

From the Pastor...

Sermon-Based Small Groups Are Coming!

Dear Friends,

As September rolls in, our program year kicks off!
One of the most important ministries we have is our
Sermon-Based Small Groups. These are designed to
supplement our Worship service and set us up for
growth- both in faith and in numbers. Here are a couple of key points on why our Sermon-Based Small
groups are crucial:

What is a Sermon-Based Small Group?

A Sermon-Based Small Group is a weekly meeting of between 3-12 people who commit to sharing and praying with each other, and who go through discussion questions based on the previous Sunday's sermon. By focusing on fellowship, prayer and Sermon discussion, the small groups stream-line participation. Small Group members only have to review the questions that are provided each week and listen to the sermon to be ready to participate in the group that week.

Small groups meet each week for two hours using the following format:

Meet and Greet (10-15 min)
Share and Prayer (30-45 min)*
Sermon Discussion (30-45 min)
Closing and announcements (10-15 min)

While deep discussion focuses around the sermon questions, the real heart of these groups is the sharing and prayer time. It is expected and welcome that the groups may not get to all of the sermon discussion questions each week. That's fine. The primary emphasis is connection with each other and prayer. Small groups meet this year for three, 7-week quarters

(4th quarter is taken off over the summer. See below for more information on the quarter schedule)

Why is it Critical to Join a Small Group?

Sermon Based Small Groups are specifically designed

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to accomplish two key things: First, to promote deeper, Christ-centered relationships between members of the Church. When life happens, your small group is a powerful support and connection source- both to receive support and to provide it. It is how we grow deeper with each other in the Lord. Second, Sermon Based Small Groups are designed to provide a place for new people to connect in fellowship quickly. Small group members are more excited to invite people to join their small group and welcome them into fellowship personally. Also, as people visit our church, we will introduce them to a small group member who can help connect them with a small group that week. Small groups are powerful tools to keep new members in the fellowship. Folks

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visit our church, but stay because they have developed relationships through our small groups. The fact that the small groups are based on the sermon means that new folks do not have to do a lot of additional reading or study in order to participate. (The sermons are also available online each Monday so folks who missed a service can catch up and still participate in the small group that week. This is especially helpful for small group members who want to invite friends or family, or new acquaintances, to their small group that week- they can just share the sermon link and invite their friend to group.)

When Are Small Groups Starting up?

We have made two minor adjustments to the small group program based on feedback from last year. First, we will be using Three, seven-week quarters instead of three, ten-week quarters. Second, all of our small groups will be general. Instead of having women's groups and men's groups and general groups, they will all be general, meaning, single, married, men, women- will all be together. We have other events that will be affinity based through the year. Here is the schedule for our Sermon Based Small Groups this year:

Sermon Based Small Group Leader Orientation: Wed. Sept. 9th 1:00-2:30pm

Sermon Based Small Group Sign-ups: 9/10-10/1

Quarter 1: 10/3-11/17 (Holiday Break 11/18-1/1) Holiday Service event (Small groups plan service event in December)

Quarter 2: 1/3-2/16 (Winter Break: 2/17-3/3)

Quarter 3: 3/5-4/19

Quarter 4: Summer Break

Small group times and locations will be introduced as registration begins on September 9th and then the first week of Sermon Based Small Groups will begin the week of October 3rd.

Please pray over our small group ministry and God's blessing upon the individuals, the groups and our church as a whole, that we might grow in our love for God, our love for each other, and our connection with new members as well.

Blessings to you in Christ our Lord, Pastor Aaron

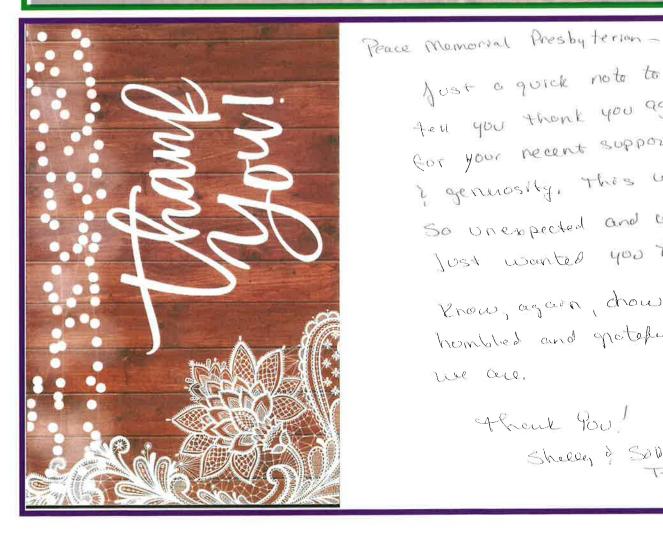
FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

13 OCT 2023

9:00 am

We will be concentrating on outside tasks that need to be done before the weather turns, but there are inside tasks to be done also. We welcome any and all participation, as you are able.

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Stewardship & Finance Committee

July 2023

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Expenses: <u>\$12,775.46</u>

Monthly Net:..... (\$ 1,404.49)

YTD /Net:..... (\$ 6,167.95)

Checking 7/31/23:..... \$59,155.84

Money Market 7/31/23:\$56,590.69

Expenses in July beyond regular operations were quarterly taxes, building insurance, quarterly organ fund, and quarterly hand-bell fund.

It seems early, but we will be looking toward next year's budget preparation soon. If you have something you feel needs addressed, please let the committee chair for that area of responsibility know. I am also happy to help at any time. Thank you!

Kathy Todd

CITYFEST

You are invited!

Celebrate all God has done through CityFest with powerful worship and corporate prayer. Come and learn how to engage in the next steps!

Thursday, September 28

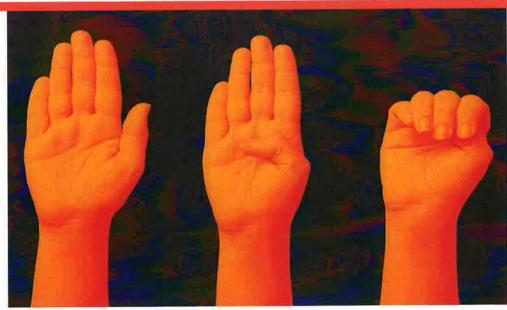
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At Bible Baptist Church
1909 Homedale Road, Klamath Falls

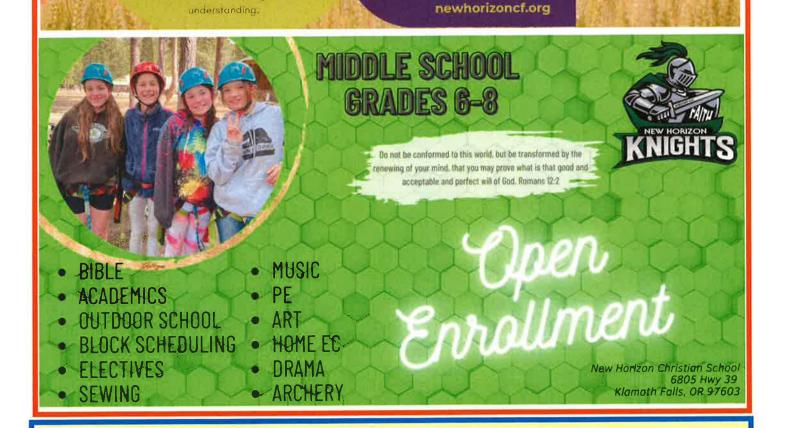
Operation Christmas Child Prayer Requests for September - October 2023

September 4	Pray for OCC Logistics - may God give wisdom and clear guidance as they plan for the collection, transportation, and processing of millions of shoeboxes.						
September 11	Pray for K2L OCC that the team would have wisdom in distributing the limited number of Go Boxes to maximize the yield of "Gospel Opportunities."						
September 18	Pray for OCC volunteers and ministry partners in Hard to Reach and Restricted Nations. May God protect them and may He shine brightly through the faithful service of these volunteers.						
September 25	Pray for Klamath to Lake Oregon OCC (K2L OCC): May God raise up a prayer team across Klamath and Lake Counties and a Prayer Coordinator.						
October 2	Pray for the Greatest Journey. May each child take to heart the lessons taught, hide His Word in their heart, and make decisions for Christ. May God make each child bold as they share their Bible verses, stories, and testimony with family and friends.						
October 9	Pray for K2L OCC, that God would encourage and equip each project leader, as they enter into the OCC season. Help each project leader as they share what God is doing through OCC to carry out the Great Commission with their pastors and with their churches or groups.						
October 16	Pray for OCC as they seek to build relationships with Unreached People Groups. OCC did distributions in 99 UPGs in 2022 and desires to reach over 1000 in the coming years. Pray for favor, for translators, for local volunteers to be raised up so that the Gospel can go forth with power! (If you desire to learn more about this OCC initiative, consider attending one of our project leader workshops.)						
October 23	Pray for each donor that they would prayerfully and joyfully pack and give shoeboxes that the box would be the answer to a heart's desire for the child receiving it so that they could taste and see the goodness and love of God.						
October 30	Pray for our Logistics network that they would have workers in abundance, good training, and that God would work out every detail so that each precious box is handled with accuracy and care.						

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September Birthdays

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22nd Sharon Haddock 30th Sally Heaton

September Anniversaries

4th Al & Judy Burman

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1 Office Closed	2
3 Communion	4	5	6 2:30pm Handbell Practice	7 1:30pm Laura Brasser's Bible Study (Laura Brasser's Home)	8 Office Closed	9
10 10:30am Worship	11 1:00pm Session	12 10:30am PMWMG Board Mtg	13 2:30pm Handbell Practice	14 10:30am Missions & Outreach	15 Office Closed	16
17 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	18 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	19 11:00am Discipleship Mtg	20 10:00am Crafts Fellowship 2:30pm Handbell Practice	21 1:30pm Laura Brasser's Bible Study (Laura Brasser's Home)	22 Office Closed	23
24 10:30am Worship	25 1:30pm Building & Grounds	26 12:00am Congregational Potluck (Fellowship Hall)	27 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 12:30pm PMWMG Meeting 2:30pm Handbell Practice	28	29 Office Closed	30

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"Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

Sermons for September:

The 10 Commandments: Exodus 20:2-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-22

- 9/3 Commandment I: Have No Other God Exodus 20:2-3
- 9/10 Commandment II: Create No Craven Image Exodus 20:2, 4-6
- 9/17 Commandment III:

 Do Not Take the Name of the Lord in Vain
 Exodus 20:2, 7
- 9/24 Commandment IV: Keep the Sabbath Holy Exodus 20:2, 8-11



DEACONS



SESSION/ELDERS

Paul King - Chair

Susan Orton

Jocelyn Shellito

Debbie Grant

The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Aaron Beaty- Moderator

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Noreen Rhoades- Clerk/ Discipleship

Kathy Todd- Finance & Stewardship

Geri Coker- Mission and Outreach

Sandi Deatherage- Building and Grounds

Betty Shaw- Worship

Stephen Goode- Building and Grounds

NO SESSION MEETING IN JULY



TRUSTEES

Stephen Goode

Harold Heaton

Bill Dart