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IN THE LOOP

What's happening at SPCC

FAMILY NEWS

Engaged



Engaged: Paul Waggoner has announced his engagement to Monique Chatrisa to be married on May 15th, 2015. Paul is the son of Pastor Byron and Gina.

FAM UPDATE

A Note From Kevin & Cathy Apgar

Dear church family,

Our Foster and Adoption Ministry (FAM), just want to say thank you to the several Life Groups and ministries here at SPCC that have helped with The Appreciation Project (TAP) by providing goodies once a month to the workers at the DSHS office here in Smokey Point. The children's administration staff has really felt Christ's love through your efforts.

There have also been many families instrumental in serving

Foster parents in our community by providing child care, gifts through the Giving Tree, giving of their time, energy, talents, and prayers. It takes a village, and you've been stepping into the needed roles. Thank you so much! God bless you all!

In Christ's love,
Kevin and Cathy Apgar,
for FAM Ministries

SHORT TERM MISSIONS

Help SPCC Youth Go!



Invest in SPCC Young People!

Invest in Missions!

Get stuff done!

It's that time again, we are sending a team of high school students and young adults to the Philippines and they have a large chunk of change to raise so they can experience missions first hand. You can help get them there by hiring one or more of them to do an odd job or two for you. They can do anything that requires a servant's heart, hard work but little training: moving stuff, clearing stuff, painting stuff, yardwork, etc.

Remember, this is a fundraiser! They can earn minimum wage at McDonalds.... please support them enthusiastically!

Call Tamie at the church office to request workers.

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What's happening at SPCC

GET INVOLVED

Seniors

Our seniors at SPCC stay connected with God and each other. Each Tuesday at 10 AM in Room A204, our seniors gather to sing, study God's Word, and pray. Currently they are just finishing their study "Growing Older and Wiser." This will be followed up with a study in the Gospel of Matthew, until they begin summer break in the middle of June.

Every 4th Tuesday of the month, our seniors head off to find adventures at museums, tours, and places of interest, such as Leavenworth, or the tulip fields of Mt. Vernon. These times together are always fun, filled with laughter and friendship. Of course, we always find a great place to have a meal together, and return having been enriched by the beauty of God's handiwork in creation and the encouragement of Christian community.

If you are a senior, why not consider joining us!?

IN REVIEW

Serve Sunday



"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

On Sunday, April 12th, hundreds of SPCC volunteers scattered throughout the greater Smokey Point/Arlington area to care for our neighborhood. SPCC partnered with a variety of community organizations, (Housing Hope, Kids Kloset, Arlington Food Bank, Arlington and Lakewood Schools, Arlington Care Center, Stillaguamish Senior Center, Arlington Parks, and Boys and Girls

Club of Arlington) to complete 16 work projects. Everyone gathered afterward for a hotdog picnic here at the church.

A big "Thank you!" to all of you who rolled up your sleeves to help make this day such a huge success! God was glorified as, together, we helped meet tangible needs in our community. If you missed this event, mark your calendars for the next Serve Sunday on September 27th.

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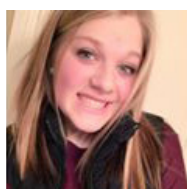
What's happening at SPCC

SPCC YOUTH

Pray for our Interns!



Pray for our Student Ministries Summer Interns. **Megan Braaten** and **Irelyn Callaghan** will be investing in our middle school ministry roughly June through August. Please pray for them as they seek to clarify God's call on their lives for a future in ministry, as well as for how he will use them to shape the lives of our students.



Justin Goheen is about to finish at Moody Bible Institute and will be investing back here for his school internship. We are fortunate to have Justin and his wife, Kalie back in our student ministries beginning in May.

SPCC YOUTH

Summer Calendar

MIDDLE SCHOOL

(currently in 5-7th grade)

June 12-14

BC Blast

July 5-11

Black Lake Summer Camp

August 3-7 (daily)

Beyond Belief (Discipleship)

August 24-26

Blowout (nightly)

HIGH SCHOOL

(currently 8-11th grade)

June 25-27

Whistler Camping/rafting

July 8-31

(registration closed)

Philippines

August 8-16

Hume Lake Summer Camp

SPCC YOUTH

Grade Change

Grade change for our 5th, 8th and 12th graders will be June 6/7 (a week earlier than normal). Current 5th graders last night of Discovery Club will be June 9th. Beginning the weekend (6/7), those students will start in their new ministry groups.

Parents of youth (currently in grades 5-11) we will have a Summer Preview Meeting to let you know all about what will be happening in our student ministries, why, and give the opportunity to share your input/ask questions.

Sunday, May 31st 12:15PM in the Youth Room (lunch will be provided) and your kids are welcome.

RESCUE

An Update

"Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors Him." Proverbs 14:21

Rescue strives to honor and glorify Christ by helping carry some of the burden for a missionary so they can better meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poor.

As the world becomes more dangerous, we specifically ask that you pray for God's protection around the MacLean family. Dr. Brett and wife Sheri have served at the Women and Children's Center in Mali, Africa for many years. Responding to the great need for health care in the more rural areas, they have left the safety of the compound and moved into the Bako region of West Africa. They are currently working to establish several small clinics in remote locations. The demands are high and safety is uncertain. PRAY, PRAY!

In our last report we shared that Rescue seemed to be receiving fewer supplies from our local clinics lately. But as our amazing God can do, we were contacted by a new facility and we are now receiving supplies from the Poly Clinic in Seattle. They have assured us that they will be donating supplies on an ongoing basis. Thank you Heavenly Father for this blessing! Rescue has more to offer our missionaries! But then comes the need for more funds

to get those supplies in the doctor's hands. In 2014, we had nine pallets of additional medical supplies to ship. Already in 2015, we've forwarded 13 pallets to the developing world! Needless to say, this greatly exceeds our budget. If you know of any community groups that might like to partner with Rescue, please contact Debi Foster 360-631-7489.

Thank you, Jehovah Jireh (The Lord that provides), in advance for your provisions. We love you Lord!

- The Rescue Team



The MacLean Family serving in the Bako region of West Africa.





abundant LIFE

We just wrapped up this years **Women's Retreat**, and what an amazing time it was. We were blessed to have about 60 women gather together at the beautiful Warm Beach camp. The conditions were very much... like camp! We enjoyed good food, amazing scenery, teaching, worship and fellowship. We sat under the teaching of Robin Neal of Calvary Creekside, Ever-son Washington. She brought such wonderful insight into the theme Abundant Life. Robin unpacked John 10 and reminded us that the abundant life comes in knowing Jesus our Good Shepherd.

He is our Protector, our Provider, and we must practice His Presence, by knowing His voice. We must learn to be on guard against the thief, who tries to steal, kill and destroy. The thief cannot take our life but he can do much worse by rendering us useless for Christ. We had an amazing time of worship on Saturday night by sharing testimonies of God's infinite grace upon lives. There was story after story of God's redemption, from those who once were lost but now are found in Him. It was a sweet time and we are thankful to all who were a part of this sacred weekend.



LITTLE LIGHT PRESCHOOL

An update from Lavaun Camp
& Sarah Cookston

Little Light Preschool is about to completed its fifth year with 63 little graduates in May.

Dedicated and committed to offering the best in Christian Early Childhood Education, with our aim being to provide a loving and nurturing Christian perspective for the beginning of the little ones education.

We believe that each child learns by actively participating, exploring, and discovering (Proverbs 20:11). Children must be encouraged to ask questions, experiment, make choices, and propose solutions. In so doing, they will learn to assume responsibility for their own actions and feelings, and they will

gain confidence in acting on their knowledge of the Bible and of their physical and social worlds.

3-year-old Class

Activities in our center based curriculum are designed to maximize each child's individual growth by introducing a balance of spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical activities. The explorations of early learning skills include the areas of dramatic play, science and art. Emphasis is placed on cooperative play as children practice their understanding of socially appropriate behavior. School readiness activities in pre-reading, writing, counting, number

recognition and problem solving are presented in a fun filled and purposeful manner. While children are learning, Little Light offers a secure and loving environment with established routines and schedules that fosters the development of the whole child.

All students must be completely potty trained before being accepted into the 3-year-old program.

4-year-olds/Pre-Kindergarten

Our Pre-Kindergarten program provides a wide variety of planned activities centered on preparing 4-year-olds to excel in Kindergarten. Educational activities are offered in areas of science, music, art,

language and early reading and numbers, as well as, early math skills in our developmentally appropriate learning centers. Children work at activities to learn the alphabet, letter sounds, sight words and word families, learn numbers and simple math, and mastering early writing skills. These centers are designed

to maximize each child's individual growth by introducing a balance of spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical activities.

Our 2015/16 school year begins September 14th. We are still accepting applications for the coming year. Please pray with us as we continue to shine Christ's

love into the lives of families and their children. Together we can encourage the "Little Light" of our lives to shine".

-Lavaun Camp

It has been a great year at Little Light Preschool. Every day holds a new adventure whether it's playing with friends, learning a new letter, going on a field trip, observing a cool science experiment, or just getting messy. Learning is so much fun! One of my favorite parts of the day is our Bible time together. We've

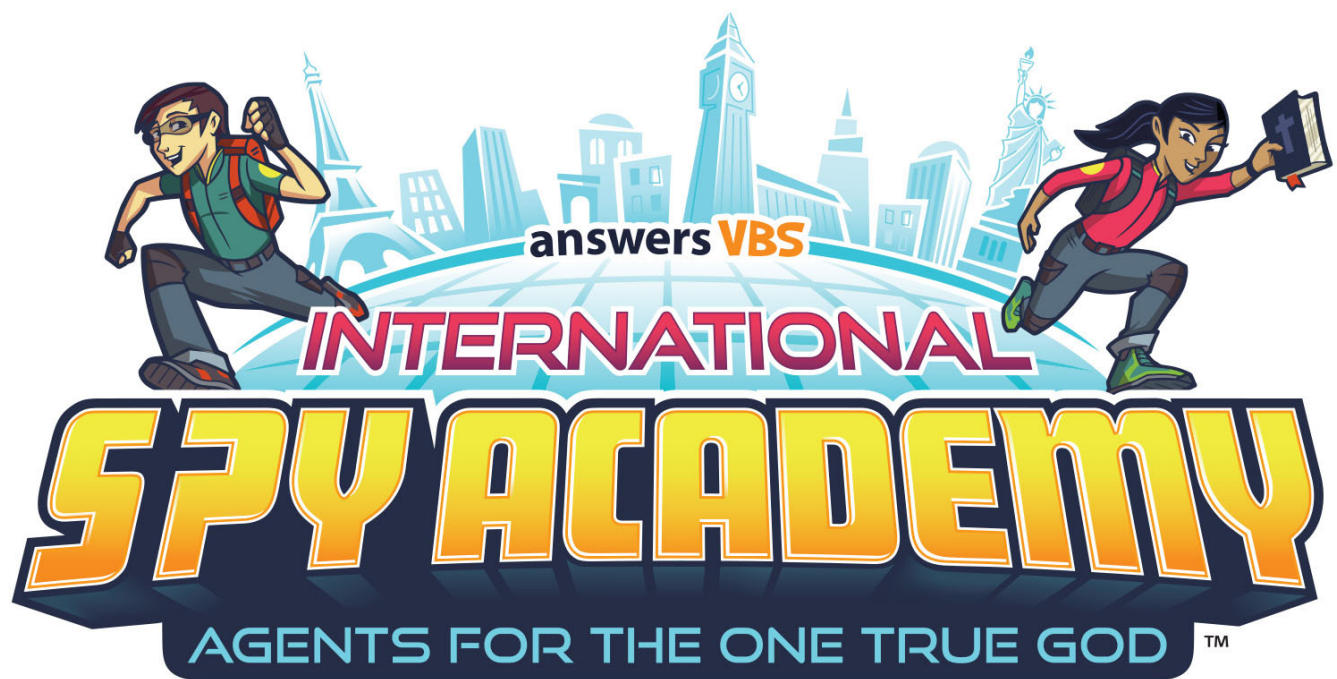
learned about Daniel in the Lion's Den, Noah's Ark, Jesus' Birth and many other stories. One student came into class last week proclaiming, "My mom told me that Jesus is real – He is REAL!" She was so excited. And it is truly the most awesome thing. What seems so impossible is true: God loves us and has

made a way for us to be with Him. What a privilege to get to share that with these little ones!

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" - Matthew 19:14

- Sarah Cookston





VBS 2015 | JULY 13-17 2015 6PM-8:30PM

At the International Spy Academy, a VBS from "Answers in Genesis", kids will discover how to be special agents for the one true God. In this jam-packed week, the special agents will :

- Uncover counterfeit gods and recognize the only true God – the God of the Bible
- Find that God is unique – one God in three Persons
- Crack codes to discover attributes of God
- Collect clues to reveal how to become a child of God
- Discover that God is not distant but personal, wanting to be their first love

-Excitement and adventure await from the first minute of each day when everyone gathers at the opening assembly, a high energy briefing, which includes entertaining intros, catchy songs, a mission moment, and prayer. Then the special agents will rotate through four fun sites:

- ISA Headquarters, where God's Word is taught in hands on ways
- Agent-in-Action Games, where training challenges of the utmost fun are mastered
- Top Secret Snacks, where top level treats will vanish in a hurry

- Classified Crafts, where agents-in-training engage in hands-on crafting

After training and mission assignments are completed agents regroup for the closing assembly, which includes more singing, Get a Clue about God time, and the highly anticipated daily drama. The drama is set in a European city that has drifted away from following the one true God. The Truth Force is sent in to expose the





truth about God and the country's godly heritage. Agents Jess, Dresden, and Casey find foes in unlikely places as their assignment takes unexpected twists and turns.

VBS AT SPCC IS FAMILY STYLE

This means we invite parents to participate with their children and engage in all this meaningful fun with them! If you are attending with your child, children as young as 3 can participate. If you are NOT attending with your child, your child must be at least 4 years old. We will have separate programming 3s, 4s & 5s during rotation time to have age appropriate games and activities

for preschoolers!

FYI...All this adds up to a week filled with high impact! It is our goal, with help of this awesome curriculum and a ton of volunteers, to provide solid Bible-based teaching, that counters the misinformation about the Bible that children encounter daily and deliver it in a fun and entertaining way!

Your mission should you choose to accept it is to mark your calendars, begin praying for the planning and preparation of International Spy Academy and to decide how you are going to be a part of VBS 2015! Volunteers Sign ups are NOW OPEN!!!!

If you have questions or would like more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact Ms. Diona at 360-659-2844 ext 2230 or diona@spcc-cma.org

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Kim Thompson

Dawn Stoelting (alternate)



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Story, His Glory

AN ADOPTION STORY. SPEAKER: KRISTA GIBSON

SATURDAY, MAY 2 || 9 A.M.

SPCC AUDITORIUM || FREE





MEN'S CHILI COOK OFF

**MAY 3 AT 2 P.M.
SPICY & NON-SPICY**

****YOU DON'T NEED TO
BRING CHILI TO ATTEND****