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CHRONICLE

FALL 2010

Over the last year, we've seen tremendous growth at Silver Creek Fellowship and are excited about the future of the church and the children that are being trained. As we reflected on the instruction that we are giving we decided that we wanted to make some changes that would improve Bible knowledge and also help us activate children's spiritual gifts at a younger age. One of the ways we are going to do this is by changing some of our children's programs. We believe that the focus on Sunday morning is instruction and fellowship and are going to improve the instruction and classroom experience. Our Wednesday program will focus on more hands-on activity based with a strong emphasis on evangelism.

Sunday Morning

It's not unusual to have 60 or more children released on Sunday morning and we're very excited about this. We do recognize however that we need to keep ahead of the growth and provide excellent opportunities for kids to learn about the Bible. On September 12th, Lawn Chair Sunday, we'll begin a new phase of children's ministry at Silver Creek Fellowship. This change is made to create smaller classes so that we can really tighten up our teaching and at the same time get to know kids and help them develop their gifting. Instead of having three options for children (nursery, pre-3rd, and 4-6th) we are moving to five options (nursery-3, 4-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th) that have a set curriculum in place for a two year rotation. The nursery will continue to be covered by the high school girls and the 5th-6th team remains in place and are currently updating and comparing their curriculum. Classes Pre-4th grade and under will be using the Gospel Light Sunday School materials and will have ten to fifteen students in the class. The curriculum includes the Bible story, activity pages, and many materials and ideas to supplement the lesson for your personal teaching style. We need teachers who are willing to teach once a month in our Children's program. We believe that by breaking down classroom size we can really improve the instruction that our children are receiving.

Wednesday Nights

On September 22nd Club Night at Silver Creek will kick off. Like last year, we will be offering classes for all

ages, with nursery care available. Our Wednesday night children's programs will be more evangelical in nature with several opportunities for family nights that will include all Wednesday night classes to meet together. The program that will change the most is our KidMo Club (1st - 4th grade) that will take on a new shape. Many people at Silver Creek Fellowship are first introduced to the church through our children's ministry programs. We have many children who get dropped off at the door and we want to offer opportunities to involve their parents in what they are doing and give students a great class to attend that they can invite their friends to participate in. This year's class will operate more like an official club with incentives, competition, and activities. Activities have been chosen that will help us teach great Bible story in an active format, focusing on helping kids learn about God's Love for them. The kickoff activity will be archery as we talk about hitting the target that God has for our lives. We will rotate every few weeks to another topic and activity with the program running through May 18, 2011. This program still needs a Bible teacher who will teach the pre-crafted lessons, an assistant Bible teacher, a Boys Leader and an assistant girls and boys leader. Because the activities rotate, this might be an excellent opportunity to serve short term and see how this ministry might fit you.

How you can help.

Obviously we have big plans for the children at Silver Creek Fellowship and a vision to see them become active participants in the spread of the gospel. We know that they will grow up to be church leaders and will help plant, serve, and participate for years to come. We want to instill this value at a young age because they will be a light to Silverton, the Northwest, and the Nations. For this to happen, we need the church as a whole to help. While we do need teachers to teach lessons, we also need people who are willing to come and listen, spending time with kids and invest in their lives. A great way to learn more about the Bible is to assist a teacher and learn/recall the stories of the Bible. You don't have to be an expert, you just have to have a heart willing to serve. There are many different ways to help, if one of these activities seem of interest to you, talk to Kirsten Barnes.

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CHRONICLE

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Facing an Uncertain Future

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:12 NLT)

From the world's point of view, the future seems unclear, uncertain, and unstable. When it comes to your future, God has a different point of view. God sees your future with perfect clarity; He knows your future with absolute certainty and He is directing your future towards a glorious destiny.

How can you be assured of the future that God has for you? You can be assured because God is already there, because He is preparing the way ahead of you, and because He will take you by the hand and lead you into His plans for your future. You can trust Him with your future because He is wise and will not make a mistake; He is all-knowing and will not lose His way; He is good and will not bring you harm.

It might be surprising for you to know, but God does not ask you to plan your future. What God asks is for you to trust Him and follow His plan. Trusting His plan will keep you from being worried, fearful, or anxious about the future. You need to be confident in the fact that your future is as bright as the promises of God.

As you think about your future, let your faith embrace these bright promises of God from the Bible:

God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. (2 Samuel 22:31 NLT)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT)

The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8 NLT)

If you are currently facing a future where you just don't know what to do, then consider King Jehoshaphat's prayer when a vast army was coming towards him:

"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." (2 Chronicles 20:12)

So many times in life when things aren't going our way or something is coming against us, we try to figure out how to make things better. We try to manipulate our circumstances or other people to improve our situation. It's really hard for us to simply say: "I don't know what to do."

I love the honesty of Jehoshaphat. He knew the odds were against him. He knew that he was in a hopeless situation. He was outnumbered. He and his people were destined to die. What did he do? He cried out to God before all the people. He recounted God's goodness in their lives. He concluded his prayer for help by acknowledging to God and all the people that he didn't know what to do...but his eyes were upon the Lord.

What are you facing today? What obstacle in your life can you not overcome on your own? Is it a disease? A relationship? A workload that is unbearable? A discouraging financial situation? An uncertain future? Then read Jehoshaphat's story in 2 Chronicles 20. See what happened after he said, "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." I believe God still has the power to see us through when we set our eyes upon Him!



celebration NORTHWEST 10

What a wonderful weekend. We had 312 attend Celebration NW 2010! We heard nothing but good comments on the hospitality of Silver Creek Fellowship and many said they were excited to be back on our campus. John Lanferman and Sam Poe were the guest speakers and brought some powerful messages. New Community Church in Tacoma led the worship and also taught the preschool class. Prairie Avenue Christian Center from Hayden, Idaho helped in the nursery. The youth band from The Church at Cedar Springs led worship for One Blaze. It was great for all of the Newfrontiers Churches from the NW to come together to make this weekend possible! We look forward to next year and what God has in store for us.



SPEAKERS



WORSHIP



Prayer



Saturday Fun!



Kids, Kids, Kids





& Fellowship



August 13, 2010



**FOUR CORNERS
COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY**

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010
Houck Middle School
11 am - 2 pm

Help promote Mission of Hope! Jump houses, live music, and free food. If you would like to be involved contact Steve or Margi Tipton.

volunteer
Music
Jump Houses
Free Food
MISSION OF HOPE

Lawn Chair Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 12, 10 am

Lawn Chair Sunday - Sept. 12, 2010. It's almost time for Lawn Chair Sunday. Our Sunday Celebration Service is held outside in the yard. Bring your own lawn chairs, sunglasses, and lotion! Afterwards we will serve BBQ hamburgers. Bring a side dish or dessert.

CHILI CHIPPERS

OKTOBERFEST!

Sept. 16 - 19th. Set these dates aside to work at our booth at the Oktoberfest. We serve chili chippers, BBQ hamburgers, corn on the cob, and pop. It's a great time to get to know others at SCF! We will have sign up sheets out in September.



Hunger is a complex issue in our society with volumes of opinions about its causes and solutions. It is a problem that in reality defies solutions. The problem can very easily become politicized and broken down to sound bites, which in the end does little to address the problem. For people of faith another value system must influence our approach. Jesus taught

that our greatest responsibility is to love God and the second is to love our neighbor. He told the story of how one was beaten and left for dead on the side of the road and some who where religious passed by. Yet there was one who had compassion and tended to the man's need out of his own resources. Jesus used this story to demonstrate how broad the idea of our neighbor really is. Mercy efforts like Mission of Hope lend credibility to the gospel and opens doors that many times are closed to the Church. There is a reality that Jesus counts our efforts to serve the poor as personal ministry to Him.

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?"
Matt 25:34-39

It has been truly amazing how things have opened up for us in this arena. The Salem – Keizer School district is opening schools to us at no charge. Relationships are building up the Santiam Canyon where there is great need. There are pending grants that will provide needed infrastructure. The website www.stoppinghunger.org is up and going. The warehouse is almost finished. Thanks to all who have worked to make all this come together. We had a great meeting with a good turn out. It was stirring to see the heart in SCF for those who have need. Plans are also in the works for establishing a food distribution day here at SCF.

Work is moving forward on the Four Corners Community Block Party. This event is designed to let people know about Mission of Hope as well as other community groups that serve those who have need. There will be jump houses, live music, and free food. Approximately 81% of children in this area are below the Federal Poverty Level and the need is great. Volunteers are needed to help. Margi Tipton is heading up food service, Jamison Ulibarri is heading up the setup team; Chris Tipton is heading up the Tech team. If you would like to be involved contact Steve or Margi Tipton.

SOME EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- 9/4 Feeding the Homeless under the Center St Bridge, 11 am.
- 9/11 Community Block Party, 11 am to 2 pm at Houck Middle School.
- 9/25 Food distribution at Houck Middle School, 9 am to 2 pm.
- 10/2 Feeding the Homeless under the Center St Bridge, 11 am
- 10/26 Food distribution at SCF, 9 am to 2 pm.
- 10/31 Food distribution at Houck Middle School, 9 am to 2 pm

September Birthdays!

- 4 - Ashley Geiger
- 5 - Brooke Keith
- 6 - Wendy Imel
- 6 - Dick Stonex
- 6 - Nick Yakunin
- 8 - Mary Jones
- 9 - Herb Barnes
- 10 - Doug Brownell
- 10 - James Majors
- 11 - Renee Almquist
- 13 - Kylee Sanders
- 16 - Connor Almquist
- 16 - Joanne Stone
- 17 - Kaitlyn Barnes
- 17 - David Sanders
- 18 - Kalina Mathae
- 18 - Melanie Pfaff
- 18 - Caylan Stark
- 24 - Julie Sullivan
- 25 - Randy Coxen
- 28 - Desiree Hardy
- 29 - Twilla Williams
- 30 - Rachel Barnes

September Anniversaries

- 1 - Ben & Noe Knutson
- 15 - Jamison & Stefani Ulibarri
- 23 - Ralph & Sheryl Amstutz
- 23 - Tim & Heidi Hibbs

Coffee Hosts

September 2010

- 5 - Pfaff HG
- 12 - Lawn Chair Sunday
- 19 - Tipton HG
- 26 - Scott HG

Jeff's Travel Plans to France

- Sept. 2 - 3 - Travel
- Sept. 4-6 - Carpentras
- Sept. 7-8 - Valance
- Sept. 9 - Macon
- Sept. 10-12 - Orleans
- Sept. 14 - Travel

ATTENDANCE

AUGUST

1 -	252
8 -	377
15 -	239
22 -	242
29 -	

Peter Puppo died Saturday, August 7, 2010. His memorial service was Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Silver Creek Fellowship. Peter was a member of Journey Church and recently joined us at Silver Creek Fellowship.



FINANCIAL REPORT - July 2010

Expenses	Projected	May '10 Actual	2010 Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date % of Projected
Tithes	228,770.00	18,876.40	122,680.32	54%
Total Receipts	228,770.00	18,876.40	122,680.32	54%
Newfrontiers (10%)	22,877.00	1,887.64	12,268.03	54%
Church Office	15,300.00	993.29	7,903.53	52%
Church Properties	42,542.00	3,159.61	25,405.12	60%
Fellowship	3,150.00	336.80	1,316.40	42%
Lay Ministry	2,919.00	786.06	3,640.94	125%
Outreach	26,700.00	2,000.00	14,009.59	52%
Personnel	107,257.00	8,701.81	62,623.53	58%
Public Relations	3,975.00	391.14	1,977.98	60%
Youth & Education	4,050.00	15.00	776.12	19%
Total Expenses	228,770.00	18,271.35	129,921.24	57%
Over/Under		605.05	-7,240.92	