

WEEKLY PRAYER & PRAISE GUIDE

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” *James 5:13*

Our Missionaries

Pray for:

FBC-Supported Missionaries

- ◆ Andyshak, Buhler, Calva, Gervasi, Guest, Harris, Hubbell, Humble, Kelley, Lomilo, Lovelady, Pittman, Rasmussen, Matute, Swenson, Tice, Tissell, Trussel, and Wernow.

FBC-Supported Ministries

- ◆ CEF Benton County, CEF Linn County, Compassion Ministries, Love INC Benton County, Options Pregnancy Center, Southside Youth Outreach, Volunteer InterFaith Caregivers, Western Seminary, and We Care.

Mark and Deb Hubbell

- ◆ Please be in prayer for Mark & Deb Hubbell. Mark is the regional director (states of OR, WA, ID, MT, and AK) of Prison Fellowship, which has 3 focus areas & goals: 1) "in-prison ministry" - to help incarcerated men and women establish a new foundation for living through a Christ-centered life, 2) "family ministry" - to help reconcile families with God and each other, and 3) "reentry ministry" - to continue discipleship that began inside the prison.

Karen Swenson

- ◆ Karen is teaching abroad in Hungary. She teaches algebra, calculus, chemistry, physics, statistics, and psychology and many of these are advanced placement courses. Pray for encouragement as she has to teach mostly in distance learning, and she admits to not being especially tech savvy. Pray for the students who are struggling to keep up. Pray for the state of Covid-19 in the area, where students and teachers are testing positive. Also, pray for Karen as she has not been feeling well with flu-like symptoms.

Sharen Syriotis

- ◆ Sharen serves with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray for Albany and Lebanon Hub Clubs, beginning Jan.14. Pray for people to join the Local Board, four new members by 1/8 and 12 total. Pray for affordable software for the attendance database. Pray for a treasurer's assistant. Praise God for Postcard Ministry provided by CEF in Oregon.

Church Leadership

Staff: Pastor Russ Richmond, Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Mary Ellen Wernow, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Tiffanie Durrell, Mitchell Henderson

Elders: Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Ian Tinsley, Mike Rinkin, Russ Richmond, Dale Durrell

WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

January 17, 2021



“There’s Something About That Seventh Month”

by Pastor Rick Harpel

Ezra 3

Worship Leader: Sean Sullivan

We are many generations connecting the next generation to Jesus. We aim to encounter God through worship, to connect with others through smaller communities, and to engage in missional outreach to our neighbors and the nations.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



VIRTUAL MISSIONS TRIP

Event Moved to Early February

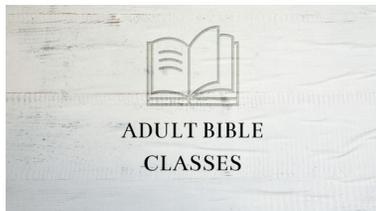
Join us for a journey through a video series guided by the Humbles and finalized with a live conference call with our missionaries. Take the first baby step and join us in February. There is a suggested donation of \$35 per person. Spots limited, to sign up contact the church office.



WOMEN'S COFFEE CONNECTION

Saturday, January 23, 2021, 10:30 am

Join us for hot drinks, a brief devotional, and time to catch up. Please RSVP to let us know you're coming by connecting with Jeanne Robinson. Call or text your name to (507) 993-8913. There will also be a Zoom option.



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

1) Ephesians: Join this in-person discussion based class on Sundays at 9am starting January 10th. Led by Mike Rinkin. 2) Jesus and Money: Would you like to better manage your personal finances? Join Daniel Peterson and Eddie Demasi, in this 7 week zoom course starting the week of January 18th. This group will meet on zoom at 9am Sunday mornings, starting January 17th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sundays—Adult Bible Class: “Ephesians” - Fellowship Hall with Zoom Option, 9am

Adult Bible Class: “Jesus and Money,” Zoom Only, 9am

Impact Sunday School, In-person with Zoom Option, 9am

Tues, Jan 19—Campus Ambassadors Worship on Zoom, 6pm

Wed, Jan 20—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6pm

Wed, Jan 20—Awana (meeting virtually),

Thur, Jan 21—Women’s Bible Study, 7pm

Fri, Jan 22—Impact Youth, In-person with Zoom Option, 7pm

Sat, Jan 23—Women’s Coffee Connection, 10:30am



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MESSAGE NOTES

“There’s Something About That Seventh Month” Ezra 3

INTRODUCTION: How do you keep the fire burning? How do you hold on to that focus and fervor of the faith when life, sin, and Satan happens? Same question for a church.

This is the challenge for a Remnant People.

“But now, for a brief moment, the LORD our God has been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place in his sanctuary, and so our God gives light to our eyes and a little relief in our bondage.” (Ezra 9:8)

Review: God was moving as Daniel prayed his repentant, bold prayer.

God was moving in international politics.

God was moving in individual people. Then came the Seventh Month.”

1. THE REMNANT PEOPLE REBUILT THE ALTAR AND THE TEMPLE FOUNDATION.

a. The altar was their priority. (1-2, 6)

b. The regular rhythms of worship were restored. (3-6)

c. God’s Word guided them in right worship. (1, 2, 4, 5, 7)

d. Adherence to God’s Word was the basis for rebuilding the Temple foundation. (7-9)

THE REMNANT PEOPLE RESTORED THE REGULAR RHYTHMS OF RIGHT WORSHIP

2. THE REMNANT PEOPLE CELEBRATED IN JOYFUL WORSHIP.

a. The leadership led them in right worship. (10-11)

b. The worship service was filled with joy. (Read 11-13)

c. The worship of God is immediately threatened and challenged. (ch. 4:1-5)

THE REMNANT PEOPLE RESTORED THE REGULAR RHYTHMS OF RIGHT WORSHIP AND EXPERIENCED THE JOYS OF RIGHT WORSHIP.

3. WE AS REMNANT PEOPLE MUST RESTORE THE REGULAR RHYTHMS OF RIGHT WORSHIP TO EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF RIGHT WORSHIP.

a. We must return to the priority of worship.

Psalm 27:4 Luke 10:41-42, Philippians 3:13-14.

b. We must return to the right rhythms of worship.

- Spiritual Disciplines: Mark 1:35; Matthew 6:1-18; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Corinthians 16:1-2; 1 Timothy 4:13.

- Spiritual Gatherings: Acts 2:46; Hebrews 10:24-25; Colossians 3:16.

c. We can experience the joys of right worship. (“But...” I know what you’re thinking!)

CONCLUSION: There will come a regathering! The Lord is raising a remnant now to be ready for that time. Until then, let us worship:

“I’m coming back to the heart of worship, and it’s all about You, all about You, Jesus.”