

# The Connection

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## Reach for New Heights

Our annual PNA Camp and Conference will be held this year, July 21-26 (Tuesday evening to Sunday noon), at Double K Christian Retreat Center. Preceding the event will be our Senior Adult Camp.

Climb '09 is an event for the entire family, one that provides our churches a unique opportunity for renewal, fellowship and recreation. Special attention will be given to the equipping and strengthening of church leaders.

Main Speaker: Jeff Frymire, Pasadena, CA  
Worship Leader: Jason Strickling, Pasco, WA

## Climb '09

PNA Camp and Conference

Children's and Youth programs will be provided Wednesday through Saturday.

A black and white illustration of a tent pitched on a hill. A crescent moon is in the sky above the tent. Several stars of varying sizes are scattered around the tent. In the foreground, two children are sitting on the ground, looking up at the tent. The child on the left is a girl with pigtails, and the child on the right is a boy with a wide smile.

### Special Events

**Wednesday** The Lighthouse Gospel Quartet concert 9:00pm

**Thursday** Double K tree planting 1:30pm

**Friday** Preaching Workshop 9:30am  
Retirement and Financial Planning Workshop  
(sponsored by Church of God Board of Pensions) 1:30pm  
Women of the Church of God Tea 2:30pm

**Saturday** PNA Annual Meeting 10:00am  
Ministry Call and Credentials Workshop 1:30pm



## *From Your* Administrative Pastor

By the time you get this Newsletter, the Annual Business Meeting will have already taken place. I am writing this on June 17, 2009, so the figures I am about to share are as of the end of May.

Forecasted Income: \$661,622.12  
Actual Income: \$630,646.07

Forecasted Expenses: \$661,622.15  
Actual Expenses: \$668,497.92

You can clearly see that through the end of May, our income is only \$30,976.05 less than what we had forecasted. You can also see that our expenses are \$6,875.77 over what we were forecasting.

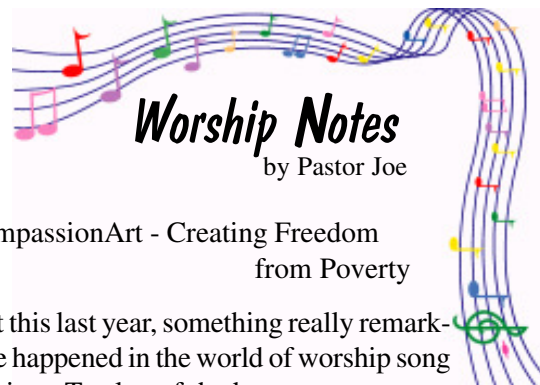
When you look at real income against real expenses for the year, as of the end of May we were in the red...\$37,851.85. Certainly the most significant contributing factor to this negative cash flow is that the budget does not reflect compensation for Pastor Joe Webb, who joined the ministerial team in November as our new Worship and Arts Pastor.

If you have any questions on this, don't hesitate to stop by and see me at the church, call or email.

UNTIL NEXT TIME...  
PASTOR DAN II

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Articles are always welcome from any member of Blue Mountain Community Church. Submit it to [bmcc\\_newsletter@charter.net](mailto:bmcc_newsletter@charter.net). The deadline is the second Wednesday of each month. The editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.



### CompassionArt - Creating Freedom from Poverty

Just this last year, something really remarkable happened in the world of worship song writing. Twelve of the best contemporary worship song writers in the world came together to write songs for an album that wouldn't have their names on it. These writers have been very successful in the music industry and wanted to give back from what has been given to them.

Martin Smith, lead singer of Delirious?, arranged for writers like Steven Curtis Chapman, Chris Tomlin, Michael W. Smith, Darlene Zschech and several more to compose an album that would give all of the proceeds to the poor. All the money from this album will go to help the impoverished across the globe through local agencies that are already doing the work. One record from one of these artists could make millions, but with 12 of the best working together, they hope to help millions who are in need.

The album, CompassionArt, is a great record, but not just because of the music. The music is well written, but the heart and motivation behind using the talents given to these artists for a cause much bigger than themselves is a bigger story. Of course, for these worship artists, their music isn't about them, it's about God. Their attitudes and hearts together will make a difference far beyond themselves.

So go support this project. Buy the CompassionArt CD. And more importantly, be inspired by someone using their gifts for something greater than themselves. It's a challenge to live your life and use what you've been given to help someone else!

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### Summer Activities

July 3  
Middle School  
Be Ready for Everything  
\$10 7:00 PM

July 7  
High School  
Do Any  
\$10 7:00 PM

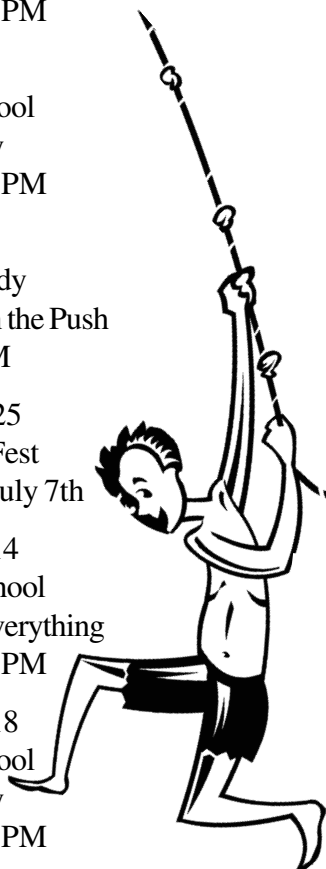
July 12  
Everybody  
Youth Church in the Push  
7:00 PM

July 22-25  
Creation Fest  
\$139 due by July 7th

August 14  
Middle School  
Be Ready for Everything  
\$10 7:00 PM

August 18  
High School  
Do Any  
\$10 7:00 PM

August 23  
Everybody  
Youth Church in the Push  
7:00 PM



## Celebrate Recovery

By Jack Shea

### Why I Stay Plugged In!

Having learned that accountability is necessary to keep me plugged in is a huge part of my recovery. In the past when I needed to express my emotions it was easier to just sit on a bar stool and talk about everything but my hurts. It is a great blessing to have men I can spill out my guts to and know I won't be judged. I don't think I would have found this if I didn't get involved with Celebrate Recovery.

Celebrate Recovery is not a destination to me it is a life long journey. In the past I always looked at everything as a destination, what can I do to get this done sooner or how can I speed up the process to get my next promotion.

I have come to realize that when I think in destination terms I am limiting my faith in the power of God. Don't misunderstand I firmly believe in having dreams and goals, but I also know that when I expect and rely on others and my own strength instead of trusting God for my recovery I am setting myself up for failure.

My favorite step is Step 1. We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors. That our lives had become unmanageable. Biblical Comparison: (I know that nothing good lives in me, that is my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good but I cannot carry it out. Romans 7:18)

It is good to know that Paul had some hurts, habits and hang-ups he struggled with along his journey. I know that I can call on the name of Jesus Christ when I am tempted by worldly lies and he understands what I am going through.

Come join us on Friday nights to start your journey to recovery.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Penny Baslee      | 1 Mike & Danna Jones          |
| 2 Danica Freiberg   | Ron & Penny Knight            |
| Norm Slosted        | 4 Tom & Jeanne Fox            |
| Jessica Walters     | 6 Dan & Ellen Kilmer          |
| 3 Holly Graves      | Dan & Julie Wooton            |
| Katie Krivoshein    | Kenneth & Brenda Hobbs        |
| 4 Kim Burns         | Rich & Trudy Young            |
| Jacob Cobb          | 8 Jerry & Betty Eyestone      |
| Donavan Skifstad    | Joe & Kristi Webb             |
| Cole Woelfle        | 12 Ernest & Sue LaFont        |
| 6 Laura Bowe        | Ken & Joyce Paine             |
| 7 Judy Jurgensen    | 14 Larry & Robin Harris       |
| Bob Loar            | 15 Terry & Bettie Freiberg    |
| 8 Mike Bowe         | 16 Larry & Felicia Wachtel    |
| Gene Daniels        | 17 Bob & Julianne Hoppen      |
| Paulette Goodwin    | 19 Patrick & Jamie Nachtigall |
| Gary Hobbs          | 20 Ken & Judy Jurgensen       |
| Dan Minteer         | 21 Seth & Adrienne Harris     |
| 9 Mark Agrellas     | 23 Ty & Diane McEuen          |
| Harold Ewing        | Humberto & Maggie Miranda     |
| Raegan Figgins      | 24 Dale & Kelly Hutcherson    |
| 10 Carrie Knudson   | 26 Tony & Dora Gonzalez       |
| Gloria Wilson       | Burl & Evelyn Wallace         |
| 13 Talen Alexander  |                               |
| Bridget Blom        |                               |
| 14 Scott Krivoshein |                               |
| Karen Schroeder     |                               |
| 15 Chandra Davisson | 24 Kalista Knudson            |
| 16 Anthony Cannone  | Bret Larreau                  |
| Donny Snider        | Eloise Phillips               |
| Florene VanDonge    | 25 Rick Queen                 |
| Ruby Wachtel        | 28 Kim Agrellas               |
| 17 Zane Adkins      | Jeremy Pellicer               |
| Carole DeMoss       | 29 Tyler Baslee               |
| 18 Zachary Cobb     | Carolyn Groat                 |
| Jared Cowles        | Romona Moss                   |
| Robin Ermacoff      | Scott Woelfle                 |
| 19 Penny Hood       | 30 Steven Irwin               |
| Betty Johnson       | 31 Laurie Klicker             |
| 21 Terry Freiberg   | Glenn Vogt                    |
| 23 Tyler Goodwin    |                               |

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by Pastor Brent

Summer dates to take note of!

### July 27 Family Scavenger Hunt

Families with or without kids, singles, and even Home Groups. No matter the age, BMCC will be hosting a Family Scavenger Hunt on **Monday, July 27th**. You will want to be seated in the Worship Center with your team by **6:00 p.m.** for a few quick instructions. There will be door prizes for the top winning teams, plus you'll have bragging rights. A team must consist of two or more people and one vehicle. This is a great chance for our BMCC family to get together for an evening of fun and excitement. Hope to see you there!

### Aug 6-8 Silverwood Camp Trip

If your child is entering the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade in the fall, they are eligible to register. We will be staying two nights in cabins twenty minutes from Silverwood Theme Park. 'Fear Not' will be the theme for all the devotion times at the campfire. Registration forms are available outside of Pastor Brent's office or through the church office during business hours. The deadline is Tuesday, July 14th @ 3:00 p.m.

### Aug 16 Home Groups Fall Kick-Off

Plan on participating in bringing all our home groups together for food, fun, and fellowship. If you are not currently involved in a Home Group, we invite you to come and hear about the direction groups will be headed this fall. Watch for more info to come soon in the Sunday bulletins!

Brent Dumler  
Associate Pastor of Family Life  
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# *Jesus on the 4th of July*

by Marilyn Ferguson

*We gather 'round to celebrate  
On Independence Day  
Pay homage to our country  
As the children run and play.*

*With barbecues and picnics  
And fireworks in the air  
The flag we own is proudly flown  
To show how much we care.*

*The stars and stripes spell freedom  
She waves upon the breeze  
While bursts of colors can be seen  
Above the towering trees.*

*This is all quite wonderful  
We revel in delight  
But God above in divine love  
Has brought this day to light.*

*With just a stroke of liberty  
A touch of His great hand  
He gave democracy to us  
And helped this country stand.*



*The stripes upon our stately flag  
Were touched by His sweet grace  
Each star of white that shines so bright  
Reflects His loving face.*

*So as you turn to face the flag  
For battles that were fought  
Be filled with pride for those who died  
And freedoms that were bought.*

*But don't forget to thank the One  
That gives the bright display  
The reason why we paint the sky  
On Independence Day*

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# 2009-2010 Leadership Commissions

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Vic Phillips  
Dan Kilmer  
Jean Bell  
Yvonne Henline

All commission members are strongly encouraged to attend the All Commission meeting on July 15, at 6:30PM in Baker Hall to receive training for the year, inspiration and encouragement.

## Prayer Partner Retreat

Wallowa Lake  
August 26 - 28th

\$20 reserves your room and meals for the retreat

Contact Penny Hood at 529-4331

We need a final attendee list by July 5th.

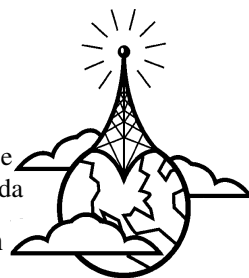


## Prayer Retreat

Prayer Partners is a ministry that brings growth in faith and relationships as we pray together for our church body, and for the Lord's Will. Partners serve by praying over the Worship Service once every 2 months in small groups. We are always looking for others to join us who love to pray, who want to get close to other believers, and who want to have a part in inviting the Lord to do awesome things at BMCC.

## Faith Promise News

by Julie Yerger, a Faith Promise supported missionary in Rwanda



The form of a thin little girl with a swollen belly sitting in the office of the social worker made me want to cry. All alone with eyes peeking over the top of the desk she was discussing things like how to pay for her stay at the hospital and finding someone to help take care of her when she goes home.

Delicia was back again at the hospital. She is a nine year old girl suffering from HIV and tuberculosis. She walks an hour to come to the hospital, a sick little girl all alone, her mother doesn't come. She has peritoneal TB where the TB is in the stomach causing swelling. Thankfully she is on treatment for the TB, but her mother refuses to let her be treated for HIV. We tried to find someone in her village to give her the antivirals she needs for the HIV, but her mother found out and took her home.

That was a week ago. And now she is back, sick once again. This time we aren't going to look for someone to give her the medications, we are just going to keep Delicia as long as her mother lets her stay.

She is such a sweet girl, she loves to play with balls, color, play with the babies in the hospital, and just be a kid. Life is certainly not fair for Delicia and for many children in Rwanda, a small country in the Eastern part of Africa where I work. Please pray with me for the children of this country!



## *Weekly Events*

### **Tuesday**

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly 5:30 PM

Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

### **Wednesday**

Playgroup 9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM

### **Thursday**

Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM

### **Friday**

Celebrate Recovery Dinner 6:00 PM

Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM

## *Monthly Events*

- 2 Celebrate Recovery Leaders 6:30 PM
- 9 Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
- 13 EOD Commission Meeting 6:30 PM  
Worship Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 14 Quilter's Guild 6:30 PM
- 15 All Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 Senior Adult Ministries 10:00 AM  
Missions Commission Meeting 7:00 PM  
Building & Grounds Commission 6:45 PM
- 20 CE Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 21 The Ark Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 27 Family Scavenger Hunt 6:00 PM
- 29- 31 Junior Camp