

The Connection

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from Pastor Mike...

Wow! What a fantastic Easter. Many lives were touched and we had two people that gave their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and seven who rededicated their lives. I trust that your life was enriched and encouraged knowing that Christ loves you so much and longs for you to experience his blessings.

I want to thank all of you who helped to make our Easter Services great. Everyone who served as greeters, ushers, parking team, musicians, vocalist, technology personal, and the bagel team and each of you who invited someone to our services. God is honored with the praise from our lips, the confession of our hearts, the faithfulness of our stewardship and the willingness of our service.

Now that Easter is completed, we are enjoying the wonder of God's beautiful creation as spring unfolds in our valley. Many activities begin to fill our lives from little league baseball, softball, **soccer**, barbecuing, riding bikes, mowing yards, pruning bushes, to many other activities. As you continue your walk with the Lord, take time to enjoy your family and the beauty of God's creation. The Lord wants you to enjoy Him and all that he has made. So go for an evening bike ride or a walk in the park, or just around the block. Remember to delight in the Lord. Give thanks for the many blessings He has given to you. Take an evening after dinner and have each of your family members share how God has been blessing them or teaching them. The Bible tells us to "spur on one another to righteousness."

Serving Christ Together,

Pastor Mike

National Day of Prayer - Freedom Five

Freedom Five is an initiative that challenges you to commit to prayer for our country on a daily basis. It involves praying for five minutes a day about five centers of power. By targeting these specific areas, America can experience the freedom that accompanies God's power.

Government

The government establishes and implements policies that have far-reaching consequences. Pray that the Lord would grant wisdom, discernment and boldness to those who serve in authority over us, from city council members at the local level to the President of the United States. It also encompasses appointed officials such as judges, cabinet members, and agency heads, as well as the men and women in our military, all of whom need an added measure of prayer covering during this tumultuous period in our nation's history.

Media

Whether it's news broadcasts, movies, television sitcoms or Internet sites, the media is the most influential center of power in America. Pray for journalists to be fair and accurate and for entertainers to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. We can also pray for the Christian individuals in the news and entertainment industries, asking the Lord to grant them strength and perseverance as they endeavor to let their lights shine in what is often an environment hostile to those who voice their belief in Christ.

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From Your
Administrative Pastor

It's the time of year that most of us get busy with lots of activities. As the weather warms you might be feeling energized or totally out of gas!

I ran across some warning signs by Rick Warren that tell us if we are close to being out of gas. See if you notice any parallels to being physically, emotionally or spiritually running on empty!

1. Unprepared: Not starting out with a full tank!
2. Leaks: Having an unknown leak that is quietly draining you!!
3. Availability: Can't find a filling station!
4. Finances: Can't afford gas-so you keep procrastinating!
5. Presumption: Assuming you have what it takes to keep going, lying to self, wishful thinking!
6. Inattention: Being distracted and not watching your gauges or don't believe them!
7. Hurry: Driving at high speed which causes you to run out faster!
8. Ego: Trying to drive to far and not knowing the limits of your tank.
9. Pressure: rapid acceleration, putting the pedal to the metal!
10. Busyness: Being too busy to stop and refuel!
11. Lack of Knowledge: When you don't know how to fill the tank!
12. Overload: When you're carrying too much weight!

Until next time...

Pastor Dan Huntley II



Blue Mountain Community Church has a powerful commitment to the mission of equipping strong leaders through our ministries. Realizing that an education is a vital tool, the church desires to provide financial, relational, social and spiritual support, guidance and nurturing as students prepare for careers and/or Christian ministry.

One of the ways we fulfill this commitment is by aiding college students from our area with prayer, encouragement and finances. This year, the Scholarship team is hosting a basket auction and potato bar to raise funds for scholarships. More and more donated baskets are arriving for bidding in Baker Hall. These baskets will be on display through May 20th. At noon on the 20th, the potato bar will be open. For a small donation (\$4 per person suggested), you and your family can share a meal and meet some of the scholarship recipients. Shortly after the meal, winners will be announced for the baskets.

Newsletter Deadline

If you have an upcoming event you'd like to promote, faith story or poem you'd like to share, or anything else that pertains to the life of the people of Blue Mountain Community Church, please consider writing a small article (300 words or less) and submitting it to the newsletter. The deadline for articles is the second Wednesday of each month. The editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.

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Education

Many of our schools and universities are minimizing traditional subjects such as history and math, and are instead promoting a radical social agenda. Condom distribution, and a refusal to acknowledge God have become commonplace in our institutions of learning today. As a result, our children are entering the “real world” knowing more about politically correct ideas than they do about reading or science!

Pray that your schools will get “back to basics” when it comes to educating our children, instilling the leaders of tomorrow with a respect for the Judeo-Christian values upon which our nation was founded.

Church

The Church is in a position to impact communities for eternity as well as influence social change. Pray for your churches and their leaders, asking God to grant us the wisdom and vision to make the Church a vessel for healing and revival in America.

Family

The traditional family is the most immediate of the five centers of power and is truly one of America’s greatest assets. Pray daily, not only for the institution of the family as a whole, but for individual families within your circle of influence that may be struggling.

”I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” - 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

We will be having a 24 hour prayer vigil from 7AM Thursday, May 3rd to 7AM Friday, May 4th. Sign up April 29th at the Ministry Center.

Of Cell Phones and Bibles

Pastor Sharon

Last week, I found a little girl’s purse left in Children’s Church. I open the cute little handbag in hope to discover who owned the pocketbook. The bag contained 1 pen, a quarter, lip-gloss, the Bible verse for the week, candy and a cell phone.

I am constantly amazed how younger and younger children are getting cell phones. Now, don’t get me wrong, I have nothing against cell phones or their use for a child’s safety. But I wonder as parents if we justify giving them to our children. I wonder what would happen if we treated the Bible like we treat cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we spent an hour or more using it every day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn’t live without it?

What if we gave it as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

This is something to make you say

“Hmmm....where is my Bible?”

Unlike our cell phones, the Bible plan comes with :

One Plan fits all.

Unlimited usage.

No roaming charges.

No weak signals and...

We don’t ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because

Jesus already paid the bill!

P.S. If you lost a purse come see me.

- 1 *Ken Jurgensen*
- 2 *Charlene Home*
Teresa Maxwell
- 4 *Skip Harrold*
Joshua McDaniels
Rachel McMillan
- 5 *Bettie Baker*
Pat Hanford
- 9 *Dan Huntley*
- 10 *Bev Kuljis*
- 11 *Kris Eagon*
Tanner Gorze
Maggie Miranda
Christene Thrasher
- 12 *Anna Rice*
Herb Smeed
Maranatha Snider
- 13 *Caleb Mountain*
- 14 *Ed Voss*
- 15 *Alec Carrera*
Frankie Weed
- 16 *Cindy Blair*
Judi Easton
Kelly Hutcherson
Marissa McBride
Deborah Minter
Joan Owens
- 17 *Jared Burns*
Timothy Goodwin
Adam Hinrichsen
Jarod Mings
- 19 *Mary Fleming*

- 1 *Gene & Cheryl Cowles*
- 9 *Ric & Sharon Wiles*
- 13 *Rick & Cyndi Walters*
- 17 *Bob & Diane Benfield*



- 20 *Janice Aichele*
Spencer Conwell
Ethan Harris
- 21 *Dina Anderson*
Lin Myers
Andrew Somers
- 24 *Abigail Berger*
- 25 *Beverly Lemons*
Bernice Shivley
- 27 *Dave Hale*
Vonda Rand
- 28 *Brenda Jones*
- 31 *Jennifer Edwards*
Donnette Filan
Donna Raugust

*Celebrating
Birthdays and
Anniversaries*

Special Days

3 National Day of Prayer

13 Mother's Day

28 Memorial Day



Weekly Events

Sunday

Middle School Group 6:00 PM

Sunday Night Live 6:00 PM

Prayer for Missionaries 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 5:30 PM

Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM

High School Group 7:00 PM

Thursday

Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Friday

Celebrate Recovery Dinner 6:00 PM

Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM

Monthly Events

- 3 SAMS 10:00 AM
- Celebrate Recovery Leaders Meeting 7:00 PM
- 4&5 MOPS \$.50 sale 8 AM - NOON
- 6 Vacation Bible School Meeting 12:00 PM
- Youth Parent Meeting 5:00 PM
- Hymn Sing 6:00 PM
- 8 Quilter's Guild 6:00 PM
- 10 MOPS 9:00 AM
- Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11 Movie Night "Hoodwink" 7:00 PM
- 12 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM
- 16 Missions Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 SAMS 10:00 AM
- Building & Grounds Commission 7:00 PM
- 19 3D Inc Cafe 7:00 PM
- 20 Jeremiah People 9:00 AM
- Potato Bar/ End of Schoolship Auction 12:00 PM
- 21 The Ark Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 24 MOPS 9:00 AM
- CE Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 28 **Office Closed for Memorial Day**
- 31 Ark End of Year Program 4:30 PM



MAY

The Missionary Call

by Darlene Mings

As a child, did you ever have a missionary visit your church, and then have the feeling that you were called to be a missionary? As time passed and you grew up, other things became more important. But one day you suddenly felt that you had missed your calling to go on the mission field. Did you really miss your opportunity?

What is a missionary? A missionary is someone called by God to minister to people of need, doing all in the name of our Lord. Some missionaries go to other countries, and some help others do God's work. Still others become pastors, or professors. Some go on short-term trips such as work camps or medical trips to third world countries. Still others choose to be Sunday School teachers or nursery workers. Whatever your heart is, there is a mission for you.

So how can we be of service to our missionaries? By tithing; ten percent of your tithes go to support missionaries. Faith promise money goes to support missionaries. If you put pocket change or bills in the penny jar on "Penny Sunday," that supports our Children of Promise. Now, you can see that without even trying, in some way you are helping with God's work, and that makes you a partner in God's plan.

How can we help our missionaries — those who do God's work in other nations, and within our own church or town? Pray! Pray for positive relationships. Pray that God will protect them from the evil of this world. Pray for courage to be a good witness. Support them monetarily if you are able, but prayer is always needed. Letters or emails of encouragement to those in far away places bring joy to their hearts. A card or phone call to local organizations or pastors lifts them up.

Do you still think you have missed your calling to be a missionary? If you are raising young children to follow our Lord, or reaching out to that needy neighbor, or encouraging someone who is hurting, then you are a missionary. Jesus set the example for us to follow, then told his disciples to go forth and teach the word to all nations. Let us be obedient right here in our own church and community.

Mother's Eyes

by Mary D.B.Hull

What are the songs the mother sings?
Of birds and flowers and pretty things;
Baby lies in her arms and spies
All his world in the mother's eyes.

What are the tales the mother tells?
Of gems and jewels and silver bells;
Baby lies in her arms and spies
All his wealth in the mother's eyes.

What are the thoughts in the mother's mind?
Of the gentle Saviour, loving and kind;
Baby lies in her arms and spies
All his heaven in the mother's eyes.





Celebrate Recovery

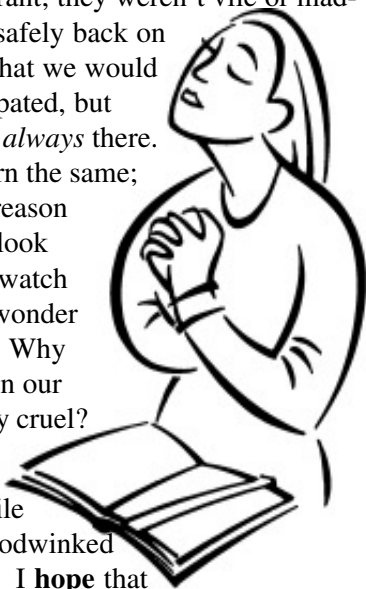
by Teri Stewart

Down with the fever and misery of the flu, I got caught up on my Discovery and PBS programs. I watched a show on Auschwitz and another on the Jim Jones cult. Afterward ugly visions swirled behind my eyelids and I couldn't sleep.

The shocking thing was the interviews, one after another; of solid, reasonable, articulate, earnest, and *normal* sounding people. People who had allowed, encouraged, and even participated in heinous degradation, torture, and murder of innocent people. They weren't ignorant; they weren't vile or mad-

dened. We can sit safely back on our pews and say that we would have **never** participated, but no, the potential is *always* there. All humans are born the same; evil. It is the very reason that God could not look directly upon us. I watch today's news and wonder why God bothered. Why did he save us when our badness is so coldly cruel?

Where were people's Bibles while they were being hoodwinked by these madmen? I **hope** that when Hitler portrayed the Jews as only animals that I would have gone to the Word. Hitler's views were in direct conflict with God's opinion and plan. I **hope** that the first time Jim Jones threw his Bible down the aisle, and the first time he told me he was god; I would **certainly** have walked out. I mean, he *blatantly* disregarded God's will and plan.



I'm very thankful that the twelve steps reinforce our responsibility of staying in the Word and keeping our relationship with God real. As for why God bothered to send Jesus to cover our ugliness up, I only had to watch the acclaimed series Planet Earth! Our planet and the life on it cries out; "We are **not** an accident"! **Everything** has been made, cared for, and planned for with **Love**.

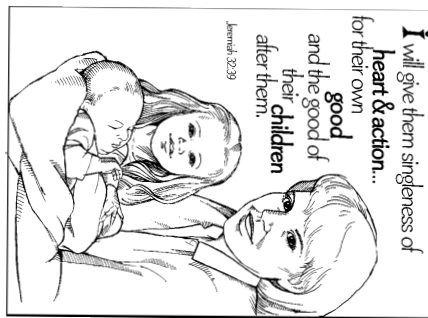
CR Principle 7: Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.

Coming in Concert

There is a saying, "Music touches the soul." In addition, Drama and Theatre provide a different perspective to the commonplace, challenging the audience to confront previously un-addressed issues. With the exact fusion of the two mediums, the Jeremiah People effectively present a powerful message that ministers to the soul, while providing an unusual perspective to today's life issues affecting both Christians and non-believers.

The mission of the Jeremiah People is to inspire the church, energize the family and challenge believers and non-believers alike with the message of Hope found in Jesus Christ. With their Broadway-style full-length musicals, humorous sketches, professional choreography, and powerful voices, the Jeremiah People truly present a performance for many walks of life. In their 2006-2007 season, and in honor of the Continental's 40th year in ministry, the Jeremiah People are bringing back a favorite of many, *Dear Diary*.

The Jeremiah People will be performing at Blue Mountain Community Church on May 20th at 9 AM. Invite your friends and family to this special event!



I will give them singleness of
heart & action...
for their own
good
and the good of
their children
after them.
Jeremiah 31:29

Our purpose is to help people become
passionate followers of Christ by:
Loving the Lord
Lifting the Lord
Learning the Word
Living to Glorify God

Our Ministry Team

Senior Pastor — Mike Hinrichsen
Administrative Pastor — Dan Huntley
Children's Pastor — Sharon Wiles
Student Ministries Interim — Adam Hinrichsen
Worship Interim Pastor — Richard Easton

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