

Wesleyan Church

NW District Newsletter

JANUARY 2011

BIRTHDAYS:

6th - Tracy Gowan
7th - Robert Brown
8th - Darrell Waddell
9th - Dennis Stroup
15th - John Connor
17th - Sharon Westfall
26th - Ray Lee Ethell, Jr.
28th - Albert Ruffcorn

ANNIVERSARIES:

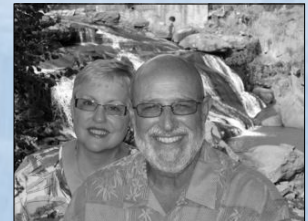
1st, 1994 - Crystal & Trace Gowan
3rd, 1970 - Jerry & Jo Sloan

Karl's Korner

Dear friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The year 2010 is now past and history. We are like those on a galactic spaceship heading out into space. So much unknown and adventure before us yet the challenge of what may be ahead compels us forward. We can look back and remember events and people who have impacted us for good or evil.

The speed of our machine is increasing as we move towards hyper speed. I view our journey into the new year as the spacecraft approaching an asteroid field. One can expect there will be obstacles along the way. Usually there is plenty of open space between rocks and the spaceship can maneuver around them. However, it takes an attentive captain and crew to bring the spacecraft through unscathed.



Dr. Karl and Rev. Sharon Westfall

We do not know what lies ahead for us individually or corporately yet we press on. Having learned from the other years we have successfully completed our survival skills and our Captain will assist us as we move into this new territory.

2011 can be a wonderful year for our churches and people as we draw strength and perspective from The Creator and sustainer of all things, Jesus. My prayer for you is one of blessings and fulfillment in your ministry serving the King in His Kingdom.

We are starting this new year with a Gathering in Jacksonville, Florida. The expected attendance is around 1700 pastors and spouses from across the nation and some countries outside our borders. Our district is represented by 27 pastors and

Karl's Korner Continued

spouses. This will be a wonderful time of renewing friendships and being inspired by the speakers and seminars.

We will not be holding our Ministers & Mates Retreat this year because of The Gathering. Look forward to our retreat in 2012. Locations are being reviewed, speakers are being considered, it will be a worthwhile time together.

On Saturday, January 22, the District Board of Ministerial Development led by pastor Scott Wallace, is holding its ordination interviews for the West side at the District Office. There could be six candidates being interviewed on that day. Two more will be interviewed in March for the East side. We could have up to 8 people being ordained in July at our District Conference. Scott was telling me that this has never happened in the District before. That will be a service not to miss.

Our Men's Retreat is scheduled for the second weekend of March. I am delighted to tell you the speaker is an outstanding communicator. He is a pastor in Seattle who is starting a church for another denomination. He has pastored very large Presbyterian & Congregational churches. He has written several books and is currently working on one. I have known him for nearly 60 years. His name is John Westfall. He is my brother.

We have moved our retreat to a new location East of Seattle. I am hoping you will encourage and bring your men to this gathering.

Easter is late this year, April 24. That can work in your favor giving you more time to prepare something special for your congregation and community. Many pastors like to challenge their people to participate in a 40 days of prayer & fasting leading up to Easter.

April 8-9 is IMPACT at Oklahoma Wesleyan

University. It is a joint production between Spiritual Formation and OKWU. The theme of the weekend is "FOLLOW" (Matt 16:24-26). Now is the time to begin thinking about how your church can promote and support our area university. Please gather a group of teens and visit the campus. Our students would benefit from an exposure to this school and may decide to attend for college.

During this year Randal and Candy Cheney will want to visit our churches and present their call to Zimbabwe, Africa. They are being sent there to establish and develop a theological center to train ministers for Africa south. I am asking you to book them in your services where they will get the most exposure with your people. They are our representatives in Africa. We are their family. They need us to allow God to speak to our churches so individuals will be drawn to their ministry in prayer support and finances. Please do not resist their offer to come. Actually, give them a call to start the process. (360-281-6487)

Just a note in closing: The tornado that went through Aumsville, OR on December 14 did some damage to several homes and buildings. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured. It could have been so much worse. Our church was not impacted negatively but was given the opportunity to step into the crisis and offer help and hope to the people of their community. Aumsville is a small rural community south-east of Salem. The governor visited and it made the national news by the next morning. I saw our pastor, Mark Schmerse and the fellowship hall of the church on TV. That is good press. Join them in prayer as they help get a foothold in Aumsville from an unexpected source.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Blessings,
Karl Westfall

I R S P r o p e r I n f o r m a t i o n R e p o r t i n g f o r 2 0 1 0

Each Pastor (as well as assistant pastors and lay employees) should receive from your church treasurer a **w-2 form by January 31, 2011**. This form is essential for preparation of your 2010 income tax. It correctly reports your income (basic salary, social security reimbursement, and other cash income) as a common law employee to the IRS.

Remember that it is incorrect for ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers to have social security taxes deducted from their paycheck and sent to the IRS.

Your **housing allowance** is NOT to be reported on the w-2 form. Your housing allowance has to be approved by your board annually.

If you or lay employees have taxes deducted, now is a good time to evaluate and make sure your **w-4 form is correct**.

Notice to donors— Contributors to your church should be notified not to file their income tax form until they receive their contribution summary from you. Contributions are to be recorded when received. If your church receives a check in January, it is a 2011 donation and not a 2010 even if the check is dated for 2010.

Christmas Gift— Your treasurer is required to add the value of any Christmas love gift to your w-2 form.

Salvation Goals for 2010-11

Amboy	10
Aumsville	20
Canby	32
Clarkston	40
Couer D'Alene	3
Eugene	10
Hermiston	6
Klamath Falls	12
Kooskia	3
Columbia View	8
Emmanuel- Hope	12
St Johns	12
Capitol Park	50
Northgate	20
Raymond	8
Spokane Valley	10
Vancouver	10
Victoria BC	19
Weippe	10



SKI RETREAT - WHERE'S WEIPPE?

When? Feb 4-6

Speaker: Mark Schmerse

Where? Weippe, Idaho

Cost: Registration \$50

Ski Day Pass \$15

Rope Tow \$5

Ski Rental \$12.5

Snowboard

Rental \$20

Questions? Need more information? Contact Tommy Blain at 208.435.4292



*spending money for lunches

MEN'S RETREAT 2011



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.

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Kooskia, Eternal Hope Josh Blain 208.305.1632 cell	3	4	5 The Gathering in Jacksonville, Florida. Jan 4-7	6	7	8
9 Medford, Grace Shane Milne 843.267.6140	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Pray for our District and the Wesleyan Church	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Portland, Columbia View Scott Wallace 503.484.5868	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Portland, Emmanuel Melvin Baliton 360.909.7878	31					

"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

The Gathering Jan 4-7 [Jacksonville, FL]	Annual Service Reports Due May 15
Ski Retreat Feb 4-6 [Weippe, ID]	Statistical Report Due May 15
Men's Retreat March 11-13 [Double-K Retreat Ctr. Easton, WA]	DBA June 10 [District Center]
DBA March 18 [District Center]	Teen Camp June 27-July 1 [Eagle Fern Camp]
DBMD March 19 [Hermiston- Eastside]	District Conference July 13-14 [Vancouver Wesleyan]
DS Roundtable March 21-23 [Marion, IN]	
EASTER April 24	
End of District Year April 30	