

## May Dates Ahead

- 5/9 Mother's Day
- 5/12 Last AWANA
- 5/15 Spring Luncheon  
Armed Forces Day
- 5/27 Full Moon
- 5/31 Memorial Day



## June Dates Ahead

- 6/3 Women's Outreach
- 6/6 Communion Sunday
- 6/7 Medford Mission

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## May Birthdays

- 5/6 Darrel Prose
- 5/8 Bob Belanger
- 5/10 Cliff Berg
- 5/16 Pat Courtney
- 5/18 Kelly Johnson
- 5/19 Jackie Hill  
Shirley Collins
- 5/21 Tom Keosababian
- 5/23 Dale Rau
- 5/26 Dale Fisher



## June Birthdays

- 6/2 Dolores Joyce
- 6/4 Bill Zimmerman
- 6/7 Katy Johnson
- 6/9 Bud Combe

## May Anniversaries

- 5/12 Jerry & Cari Dietrick  
Jim & Eileen Shropshire
- 5/23 Darrel & Vickie Prose
- 5/26 Tom & Barb Keosababian



## June Anniversaries

- 6/17 Daren & Michelle Kendall
- 6/20 Pat & Candie Courtney
- 6/22 Mike & Dolores Joyce

## Words for Mothers

"My mother had a slender, small body, but a large heart - a heart so large that everybody's joys found welcome in it, and hospitable accommodation." -- **Mark Twain**

"My Mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. I attribute all my success in my life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." -- **George Washington**

"You never realize how much your mother loves you till you explore the attic - and find every letter you ever sent her, every finger painting, clay pot, bead necklace, Easter chicken, cardboard Santa Claus, paper lace Mother's Day card and school report since day one." -- **Pam Brown**

"She is my first, great love. She was a wonderful, rare woman - you do not know; as strong, and steadfast, and generous as the sun. She could be as swift as a white whiplash, and as kind and gentle as warm rain, and as steadfast as the irreducible earth beneath us." -- **D. H. Lawrence**

"Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children. From now on each wounded, abandoned, frightened child is yours. You live in the suffering mothers of every race and creed and weep with them. You long to comfort all who are desolate." -- **Charlotte Gray**

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." -- **Henry Ward Beecher**

"Women know the way to rear up children (to be just). They know a simple, merry, tender knack of tying sashes, fitting baby shoes, and stringing pretty words that make no sense. And kissing full sense into empty words." -- **Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

"Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body." -- **Elizabeth Stone**

Happy Mother's Day -- Cricket



# NewsBreak

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*Dear Congregation,*

With May comes the last two weeks of AWANA for this school year. And thanks is due again to all those who have served so faithfully in this ministry. Speaking of *servicing*, I am reminded of the message Mike Quigley brought to you in my absence. If you were there, you heard him speak on the subject of spiritual gifts. Listening to the CD of Mike's message reminded me of several things and brought others to mind. *First*, if you are a child of God; if you have the Spirit of God within, then you have a spiritual gift (1 Peter 4.10). *Second*, that gift ought to be used; it is not to be neglected (1 Tim 4.14; 2 Tim 1.6). *Third*, such a gift cannot be used without an outward focus: "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4.10). Our spiritual gifts need to be used in the context of "serving one another."

That is essentially what Paul said: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. . . but to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor 12.4, 7). That's the point. The use of our gifts is for the "common good" of the body of Christ, the church. I use mine to edify you and you use yours to edify me. That's the idea, and that organic exchange needs to be happening consistently among us if we are going to grow in likeness to Christ (Eph 4.11-16).

You might be thinking, "I don't even know what my spiritual gift is." Well, it's hard to steer a ship that isn't moving. So get moving. Just get active—serve! And while you are serving, look back and see how God is using you. If you try to teach, and you study and you work really hard and apply yourself to the task, but find that you struggle to put one sentence together with another in a way that helps people understand, then you probably don't have the gift of teaching—or at least no one has the gift of listening to you 😊. That's fine! But it may be that in your serving, you can look back and see that God has used you to encourage people on a number of occasions in meaningful ways so that the body of Christ has really been built up. Perhaps you have the gift of encouragement? Or maybe you can see that God really used you to help people in a number of meaningful ways. Or perhaps you will find that you have the gift of service or of giving or of leadership or of mercy (Rom 12.7-8). The point is that we all need to be active and functioning properly if the body as whole is going to grow.

Here are some questions we ought to be asking ourselves: 1) What am I doing that is "for the common good" of the church? 2) Is there any kind of regular *outward focus* in my life that contributes to the growth of others in likeness to Christ? 3) Do the priorities of my life indicate that I believe God intends to use me for the spiritual growth of others? I pray that I will grow together with each of you in these areas—that Christ may be more fully formed in us (Gal 4.19).

*Pastor Brian*

**Dates Ahead**

**Graduation Dates:**

- Hidden Valley High** ~ June 3rd
- Cascade Christian** ~ June 5<sup>th</sup>
- New Hope Christian** ~ June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Applegate Elementary** ~ June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Lincoln Savage** ~ June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Grants Pass High** ~ June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Rogue Com. College** ~ June 12<sup>th</sup>



**County Fair Dates:**

- Jackson County ~ July 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
- Josephine County ~ August 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**Lake of the Woods Bible Camp:**

- Teen Camp July 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
- Explorer Camp July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>



**Armed Forces Day ~ May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Each branch of the military once celebrated their own day. On August 31, 1949 then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day. President Harry Truman announced the holiday on February 20, 1950. All branches of the military were asked to celebrate on the third Saturday of May. They complied, celebrating the first chosen holiday on May 20, 1950. This day salutes all the men and women in all branches of the service who protect our country and you.



**Memorial Day ~ May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Remember to pray for our military. Those in our church, or relatives of our members:

- BJ Bernard, Brian Landrum, Grant Hoover, Shannon Slater, Dan Zimmerman, and Jon Zimmerman.**

**Women's Outreach**

This month eight of us toured the Grants Pass Gospel Rescue Mission. We brought each of the women a gift and enjoyed lunch with them.

May 14<sup>th</sup> will have us busy decorating the gym for our annual Spring Luncheon.

**"En-Courage-ment For the Battle"**

**Date:** May 15<sup>th</sup>      **Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: **Marsha Johnson**

Music: **Ruch Bible Ladies' Group**

All ladies are encouraged to attend, invite your friends. All church ladies are asked to bring a generous salad. Louise Isbell is planning a decadent dessert table. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of music, visiting, and an inspiring speaker!



Men's Breakfast is now meeting every other Saturday at 8:00 a.m. as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.



Kelly Johnson is leading a Bible study, "Sermon on the Mount," every other Friday at 11:00 a.m. for one hour in the Fireside Room. The next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>.



Remember your **Mercy Flights** membership and check needs to be given to **Louise Isbell** by May 16<sup>th</sup>.



The Jacksonville Kiwanis Club gave recognition and awarded US savings bonds to two outstanding students from South Medford High. **Brooke Belanger** was one!

**AWANA News**

We are already at the end of the AWANA year! Our last meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup>. The evening will have us playing games, and enjoying corn dogs and ice cream. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great AWANA year.



Clubbers of the month for April: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

**Dane Baches and Kary Longendyke**  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade:  
**Pasquelina Godfrey**



Keep praying for Ester Ackerman for strength. Praise God the doctor's found what was wrong. Ester is doing better and is home. Continued prayer for Sarah Armstrong, Eileen Shropshire, and those you know who need to be lifted to the Lord.



*Announcing the wedding of*

*Brandi Watts and Michael Wood*

*Their new life together*

*will begin on*

*Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>*

*at Cantrall Buckley Park*

*at 6:00 in the evening.*

*Reception immediately following.*

Please contact Brandi or Darlene at 846-6842 if you plan on attending. There is a \$4.00 fee for parking.

**Ever hear of National Maritime Day?**

America has a proud maritime history, and the United States Merchant Marine has played a vital role in helping meet our country's economic and national security needs. On National Maritime Day, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, first declared so by Congress in 1933, we honor merchant mariners for their dedication to promoting commerce and protecting our freedom.

Its observance honors the contributions of the American merchant marine, civilians who have defended the freedom of the United States since 1775, and who executed the largest sealift the world has ever known during World War II.

Observance of National Maritime Day also honors the maritime industry and the benefits it brings Americans in terms of transportation, jobs, goods, and recreational opportunities.

The Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History opened a new exhibit, "On the Water: Stories from Maritime America" on Maritime Day, May 22, 2009. The maritime exhibit is part of the museum's larger transportation exhibit, "America on the Move."



Greeter for May: **Hannah Guches**  
Hannah was born April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1990 in Medford and raised in the Applegate Valley her whole life. Her parents are Ed and Neva Guches. She graduated from Hidden Valley High in 2008. Right now she is working with horses. She enjoys cooking and baking, hiking, and shopping. She is one of many working on long term plans for her life!



Date way ahead: August 8<sup>th</sup>. Write it on your calendar now!