

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.

Len Andyshak

- ◆ Len his wife Mary served in Kansas to international students until 3 years ago when they moved to Bend, OR. Len is on the IVCF Interim Ministry Team (south & central coast) where he mentors leaders of IVCF teams. Please pray for: wisdom and insight as he mentors college campus leaders; The campus of Ventura - ask the Lord to encourage their one remaining student as she and her staff reach out and seek to rebuild a witnessing community again to be a source of healing and blessing on that campus; Students in the fellowship of Cal Poly - they have turned a corner, rather than being intimidated by this Covid situation on campus, the students in the fellowship are really desiring to move forward and see the Lord do new things.

Jonathan and Annalyn Guest

- ◆ Jonathan and Annalyn serve with International Student Inc., a college ministry to orient and acquaint international students to their new home and cultural experience. Please pray for: Upcoming Virtual All-West Regional Retreat from March 14-16, 2021. Pray also for the following people he recently interacted with: Muslim man, African believer, Bible study of 6 believing students. Finally, pray for conversation partners from Asia and the Middle East.

Church Leadership

Staff: Pastor Russ Richmond, Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Mitchell Henderson

Elders: Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Mike Rinkin, Russ Richmond, Dale Durrell, Rick Harpel



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WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

April 11, 2021

The Raising of the

REMNANT

“The Joy Comes First”

by Pastor Rick Harpel

Nehemiah 8:1-18

Worship Leader: Cindy Forrest

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



Adult Bible Classes Spring Schedule

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Spring classes began on 4/11 at 9 am.
1 Thessalonians, led by Daniel Peterson and Steve Ferrier will meet in the fellowship hall with a Zoom option. *Next Members Connection*, led by Jeff Harris will be an in person, 4 week study on Church membership at FBC, meeting in the Fireside Room.

DOUBLE BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MARKITA & TAMMY

Ladies, please join us for a double Bridal Shower for Tammy Sullivan (Marrying Will Richmond) and Markita Martin (Marrying Seth Barnhart) Sunday, April 25th from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let's bless these brides to be! Both couples are registered at Amazon. RSVP to Tina Asanov 541-602-3119 or tasanov@yahoo.com.

KIDS MINISTRY

We have opened up children's ministry during the Worship service for Preschool Church and K-5th Kids Church now. As things open up more and families are more comfortable regathering, we will open up the Nursery next. Stay tuned for updates! So happy to have kids back in the building to minister to and enjoy!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We are looking for more people to serve in our Worship Service in the areas of livestream, presentation, sound, and drums, though singers, guitarists, pianists, etc... are still much appreciated. Would you consider serving in one of these areas occasionally or even once a month? If interested, contact Pastor Russ (russ@fbccorvallis.org).

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sundays—Adult Bible Classes, 9am

1 Thessalonians—Fellowship Hall with a Zoom Option

Next Members Connection—Fireside Room

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

K-5th Kids Church and Preschool Church in-person, 10:30am

Tues, Apr 13—Campus Ambassadors Worship on Zoom, 7pm

Wed, Apr 14—All Church Prayer Zoom, 6pm

Wed, Apr 14—Awana (meeting virtually and in-person), 6:30pm

Fri, Apr 16—Impact Youth Group, 7pm

Sun, Apr 25—Bridal Shower for Makita Martin and Tammy Sullivan, Fellowship Hall, 2pm

May 6-8—Youth Amplify Conference in Bend

MESSAGE NOTES

“THE JOY COMES FIRST” – NEHEMIAH 8:1-18

INTRODUCTION: Easter Day +1: “We’re still here! The Lord has not abandoned us!” But we face a new day coming out of the chaos:

- ◆ a “tsunami of grief.” Loss. Loneliness.
- ◆ the rising tide of relief. Liberty. Let loose.
- ◆ waves of belief. Longing for the Lord.

What will anchor us through the unfolding chaos of a new day?

1. THE WORD OF THE LORD IS THE ANCHOR FOR THE CHANGE TO COME.

a. Remnant people go to God’s Word for worship and direction in a new day.

(1) They don’t write a new manifesto but rely on the God-given foundations.

(2) They do everything they can to know and understand God’s Word.

◆ *Apparently, there are certain extraordinary times for intensified solemn attention that should surround our commitment to the Bible.*

b. Remnant people are convicted by sin.

◆ *The problem isn’t being convicted, but the timing. Something else must happen first.*

2. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS THE ANCHOR FOR THE CHANGE TO COME.

a. Remnant people put joy first.

(1) The message from Nehemiah and the leaders is clear.

(2) The order of their celebration here is critical.

◆ **“This day is sacred (holy) to our Lord.” (v. 9, 10, 11)**

Salvation begins with JOY because that is who God is.

◆ **“The joy of the Lord is your strength.” (v. 10)**

Salvation begins with JOY and that is how we have God’s strength.

◆ **“Send some to those who have nothing”; “Send portions of food” (v. 10, 12)**

Salvation begins with JOY so we will share it generously with others.

◆ **“Go eat and drink...build booths...and live in them.” (v. 12, 14, 17)**

b. Remnant people know when and how to party.

CONCLUSION: Salvation begins with God’s goodness not our badness. So...
...we anchor ourselves in the goodness of God’s Word and God’s joy for this new day.

Hear again His word: Ephesians 2:4-7. Find strength again in His joy: Psalm 28:6-9