

Challenge of 1

In 2015 we are challenging our students to take on the task of trying to lead ONE person to Christ this year. When you first hear the challenge it is easy to think that ONE is not much of a challenge, but for most of the people in our church that is ONE more person than 2014. We are called to NOT be ashamed of the Gospel. We can and should be sharing with love and boldness to all those around us. Will you join us this year in proclaiming the name of Christ and commit to actively working towards leading ONE person to Christ? Join us as we Connect our Community to Christ!

Tony



13th Annual
BEAST FEAST
Friday, March 6th

\$10

Feature Speaker

Lew Sterrett

Gun Display
Fly fishing clinic
Dinner
Speaker
Giveaways

SAVE THE DATE!

Baby Bottle Boomerang
raising funds for Hope Pregnancy Center

Ladies Night
Thursday, March 19th
6:30 pm

Potluck meal
Guest Speaker
Bring a friend!

It's a Girl!
Blakely Grace

The Family and Friends of
Lydia Mosel
Invite you to a
BABY SHOWER

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7 2:00 P.M.
Portland Avenue
Baptist Church
Connection Center

ALL SIZES OF PAMPERS AND
BABY WIPES GLADLY WELCOMED!

Registered at Target

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April 24-25th
Falls Creek Conference Center

BGCC
**WOMEN'S
RETREAT
No. 10**

*CAPES WILL
BE INVOLVED

APRIL 17-18, 2015 FALLS CREEK CONFERENCE CENTER

In Christian Sympathy

The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

Kae Buller in the loss of her mother.
Rhonda Combs in the loss of her father.
Joan Woolley in the loss of her sister.

Thank You
Notes of appreciation have been received from the following:

Derle & Janis Hatchett
Melanie Adair & Family
Tony & Kim Mullican Family
Family of Sue Ramage
Leroy Shannon Family
Paul & Anita Sheline
David & Debi Sheline

Wednesday's Dinner Menu
Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2 Family—\$12

Feb. 4—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
Feb. 11—Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Bread & Dessert
Feb. 18—Enchilada Casserole, Chips & Dessert
Feb. 25—Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes & Dessert

Portland Avenue
Daily Prayer Email

Get information on members hospital stays, surgeries, etc. Call the church office and give us your email address to get on the list.

1. Listen to or download sermons at portlandavenue.org/messages
2. Buy sermons on CD for \$3 each. Use order envelope at Welcome Center

SERMONS



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Pastor's Perspective

Luke 19:10 (NLT)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."



Have you ever noticed that when a business shuts down the building very quickly looks neglected and run down? That which we neglect fades very quickly. Speaking for myself, I notice that personal evangelism neglected in my life fades very quickly until you can't even tell it was ever there. I don't think I'm alone. I have noticed that in our church and across our city. Personal evangelism neglected soon becomes evangelism forgotten. I am guilty. How about you?

Jesus had a singular purpose in coming to this planet. Luke 19:10 states it simply and clearly. Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost. Did Jesus have a target group he was focused on? Yes, the LOST. The lost includes anyone who has not put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The LOST are those who do not know God or His son, Jesus Christ. Listen to Jesus' words, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" John 17:3.

What is our part? We are to SEEK the lost. We seek the lost through building bridges of friendship to their hearts so that we might share the good news of the gospel with them. What is Jesus' part? He will SAVE them. Hear Romans 10:13, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." We seek people through personal evangelism. We bring them to Jesus as Andrew brought Peter and Jesus is able to save their souls and give them eternal life.

If the singular purpose of Jesus Christ was evangelism does it not stand to reason that evangelism should be the singular purpose of the church? Clearly, it does. Has the Holy Spirit convicted your heart about a lack of personal evangelism? He has mine. What are we going to do about it? Don't know about you but I am going to begin to do personal evangelism every time the Lord gives me opportunity. Will you join me? Let's make personal evangelism a priority in 2015. Listen to the great preacher Charles Spurgeon speak. . .

"If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."

Let's get busy about personal evangelism. I Love You!

Bro. Walter

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SUPER CHILI BOWL COOKOFF
February 1st
5:30 pm

Enter your favorite pot of chili and have a chance to win an award.

MVP— Best Overall
Hard Hitter— Hottest
Special Teams— Most Creative

Sign up to bring chili or dessert at Welcome Center



Fresh Food Mobile Market
Tuesday, Feb. 3rd—9:00 am
Portland Avenue Connection Center

Fresh Food Mobile Market is designed to meet needs in our neighborhood and community including 73107, 73112, & 73127.



Saturday, Feb. 21st
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Portland Avenue Connection Center

Senior Spirit

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth - 1 John 3:18

Greetings!

Of all the attributes of God, I believe I am the most astounded by the deep, deep love the Father has for His children. Even though so many turn their back on him and curse His name, through His love He always has forgiveness. Of course the apostle John said it best, "God is Love".

On this Valentine's Day I will celebrate my love for my "sweetheart". And what's even better is that we will celebrate the love of God together. As much as I love my wife and my little boy, I know it is nothing compared to the awesome love they receive from the Heavenly Father. My, what a reason to shout!!

I would like to invite our 55+ group to our annual Friendship Banquet. It is a special time to celebrate the friends God has placed in your life. This year our special guest speaker is Bro. Harry Black. Bro. Harry is a very compassionate man and a wonderful communicator, and no one can deny his love for the Lord. Come get to know Bro. Harry and his lovely wife, Ivetta on Feb. 16th at 6:00 pm.

On Sunday morning, March 29th our church will host the very talented Bobby Bowen Family Band from Greenbrier, TN. The family consists of parents Bobby and Becky, along with their five children. The parents and kids all sing and play live instruments. Come support their ministry and family.

Cody

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15

Senior Adult Friendship Banquet

Monday, February 16th
6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a delicious meal as we celebrate an evening of friendships and faith!

*There is no charge ~ Reservations are requested.
Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Wednesday, Feb. 12th.*



Highlights from the Senior Adult Game Day on January 12th

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Kae Buller	19	Doris Tennison
4	Pat Bureson	20	Kenny Smith
5	Marguerite Cassidy	21	Cheryl Wilson
6	Sue Coit		Frank Woolley
8	Derle Hatchett	22	Walter Mullican
9	Stan Bureson	24	Frances Kelley
11	Edie Means		
15	Barbara Huff		Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list? Call the church office at 942-5539 with the info.
16	Kathy Mullican		
	Clay Howison		
17	Sharon Sloan		

Looking Ahead...

- February 16th - 6 pm - Friendship Banquet
- Day in Norman - National Weather Service, Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, Lunch at Rudy's BBQ
- Day at Wichita Mountains - Mt. Scott, The Holy City, Lavender Park, Lunch at Meers

Dates to be announced soon



PARENT CONNECTION

Teach me Your way LORD and I will live by Your truth. Psalm 86:11

Know WHOOOOOO loves you?

GOD ♥ YOU!

For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

A Heart for Missions—Sunday, Feb. 8th

Our Children's Ministry has assembled Valentine Treat Bags that will be available for a suggested minimum donation of \$1 each... The PERFECT TREAT for your neighbors, co-workers and friends!

Proceeds will be applied to the Kid's Mission Adventure Kamp (KMAK) Fund.

SUGAR FREE also available for your Diabetic friends! ♥

♥ From My Heart to Yours . . .

There are so many opportunities coming up to help kids turn the focus from their own wants and needs to being more concerned about others. In our ministry to children, we want to partner with parents to develop mission-minded boys and girls that are concerned about the salvation of their family and friends. Just this past week, we've had kids that have been concerned enough about their friends and their salvation, that they wanted to make sure they had a Bible. Even beyond that, they want to read the Bible with their friends during their lunch period. That is exciting!

I'm grateful for parents that have instilled this desire in their children, but I'm also grateful for the dedicated teachers involved in our ministry who see the value of teaching on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or Wednesday evening. The seeds planted early in the life of a child continue to grow and blossom as they grow physically and spiritually.

There truly is no greater tool for reaching families than Vacation Bible School. Please pray about your involvement with VBS, June 8-12. We will have a Jump Start Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 4:30 p.m. Each volunteer in attendance will receive a FREE VBS t-shirt and have to opportunity to be a part of the incredible JOURNEY of sharing God's love with the boys and girls not only from our own church—but from places UNKNOWN to us but KNOWN to God!

Please continue to pray for our ministry to children and their families.

Gina

MISSION IGNITION

Missions Event for Kids Grades 1-6

A Hands On MISSIONS EXPERIENCE for KIDS, grades 1-6!

At Portland Avenue Baptist Church

Saturday, March 7th
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$5 per person . . . Lunch included!

Missionaries, Games, Pedal Carts, Mission Projects and FUN!!

Come join us for a great day of fun activities and learning more about missions! Sign up AND pay at the Children's Ministry Office by Feb. 15th.

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED in a variety of areas.
Benefits include: FREE Chick-fil-A lunch AND a FUN-filled Day

Call Gina at 942-5539 Or email gmckean@portlandavenue for more information.

We're On A JOURNEY!

Vacation Bible School
JUMP START MEETING
Sunday, Feb. 15th
4:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
For EVERYONE interested in helping with VBS.

And whenever you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear this command behind you: This is the WAY, Walk in it. Isaiah 30:21

JOURNEY OFF THE MAP

UNKNOWN TO US, KNOWN TO HIM

JUNE 8-12