



“THE CALL”

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

AUGUST

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

August! The year is more than half over and goals for the year are not as complete as they should be! I'm a very goal oriented person as most of us with OCD are. My goals are both short term and long term; some are lifetime. In my time as an educational administrator it served me well. Our superintendent liked to see measurable progress. I'm still very goal oriented, however, age has limited my accomplishments, both mental and physical.

This all came to mind as I was talking with a member of our congregation concerning our activities. The following questions arose.

1. "We put a lot of time and effort into a float for the parade, and I wonder if it really has any effect on people?"
2. "There was a lot of time, and some expense, to have a Vacation Bible School and there were very few children. Was it worth it?"
3. "We are putting a lot of hours into a booth at the fair and there doesn't seem to be much return. Is the time spent worth it?"
4. " We spend a lot of money on gift cards for teachers and we don't get very many 'Thank you' cards and I wonder if there is really any benefit to children?"

These questions weren't asked all at once, but came up in our conversation. These are good questions as I believe we should evaluate what we are doing and how we are spending our money.

The difficulty we have here is that we are trying to evaluate eternal investments the results of which may not be evident for many years.

There are benefits which may be seen, and experienced, immediately and in the short term. There is the joy of working together, and the sense of accomplishment when building a float, and we may never know the lives it touched. The joy of working with children at VBS and the thanks that they share for the blessings they received which attending. Working together at the fair booth and sharing with the people who stop by. The good feeling of knowing that there are more supplies available to teachers and that will have an effect on children's lives.

There are many "short term" benefits and we cannot calculate the "long term" benefits. We only know that Christ has put upon our hearts to do these things to witness and serve in His name. That's where we place all our service and the results are in His hands.

Only one life, will soon be over. Only what's done for Christ will last! *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."* The harvest is certain if we plant and care for the seed.

Love one another, encourage one another, support one another, and pray for one another, and to God be all glory and honor!

Pastor Bill

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

Annual Church Picnic

Celebrate Summer

The annual church picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 4th** at the home of Bob and Becky Phillips. Plan to come following worship service. **Bring a friend** and a dish to pass. Enjoy fun and fellowship on a nice summer afternoon!



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE...



One Adult class is beginning a new book.....Prayer Warrior by Stormie O'Martian will be our guide for a study of prayer beginning in August. See Sherry Garvin or Peggy McKimmy to get a copy of the book and join us.

New Sunday school class brethren beliefs

In the fall a study of Brethren beliefs will be held during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Bill will lead a class in the basic disciplines of the denomination which includes the history behind those tenets. Class size will be limited. The study will be held for three months--October, November, and December. Please see Pastor Bill for more information and to discuss your intentions to participate.

"Let us not fool ourselves – without Christianity, without Christian education, without the principles of Christ inculcated into young life, we are simply rearing pagans." Peter Marshall



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 Matthew

Adult/Teen – Teacher, Peggy McKimmy and Sherry Garvin, Stormy O'Martian's book Prayer Warrior beginning soon

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?? SCHOOL IS STARTING SOON.....

The time is “now” to contribute to the teacher gift card outreach that happens in this church every year.



Staples **Gift Cards** will be given to all teachers, K-6th grades. We have been able to give \$125 each after raising a little more than \$4,000. We are well on our way, but we need to keep forging ahead with our giving. Please, take part in this important outreach to our community, our schools—teachers and students. God has blessed this ministry!



ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- ***** **Outreach cup offerings for May, June, July and August** are designated for School Supplies (Teacher gift cards)
- ***** **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**, August 4, worship service
- ***** **Prayer meeting**, Sunday, August 4, 7:00 p.m.
- ***** **Communion**, Sunday, August 4, during worship
- ***** **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- ***** **Vet's dinner**, Sunday, August 18, 6:00 p.m.

What are your prayer requests?



Join Us

*gathering of friends
time for instruction
prayer for each other*

Sunday

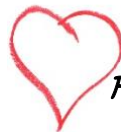
August 4

7:00 p.m



Women's Fellowship

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!



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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Peggy McKimmy: 989-429-8799

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