

January 2010 Dates Ahead

- 1/4 Medford Mission
- 1/7 Women’s Outreach
- 1/12 Women’s Bible Study
- 1/14 Elder’s Meeting
- 1/31 Business Meeting

February Dates Ahead

- 2/1 Medford Mission
- 2/4 Women’s Outreach

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**January 2010 Birthdays**

- 1/12 Beth Piete
- 1/15 Robert Belanger, Sr.
- 1/18 Joe Neiderheiser
- 1/22 Allison Johnson
- 1/26 Steve VanderValk
- Coty Wiginton

**February Birthdays**

- 2/2 Jim Shropshire
- Andrew Watson, Jr.
- 2/5 Susan Mikolavich (M)
- 2/9 Joe Clement
- 2/10 Kolton Fisher
- 2/12 Shae Wiginton
- 2/17 Esther Ackerman
- 2/19 Noah Belanger
- 2/22 Willard Marsh

**January Anniversaries**

- 1/12 C.J. & Gwen Bernard
- 1/18 Ken & Valorie Emilio
- 1/26 Robert & Shirley Belanger

**February Anniversaries**

- 2/15 Mike & Connie Quigley
- 2/21 Les & Jackie Hill

**Promises for the New Year**

- \* Promise to be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- \* Promise to make all your friends feel that there is something special about them.
- \* Promise to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- \* Promise to think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to make the best come true.
- \* Promise to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- \* Promise to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements in the future.
- \* Promise to wear a cheerful expression at all times and to give every person you meet a smile.
- \* Promise to give so much effort to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- \* Promise to be too big for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble in your life.

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Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach, for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips. So that your trust may be in the Lord, I teach you today, even you.

Proverbs 22: 17-19

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Dear Congregation,

Welcome to the second decade of the 21st century! As I did a few years ago, let me take the opportunity with the beginning of a new year to encourage you again to commit to reading through your Bible in 2010. There are many variations of Bible reading plans available (one year Bibles, family devotional plans, chronological readings, etc.), but three to four chapters a day will get you through the Bible in a year. Kelly and I have done this for several years now, and find that it is a must if we are going to get and keep a handle on Scripture. We all need steady input from the word of God, and staying on a plan is a great way to maintain consistency.

By the way, don’t let my vehemence about personal Bible reading come as a legalistic demand that compels you to read. It comes from my heart as a longing to see people built up into “the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4.13). This happens as we are transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12.2), a renewing that comes from pouring through the truth of God. We need His truth daily (Matthew 4.4), because we are constantly being bombarded by the lies that Satan propagates through our culture and various forms of media.

As you read through the Bible, and particularly as you come to books like Leviticus, it may seem somewhat disconnected from your life on a human level. That is because we often read the Bible with a “yearbook approach.” You know, you get a school yearbook at the end of the year, and the first thing you do is scan through it to find every picture in which you appear—to see if it makes you look good, etc. Well, don’t read the Bible like that. If you’re looking for a portrait of yourself in every chapter, you will get frustrated. Read the Bible to find a portrait of God, to fill-in the picture in your mind of who God is. The book of Leviticus won’t tell you who to marry and what job or career to pursue or where and when to retire, but it will tell you volumes about who God is. And it’s only in coming to know God that we can truly know ourselves. Read the Bible to learn of Him, to fuel your worship toward Him, and to find in Him the only relationship that can satisfy the longings in the depths of your soul. “The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart” (Psalm 19.8).

Pastor Brian



Cookies for Meet –n- Greet are made in the church’s kitchen every Friday at 9:00 a.m. It would be great if others would help **Vickie** with this, she has plenty to do! Thanks to **Charlotte Butcher** for her faithful help.

Be Patient!

Construction in the church will be an ongoing project throughout January. Be patient with the messes! The pipe that burst caused major damage! It will get finished. Bids have been submitted and work will begin as soon as possible.



Annual Church Business meeting and Potluck ~ January 31st

A potluck will begin immediately after service with the meeting following. Everyone can have input, which is wanted and welcomed. Those of you who write a report, it needs to be electronically mailed to Vickie by January 17th. The completed reports will be available the 24th to read before the meeting.



Remember your canceled postage stamps. There is a yellow bag in the foyer. They will help support a missionary. Leave a ¼” border around each stamp.



Condolences to our church neighbor, **Vic Anderson**. His son, **Claude Vic, Jr.**, passed away Christmas day while at the home. Vic is 90 years old. If any of you are willing, stop by to visit him and bring a meal.

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission, and in the end it will carry you.
Thomas a Kempis

Women’s Outreach

Our next meeting is January 7th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We are going to get busy again! There are a few projects needing attention, one of those will be taking down Christmas decorations. We will also begin plans for the Ladies Spring Luncheon in May.

Open house for T.O.P.S. ~ January 25th

Come find out what we are about! Not only are we a weight lose group, promoting healthy eating and exercise, we are also involved in the community. Part of our outreach is to the Women’s Crisis Center. We bring in personal hygiene items adding up to ten bags which we donate to the center. We also ‘adopt’ a family each year and get items together to help that family throughout the year. If you would like more info, contact Carol Felty 541-890-1866.

AWANA Clubbers of the month:

October:

Josh Saunders, Kadie Fowler, Austin Green, and Ally Parsons.

November:

Terrell Armstrong, Amanda Dodson, Kaelan Fisher, and Brooklyn Jacobs.

January 20th is inside out night.



Missionary of the Month: The Gideons

The Gideons International was founded in 1899. They are an interdenominational association of Christian business and professional men who are members of Protestant/evangelical churches. Their members are dedicated to saving the lost through personal witnessing and the distribution of God’s Word in more than 180 countries in over 83 different languages around the world.



Be sure to look at our website which **Dale Fisher** works at keeping updated:
www.applegatechurch.org



Women’s Bible Study

Jackie’s study in the book of John will start back up on January 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All ladies are invited to attend.

The Bible is a book of mystery, of ethics, a do-it-yourself manual, a love story, a self-improvement course, a diary, a law journal, a geography lesson, a history book, and otherwise good reading.

Missions Committee update ~ December, 2009

Last year, Pastor Brian challenged us to develop a new philosophy for missions here at Applegate Church. He felt this philosophy should be one that would bring our church into a greater commitment to missions and also that was faithful to the “Great Commission” (Matt 28:19-20) by developing a God-centered missions program. The Elder Board responded in two ways. First, a Missions Committee was established to oversee our missions program by monitoring updates from the field and communicating those needs to the church body. Second, a Faith-Pledge program was established, along with a Missions Fund, in order to provide financial support for our missionaries when emergencies or special needs develop. Of course, our regular monthly support of our missionary families from our general budget will continue, as well as the Brown Barrel collection.



The results of the first year of our new commitment to missions are a testimony to the faithfulness of God. We have set aside the third Sunday of each month for emphasis on missions so that we will all understand the needs of our missionaries and hold them up in prayer on a daily basis.

At the local level, we continue to support the Medford Mission with a worship team headed by Willard Marsh. We also provide Bible study classes at the Gospel Rescue Mission in Grants Pass that are led by Mike Quigley and Ken Emilio. Our church has also provided generous support for the Gideon organization and our own Women’s Outreach program. This year, Women’s Outreach completed several projects including assembling 15 Christmas gift shoeboxes for needy children and 12 food boxes from Joseph’s Storehouse for local families during the Christmas season.

Financial support for our missions program for the past year include the following:

The Missions Committee provided a \$500 gift to the Wells family during Terri’s visit here in September. This was in addition to the \$620 that was collected after the worship service for a Love Gift. Later, one of our families donated \$300 for the Wells to help with travel expenses for their daughter, Annalisa, during the coming holidays.

Because of your regular support of the Brown Barrel this past year, we were able to send \$400 to each of our missionary families for our annual Christmas love gifts.

The Missions Fund at the present time has a balance of nearly \$2000 which brings our total financial support for our mission program for the year, (as of November 1), to over \$12,000. Praise the Lord!!! This represents over 10% of our total expenditures for the year, a substantial increase over past years.

If you would like more information about how you can help support our missionaries or would like to participate in the Faith-Pledge program, please contact one of the members of the Missions Committee: Bill Zimmerman, Louise Isbell, Les Hill, Tom Keosababian, or Pastor Brian Johnson