

Grace

Ladies Christmas Banquet Rescheduled for Monday, December 29th

Due to the inclement weather we've been experiencing, the Ladies' Banquet has been rescheduled for tomorrow evening (12/29). We will still be meeting at the Best Little Roadhouse at 6:30 p.m. Please see Candee if you have any questions.

Contact person: Candee Evarts
(503) 393-0651

ROWDY New Year's Eve Party Wed. 12/31 – Thurs. 1/1 8 p.m. – 8 a.m.

ROWDY has an all-nighter planned for grades 6–12 on New Year's Eve. Meet at the church at 8 p.m. for an evening filled with games, prizes, food, and fun. Please arrange a ride home for 8 a.m. on New Year's Day. Cost: \$15. Due to weather conditions, please check right before this event to make sure it will still take place.

Contact person: Karri Manning (503)
580-7280

Men's Retreat January 23rd-25th "United for Christ"

Men, please plan on attending this year's Men's Retreat over on the beautiful Oregon Coast. Pastor Larry Mulkey from Vancouver, Washington, will be our guest speaker. Cost: \$65

Contact people:
Wil Evarts (503) 569-0041
Ryan McClelland (503) 999-4515

Community

Celebrate Recovery Christmas Dinner Rescheduled for Tuesday, January 20th

Some things are just worth waiting for, and the Celebrate Recovery Christmas dinner is one of those things! Everyone is invited for a delicious ham dinner with potatoes, green bean casserole, and rolls. Cost: \$3 per person or \$10 for a family. Please check with one of our contact people on Tuesday for any possible cancellations due to weather conditions.

Contact people:
Karen Trussell (503) 362-5550
Bruce Thomas (971) 240-1982

AWANA Store Rescheduled Wednesday, January 7th 6:30 p.m.

The AWANA Store date has been moved to Wednesday, January 7th. Clubbers, you will still get to spend your AWANA dollars this night at the AWANA Store. Anyone who would still like to make donations for the AWANA store, you now have a few extra days to do so!

Contact person:
Mike Gillespie (503) 871-8688

Volunteer Training January 11th 9 a.m.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming volunteer training time and breakfast. We will be meeting in the Prayer Room at 9 a.m. This month's teaching from Bill Hybel's book, "The Volunteer Revolution" will be presented by Ryan McClelland and is entitled "The Great Exchange."

Contact person:
Ryan McClelland (503) 999-4515

Extended

Missions Update

Last week Team Uganda gave a report about their trip. While there, they worked with Abdu and Betty. Lindsay Tarver wrote the segment below; please take time to read, pray and consider how you can be a part in changing the lives of the fatherless children in Uganda.

Abdu and Betty have started a preschool in a small village just outside of Jinja. The women in this village have no resources, no skills, and they rely on prostitution to support themselves. Many of these women have had children as a result of their prostitution, and of course the fathers are unknown to the women.

The vision of this preschool is for these children to realize that they are just as important in the kingdom of God as any other man, woman, or child. These children may not have an earthly father, but they have a heavenly Father who loves and cares for them. Betty and Abdu are showing these children the love of Jesus and they are bringing hope to them at a young age. The hope is to end this cycle. Betty is working to build relationships, not only with these children, but with their mothers and families as well. She is showing the love of Jesus to a village that has been forgotten, left behind, and full of hopelessness. She is changing a nation, and I am so excited to partner with her and her family on this endeavor.

Abdu and Betty are working to save \$5,000.00 to buy land to build a permanent preschool. They are currently renting a building, and they pay a substantial amount every month to keep the preschool running. We asked how they pay the rent and the teachers as the children aren't turned away when they are not able to pay their school fees. Betty, who is a very humble woman, replied that they pay the expenses out of their own pockets. These are people who have very little of their own but are committed to this ministry and ensuring that it continues.

This Week at a Glance.....

Monday 12/29

- JEWELS Christmas Banquet
6:30 p.m. at The Best Little Roadhouse
Revealing of Secret Pals & gift exchange
Cost: \$20

Tuesday 12/30

- GIG: Lunch at McDonald's 11 a.m.
- Celebrate Recovery 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday 12/31—Thursday 1/1

- ROWDY All-Nighter 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Cost: \$15
(No AWANA tonight)

Looking Ahead.....

Sunday 1/4

- Breakfast Fellowship 9:15-10 a.m.
in the Prayer Room

Wednesday 1/7

- AWANA Store 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 1/11

- Volunteer Training & Breakfast
9 a.m. in the Prayer Room

Tuesday 1/20

- Celebrate Recovery Ham Dinner
5:45 p.m.

Friday 1/23– Sunday 1/25

- Men's' Retreat at the Coast:
“United for Christ” Cost: \$65

Sermon Notes



Know Grace.....
that we may know Him.
1 John 5:20

Show Grace.....
Show respect for all people.
1 Peter 2:17
Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations.
Matthew 28:19

Grow in Grace.....
Grow in grace and knowledge
of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 3:18