

Wesleyan Church

NW District Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2011

BIRTHDAYS:

3rd - Gene Whetstone

4th - Jarod Osborne

4th - Malloreë Norris

5th - Joe Coleson

5th - Chris Hayes

20th - Charles Stewart

21st - Duane Cole

22nd - Douglas Bacheller

25th - David Fowler

27th - Jessica Schmerse

ANNIVERSARIES:

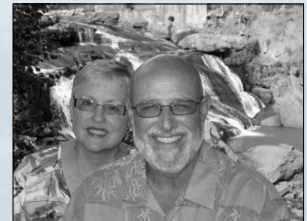
21st - Willie & Myra Prawitz

Karl's Korner

Dear friends,

A year ago we were dealing with the tragedy of Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Since then, we have sent Rod and Michelle Geiszler and family to assist the Haitians rebuilding their lives and country.

Now this year it is the Middle East in an uproar. Tunisia, Yemen and Egypt have experienced an uprising from inside the country calling for change in leadership. I do not see these as an Islamic revolt ushering in a more extreme religious nature. Rather I believe the living conditions and high unemployment needs are finally being considered. I think we are to pay attention to the middle-east as a barometer for the end times. Israel is the spotlight of scripture. What happens around Israel can be very influential to this tiny country and therefore the world. Remember Jesus' words to "watch and pray".



Dr. Karl and Rev. Sharon
Westfall

Speaking of changing leadership, Larry Meeks announced to his congregation that he would be retiring at the end of District Conference. Larry and Mary Ann have lived in Yakima for 40 years and have pastored two churches. Spirit Alive has been their home for the past 20+ years. I will be meeting with their LBA to help with their search process. The Meeks will be staying in the Yakima area. We will have a chance to thank them at District Conference. Lift up the church and leaders during the time of transition.

If you are thinking of making a move from your present assignment please let me know before March 15 to allow enough time for you and the church to fill any vacancies by District Conference, July 13-14.

I received a book in the mail from one of our own pastors. Rev. Emilio Baliton has au-

Karl's Korner Continued

thored a book about their lives in the Philippines.

Saved From Death to Save Life

Is his account of the miracles he witnessed and experienced in being preserved from dying as a child to being instrumental in the formation of the Pilgrim and now Wesleyan Church in the Philippines. It is a compelling read. The book can be ordered from Emmanuel Hope of Glory Church for \$15. The proceeds from the sale of the book are being sent back to the Philippines to assist rural pastors. I would encourage you to order a book or two.

To order a signed paperback copy, please send your check made out to Emmanuel Wesleyan Church, POBOX 567, Gladstone, OR 97027 and designate it for "Baliton Book".

Men's Retreat is coming soon. March 11-13 at Double K Christian Conference Center in Easton, WA. Cost is \$115 if registered before Feb. 28. My brother, John Westfall is the speaker. I can tell you he is a good communicator and you will be challenged by his ministry to you and your men. Pastor, you are the point man for your church. If you attend others will come with you. If you do not attend the men will not make the effort either. Make the commitment to attend and rally your men for a great weekend together. Registration can be done on line by following the link on our district men's page @ nwwesleyan.org.

Northwest Pastors Day is planned for April 27 at Warner Pacific College in Portland.

It is a gathering of Holiness pastors from our region from Nazarene, Free Methodist, Church of God, Anderson, Evangelical, Salvation Army and Wesleyans. George Barna is the speaker for our day of dialogue. Last year was the first event and several of our pastors attended. Jim Garlow was one of the speakers then. Mark your calendar so as not to miss this exciting time of interaction and dialogue with our brothers and sisters in Christ who share our heritage and values.

Our district took on the project of sending the Jesus Video to the Philippines several years ago. Carman Van Schaick and I traveled to Manila to be apart of a pastors training event and launching of the Video ministry.

Over the years it has been a very effective investment in transforming lives and starting new churches.

John Connor, the Director of Jesus Film Ministry and a member of our District said, for 2010

"The JESUS film teams in the Philippines planted 18 churches- 4 on Luzon and 14 on Mindanao. They had 118 showings with 11,186 viewers and 5,260 responses. They started 129 cell groups with an average of 11 people per cell group. The Luzon team had numbers about 30% of what the Mindanao team had, across the board, with the exception of a number of churches planted. They both did excellent work from my point of view."

Several of our churches have been supporters of this important and effective ministry. The NW District sent a total of \$6716 last year which is less than half of what they need to support a team. The team cost has risen to \$18000. I am asking you to consider supporting this ministry in your church. Where else can you see one person saved at a cost of only \$1? This is powerful and doable. If you would like more information please contact the district office.

Pray for the Weippe Ski Retreat, February 4-6. They will have snow this year. Pastor Mark Schmerse is the speaker and the music will be great as well. Pray for the safety of all participants and a blessing from God on their time together.

I enjoy hearing the stories coming from your ministries. Remember to send me quarterly stats for November, December and January. Include any salvations and baptisms.

I am blessed to get to work with you in the Kingdom of God.

Karl Westfall

2011 Heart of Ministries Offering Brings Hope

Women of The Wesleyan Church are passionate about providing HOPE to others. New promotional materials for the Heart of Ministries church-wide offering will inform and inspire you as you see how your giving makes a difference.

Since 1903 *Wesleyan Women* has been serving and giving to those in need, and from this commitment we have never strayed! In 2011 the needs have not diminished! In fact, the General Church commissioned *Wesleyan Women* to spearhead ways that the church can address the issue of human trafficking. We have only begun this fight, and we need you to join with us to defeat this scourge throughout our world. Look through the brochure/catalog and on our web site for many ways that *Wesleyan Women* “gives hope.”

Churches are encouraged to collect their Heart of Ministries Offering in February. There are many ways to give— designate it through your local church offering, give online, send direct to the general office. You may send your offering to your district *Wesleyans Women* treasurer or to the General Office of *Wesleyan Women*, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis IN, 46250.

On behalf of the people receiving HOPE, thank you for your help! Together, we can do more!

For more brochures/catalogs, contact us at www.wesleyan.org



Come to the Water - Woman Clergy Conference

The Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy Association is sponsoring their Ninth International Come to the Water Conference— Rhythms of Grace. This will be held at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri on March 31 to April 3, 2011. For further information, please go to www.whwomensclergy.org.

Oklahoma Wesleyan University

Calling all youth and youth pastors!

IMPACT weekend is scheduled for April 8-9, 2011. It is a joint production between the Spiritual Formation Department and OKWU. The theme of the Weekend is.... “Follow” (Matthew 16:24-26)

Location— Oklahoma Wesleyan University

Date— April 8-9, 2011

Now is the time to begin thinking about how your church can promote and support our area university— OKWU. Please get a group together and visit the campus.

W E S L E Y A N W O M E N T O H O S T W O M E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S S U M M I T

Living in Hope is a three day event for women sponsored by Wesleyan Women's Ministries. The summit will train, inspire, and give a vision for the future. All women are encouraged to attend. **June 23-35, 2011** at Cypress Wesleyan Church [317 Alton Darby Creek Rd; Galloway, Ohio]. Registration is \$140

(which includes conference, party on Friday night, and Friday lunch.) Each participant will be responsible for their own lodging. A listing of the nearby hotels and their special rates can be found online at www.wesleyan.org/ww/ministry_summit

Schedule:

Thursday, June 23

3:30pm Registration begins

6:56pm Opening Service

Café and exhibits open following

Friday, June 24– Women's Ministry Summit– all day

Saturday, June 25– Women's Ministry Summit concludes at noon.

M E N ' S R E T R E A T 2 0 1 1



Where: Double-K Christian Retreat Center in Easton, WA.

620 Tall Timber Trail
Easton, WA 98925

509.666.2304

When: March 11-13, 2011

Speaker: John Westfall.



Cost:

\$115 per Adult

\$105 Per Youth (Accompanied by an adult)

\$130 after pre-registration deadline of Feb 28, 2011 (for adult or youth)

This year there will be a non-refundable pre-registration deposit of \$25 to reserve your attendance at the retreat. Occupancy is limited to 120.



Visit www.nwwesleyan.org and click on 'NW Wesleyan Men' for more information

Schedule

Friday:

4-6:30pm Check-in

7pm Dinner

8pm Worship & Message

Saturday:

8am Breakfast

9- 10:30am Worship & Message

10:45-11:15am *Class Time

Noon Lunch

4pm Business Mtg

6pm Dinner

7:30 Worship & Message

10pm Small groups to meet and pray and intercede for requested needs

Sunday

8:30am Worship & Final Message

10am Sunday Farewell Brunch

Classes

Class #1: Father as Priest
Discussing the God-given role as father's to be the spiritual leader in the home.

Speaker: Phil Hawk

Class #2: Shoring up our Marriage by Keeping Christ at the Center of Life

Speaker: Don Blain

Class #3: Mission Information on all you need to know and how you grow spiritually and get many blessings.

Speaker: Chris Hayes

Class #4 Devotional & Prayer Life

Speaker: John Westfall

* All classes will last 1 hour and will be offered at the morning, session and again at 2:30pm after lunch during the break.

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Where's Weippe Ski Retreat	5
6 Portland, St John's Phil Hawk 503.709.5014	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Raymond, New Beginnings Renee Roughton 360.934.6419	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Salem, Capital Park Jerry Sloan 503.910.9894	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Salem, Northgate Dane Gjesdal 503.580.8312	28					

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

Calendar for District Year 2010-11

Men's Retreat March 11-13 [Double-K Retreat Ctr.
Easton, WA]

DBA March 18 [District Center]

DBMD March 19 [Hermiston- Eastside]

DS Roundtable March 21-23 [Marion, IN]

EASTER April 24

Northwest Pastors Day April 27 [Warner Pacific
College]

End of District Year April 30

Annual Service Reports Due May 15

Statistical Report Due May 15

DBA June 10 [District Center]

Teen Camp June 27-July 1 [Eagle Fern Camp]

District Conference July 13-14 [Vancouver
Wesleyan]

Kids Camp July 25-29