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Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14  
Turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour the night before.

## HEALTH CHECK-UP

Recently, we asked the question, “are we a healthy church?” and ended up measuring ourselves against churches all over the world. In the final analysis we are doing really well and we are mostly healthy, but there are a couple areas where we are, well, at best weak, and at worst sick. Our least healthy area is need-oriented evangelism: the task of each follower of Jesus to use his or her gifts to serve unchurched people with whom he or she has a personal relationship to see to it that they hear the gospel and to encourage contact with the local church.

So we decided to brainstorm possibilities. It was fun, but it was also really insightful. Along with good brunch on January 31, we talked together about how we would answer the question: What should we do to address Need Oriented Evangelism?

(Wording is exactly as it was on the Post-it and the number is the red dot votes each idea received.)

### Top Ten ideas:

- 1) Bring in more music concerts and drama events to invite unchurched friends to. (20)
  - 2) Another BBQ event open to the public inviting nearby residents specifically concerts- open to the community. Bring people to enjoy wholesome entertainment. (16)
  - 3) Small dinner groups 6-8 people at homes, sharing good food and fellowship. (14)
  - 4) Food for the Soul! Food for the Stomach- Cooking classes (14)
  - 5) Saturday Night Church- Reach out to families that may have Sunday commitments. (13)
  - 6) Building relationships in the neighborhood where we live i.e. Holiday Street Parties, Potlucks, (13)
  - 7) Pie Eating Contest (12) {My personal favorite!}
  - 8) Survey the community about their interest in coming to classes dealing with life issues such as parenting, dealing with elderly parents, budgeting, marriage, book discussions and recovery. (12)
  - 9) Have a booth or station to give out water at the Lake Run or local concerts. (11)
  - 10) Find places in the community that need help with fixing up their building, yard work, etc. serve them. (10)
- More events on the hill (music gatherings) involving the community. (9) {added because of similarity to 1 and 2 above}

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### *VERY IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER: SPIKE BAILEY*

You may have seen Spike Bailey at the back of the church, keeping an eye on things. He's a former Elder, Treasurer, and Business Administrator for Mountain Park Church. He's who you should talk to if you'd like to serve as an usher or greeter. He's the one who makes those beautiful Venetian glass pendants that were sold in our library...with all the proceeds going to Love INC and Transitions Global. He's a finish carpenter who built the tables in our MP Café, served on an MPC Mobile Ministries trip to Slidell, Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina and travels to Young Life's Washington Family Ranch three to five times a year to put his carpentry skills to good use. Spike believes in "extending your faith,"

so he spends two days a week providing free business counseling to whoever asks for it, through SCORE, the Society of Retired Executives.

Spike was born and raised in California, an only child, whose parents would drop him off at the Presbyterian Church so he could sing in the choir. For many of his growing up years, he worked in the business on his mother's side of the family...show business. They were studio technicians. Spike has answered a question we have all asked at one time or another—what is the Best Boy? (Answer: the #2 electrician on the set. Gaffer is #1 electrician). At age 15, he walked away from the church, but finished high school. He went on to Citrus College, but dropped out after two years. He was 19 years old and had been married for only five weeks when he was drafted into the Army. His Basic Training was in Fort Carson, Colorado, but his bride was able to join him there when he had Advanced Infantry Training for nine months before shipping out for Vietnam. He was scared to go to war, but his great aunt Cora told him not to worry, that she'd be praying for him. While he was in foxholes, Spike made bargains with the Lord; then the Red Cross shipped him home early because his mother was very sick. He finished the last two months of his Army commitment in Los Angeles, then worked for his dad, who owned a car and truck leasing business. His marriage had survived his deployment, and after 4 years of "raising Cain," his best friend told him about how Jesus had changed his life. Spike returned to church with his friend, and at 24, responded to an altar call to become a born again believer.

He was recruited to run a Hertz organization in Dallas, TX, where he got connected to a great church, a home Bible Study, and great Christian people. Here's where he learned to get open and available to what God had in mind for him, expecting nothing in return. "Obedience gets blessing." In 1980, he bought a ranch in Canyonville, Oregon, but his marriage fell apart after 20 years. He relocated to Lake Oswego in 1988, and began coming to MPC about 15 years ago, when he was greeted by then Worship Pastor Gregg Borrer with "I'm glad you're here!" He was eventually introduced to his wife, Raini, by the best friend who had led him to the Lord! Between them, they have 5 kids and 13 grandchildren. Raini attends the Catholic Church, so she comes here occasionally, and participates in a small home group. Spike continues to be a vital member of Mountain Park Church and we are deeply grateful for his long-standing service in this body of believers.

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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### COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

#### April 23-25, 2010 Women's Retreat, Cannon Beach

Are you feeling tired and worn out? What do you do when you find yourself running on empty? We were made with specific needs and when they aren't met we find ourselves searching for answers. What we fill ourselves with determines whether or not we find true fulfillment. God promises to provide for all our needs. Katrina Cummins, our retreat speaker, will share why we need Christ to fill us, identify our specific needs – in whatever life season you find yourself, how Christ can fill and meet our every need, and the daily applications for spiritual growth.



If you attended the Christmas Brunch, you will remember Katrina as our delightful speaker. Katrina's life story is one which ranges from total disconnection and disillusionment to living a connected and hope-filled life in Christ. She has intimately learned that God uses breakdowns for transformational breakthroughs. Katrina is passionate about women knowing who they are in Christ – living each day with intentionality and purpose. With her Aussie accent and sense of humor, she touches many heartfelt issues that women face and as a counselor, she offers practical strategies to not only survive, but flourish in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. For more information about Katrina and her work, you can visit her website at [www.KatrinaCummins.com](http://www.KatrinaCummins.com)

Everyone who has attended past retreats will be familiar with our Worship Leader, Deborah Greenidge. Deborah is currently on the pastoral staff of Turning Point Christian Center in Portland, where she has served as Worship and Arts Pastor since 1991. Deborah has ministered with The Greenidge Family – a group of some 30 Greenidge family members who are musicians and singers – from Portland to New York.



She says "I believe that we must worship God with all our heart, mind, soul, body and strength. God has called me to lead and teach people how to do that. I am profoundly grateful for the call of God on my life and consider it pure joy to serve God and his people in this way."

Come away for a wonderful weekend, connecting with other women and feeling encouraged in our spiritual walk through God's word and uplifting and inspiring worship. Registration begins March 28 and continues April 11 and 18. If you have questions, please contact Karen Cowden at 503-699-9645.

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## FROM PASTOR GREGG CONT.

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Some of these made immediate sense to our elders. Others are a bit of a stretch when it comes to actually addressing the area of need oriented evangelism. What we can discern is that we like to be together and have a safe positive place where we can invite friends. We like food! (Amen) and would like to experience the fun of food together and with outside friends. And we should ask the community what is important to them.

So these are the results and we are in the process of prioritizing, strategizing and evaluating your input. Thanks for brainstorming with us and we will keep you informed as to how these great ideas come to life!

~ Pastor Gregg

### MARCH EVENTS

#### **Thursday, March 4**

Awana, Awana in Latin America,  
6:30 PM, Gym

#### **Thursday, March 11**

Awana, Sparks Pocket  
Scavenger Hunt  
6:30 PM, Gym

#### **Thursday, March 18**

Awana, Beach Night,  
Bring a Towel  
6:30 PM, Gym

#### **Thursday, March 25**

NO Awana Club



#### **Saturdays, March 6, 13**

Upward Basketball Games  
8 AM to 6 PM

#### **Wednesday, March 17**

Upward Basketball Celebration  
6:30 PM, Gym



### MARCH MADNESS

What's the first thing you think of when you hear the expression, "March Madness?" For some us, it means sports playing out on a global Olympic-size scale as well as in smaller, more localized venues in the form of Upward Basketball. For others among us, it translates into final exams and tying up the loose pieces of life necessary before enjoying the pleasures and free time of spring vacation. For others, like me, it means ceasing to be a mole and turning our attention to the four-legged variety running amok in a dormant-no-more yard and garden, before rediscovering outdoor activities too long gathering dust on the shelf. And for still others of our families, March is a time of waiting to hear the outcome of job interviews, school applications, and health concerns, both immediate and long-term needs carried to His throne.

While only God knows the full content of our hearts and the complete picture of our circumstances, I want to encourage you to pray for one another. Whether it's a smattering of daily drive time or oodles of one-on-one time with the Lord, please find and take the opportunity to be with Him each day in prayers of your own or treasure the verses below which resonate through the halls of the Children's Ministry wing on your behalf.

#### ***We thank You for the blessing in our lives.***

From the fullness of His grace we have all received  
one blessing after another. *John 1:16*

#### ***We humbly give this day to You.***

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

#### ***We commit our family to Your kingdom.***

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.  
*Joshua 24:15*

#### ***Surround our home and each of us with Your protection.***

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help  
in times of trouble. *Psalms 46:1*

#### ***Give us peace, even when we have much to do and many places to go.***

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. *John 14:27*

#### ***Fill our hearts with love for You, each other, and those around us.***

Love one another, for love comes from God. *1 John 4:7*

#### ***Help us to fulfill Your plans and make a difference in the world.***

For I know the plans I have for you; plans to give you  
a hope and a future. *Jeremiah 29:11*

*Marcy Adams*

Interim Children's Ministries Director

### *A QUICK LOOK AT GUATEMALAN MOBILE MISSIONS*

We had a fantastic missions trip to Guatemala. The "team" came together really well and worked like a fine-tuned machine. Again, thank you to all of you for sending us. My assignment was on the medical side of the mission this year, which was new to me. I'll get specific in a moment, but first some statistics. The construction crew was able to build 36 water filters for local use. The process had been refined since last year which allowed for greater output. I believe to date there have been close to 1000 filters produced, which means the quality of life is improving little-by-little. With the filters and latrines, giant building block steps are being taken. We were able to visit a couple of homes in nearby Santa Catarina. This community has in place everything we have to offer, having been one of the first communities to participate in the program. Their quality of life is improving greatly, and as one mother noted, her children aren't sick (intestinal distress) anymore. Building blocks.

On the medical side we had Dr. Chuck McCart as the primary physician, with various Cuban doctors coming along side to assist. Chuck has been working on the US-Cuban physician relationship for a few years and it's beginning to have good payback. The Cuban docs get assigned to different countries for three years to pay back their government for their education. Most are married, and their families have to stay in Cuba while they are on assignment. When the local Mayans see the Cuban docs with Chuck they are more apt to seek help from the Cubans after we leave. Chuck and his crew "saw" almost 900 individuals in the villages we visited.

On the dental side, Dr. Rob Orr and three dental hygienists worked their rears off pulling and cleaning teeth. There is no restorative work out in the jungle, so it's extractions and cleaning. Altogether they treated almost 600 patients. It is amazing watching them work, and their dedication is off the chart.

My area this year was on the optical side. It may seem insignificant with the literacy rate being so low, but vision is vision, even in the jungle. The sun is so intense that there is a big problem with cataracts and other related problems. I had a huge supply of reading glasses with different strengths, and another huge supply of polarized sun glasses. Using charts that had Spanish letters and phrases in diminishing sizes, we established a baseline for either reading (for those who could), or clarity of the letters (for those who couldn't). Then we would try different strengths as they attempted to thread a needle (the women really excelled here!). In addition, most also took sun glasses as we explained that they would help their eyes if they used them in the intense sun. Together we gave out over 550 pairs of glasses.

For me, there are usually one or two events where God shows up and reveals himself in a special way. Not to say that the entire experience isn't God-driven, but usually a couple of "aha" moments come unexpectedly. One afternoon a father walked up with his small son in tow. The little boy was maybe 9 or 10 and had one crossed eye with the other eye wandering. Through an interpreter, the father explained that his son just couldn't focus and was having great difficulty with his school work. I mentioned to the interpreter that this boy needed more than we had to offer, but that we should try and see if we could at least help a little. Using the charts, we actually got the boy into a pair of reading glasses where he could focus on the second smallest letters, and then he was able to thread the needle. When I saw the faces of this father and son and their expressions of appreciation, tears came to my eyes, and God was present. Small things mean so much to those who have so little. Before we left Mountain Park for the mission I announced that MPC was participating in putting together some equipment packages for the nurses who are in training – things like blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, thermometers, watches with second hands, and so forth.

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When we went to the local hospital (on a former military base, and the hospital isn't much) we met with 47 men and women from Ixcán villages who were in training to be nurses. The program lasts 3 years and the students come every weekend. At completion they return to the villages to provide care to their people. Doctors are so scarce that these nurses typically become the local "doctor" by default. It was my privilege to present this equipment on behalf of our collective churches, and God showed up again when the students saw the gifts. Each nurse was given an equipment package and their faces absolutely beamed. Significant? Absolutely. This place of training has only 3 blood pressure cuffs for the entire small hospital. It was such a good thing that happened. When God touches your heart like this it makes all the preparation, sweat, work, leaving of family... all of it... worth all the effort.

So those are my "aha" moments. The Lord certainly showed up in other ways, too... in conversations, in relationships old and new, in getting to know this people better, in laughter, in just so many other ways. I look forward to sharing "stories" with you as the days and weeks and months unfold. Please feel free to pull me aside and ask all the questions you want! On behalf of all of us, thank you for your support, your prayers, and all the little things you do to make this ministry possible.

With sincere gratitude, and for the "Team,"

Ralph Lohman

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## LOVE INC

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Founded in 2004, Love INC of Clackamas County is a non-profit ministry that partners with 44 local churches whose mission is "to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ. We are part of a national movement begun in 1977. There are 6 Love INCs located in Oregon. Presently, we have 3 part-time paid staff with 10 members on our board of directors. The majority of the work is done by the people in the pew by giving of their time, talents, and treasures.

Love INC acts as a central clearinghouse connecting people in need with the ministries of our 44 partner churches. These ministries provide furniture, food, clothing, home repairs, firewood for heat, diapers, baby gear, companionship, and much more. MPC, as one of Love INC's partners, provides cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. Several men from Mountain Park Church regularly pick up donated furniture items. Marilyn McDonald and Yvonne Cauthorn are weekly volunteers in the clearinghouse. Many MPC members generously donate their time and financial resources.

The clearing house is staffed by volunteers who do a complete intake so all needs are verified; then refers people in need to the appropriate resources and programs. They take calls from single parent families, the working poor, domestic violence victims, the elderly and the mentally and physically disabled, all of whom have fallen through the cracks of society. Love INC believes in working with people to help them turn around their situation. Towards that end, we are developing new counseling and training programs which will be available later this year.

Some facts and figures for 2009: Volunteers answered over 2000 calls for help, more than twice the number for all of 2008. Over 640 families received help from our ministries. Volunteers contributed more than 15,000 hours of their time. 107 home repair projects were completed, more than double all of 2008. 29 cords of wood were distributed to provide heat.

Love INC depends on the Christian community for support; presently we need donations of beds, dressers, cribs, and diapers, as well as financial contributions for daily operating expenses. For more information go to: [www.clackamasloveinc.org](http://www.clackamasloveinc.org). March 14 is Love INC Sunday at MPC. Come to hear about our exciting plans for expanding the ministry and how you can be involved. A special offering for Love INC will be taken that Sunday.

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## FELLOWSHIP FUND

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### *UPDATE*

Do you know about our Fellowship Fund? Otherwise known as a "benevolence fund," this is the vehicle which MPC uses to assist people with rent, utilities, medical expenses, and other necessities. These are local families and individuals who, due to job loss, health problems, or other serious crises, are unable to afford basic living expenses. Many of these people would end up homeless or without electricity and water were it not for the assistance MPC has been able to provide.

Fiscal year to date (July 1, 2009-February 20, 2010), the generous donations of the congregation amount to \$10,198, out of which we have provided a total of \$11,753 to help 25 families and individuals. The \$1,555 difference is funded by prior fiscal years' surplus giving.

These difficult economic times have resulted in many folks being unemployed or under-employed, which means that we are receiving more requests for help than usual, oftentimes several calls or drop-ins a day. Because of this increased need, the Fellowship Fund balance is beginning to run low right now and is in need of replenishment. Thanks to your generous gifts, the church will continue fulfilling the words of Jesus: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35)

If you would like to give to the Fund, checks may be made out to MPC, with "Fellowship Fund" on the memo line; cash can be put in an envelope labeled "Fellowship Fund." Thank you for your faithful service and sharing, and know that, in Jesus' words, "whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Jennifer Stonier  
Bookkeeper

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## FROM PASTOR STEVE

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### *SPECIAL EVENTS, PAST & FUTURE*



First of all, I want to thank everyone who participated in our Couple's Weekend in February, both those who helped to plan and organize the event, and those who participated in it. We had more than 25 couples show up for a great time of food, fellowship, music, teaching, and just plain old fun. We would like to offer a similar event in the future, and possibly make it an annual occasion.

Secondly, I want to personally invite everyone to our Good Friday service on April 2 at 7 PM. It's going to be a deeply meaningful time as we take a special look at the moments leading up to Jesus' death on the cross through the eyes of the disciples. Tyson Stephenson will be directing "The Living Last Supper," and here's what he has to say about it: "Have you ever wondered what happened the night before Our Lord, Jesus Christ, was nailed to the Cross? Have you ever thought what He might have been thinking, saying, or how the twelve disciples might have reacted to Him, especially when He proclaimed that one of them would betray Him? Well, your opportunity to find out is coming to Mountain Park Church on Good Friday, April 2. In the "Living Last Supper," these historical mysteries are explored and dramatically re-created by using Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting "The Last Supper" as a backdrop for the event. Won't you join us as we journey into the last hours of Our Lord Jesus and His twelve beloved followers?"

We look forward to seeing you there, along with your family and friends, for a time appropriate, and even essential to help us grasp the full meaning of Easter!

~ Pastor Steve West

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## THANK YOU

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### *Lynn Everett*

Thank you very much for all the prayers, phone calls, and visits Virginia and I received from you during my recent surgery. The flowers you sent were really lovely. The strength and support I feel from you is really helping during my recovery.

### *Hermine Valley*

Many thanks to my church family for all your prayers for Bob and me. A special thanks to my women's Bible study group for their uplifting cards and prayers. I hope to rejoin you soon. Praises to our heavenly Father for giving me strength to go on.

### *Jerry Crow*

Thank you to our church family for the beautiful flowers sent after my recent surgery and for the prayers, calls and cards. It is a comfort to have such a caring family.

### *Cornelia Flynn*

Thank you so very much for all the love that was shown to me while I was incapacitated and the flowers, food, visits and prayers. They were far beyond my imagination!

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## IN MEMORIAM

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### *Jack Dugwyler*

(Doris Dugwler's husband)  
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