

FRESH FOOD MOBILE MARKET
Tues., October 7th at 9:00 a.m.



Mission Birthday Project
Windsor Hills Nursing Home
Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Great opportunity for our seniors and our kids to be on Mission and make a difference in our community.

We'll meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. and return by 3 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Congratulations
to proud great grandma Martha Lindsey and grandma Karen Martin on the birth of their new grandson, Judd Charles Dickerson. He was born 9/10/14 weighing 8 lbs 1 oz and 20 1/2 in long.



Edna McMillan
State Missions Offering

PABC GOAL: \$2,500.00
Received to Date: \$1,211.00



Projected opening date for the new dental clinic is Saturday, October 25th.

Clinic will be open one Saturday a month from 10 am to 2 pm for exams, cleanings, and extractions on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Ministry volunteers needed to staff the clinic. Contact Tony Mullican to signup.

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

In Christian Sympathy
The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

Nikkole Bible in the loss of her grandmother
Family of Charlene Johnson
Bro. Walter in the loss of his aunt
Justin Pardue in the loss of his father
Reeves' Family in the loss of their nephew/cousin

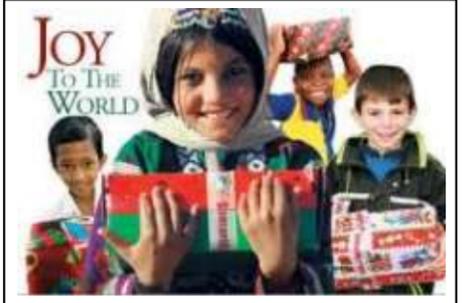
Thank You
Notes of appreciation have been received from the following:

Reeves' Family
Bonnie Shaffer
Family of Noma Troxel

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

Oct. 1—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
Oct. 8—Grilled Chicken, Vegetables & Dessert
Oct. 15—Steak Fingers, Potatoes & Dessert
Oct. 22—Enchilada Casserole, Relish & Dessert
Oct. 29—Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert

First time guests are FREE!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Demonstrate God's love to needy children around the world by filling a shoebox for a boy or girl with a variety of gifts.

Suggested items: small cars, balls, dolls, hard candy, toothbrush, bar soap, comb, etc. Please include \$7 for shipping costs. Instruction, boxes and labels are located in the South Foyer. Boxes must be returned to the office by Sunday, November 9th.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 AM
Olde Orchard Restaurant
7339 NW 23rd St.



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Pastor's Perspective

Fall is upon us! That means ministry here at Portland Avenue. Another year of Whiz Kids has begun with a great group of tutors and students. Ms. Gina is always looking for that next new tutor to make a difference in the life of a child!

We continue with the Fresh Food Mobile Market on the first Tuesday of each month in conjunction with the Regional Food Bank. We have averaged around 175 per month receiving fresh fruits and vegetables. At the market on Nov. 4th there will also be a Community Fair with many different organizations represented that provide different kinds of helps for those in our community. Also, in October and November, Grounds 4 Compassion, a local coffee brewer, will be providing coffee for everyone who comes. Remember, there is no paperwork to fill out, just be in line and get a ticket to get the food. Distribution begins promptly at 9 am. Bring some bags or containers for your food though.

The new dental clinic ministry is projected to begin on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Electrical and plumbing work has been taking place to get the clinic ready. Hours will be 10 am to 2 pm for the clinic on a first-come, first-serve basis. Initially, the clinic will do exams, cleanings, and extractions. We need to ministry volunteers to connect with those who come to the clinic. Please see Tony about helping. Join us as we connect our community to Christ. I Love You!

Bro. Walter

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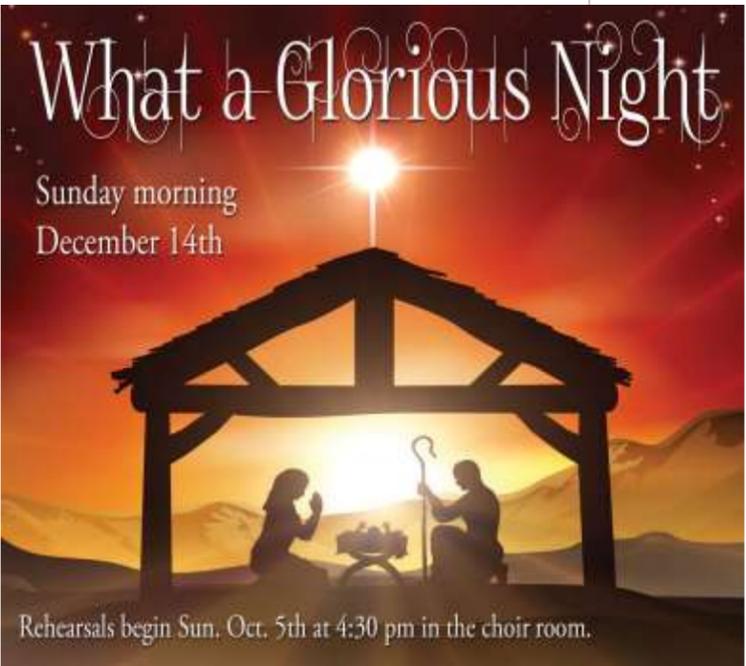
Friday, October 31st
6:30 to 8 p.m.
PABC Ball field
Help us CONNECT to our COMMUNITY!



TRUNKS needed
Sign up your family or Sunday School class to host a decorated car trunk that has a game for kids to play.

CANDY needed
You can help by donating individually wrapped candy. Collection containers are located in both foyers.

VOLUNTEERS needed
You can help by volunteering to work at the event. Sign up today.





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

SAVE THE DATE!

Thanksgiving Banquet

Friday, November 14th 2014

FALL FIESTA

Featuring Dinner & Concert

Friday, October 10th at 6 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall

Featuring Homemade Tacos & Dessert AND

FORGIVEN in Concert

For Adults, 50 and up

\$5 for the meal

A Love Offering will be taken for the concert.
Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, Oct. 5th.



Looking ahead...

- **Friday, October 10th** - Taco Dinner & Gospel concert by Forgiven. \$5 + love offering for the singers
- **Friday, November 14th** - Thanksgiving Banquet
- **Monday, December 15th** - Christmas Brunch

More events to be announced soon!

Greetings!

Let me start by saying "Thank You" for a wonderful two years! My family and I are blessed to serve at a wonderful church with an awesome staff and loving church family.

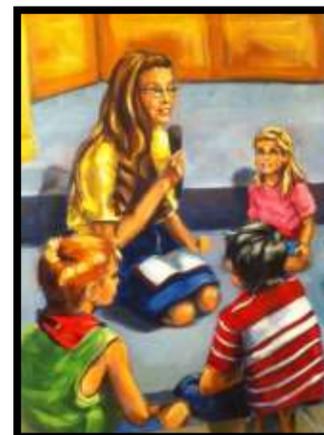
For those 50 and up, we will be having a special Fall Fiesta Dinner and Concert. We will serve delicious homemade tacos and be inspired by the convention style singing of Forgiven.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this year's Christmas Musical, please contact me here at the church. This year's musical is titled "What A Glorious Night", and I do believe we have the best crop of songs yet. As always, we will practice on Sunday evenings throughout October and November. We will introduce these lovely songs on Sunday morning, December 14th at 10:45 am. Come be a part of it all!

Cody

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Juanita Loftis	15	Pat Carroll
	Richard Sparks		Rosemary Kramme
4	Jesse Greenwood	16	Joan Woolley
6	Bennie Allen	17	Lela Stavros
	Loreda Sherman	19	James Murphy
7	Marinan Reese		Hazel Wallace
9	Joyce Baretta	25	Jerry Cook
	Dee Hood	31	Jonette Dunlap
	Wanda Wilkerson		Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list? Call the church office at 942-5539.
11	John Kilman		
14	Linda Emmons		



From My Heart to Yours . . .

I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 was an incredible day from start to finish . . . one of the most amazing and emotional days of my life. Thank you Portland Avenue, family and friends for the unbelievable celebration recognizing my 25th Anniversary. All the kind words, special recognition, the delicious food, the beautiful painting and the love offering— I am overwhelmed by your generosity and humbled by your outpouring of love. I've read each and every note — they've made me laugh and they've made me cry.

I'm so grateful for the privilege of serving alongside wonderful leadership and I'm thankful for those who served (and continue to serve) as mentors for me through the years . . . and there have been many!

Thank you seems so inadequate as my heart truly is overflowing with joy and gratitude. Thank you for investing in me as a child . . . to train me up in the way I should go . . . and giving me the opportunity years later to serve the LORD at a church I love.

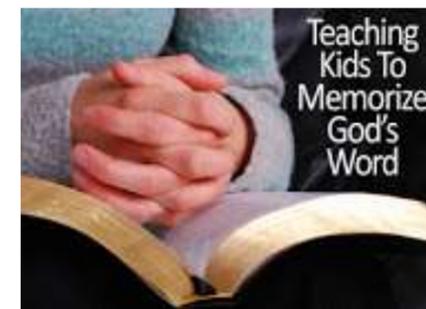
I praise God for His many blessings and look forward to what He has in store for our church and our ministry to children. THANK YOU!

Gina

K-6 BLAST VERSE CHALLENGE

Each Wednesday night (6:15 to 7:30 p.m.) in BLAST, boys and girls memorize Scripture, learn the location of Key Passages and develop Bible skills that we pray will help them better understand how God wants them to live their lives.

We want to partner with families in teaching kids to memorize God's Word! The best way to ensure that our kids are learning their verses and applying them to their hearts and minds is for parents to memorize the verses with them. Below are the first 6 verses of 25 that we will be learning over the next 8 months.



Parents and/or Grandparents, will you commit to memorizing the verses too?! Our goal is to have our 3rd thru 6th graders participate in the State Bible Drill in May 2015. We are learning the verses in Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB) translation.

There are many FUN and creative ways to learn verses. Below are a few suggestions:



Acquire two sets of blank index cards, put one or two of the words of the verse on each card. Utilize different colored index cards or a different colored marker on each set. Scramble the cards and then see who can get their words in order first.

Lay the cards out in the correct order and then one by one remove a card until you and your child can say the entire verse without any assistance from the cards.

Toss a bean bag or a small ball back and forth as you take turns saying the words to the verse.

So God created man in his own image, He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female. Genesis 1:27

You are to keep My commands and do them. I am the Lord. Leviticus 22:31

Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; proclaim His deeds among the peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:8

Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders. Job 37:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Whiz Kids is Off to a GREAT Start!

We are up to 32 kids and 32 full-time tutors, with more kids on the waiting list. Thursdays are so much fun and the two hours per week that are spent helping kids to become better readers is making a difference on their test scores and over-all reading level. Want to find out how you can be involved? Join us for a session any Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Special thanks to our wonderful crew of volunteers who assisted with the Oodles of Noodles event on Sept. 26th. The food was delicious and the service provided by our volunteers was outstanding!