's sermon of the week are seen as the way to go. Since parents have the major role of discipleship with children, how can they do so without being taught key biblical doctrines of the faith? Is it realistic that the church meeting with their children once a week can get this done since so few parents will be trained for the task of spiritual leadership in the home?

Please know, I'm not advocating church as it used to be – with the structure and methods of yesterday. I am only asking the passionate young church planters and missionaries of today: how is the Spirit of God going to lead you to truly disciple the new followers of Jesus in your care – to teach them biblical doctrine so that each succeeding generation knows what they believe and why they believe it? Then hopefully the missionary and church planting zeal can continue to prosper with the third and fourth generations to come.

Some thoughts:

1. David Platt's *Secret Church* is seeking to address this need, yet how can this type of teaching be incorporated in the local church in an ongoing, weekly basis? One great teacher heard once a year is just skimming the surface of the week-to-week needs in discipleship.
2. What Gen X and millennial church leaders will step up and develop Bible study material on basic biblical doctrines of the faith in a style and language and methodology that millennials gel with and are drawn to?
3. How can publishers and ministries incorporate Gen X and millennial writers that use the social networking tools of technology to provide churches – especially new church plants and missionaries – tools for teaching the Bible and biblical doctrine to adults, teens and children?

Obviously, I don't have the answer. I'm just raising the question. The answer will come from Spirit-led Gen Xers and millennials who become just as passionate about discipleship as they are about reaching the unchurched for Christ in tough-to-reach areas. This is my great hope for today's passionate generation of planters, missionaries and young adult Christians. It is my hope that 50 years and 100 years from now a few remaining Christians will not wonder, "What happened to the passionate church planters and missionaries of the early 21st century?"

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