

# Pacific Region newsletter

We are a Region of 25 churches - WA, OR, ID, CA, AZ, and TX!

Spring  
2014



## Regional Pastor devotional...

Genesis 45:4, 8 <sup>4</sup>And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you... <sup>8</sup>So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.

These verses vividly illustrate at least two very important truths – that we often can't see or understand what God is accomplishing through the events that happen around us and that God is able to work great good even in the midst of great evil.

These verses are from the life of Joseph and they refer to his brothers selling him as a slave to Egypt out of their jealousy of him, but how God used that evil circumstance and others, to ultimately preserve Israel and the line of the Messiah.

The ultimate expression of these truths is the resurrection of Christ from the dead after his atoning death on the cross to pay for our sins. In the midst of difficulty and hard situations, may we look to the Lord and be encouraged, trusting that He is at work accomplishing His purposes and working for good even in the face of difficulty and evil.

Have a blessed Easter and spring season!

-Pastor Stan Olsen

### Greetings!

Here is a quick update of the finances of the Region North. A special "thank you" needs to be said to the people and churches who give to the region. Many are blessed by these gifts. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

– Kent Bergsagel, Treasurer

### Totals as of 2/28/15

Local checking/savings = \$6,353.92

Trust accounts: = \$55,274.57

Past 6 month giving: Receipts = \$6,356.35

Past 6 month distribution:     \$16,607.31



President Paul Larson, speaker



Calvary at Fullerton, California host church – Jim Erickson & Seth Leivestad, pastors



Ruth Vallevik: one of 5 seminar speakers

News from...  
**the COMBINED  
PACIFIC REGION  
BIENNIAL  
MEETING**  
February 13-15 2015!

What a great representation we had from both the North and South of our Pacific Region! Early arrivals sipped Calvary coffee, as representatives from our churches began to gather Friday night in the warm California air. Smiling, meeting familiar friends, and greeting new faces, we grew together – northerners getting out of the rain, and southerners welcoming new friends to exceptionally warm February weather!

Friday night CLB President Paul Larson began a dynamic series of messages "Livin' the Dream!" based on Jacob's dream. Saturday, Pastor Brandon Pangman, Rock of Ages, Seattle, WA, gave us a strong challenge to love our neighbors in the morning Bible Hour, followed by a two-part session on solving church conflict, led by the husband-wife team of Eastern Region Pastor Warren and Cindy Geraghty. Saturday afternoon included a business session, followed by five seminars to choose from: Ruth Vallevik *Walking the Talk*; Stan Olsen *CLB Church Planting*; Gary Witkop *Church Outreach*; Kyle Sears *Making Meaningful Connections with Your Neighborhood*; Roy Heggland *Biblical Stewardship*.

Saturday evening was free to explore the area, have a Valentine's Dinner, or relax. Finally, Sunday morning we joined in worship with Calvary in a finale of praise to our God who calls us to Believe, Belong, and Bear the Blessing we never fathomed we could be!

## Who's new in the Region?



**Pastor Larry Olsen** will begin serving **Immanuel LB Church in Pasadena, California** in May 2015. Larry and his wife, Irene are moving from the Western Region – **Word of Life LB Church, Fort Collins, Colorado**. Welcome to the Pacific Region, **Larry & Irene!**

## Spring Prayer topics...

1. Praise God for the good participation of North and South churches at our first combined Regional Convention!
2. Pray for Lenten & Easter services to be entry points and connections for our friends and neighbors to hear the Gospel
3. Pray for safety & good ministry for the "Borderless" Mission Teams from the Pacific North to villages around Mesquital, Mexico, March 27-April 3
4. Pray for God to use us to bring our neighbors and friends to know Him as Savior
5. Pray for the Region events listed below, for spiritual growth and for people to come to faith in Christ

Remember to pray for our churches & pastors!

**Nampa LBC – Nampa, ID**  
Jeremy & Shannon Wilson  
**Cornerstone – Ferndale, WA**  
Bill & Sally Helland  
**Bethel – Bellingham, WA**  
**Anchor of Hope – Stanwood, WA**  
Bob Hosmer  
**New Life @ the Well – Mt. Vernon, WA**  
Keith & Cindy Luna  
**Word of Life – Marysville, WA**  
Jay & Amy Price  
**Hope – Everett, WA**  
Marty & Mim Valder  
**CCOJ (Community Church of Joy) – Sammamish, WA**  
Jim & Sharon Jensen  
Gregory & Michelle Solberg  
**Grace – Edmonds, WA**  
**Maple Park – Lynnwood, WA**  
David & Nancy Overland  
Phil & Wendy Heiser  
**Rock of Ages – Seattle, WA**  
Brandon & Jenny Pangman  
Roger & Sue Olson  
**Peace – Olympia, WA**  
Luther & Anne Marie Stenberg  
**Faith – Kelso/Longview, WA**  
Chris & Carrie Leingang  
**Greater Grace – Portland, WA**  
Jerry & Cheryl Unruh  
**Solid Rock – Salem, OR**  
Dennis & Nancy Ide  
**Immanuel – Eugene, OR**  
Daniel & Meghan Berge  
**Victoria (VCC) – Fontana, CA**  
Joshua & Rachel Amberson  
**Immanuel – Pasadena, CA**  
Larry & Irene Olson  
**Redemption – Pasadena, CA**  
Kyle & Erika Sears  
**Calvary – Fullerton, CA**  
Jim & Marilyn Erickson  
Seth & Shelly Leivestad  
**Victory (VCC) – Yuma, AZ**  
David & Janet Abel  
**Desert Rose – Tempe, AZ**  
House church served by elders  
**Generations – Chandler, AZ**  
House church served by elders  
**Living Word – Phoenix, AZ**  
Rod & Cheryl Johnson  
**Good Shepherd – Buda, TX**  
Caleb & Sarah Larson

March 6-8, 2015

Leadership Retreat  
@ Cannon Beach,  
Oregon  
**Speaker: LBS  
Professor Brad  
Pribbenow**



Spring-Summer  
Events

April 17-19, 2015

Pacific South Women's  
Retreat @ Murietta Hot  
Springs  
Theme: "Garden Getaway"

June 30-July 5, 2015

LB Family Bible  
Camp @ Warm  
Beach,  
Washington  
**Speaker:  
Pastor Kirk  
Miltzer**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these opportunities to gather together in upcoming months:

1. Leadership Retreat @ Cannon Beach, WA – March 6-8, 2015 – Brad Pribbenow, speaker
2. Hillcrest Choir concerts: Marysville, WA – April 7, 2015; Everett, WA – April 8, 2015
3. Pacific Region South Women's Spring Retreat – April 17-19, 2015 @ Calvary Chapel Conference Center, Murietta Hot Springs, California – "Garden Getaway"
4. Pacific North Mountain Man Retreat, – June 6, 2015 – near Portland, Oregon - "God, Guys, Guns & Grub"
5. LB Bible Camp week at Warm Beach, WA June 30-July 5, 2015 – Kirk Miltzer, speaker
6. National Women's Ministries Annual Convention, July 11, 2015 @ Minot, ND