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SUMMER COMMUNITY GROUP ELECTIVES

Can you believe summer is almost here? It's the end of May, and you can still see your breath while taking a walk outside... and hot chocolate by the fire remains a viable night time option. Despite the cold, and seemingly never ending rain, summer is at hand; and with it will come Mountain Park Church's second year of "Summer Community Group Electives."

This year, electives will begin on Sunday, June 20, and end on Sunday, September 12. There will be no Community Groups meeting on July 4. This will be our Freedom Fest on the grassy hill, accompanied this year by Dr. Robin Baker, president of George Fox University, and the Lake Oswego Millennium Band, a 70+ piece community orchestra. There will also be no Community Groups meeting on August 29, which is a "fifth Sunday," and our Family Celebration Service.

Two elective options will be offered this year, taught by highly qualified individuals. First, we have returning Professor of Biblical Studies from Multnomah University, Dr. Joseph Zichterman. He will be continuing a study on the book of Matthew entitled "The Life of Christ (In Stereo)."

Here's a summary of what Joseph will be looking at: "*Jesus: The Ministry Years of Popularity*" (Matthew 5-14)

This 10-week series explores the life and teachings of Jesus from the time His public ministry began until the beginning of His final year of opposition, answering the following questions: 1) In what sense was the "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus' 95 theses for first century Judaism? 2) For what purposes did the Gospel writers select the specific material they included in their books? 3) How can we properly interpret Jesus' parables and statements about the kingdom of God? 4) How can we understand Jesus' continual conflict with the religious leaders in transitioning from the Old to the New Covenant? 5) What practical life-lessons can we learn from Jesus' teaching about anger, sex, divorce, prayer, human relationships, money, practical legalism and demonic possession?

Second, we have a relative newcomer to Mountain Park Church's Community Group line-up, Dr. Bradley Harper, Professor of Theology, also from Multnomah University. He joined us for a few weeks during this past year, and will be continuing a series on "The Theology and Life of the Church." Some of his topics may include: the church as a worshipping community... as a witnessing community... as a serving community... as a sacramental community... and the church in a postmodern world.

Brad will be with us from June 20 to July 25, after which our own pastor, Gregg Borrer, will be taking the teaching "baton" from August 1 to September 12 with a series, "IN the World but not OF the World: Redemption Without Accommodation" and "Following Christ in Contemporary Culture," where he will explore seven different cultural markers.

As usual, our goal is to both stimulate relationship with one another, with people we don't usually have the chance to worship and learn with, in a Community Group setting) and with our Lord Jesus Christ through sound Biblical teaching and creative class discussions. More information, class outlines, and room assignments will be made available soon to everyone. I want to encourage you to augment your summer with some great teaching and interaction by participating in one of these exciting Summer Community Group Electives. I hope to see you there!

~ Pastor Steve

MISSION NEWS



GERALD & DEBBIE MAY: THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MISSION

Japan is an enigma. They are rather stoic and come across as unemotional in public. Really? Screams of delight and clapping broke out as Pastor Matsunaga opened the paper sliding door our first night in Niigata. Fifteen of the first converts of the Niitsu Church awaited us. Debbie was born when we did our ministry in that town! Some of them had held her as a baby. Story after story of Debbie as the flower girl at their wedding! Story after story of their wedding cake “Debbie's Mama” had made and Papa Reece had tied the knot. What a lovely long week-end!

Our daughter now ministers along with her husband Gerald May in Tokyo. They will soon celebrate 25 years as missionaries in Japan! They work with Family Focus in Japan (similar to Dobson's ministry but not connected). Yes, the Japanese family is in trouble and they desperately need help. Young people have rebelled and they no longer simply follow in their father's footsteps. Mothers throw up their arms in despair. What to do! FFJ (Family Focus Japan) helps meet that need by ministering in conferences, schools, and churches. Okinawa and Hokkaido have given them reasonable radio time, so at times Gerald travels extensively to help with the conferences. Of course, a missionary wears many hats! On Sundays when Gerald is “free,” he is out preaching at some of the Tokyo churches who presently have no pastor. Debbie is doing a parenting class at KBF, an international church with a congregation from all over the world.

Taylor and I have been privileged to visit and minister, too - a couple times each year. We always come home happy to have seen our kids in action! Take a peek at our missionary map in the foyer. You'll be thrilled at how far our Mountain Park Church ministry is reaching.

LOVE INC

LOVE INC FUNDRAISERS: Golf Benefit

Love INC is sponsoring a golf benefit on Friday, June 18, at the Charbonneau Golf Club. Check-in time is 11:45 AM with a 1 PM shotgun start. Registration is \$75 for each golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, use of a golf cart, a bucket of balls and a box lunch. The registration form for the golf tournament is available online at www.clackamasloveinc.org or you can call Mary Nelson with your questions at 503-638-6066.

Fun Walk

Also on Friday, June 18, starting at 1:45 PM will be the first annual Love INC Charbonneau Fun Walk through the beautiful Charbonneau neighborhood. Join in the raffle and fun as the golfers return to the clubhouse. With a \$20 donation for adults (\$10 for children) you will receive a Love INC pin and treat bag. Prizes will be more information, please contact Betsy Packer at 503-806-9421. Proceeds from both events will go to support the basic operations of Love INC of Clackamas County.

ESPERANZA 2010

In preparation for their mission trip to Esperanza, British Columbia, the youth group is holding their annual Rent-a-Teen fundraiser. If you have any work around the house and yard, call the office to make arrangements to have someone from the team come by to help you finish that long put-off project. The team will be leaving on Father's Day, June 20, and returning the following Sunday on June 27.

In the meantime, please keep the team (26 youth and 15 adults) in your prayers.

JUNE CALENDAR

Friday, June 4-Sun June 6

Awana Handbook Completion Camp
at Camp Magruder

Sunday, June 13

6th Grade Graduation Celebration

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day

Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25

International Cooking Class for Grades 3
to 5, 9 AM to 1 PM

Monday, June 28-Friday, July 2

International Cooking Class for Grades 6
to 8, 9 AM to 1 PM

Monday, June 28-Friday, July 2

Kids on Campus,
Academic Summer Camp,
9 AM to 2 PM, Rooms 20-22,
for students entering Grades 2 to 4

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Sunday, July 4

Freedom Fest, on the hill
at Jefferson & McNary Pkwy

Monday, July 5-9

Kids on Campus,
Academic Summer Camp,
9 AM to 2 PM,
Rooms 20-22, for GIRLS ONLY
entering Grades 5 & 6

Happy Father's Day

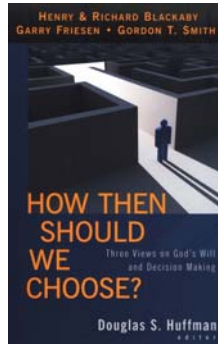


*World's Greatest
Dad*

JUNK FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Donations of gift type items (knick knacks, jewelry, small art work) suitable for display in MPC library are wanted to raise funds for Kaisa Kincaid's service with International Justice Missions. Donations can be dropped off in front of Mountain Top Books/Library. If you want a donation slip, please put your name on the items. For more info contact Patti Russell at 971-244-2544 or Laura Paul at 971-344-1718.

ALL-CHURCH SUMMER READ



How Then Should We Choose?: Three Views on God's Will and Decision Making (Douglas S. Huffman, editor) will soon be available for purchase in Mountain Top Books/Library for \$11. The format consists of each contributor (Henry Blackaby, Garry Friesen of Multnomah University in Portland, and Gordon Smith) who describes his view, and then each of the other two makes responses to it. In addition, each contributor applies his principles of decision-making to the same three issues of college & career choices, marriage, and choice of a church to attend.

This book will be discussed as a congregation Sunday, September 12, at 7PM.

NEW TITLES

FICTION:

Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers
The Centurion's Wife by Davis Bunn & Janette Oke
The Hidden Flame by Davis Bunn & Janette Oke
Here Burns My Candle by Liz Curtis Higgs
A Flickering Light by Jane Kirkpatrick
Last Mango in Texas by Ray Blackston
A Delirious Summer by Ray Blackston
Lost in Rooville by Ray Blackston

DVDs

The Blind Side
Billy: The Early Years of Billy Graham
God Grew Tired of Us
As We Forgive
Charles Colson on Politics & the Christian Faith
Nazareth: Free to Laugh
Sacred Marriage
The Gospel of John

Audio CD

Jesus Wants to Save Christians: A Manifesto for the Church in Exile by Rob Bell, Don Golden

ODDS & ENDS

MEN'S WORK DAY

Saturday, June 5, the Men's Ministries will be holding a work day for a much-needed spruce up of the church grounds. The day will start at 7:30 AM with a delicious breakfast prepared by Chef Gregg. There are quite a few projects to tackle, and many hands make for easy work.

We'll be spreading fresh bark, maybe painting the outside shed, doing a little power washing, and with luck, excavating and putting forms together for some future patio units. Please RSVP to Carolyn in the church office, 503-635-3443.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Immediately following the service on Sunday, June 6, Mountain Park Church members will be voting to approve the slate of Elders, as well as our proposed 2010-2011 budget. Ballots will be available in the church office from Tuesday, June 1 until Friday, June 4, if you will not be here on Sunday. Only church members may vote.



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IN MEMORIAM

Cecil Gelder

(Gary Gelder's father)
May 20

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us Sunday, June 13 for an extra special worship service. Joining us, as guest musician and speaker, will be Dennis Plies. Dennis has degrees in music from Biola University and the American Conservatory of Music, as well as a D.A. in Music Performance and Pedagogy from Western Colorado University. He is currently Professor of Music at Warner Pacific College. He'll be sharing with us thoughts about the importance of music in worship, and why God has planted music so deeply within the souls of His creation, among other things. Also joining us will be one of Mountain Park's favorite guest musicians, Clark Bondy, and a few members of the brass section from the Lake Oswego Millennium band. This will be a glorious morning centered around enthusiastically worshipping God.



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