

December

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Enjoy the Season in Spite of the Season!



by Trevor Waybright

There are few things more indicative of what our culture values than the consumerism that surrounds Christmas. It starts right around Halloween and slowly begins to ramp up until the day after Thanksgiving when everyone rushes to shop for stuff that is on sale so they can satisfy the unrealistic expectations of gift-getters everywhere while literally trampling over others to do so. It carries on until Christmas Eve when procrastinating shoppers rush out to the stores hoping to avoid the embarrassment of not getting someone a proper gift. It's a debt-raising rush to try and make sure no-one is disappointed and our faces are saved. It's an exhausting process that has next to nothing to do with our Savior robing himself in humanity and gifting us salvation through his ultimate sacrifice. It can be truly frustrating when one steps back to observe it all.

That being said, we should enjoy this season. If your family is traditionally a gift-giving one then buy or make thoughtful gifts to commemorate this beautiful and life-transforming event. Enjoy receiving gifts and be truly thankful for what and who

they represent. We should enjoy the time purposefully spent with one another at parties and family gatherings understanding that those moments are a gift from our Creator. It's easy to get frustrated with all that we disagree with around the Christmas season, but we should get over it. Let's redeem this time for the greater purpose of enjoying our Christ-lives together and with those who are yet to know him. In a time warped by consumerism and guilt, let's bring a measure of selflessness and freedom. In the midst of the rush, let's slow down and enjoy the moments that this season provides. Look past the consumerism and see the lights, the celebrations, the people enjoying each other, and the families coming together. Look for those who are left out and lonely and include them in your process. We, of all people, should enjoy this season! This is the season to ponder 'God with Us' while we bask in the freedom that comes as a result. If you enjoy shopping, shop! If you don't, don't! Just enjoy this time. It really is special and a gift from God. In John 10:10 Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Let's enjoy living abundantly in Christ this Christmas season.

at a glance

- 01 ■ adoption potluck, 5pm
- 02 ■ food pantry sunday
- 03 ■ elder meeting, 4:30pm
- 08 ■ men's breakfast, 7:30am
- 08 ■ ladies christmas potluck brunch, 10:30am
- 15 ■ children's play dress rehearsal
- 16 ■ children's christmas play
- 17 ■ elder meeting, 4pm
- 24 ■ candlelight service, 6pm
- 25 ■ merry christmas
- 30 ■ family sunday

birthdays

- 01 ■ Jennie Asmussen
- 05 ■ Linda Keeley
- 08 ■ Joyce Ross
- 10 ■ Mike Coughlin
- 14 ■ Sara Miller
- 16 ■ Louise Maley
- 17 ■ Pete Christoff
- 21 ■ Robert Poggione
- 24 ■ Wilma Johnson
- 28 ■ Rich Goeller
- 28 ■ Joy Waybright
- 31 ■ Esther Newton

If you are 18 years of age or older, regularly attend Foundry, and not on our Birthday List, we would like to add you. Please email Joy at joy@foundrybend.org.

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foundry church events



Adoption Potluck, Dec 1

Our monthly adoption potluck will be on Saturday, December 1st at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP Sara, evans_sara@yahoo.com or 541-647-4718.



Food Pantry Sunday, Dec 2

Sunday, December 2nd will be Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring your donated food items to the table in the East Entrance. Contact Annette if you have any questions, 541-388-2002.



Men's Breakfast, Dec 8

Our monthly men's breakfast will be on December 8th. Join us at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy some great food and fellowship. Contact Austin Evans for more info, 541-647-4717.



Ladies Christmas Potluck Brunch, Dec 8

We will be having a Ladies Christmas Potluck Brunch on Saturday, December 8th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies 4th grade and older are invited to join us. RSVP joy@foundrybend.org.



Children's Christmas Play, Dec 16

On Sunday, December 16th our Kidztown children will be presenting, "A Tree Lot Christmas". You won't want to miss this presentation and learn about how we can be a part of Jesus' family tree.



Candlelight Service, Dec 24

We will be having our annual Candlelight Service on Monday night, December 24th at 6pm. Plan now to join us for this very special service.

seniors onthe go

December 02	Original Pancake House
December 09	El Rodeo
December 16	Jake's Diner
December 23	On your own
December 30	Black Bear Diner

local missions



by Ken Mays
Our Faith Promise
- Local Missions
are impressed
with the ministry

of Mark and Alicia Lovejoy -
Servants of Christ and working with
Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU).
Mark is the Northwest Regional
Director of the program called
Lifelines, an effective program that
combines outdoor activities with
relationships at a collegiate level.
Mark and Alicia have been involved
with this ministry for 15 years.
Foundry church is a new supporter.

You can add to their support by
contributing at: <https://give.cru.org/0546444>.

FRIENDS of the
CHILDREN
Central Oregon

Another area that our Local
Missions is examining is Friends of
the Children. During a recent visit
to our church, the local chapter
director shared a compelling story
on why God may want us to be
church participants. Here is what
is on the Friends of the Children

website:

*Generational poverty can
be broken. We've been
doing it for more than 25
years. Children born into
poverty are at risk for dropping
out of school, substance abuse,
incarceration and teen parenting.
We provide a salaried professional
mentor, called a Friend, for
their entire childhood, from
kindergarten through graduation.
12 1/2 years...no matter what.
Join us in lifting these ministries
in thanks and Our Lord's
hand upon them (with us).*

global missions



One day, when Morad* was sharing
his faith with a new believer, a van
pulled up and four men got out.
"They blindfolded me and pushed
me into the van," Morad says. As
for the new believer Morad was
witnessing to? "He might have fled
in time, but he might just as well be
the one who set up the trap for the
secret police," says Morad.
In the country where Morad lives,
Christians are considered second-
class citizens. They are restricted
from speaking or teaching about
Christ. Publishing a Bible in the
native language is illegal. And
actively ministering to someone
who comes from a Muslim
background is a punishable offense.

Any believer caught violating the
law can be thrown in jail where
they will likely suffer brutal
conditions.

After he was thrown into the back
of the van, Morad was taken to a
strange prison in a strange city. No
one knew where he was or why
he never returned home. He was
locked in solitary confinement,
and then he was left completely
alone.

In prison, Morad faced daily
interrogations, ridicule and physical
abuse. He was often denied use of
the bathroom, adding to his misery
and humiliation.

Persecution of Christians in places
like the Middle East - where Morad
is from - has not captured the
world's attention as much as other
news stories about the area.

Though the majority of the region
is Muslim, the Christian Church is

active and growing. But harassment
and oppression of Christians is
growing as well.

During his time in prison, Morad
not only struggled with his
interrogators, he also struggled
with God. "I felt He was silent
during the interrogations," Morad
says. "I thought, *Why isn't He
preventing this from happening?*"
Throughout parts of the Middle East
and around the world, followers
of Jesus need to know they aren't
alone - they need God's Word and
the support of their global family,
to help them stand strong in prison
and amid the daily trials they face.
Looking back on his experience,
Morad reflects, "I don't know why
all of this happened to me. I have
no easy explanation. All I know is
what He asks of me now: to follow
Him and live out the gospel. And
that's what I'm doing."

children/youth

KIDZTOWN

by Sara Miller

Our children are nearly ready for their Christmas musical to be presented on Sunday, December 16th at 10:15am. We have created postcards that are available at the Welcome Center for you to share with friends as invitations, as well as a Facebook event - find it on our Kidztown Group on Facebook and share away! If your kiddo is in the play, please have them here on Saturday, December 15th at 10am for Dress Rehearsal. (As a heads up - there will be NO KIDZTOWN CLASSES or CHILDCARE on Sunday, December 16th, as we invite our entire church family to view the musical. However, the nursery WILL be open with the show broadcast onto the TV in the nursery for parents who may need to take their little ones for a time.)

Make plans now to attend our upcoming FAMILY SUNDAY on December 30th. We will be sharing a child-oriented message for all ages that you won't want to miss. Remember, Foundry LOVES having kiddos in our services, and parents, we welcome those precious sounds of our little ones in worship with us learning what it means to praise the Lord together.



SAVE THE DATE:

We will be having a Children's Vision Casting session and breakfast for all of our Kidztown volunteers on Sunday,

January 13th at 8:45am in the Children's Church downstairs. Please plan now, to make this meeting a priority. I'm so excited to share with you about our new curriculum and some fun ideas for the new year. Please RSVP to sara@foundrybend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



by Joy Waybright

We are starting a new curriculum in our Middle School Youth group call "Orange". It includes video clips, power point presentation, games and small group discussion questions. We are excited to move forward with this curriculum.

We will continue to meet on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. On December 17th we will be having our Middle School Christmas Party. We would like to do a crazy sock gift exchange so help your student to plan now and bring wrapped socks (new) for a fun exchange.

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who are helping out on Mondays and those who continue to supply treats for the kids each week. We are truly grateful to you and your heart to serve our youth! If you would like to help with the Middle School Ministry in any way, please contact Joy. Merry Christmas from the Middle School Youth Group!

HIGH SCHOOL

by Mark Sue

This has been a busy month in our high school ministry.

As the school year has reached full stride, we've seen kids' schedules get filled up with school and sports-related activities. What's incredible, though, is that our Thursday evening Community Bible Study for Teens has been seeing solid growth. We are regularly seeing about 40 kids from a variety of churches and schools show up to enjoy a meal together and study God's Word. Hattie Starling, myself, and the rest of the CBS servant leaders have been amazed at how God is blessing this ministry.



Looking forward to next month, the big high school event will be our Christmas party on the evening of December 15th. We'll all be getting together at Darren Hess's house to celebrate the season together. A great big thank you to all the volunteers who have been cooking breakfast for Sunday mornings (which has been going great!), bringing cookies on Thursdays, and spending time with the kids. This is all a very valuable use of your time, and we are seeing relationships grow as we focus on Jesus together.

health ministry



by Sally Rhyder

ESTATE PLANNING AT FOUNDRY:
Mark your calendars for February 16, 2019, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Pete Christoff will be presenting information about estate planning including wills, trusts, and advanced directives. Bring your questions and join us for this informative session. Light refreshments will be served.

November blood pressure screening: Eleven participants with 5 elevations--3 male, 2 female.

FLU SEASON: Hopefully, most of us have gotten the flu vaccine by now, but it is not too late to do so. Getting the vaccine not only decreases your

chance of getting the flu or at least the severity the illness, but it helps protect the most vulnerable of our society--those over 65 and those with chronic medical conditions. Protect yourself and others from colds and flu by practicing good hand hygiene, using hand sanitizer and covering coughs and sneezes. Avoid placing your hands to your face especially around eyes, nose, and mouth. Avoid crowds whenever possible, and please stay home if you are running a fever, coughing, or sneezing.

SYMPTOMS: Influenza differs from colds in that the flu usually has an abrupt onset rather than a gradual one. One is more likely to experience severe fatigue, run a fever, have aches, chills and sweats, headache, and a persistent, dry cough. Nasal discharge and sneezing are

uncommon with the flu. A sore throat is possible. Call your doctor if you believe you have contracted the flu. Antiviral drugs are available and should be considered if you are a high risk for complications. These drugs are most effective within the first 48 hours of the illness. Pneumonia can be a complication of the flu. Seek medical attention if your symptoms become more severe or if they become worse after improving or if you experience chest pain, difficulty breathing, lightheadedness or confusion.



misc.

Thank You

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Shoe Box Ministry by packing boxes or making monetary donations to Samaritans Purse. We had a total of 335 boxes! Praise the Lord!

-Annette VanDeZande & Jenni Ewing



If you have a child ages birth-5th grade, please join us on our new Facebook Group page - where it's super easy to interact together! Just search **Kidztown - Foundry Church of Bend, OR** to find us!

December Financial Report
As of October 31, 2018
*Foundry Church fiscal budget for the
year ending 6/30/2019 is \$564,000.00*



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Budgeted Giving	\$191,357
Actual Giving	\$197,153
Giving Over Budget	\$5,796
Budgeted Spending	\$191,357
Actual Spending	\$143,689
Spending Under Budget	\$47,668
Giving Over/Spending Under	\$53,464

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