

NewsBreak

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Dear Congregation,

When the 8 days old baby Jesus was taken to the temple by His parents, a man by the name of Simeon took the Child in his arms and blessed God:

My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel (Luke 2.30-32).

What confidence Simeon must have had in the prophetic word! When you hold an eight day old infant in your arms, you hold a person who is extremely fragile and dependent on his parents for his every need. Yet, while Simeon held this tiny person in his arms, he saw God’s salvation (v. 30). This infant, who by all appearances was powerless to do anything, would do the one thing that no mere man could ever do—“save His people from their sins” (Matt 1.21). In fact, He would be both “a light of revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of [God’s] people Israel” (v. 32). His saving work would extend to all the people groups of the earth (v. 31).

But for Simeon, and for Mary and Joseph and the shepherds, and for Anna (Luke 2.36) and the magi from the east (later),

Jesus was just a child in appearance. Think about that! They saw a baby that looked like any other baby (Luke 2.7). Nothing about His appearance suggested that He could do anything more than any other person (Isaiah 53.2). So they were doing the very thing that we are called to do— *believing!* They were taking God at His word. He had promised that this Child would be the Savior of the world (John 4.42; 1 John 4.14), and they believed Him.

We too are called to this same faith. We now look back on the finished, saving work of the Savior, but we must continue to hold fast in faith to God’s prophetic word of promise. The Savior who was once placed in the lowly manger will come again on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory (Matt 24.30; Mark 13.26; 14.62). Do we believe it? *Maranatha!*

Pastor Brian

January Dates Ahead

- 1/2-4 Office Closed
- 1/5 Women’s Outreach
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 1/21 LIFELINE SCREENING
- 1/29 ANNUAL BUSINESS MTG & POTLUCK

February Dates Ahead

- 2/2 Women’s Outreach
- 2/3 Fire Dept Awards Banquet
- 2/14 Valentine’s Day
- 2/20 Presidents’ Day

March Dates Ahead

- 3/1 Women’s Outreach
 - 3/11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 - 3/20 Spring Begins
 - 3/26-30 SPRING BREAK
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January Birthdays

- 1/12 Beth Piete
- 1/15 Robert Belanger
- 1/17 Keith Wiginton
- 1/18 Joe Neiderheiser
- 1/20 Chris Richardson
- 1/22 Alli Johnson
- 1/23 Cindy Quaid
- 1/26 Cody Wiginton
- 1/26 Stephan Vander Valk



January Anniversaries

- 1/12 CJ & Gwen Bernard
- 1/18 Ken & Valorie Emilio
- 1/26 Robert & Shirley Belanger

February Birthdays

- 2/1 Dan Walker
- 2/2 Jim Shropshire
- 2/9 Joe Clement
- 2/10 Kolton Fischer



- 2/12 Shea Wiginton
- 2/17 Esther Ackerman
- 2/18 Shirley Jordan
- 2/22 Willard Marsh
- 2/23 Leonard Long
- 2/24 Kaelan Fisher

February Anniversaries

- 2/17 Dave & Kathy Burkleo
- 2/21 Les & Jackie Hill

March Birthdays

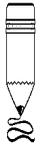
- 3/2 Kayla Rau
- 3/4 Pam Baize
- 3/4 Wayne Smith
- 3/10 Rich Reeves
- 3/12 Dennis Harmon
- 3/14 Wendy Belanger
- 3/14 Sandy Reeves
- 3/15 Barbara Long
- 3/16 Les Hill
- 3/18 Kathy Burkleo
- 3/19 Kelly Quaid
- 3/20 Barbara Keosababian
- 3/20 Halley Skudstad
- 3/23 Jim Armstrong
- 3/25 Susie Beams
- 3/26 Connie Quigley
- 3/27 Bonnie Jones
- 3/29 Derek Rau

March Anniversaries

- 3/9 Wayne & Becky Smith
- 3/21 Jim & Sarah Armstrong

Grants Pass Gospel Rescue Mission:

Mike Quigley is teaching on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Bill Zimmerman is on call for morning Bible studies to fill in as needed.



The NewsBreak will be in print quarterly. The months it will be published are January, April, July and October. If you'd like something posted in the interim, just let Vickie know, and she will put your information in the weekly bulletin. **P.S. This is the NewsBreak's 28th year of publication!!**

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**NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED:** Please help with the little ones and this important ministry.



Contact Connie Quigley

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MISSIONS FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lord has used ACC to accomplish great things! We have increased monthly support since the first of 2011 by 58%!! We have a new brown barrel record of \$2000 for 2011! Total giving's to missions this year is nearly \$55,000.00 which demonstrates that ACC has a heart for missions. This is by far, the most money this church body has ever given to missions, and it is all the Lord's work.

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**AWANA**

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas!"

You would have heard this Christmas carol along with many others as the AWANA kids serenaded the seniors at Spring Pointe on Monday Dec. 18. It was a great opportunity to sing of Christ's birth and to show love to our neighbors. Following the caroling, we toured the Bear Hotel and enjoyed Dairy Queen for lunch.

The competition for the canned food drive was fierce this year! Each class participated by bringing in food which was used to help make the baskets Women's Outreach put together for families in our community. After careful evaluation and calculation the judges decided to award the ice cream party prize to every classroom in celebration of a job well done!

Store night gave evidence that clubbers are working hard to learn their verses. It was exciting to see the kids think of others and use their money to buy Christmas gifts for family members.

Please continue to pray for AWANA! Ask the LORD to do a genuine work through His Word and by His Spirit to transform these young lives! Also, please continue to pray that He would bring unsaved families to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through this program.

For His glory,

Kelly

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Prayer Requests:



- * Pray for our unsaved loved ones.
- * For Maxine and Emmet Bates – after recovery from Emmet's broken femur, the doctors and Maxine felt it best that he go into a foster care facility due to severe dementia. Please pray for Maxine's strength.
- * For Bob and Shirley Belanger – Bob is suffering from lymphoma cancer. Pray for healing and comfort for them both.

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Meals for the Armstrong Family are taken care of through December. January & February dates are now available. Thank you wonderful ACC family for your help. Please see Cari Dietrick for next meal needs.

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Praise & Prayer for Cricket:

Thank you to all for your continued prayers for healing from facial skin cancer. Praise for healing of breast cancer. Prayer for new findings on recent scans to be benign. The song of adoration and thanksgiving that keeps on going through her mind is for our Lord:

"You are Beautiful Beyond Description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.

Who can grasp your infinite wisdom,
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description,
majesty enthroned above.
And I stand, I stand in awe of You
Lord I stand, I stand in awe of You
Holy God for whom all praise is due
I stand in awe of You!"

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LADIES !

WOMEN'S OUTREACH MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:15 A.M. IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM. THE NEXT MEETING IS ON JAN. 5TH. LUNCH IS ALWAYS PROVIDED. PLEASE JOIN US!

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**NOTE: NO AWANA DURING SPRING BREAK (SO NO AWANA WEDNESDAY 3/28)**

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LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Will resume their Tuesday Bible Study on January 10th, at 10 am in the Fireside Room. All Ladies are welcome! We are studying the Book of John. SEE JACKIE HILL.

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Esther Ackerman has settled into her new home at Spring Village: 1420 Redwood Circle, Apt. 129, Grants Pass 97527. Her phone number is 541-479-2113. She would love a visit or phone call or both!

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & POTLUCK SUNDAY 1/29/12 RIGHT AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE Please bring a potluck dish and attend (whether you are a member or not)