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### WHEREVER YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE

The country singer, Clint Black, wrote a song a few years ago about trying to get away from yourself called "Wherever You Go." A catchy tune with a catchy lyrical hook – "Wherever you go, there you are." So profoundly true that it is almost, well, dumb!

For the next few weeks, many of us will be gone from here, not necessarily trying to get away from ourselves as much as just trying to get away; so here's a word of encouragement between fellow travelers.

Along the road, look for God sightings- the little ways God reveals himself to you through all that He has made and can do. So often He is showing Himself but we are not watching so we miss Him. Don't let it happen! Maybe the lyrics should be, "wherever you go, there He is."

Whoever joins you on your journey, try to not forget they are there too. One of the reasons for getting away with those we love is to remember life without the everyday responsibilities that can make us take each other for granted. Take time to talk in the car, or go for walks, turn off the TV and play a game. We could change the lyrics to "Wherever you go, here we are."

Be sure to take some time for yourself, not a lot, but enough; that book you've been trying to read, that craft project that hasn't finished itself yet, a new hobby you've wanted to try, this is the time. Our vacations are supposed to widen the normally narrow margins of life so we can experiment with a different kind of existence. Maybe the lyrics should be "wherever you go should make life better (even if it's just a couple weeks)!"

And remember that wherever you go, we will miss you and will keep you in our hearts and ask you to keep us in yours. We are family and need to keep connected. So that last rewrite of the lyrics could be, "Wherever you go, there we are too!"

~ Pastor Gregg Borrer



MPC offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of **Independence Day**

### FINANCIAL NEWS

Now that the sun is (finally!) out, thoughts turn to vacations and travels far from home. Unfortunately, our expenses don't take a vacation when we do, so now is a good time to be reminded about keeping current with our tithes and offerings. This enables the church to cover missions and ministry expenses in a timely manner through the summer months and into fall. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and loving care and support of MPC, and have a wonderful summer!

Jennifer Stonier  
MPC Bookkeeper

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## GUATEMALA

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### *LOOKING TOWARD GUATEMALA IN SEPTEMBER '10 AND JANUARY '11*

Great things are happening with the mission in Ixcan, Guatemala thanks to your continued support. Back in April when Gerber Perez was visiting us, several conversations took place regarding how the mission in Ixcan might “grow.” We looked at all facets of our work there ... water filters, dental services, and medical services, and found solid areas for expansion. Here’s what has come out of those talks:

- ★ First, with filters, we have pretty much saturated the area around our home base. Beginning in September we will be moving the concrete forms and filter material out to different villages. Taking filters to the villages provides a new way to express our love for Jesus and for the people.
- ★ At the same time we see the need to centralize the dental and medical services rather than going to different villages. There is a small hospital near our base camp that can provide that central location, so in September we will begin taking steps to make those services a reality for the January '11 mission. The switch to a central location will allow us to install a permanent dental chair that has been donated, delivered, and is awaiting a home, and also to utilize, although meager, diagnostic services available at the hospital. Remember us helping provide equipment to about 45 nurses in training last January? Those same nurses will now have opportunity to do some training and shadowing with our medical personnel which should expand their learning experience. Lastly, there are several local pastors who have expressed a desire to learn hospital ministry (chaplaincy), so again, the move to a central location will provide that opportunity.
- ★ We are also looking at new ways to travel to Ixcan to lessen the physical toll it takes on our bodies and also to perhaps bring in some sensitive, and needed, equipment. At present the “ride” from Guatemala City is anywhere from 10 to 14 hours long depending upon the condition of the last 45 miles of unpaved road. A new route, which would take us in and out of Mexico along the way, is probably about 10 to 12 hours long, with unpaved roads being only the last 30 minutes. A little longer mile-wise, but mostly flat and paved.

The dates for the September 2010 trip are: September 27 through October 8. I'm looking for about 6 able-bodied guys who like to sweat and make water filters. Along with filters, Pastor Gregg and I will be doing some teaching and working with local officials at the hospital.

The dates for the January 2011 trip are: January 27 through February 7. We're looking for laborers, doctors, dentists, nurses, interpreters... if you sense a calling we will find work for you! We will be out in the villages building filters while dental and medical centralize at the hospital and have the villages come to them.

If you have any questions, please send them my direction. I'd love to buy you a cup of coffee and share about Guatemala! I'm also asking for your prayers and support for this mission and those involved in making it happen. Some of our own dental and medical professionals are becoming part of this special work for the Lord, so your prayers for them are greatly appreciated, too.

Thank you for being part of this passion for Guatemala!

*Ralph Lohman*

Guatemala Mission Coordinator

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## FROM PASTOR STEVE

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### *FREEDOM FEST 2010*

In the movie *Braveheart*, the Scottish hero William Wallace died with the cry of "Freedom!" on his lips. It is not a concept to be taken lightly, as seen in Wallace's willingness to die for it. Freedom was procured, and sustained, in America throughout history by the brave men and women of the military, among others. In world history, a different kind of Freedom was procured, and sustained, for all mankind through the shed blood of Jesus Christ for ALL who believe. This July 4, we will be celebrating Freedom in all of its meaning during our annual Freedom Fest at 11:00 AM on the grassy hill at Jefferson & McNary.

Our theme will be "Stories of America," featuring a great historian and friend of Mountain Park Church, Dr. Robin Baker of George Fox University. Throughout the morning the focus will be on learning more about "our story" as Americans... key events that helped to make us into who we are today. To help us in our celebration, we will also be featuring a patriotic concert from the Lake Oswego Millennium Band, along with great food, fun games, and a community-wide party.

Though this is advertised as a "community-wide" party, with formal invitations given to the surrounding neighborhoods, we all know that the best way to get people to join in on the celebration is by personal invitation... so please invite your family and friends for a great time of fellowship, food, and fun as we focus on Freedom through the "Stories of America."

*Pastor Steve*

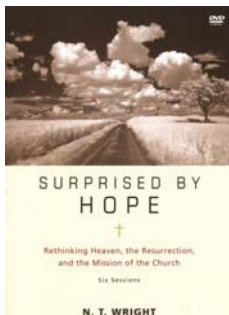
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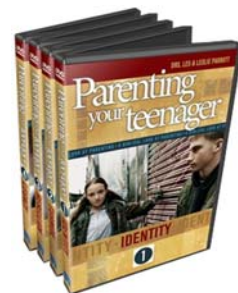
### *NEW DVDS*

#### **Surprised by Hope**

What is heaven really like? Is our duty to simply help non-Christians get there? In six invigorating, faith-inspiring sessions, N.T. Wright explores hope, resurrection, heaven, the second coming, salvation, and the church – revealing that what we believe about the future has a direct impact on how we live in the present. Ideal for large- and small-group use.

#### **Parenting Your Teenager**

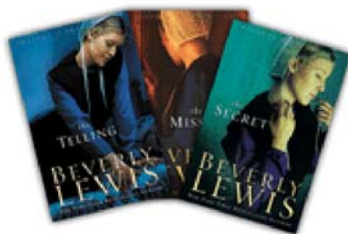
This four DVD series includes 24 powerful real-life stories from parents and teens, plus a candid interview with recording artist Steven Curtis Chapman about faith and family. It also features practical teaching from Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott addressing topics like identity, turmoil, rebellion, and legacy.



### *BOOK SERIES*

#### **Seasons of Grace series** by Beverly Lewis

Determined to find the truth behind her mother's disappearance, Grace Byler and her "Englischer" friend, Heather Nelson, search for answers. Will their quest lead to heartache or healing? Book 1: The Secret, Book 2: The Missing, Book 3: The Telling.





# STORIES OF AMERICA

F R E E D O M F E S T 2 0 1 0

**Sunday, July 4, 11 AM**  
**With the Lake Oswego Millennium Band**  
**& Guest Speaker Robin Baker**  
(President, George Fox University)



**AN OUTDOOR CELEBRATION WITH BBQ, MUSIC & GAMES**



## Forever Young **Salmon BBQ**

**Tuesday, July 20**  
**12-2 PM, FCFS Rm**



For more information call Frank Morehouse at 503-201-5909

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### *JULY CALENDAR*

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 1**

##### ***Kids on Campus***

Academic Summer Camp  
(for students entering grades 2-4)  
9 AM to 2 PM, Rooms 20-22

##### ***International Cooking Camp***

(for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
9 AM to 1 PM, Kitchen

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 2**

##### ***Kids on Campus***

Academic Summer Camp  
(for students entering grades 2-4)  
9 AM to 2 PM, Rooms 20-22

##### ***International Cooking Camp***

(for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
2 PM to 7 PM, Kitchen, FCFS

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 4**

##### ***Freedom Fest***

11 AM service (outside)  
followed by BBQ, music, games

#### **MONDAY- FRIDAY, JULY 5-9**

##### ***Kids on Campus***

Academic Summer Camp  
(for GIRLS ONLY  
entering grades 5 & 6)  
9 AM to 2 PM, Rooms 20-22

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 11**

##### ***Sunday School Field Trip***

with Cynthia Kenyon, grades 1-6

#### **MONDAY- FRIDAY, JULY 12-16**

##### ***Kids Can Sew***

9 AM to 12 PM, FCFS Rm

### *FREEDOM FEST!*

Sunday, July 4th, marks our annual Freedom Fest Outdoor Celebration, and what better time to join us in worship and invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Our hill top service, a morning of special fellowship and neighborhood outreach opportunities, will be followed by food, beverages, and some fun new children's activities in addition to the ever popular Climbing Wall and Bounce House. An inflatable obstacle course, a couple of face painting and balloon transforming clowns, popcorn for one and all, and carnival games (including a surprise or two) will be on tap for children of all ages from pre-school through adult. WooHoo! Can I be first in line?!

### *SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!*

Our children and the ministry which belongs to all of us **NEEDS** your help this summer to keep our classrooms open and running without undue hiccups! With a dozen Sundays and approximately 24 hours of time, give or take, the investment of an hour or two per caring heart would be deeply appreciated as a gesture of faith and commitment in the young lives whose spiritual nurturing depends upon the influence and guidance of our adult community. Curriculum is fun, requires minimal preparation, and opportunities to develop meaningful, lifetime impacting relationships are limitless within our age groups of babies through sixth graders! Please visit our sign up table in the lobby or call me with your questions at 503-635-3443, ext. 211.

Summer blessings and boundless faith in His good works throughout the body of Mountain Park Church!

### *THANK YOU*

Thank you to my wonderful church family and fellow special staff members and friends for the flowers, cards, non-stop prayers, phone calls, e-mails, and caring arms which held me up (literally) and buoyed my heart during my mom's illness and passing. Psalm 73:23 says, "Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand." I have been and continue to be embraced on the other side by so many hugs and sharing of tears. I am blessed, deeply grateful, and protected on all sides and in all ways by Him and by all of you!

*Mary Adams*

Interim Director of Children's Ministries



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## THANK YOUS

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### *Michael McDonald*

The flowers were beautiful and your prayers were much appreciated. Both have helped to brighten recent days following the death of my mother.

### *Gary Gelder & family*

Thank you for the beautiful tulips and irises. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

### *Barbara Boozier*

Thank you for the flowers, cards and letters and especially all the prayers during my hospital stay. Because of them, I am on the mend and will be back in the fold soon.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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### *Jean Hickman*

(Michael McDonald's mother)  
June 4

### *Dale Skewis*

(Shari Eslinger's father)  
June 6

### *Alice Cowan*

(Mary Adam's mother)  
June 10

### *Crystal Huffman's uncle, Walt*

June 11



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Happy birthday America!