



"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

This month I'll share something I found while looking for something else. Perhaps you've had a similar experience. Looking in the Word of God for something and you find something else that leads you in another direction of thought.

I was looking in Psalms for something I remembered, but couldn't remember where it was, when I came across verse eight of Psalm 34. **"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good..."** That immediately raised the question in my mind, "How does one taste that the Lord is good?"

Peter writes in I Peter 2:1-3; ***"Therefore laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious."***

Could it be that many Christians lead a stunted life without the fullness of the peace and joy that is promised because they haven't tasted that the Lord is good and gracious?

Prayer is a great way to taste that the Lord is good and gracious! If you consider prayer like a cake, you find that many people nibble around the edges, or gobble it up and scarcely taste it, so unfortunately they miss the real sweetness and goodness of the cake.

To taste the real goodness and graciousness of the Lord through prayer requires taking the time to savor the communion.

Every prayer will not be answered the way one would desire, however the time spent in true prayer will always be blessed and rewarding.

Prayer is not so much seeking answers as it is seeking to share some precious time with your heavenly Father. Answers are just frosting on the cake!

Another way to taste the goodness and graciousness of the Lord is through true worship with brothers and sisters in Christ. True worship is preparing your heart and mind before the time of worship. It's not always easy to clear your mind of other thoughts that can fill you mind. Not always easy to focus upon singing and praying as though God Himself were before you as you sing and pray. True worshipping is as though you were in the very presence of God as Isaiah was in Isaiah chapter six.

We can taste the goodness and graciousness of the Lord as we share life with brothers and sisters in Christ. Bearing one another's burdens, and joys, celebrating being a part of the Body of Christ. I'll leave it to your imagination to discern how you might do that.

Truly taste the Lord's goodness and graciousness and your life will never be the same!

Shalom, Pastor Bill

What are your prayer requests?



Join Us

Sunday

gathering of friends

time for instruction

prayer for each other

March 3

7:00 p.m.

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is error, truth;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in self-forgetting that we find;

And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

THE COOK OR THE BOOK, WHICH? (COOK-STOVE APOSTASY)



The Cooking Squad vs. Praying Band



The early church Prayed in the Upper Room; the twentieth Century church cooks in the Supper Room.

Today the Supper Room has taken the place of the Upper Room, Play has taken the place of Prayer and Feasting the pace of Fasting. There are more Full Stomachs than there are Bended Knees and Broken Hears. There is more fire in the Range in the kitchen, than there is in the Pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen, it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the Pulpit. Ice Cream chills the fervor of Spiritual Life.

The early Christians were not Cooking in the Supper Room the day the Holy Ghost came. They were Praying in the Upper Room; they were not Waiting on Tables, they were Waiting on God; they were not Waiting for the fire from the Stove, but for the Fire from Above.

They were Detained by the Command of God and not Entertained by the Cunning of Men. They were all Filled with the Holy Ghost, not Stuffed with a Stew or Roast.

O, I would like the Cooking Squad put out and the Praying Band put in, less Ham and Sham and more Heaven, less Pie and more Piety, less use for the Cook and more use for the Old Book. Put out the fire in the kitchen and build it on the Altar.

More Love and more Life, fewer Dinners and get after Sinners. Let us have a church full of Waiters on God, a church full of Servers, serving God and waiting for His Son from Heaven.

Business Men's Christian League



Many weeks of cancellations due to the weather have kept the women from getting together. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, at 10:30. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. All women are welcome.....a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

***** **Outreach cup offerings for Jan., Feb., Mar. and April** are designated for Walk for Warmth

***** **Birthday Sunday**, March 3, worship service

***** **Prayer meeting**, Sunday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.

***** **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 & 7:30 p.m.

***** **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, March 17, 6:00 p.m.

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FUNERAL DINNERS—a ministry of this church.



Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.

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MAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL PART OF YOUR REGULAR WORSHIP

Sunday School News

Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings with “Get your worship on,” music and a short message. There are several classes available, and everyone, young and old, is encouraged to attend.

Preschool - Kindergarten – Teacher, Becky Phillips

1st - 7th grades - Teacher, Joanne Fassett

Adult – Teacher, Tom Prager – Study of 1 and 2 Timothy

Adult/Teen – Teacher, Peggy McKimmy and Sherry Garvin, Frances Chan’s book Crazy Love

MEN'S COOK-OFF

AND

CORN-BAG TOURNAMENT

MARCH 16 SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.

Calling all men to a great contest!!



Show us your culinary skills by making a main dish and/or dessert to be judged and then eaten by the rest of us. Everyone is invited to participate by judging the entries and enjoying a meal together.

A corn-hole tournament will be held after dinner.



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All the fun starts at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss out.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN VISION STATEMENT

Through scripture, Jesus calls us to live as courageous disciples by word and action: To surrender ourselves to God, to embrace one another, to express God's love for all creation.

