

OAKLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE FOCUS NEWSLETTER

February 2012



February

What's happening...

- 5th Timeless Treasure Potluck
(following Linger Longer)
- 10-12 Junior Winter Camp at Grove Camp
- 11th Ladies Breakfast/Bible Study, Biedler's, 9:30AM
- 12th Sweetheart Banquet (see page 3)
- 17-20 Middle School Winter Camp at Grove Camp
- 19th Courageous DVD, 5:30PM
- 25th Ladies Breakfast/Bible Study, Biedler's, 9:30AM



THE STORY

In *The Story* groups – Sundays at 9:15 AM
And in worship – Sundays at 10:30 AM

Faith Starts Here

Feb 5—5: New Commands and A New Covenant

Feb 12—6: Wandering

Heading for Home

Feb 19—7: The Battle Begins

Feb 26—8: A Few Good Men...and Women

Mar 4—9: The Faith of Foreign Women

Next Miniseries: When I Ruled the World

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A Message From Our Minister ...Kristofer Tripp

Warning: Frustration Ahead

Do you get frustrated with things you read? If you read something that strikes a nerve, do you want to just tear up the paper into tiny bits and throw it away?

Well, prepare to be frustrated by this next line.

“How are your new year resolutions working out?”

Hold on! Before you tear this fine, outstanding publication into unrecognizable bits of bleached wood pulp, let me explain the question.

We *all* set goals for ourselves. We *all* have hopes and dreams. The turn of the year is a common time to re-evaluate yourself and think of how you would like to change.

Maybe you wanted to be a better friend. Better employee. Be a better spouse or parent. Be a better Christian—treat others better. Be a better child of God—pray more, read the Bible more, worship more.

Well here we are over 30 days into the new year. And you are probably saying, “Aargh, I’m not nearly the person I dreamt of being!”

And you were going to take it out on this innocent piece of paper?

Here’s some perspective: Goals require time to accomplish.

Let’s say that on Dec 31, 2011 you said “In 2012 I’ll be more patient.” And 24 hours later, 2012 arrived! Did you become more patient just like that, overnight? No. So there’s an immediate feeling of failure.

If you look at it that way, Jesus’ disciples often failed. Remember Peter swore he would *never* deny Jesus—then he *did* deny he knew Jesus *that very night*? No room for success, only failure. (Luke 22:33-34, 22:54-62)

Set a timeline for your goal. What kind of person do you want to be by, say, June this year? Now you have four months (Feb, Mar, Apr, May) to become that kind of person. Four months! Is

that long enough? Is your goal too big for four months? Ease your goal down to something doable in four months.

Jesus gave his disciples *plenty* of time to change. After he rose back to life, Jesus appeared to them for forty days—well over a month! They had forty days to get used to this new reality—that Jesus is alive, and their new job was making disciples. (Acts 1:3)

Make your goal more specific. “I will be more patient” is good, but keep going. What will that look like? When is a really obvious time when you need patience? How about when you get home each day. Do you go ballistic because there’s still a million things to do around the house, and everyone wants to tell you how their day was? Describe how you want to handle that in June: “I will be able to come home and calmly handle my family’s needs.”

Jesus was *very* specific with his disciples. The day he left the earth, Jesus told his disciples not to go anywhere. He said the Holy Spirit would give them power to be witnesses all over the earth. A week later, that’s exactly what happened. (Acts 1:4-5, 1:8, 2:1-41)

Mark your progress. Using our example: start with your goal for June, and work backwards. What will you be doing in May? In April? In March? Set smaller goals for yourself. Again: don’t expect to change overnight. Nobody can.

Working toward your goal is a good thing. But you might not realize you’re getting anywhere. You see improvement gradually, so you don’t notice it. It’s wise to ask people around you, “Am I getting this right? Am I better at this than a year ago?” You’ll probably hear some very encouraging responses!

Jesus said “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Then Jesus spent *three years* making them into fishers of men. When he left the earth, his disciples were ready.

Your goal might take less than three years, it might take more. *Figure that out now.* Set a timeline, be specific, and mark your progress. See what God can do with you when you are willing and realistic with yourself, and willing to let him change you. Have the mindset of Christ, who humbled himself and yielded to his father’s will. (Philippians 2:5-11)

2012 YMCA Church Basketball League

Come and support OCC's Men's Church League Basketball team! All games are located at the **YMCA** in Roseburg.

Monday	2/6	7:40 PM 8:40 PM
Monday	2/20	7:20 PM
Monday	2/27	7:20 PM
Monday	3/5	8:30 PM
Monday	3/12	7:40 PM



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Sweetheart Banquet
February 12, 2012, 6:00 PM

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Tickets are \$25.00 per couple
Sponsored by the High School Youth



Oregon Christian Convention

"The Church in a Networked World"

Saturday, February 25th, 9 AM—3 PM
Turner, OR

Topics covered will be Technology and ethical issues, websites as hubs of contact and outreach, social media for church life, the promise and the peril, using technology effectively in teaching ministries, and technology for beginners.

Email Dianne@oregonchristianconvention.org or call 503-743-2101 to register.

(Stop by and tell Myrleen Christensen "hi" if you go. She'd love to see you!)

FEBRUARY 2012 WINTER CAMP AT GROVE

Junior Winter Camp is for those currently in **3rd-5th grades**, beginning at 5 PM, Friday, **February 10th** and ending at 2 PM, Sunday, February 13th.

Middle School Winter Camp (6th-8th graders) begins on Friday, **February 17**, at 5 PM and ends on Monday, February 20th at 10 AM.

Scholarships are available. All materials, including a deposit, the camp's registration form, and your scholarship hours must be completed **two weeks** prior to the beginning of your camp.



**Grove Christian Camp
Calendar 2012**


Plan ahead – if you want to work out part of your camp fee with a scholarship, sign up now in the church office. Scholarships have to be completed two weeks before your camp begins.

High School Winter	Jan	13-16
Junior Winter	Feb	10-12
Middle School Winter	Feb	17-20
Men's Retreat	Mar	9-10
Women's Retreat	Apr	27-28
Junior Camp 1	Jun	24-29
Middle School 1	Jul	8-13
High School Camp	Jul	15-20
First Chance Camp	Jul	27-29
Middle School 2	Aug	5-10
Junior Camp 2	Aug	12-17
Family Camp	Aug 31-Sep 3	
Marriage Retreat	Sep	21-23
Craft Retreat	Nov	9-11

Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who donated the delicious pies! Thank you to all who attended and to those who purchased pies. The High School Youth Group earned over \$1,400.00!





**Three Cheers
for our Volunteers!**

Honoring . . .

Eric Lanning

Many people volunteer for jobs of all sizes here at OCC. This church could not operate without volunteers. Matthew 23:11-12 says, "The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." And then Matthew 20:28 says, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This month we will honor Eric Lanning. Eric teaches Children's Church 2 once a month, he subs once in a while, he prepares Linger Longer, he's in charge of greeters and ushers, he chooses who will serve communion each week, he does communion meditations, and he's out Grove Camp representative, just to name a few things. Thank you Eric!

Save the Date!!

July 23-27, 2012

Vacation Bible School

Sign up to help now!

Beginning February 1, material will be on the table under the classroom hallway bulletin board. Please mark your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.

This material has been used before, and there will be at least four materials for you to choose from.

If you have a special project you would like to work with, please call or email the church office before February 29th. After that date, please call Janet on her cell phone (541-459-4677).



Emmanuel Christian Seminary Scholarship Banquet

Your attendance at the Emmanuel Christian Seminary Scholarship Banquet on March 6th will make a difference in God's work as we strive to better educate servants for the Lord's work.

The dinner will be held at First Christian Church, 432 SE Kane St, Roseburg, OR at 7:00 PM.

Call 541-672-8314 or talk to your ECS Representative to get tickets. Please make reservations by March 1, 2012.



Missions update:

Oakland Clothes Closet



The Oakland Clothes Closet is run by volunteers, so please sign up to help. It will be open once a week, every other Friday and every other Saturday.



All clothing is donated, or money is donated for new clothing. Clothing is primarily for kids, babies through high school, but there is also a nice selection of adult clothes.



The Oakland Clothes Closet accepts donations at any time—new or used clothes in good condition. Volunteers are welcome!



Any family living in the Oakland School District is welcome to utilize the Clothes Closet, as needed.



The Clothes Closet is located where the Oakland School District offices were previously housed, in the lower parking lot of the Public Library.



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A Mommy Moment

Four-year-old Mitch loved candy almost as much as his mom Ann did. He and Daddy had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. A few days later Mitch was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it. As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, Ann said to him, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?"

"Oh, yes," he said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."

-Author Unknown



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February's Spotlight is on...

Steve & Leann Cottier

This couple's story makes the perfect Valentine's love story. You can see cupid's arrows shooting (God's working) all through it. Did you know that when Leann was 11 years old she had a crush on Steve (who at that time wasn't interested in girls)? She'd go home from church and write in her diary about how cute he was and then she prayed that they'd get married some day. Her brother would tease her about Steve and then he went and told Steve. So began their love life.

Leann was born in San Bernardino, California. She lived there many years and then her family moved to a town close by, Yucaipa. She graduated from high school there. While in high school she played tennis. She said her school years were very uneventful. She had a younger brother and sister. When she graduated from high school her family moved to Roseburg, Oregon.

Leann and Steve went to church together until her family moved to Yucaipa. They didn't see each other for 6 years. On her 17th birthday her mom came home from the grocery store and said she'd seen Steve working there. Her mom invited Steve over for dinner. Leann then went to watch Steve play football and they've been together ever since. While Leann lived in Roseburg she attended UCC and worked. She was here for about 2 and ½ years and then she decided a long distance relationship with Steve wasn't what she wanted so she moved to Oklahoma where he was attending college. She lived in an apartment and worked while Steve attended college and lived in the dorms.

On February 14th Steve said let's just get married. So they flew back to Roseburg and got married in the First Conservative Baptist Church on March 23, 1984 during Steve's spring break. After a brief time at Bandon they flew back to Oklahoma.

Steve was also born in San Bernardino, California. He has one older brother. His parents still live in the same house they lived in before he was born. In high school he played football, wrestling, track and baseball. He also enjoyed music but he really enjoyed sports and was very active. He graduated from Pacific High School in San Bernar-

dino. He went to college on a football scholarship and played football and had fun (schooling was optional).

Their first year of marriage was spent in Oklahoma. Steve worked at building houses and going to school. Leann was their main source of income. Their first Christmas they found out they were expecting their first child. They contacted both of their parents and said whichever one of you finds Steve a job interview we'll move there. Steve's mom found them one in the insurance field and they moved to California.

Their daughter Stephanie was born and lived for 2 days before they lost her. Their son Paul was born in 1986 with a 50% chance of survival due to complications at birth. He was in ICU for 2 weeks. Both Paul and Jake (born in 1990) were born in Redlands (which is between Yucaipa and San Bernardino) both are healthy young men today. Paul lives in Roseburg and works at Lauren Young Tires. Jake is married to Sierra Spencer and they live in West Seattle, Washington.

After 5 years in California they moved to Roseburg. They lived there for 10-11 years and during that time daughter Michelle was born at Mercy Medical Center.

They then moved to Murdock Road out of Oakland where they now live.

Steve worked in Roseburg with 2 part time jobs as a school aide and at Adapt, while he finished college through a program at George Fox.

They attended church at Hucrest Community church for 18 years. They had visited OCC for special occasions and felt like it was home and everyone was very welcoming to them. They could see God's moving them to OCC, in the community where there kids attended school and where they lived.

Steve now works at Safeco Insurance Company as a claims adjuster. Leann works at Lemert Varner Orthodontics and is a lab technician.

Steve works with the Junior High boys on Wed nights, Leann works with 5th & 6th graders on Wed nights. Steve has worked with the greeters/ushers on Sunday and both were greeters for the month of January. Leann is involved with Women's Ministry. Both have become very active here at OCC.

They feel that life is all about God. They feel they should teach their kids and other kids to put God first in their lives and do God's will.

STATS...

Month of December...

Average Worship Attendance	121
Average Sun School Attendance	49
Average Wed Night Attendance	57

Year to Date as of December 31, 2011

Income Offerings	\$167,058.56
General Fund Expenses	\$184,040.61
Budget	\$194,625.00

OCC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:15 AM **Sunday School** classes for all ages

10:30 AM **Worship Service** (nursery for babies and Children's Church for ages 2 - 4th grades)
Linger Longer follows

Wednesday

6:30 PM **Share-A-Meal** at OCC
7 PM **Groups** for ages 2 - Adults

Thursday

9 AM **Ladies Prayer & 10 AM Bible Study**
Vicki Smith's home
1030 Foster Avenue/Sutherlin
541-459-3914

6:30 PM **Worship Practice**
OCC

Information: Carol Block ~ 541-673-6583

Friday

6:30 AM **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study**
Apple Peddler
185 Ponderosa Dr/ Sutherlin
Information: Richard Carter ~ 541-459-1634

Saturday

9:30 AM **Ladies' Bible Breakfast Club**
Gloria Beidler's home, 2nd & 4th Saturdays.
728 Sandpiper Court/Sutherlin
Information: Linda Weldon ~ 541-643-8228

We invite you to join us for a variety of studies and activities during the week. There is something for everyone! Need information? Need transportation? Please call 541-459-4447.

Office hours:

Mon-Thurs 8 AM - 2:30 PM and Fri 8 AM - Noon

HOME GROUPS

Sunday

Group Leader: Steve Baimbridge
Location: Oakland Church of Christ
Time: 6:00pm
Contact: 541-459-4677

Group Leaders: Don & Carol Block
Location: 715 Strauss Ave, Winchester
Time: 6:00pm
Contact: 541-673-6583

Group Leaders: John Crain/Scott Langkamp
Location: 434 Locust St, Oakland
Time: 5:00pm
Contact: 541-459-8738

Group Leader: Eric Lanning
Location: 216 SE 7th St, Oakland
Time: 5:00pm
Contact: 541-817-2835

Group Leaders: Richard Carter/Dave Weldon
Location: 2270 Eagle Loop, Sutherlin
Time: 6:00pm
Contact: 541-459-1634/541-643-9558



February



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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