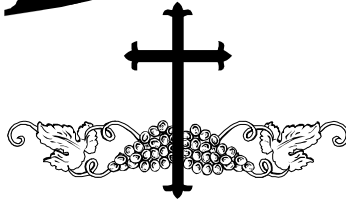


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"I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Those who abide in me
and I in them bear much fruit..."
John 15:5a

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As we begin serving God in a brand new year, there is a wonderful verse of Scripture that we can memorize and follow that can renew, revitalize, and transform our walk with Jesus Christ. It is as follows:

"If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a brand new creation, everything old is passed away; see, everything has become new!" (II Corinthians 5:17).

A brand new year means that we can start all over to be the people God intends us to be. This means that the past failures are gone. We no longer have to be haunted or controlled by our past mistakes. And it also means that we cannot just live with our past successes.

All has become new.

We can share our faith in a brand new way with our loved ones and our neighbors. We can in a brand new way share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people. We can recommit ourselves to be God's hands, feet, and heart right here in Baker City.

We can know and deeply experience the reality that God not only loves us but that God says that we are indeed loveable. We can start all over and really study the Scriptures in this brand new year.

We can in a new way give back to God our money to really show God and others that we are good stewards and that money we give back to God is in a real and tangible way our confession of faith. We can give up the guilt from the past that often stymies our walk with God. We can even be more loving and demonstrate God's love at home, in our jobs, and in our church, and in all of our endeavors. We can even attract new people from this community to join this wonderful community of faith. We can help people get excited about what God wants to do through us.

During the year remember this exhortation from the pen and mouth of Jeremiah: *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

So during this brand new year, let us deepen our faith and commitment. Let us live with hope in our God. Let us deeply experience the grace of God. Remember there is more grace in God than there is sin in us. Let us look forward to the reality that God wants to do great and wonderful things through us. Let us make worship of God a priority and not an option.

During this year may it be said of us by the people living here in Baker City: "Behold how they love one another and us!"



Good news from the Treasurer!

This is the previous month's Treasurer's Report, as reported to the Session.

	November	2011
Receipts	\$9,531	\$139,688
Expenses	16,361	161,176
Net	(\$6,830)	(\$21,488)
Projected Pledges	\$6,603	\$66,030
Actual Pledges	\$8,004	\$80,771
() Indicates a negative balance		
Beginning Balance 1/01/11		\$28,112
Balance 11/30/11		\$1,624
Rent Fund Balance		\$1,819
Pre-School Fund Balance		\$4,750
Money Market Balance		\$30,895
Brokerage Fund Balance		\$1,426,417

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

ELDERS

- David Terry Business Administration
- Bob McKim Buildings and Grounds
- LaVonne Yeoumans Clerk of Session
- Trish Nichols Worship
- Betty Kimbell Fellowship
- Amber Martell Outreach
- Jean Geddes Stewardship
- Nanette Lehman Christian Education
- Mark Ferns
- Gary Ball Mission

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Highlights from the December 20th, 2011 Session Meeting

The entire focus of this month's Session meeting was building the 2012 budget. This budget will be presented to the membership at a congregational meeting on January 22nd.

Prayers for the armed forces

We are continuing to pray for those we know in the armed services. Please call the church office if you have any updates or a name to add to this list.

- ** Peter and Ginger Ellingson's daughter, Captain Kelsey Ellingson Kramer and her husband, Major Joseph Kramer who are serving in the Air Force. Joe has returned home.
- ** Commander Tom Monroe Navy submarine service, is the son of the late Jim and Martha Monroe.
- ** Gunnar Klautd is with the Idaho National Guard, part of the 116th Cavalry.
- ** Shane Tuttle serves as a warrant officer in the Army. He returned from Iraq.
- ** Edgar Tuttle is at home, based at Gowen Field, Boise
- ** Ben Swindlehurst is now stationed in Germany.
- ** Zack Swindlehurst is serving in Korea.
- ** Marcie and Dick Cook's grandson, Glenn Cook and his wife, Doris are now stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tuscon, AZ.
- ** Diana Eccles is serving in Iraq.
- ** David Miller serves with the Washington Air National Guard.
- ** Cole Burgess, grandson of John and Fran Burgess, serving in the Oregon National Guard.



Young Families Sledding Party

Sunday January 22nd, 1:00 p.m.
 At the home of Bob and Shannon Moon
 17796 Deer Park Loop
 Snacks, drinks and a warm fire provided

Read Along with the PYGs and their families- a Christmas Gift Re-Cap

by Liz Romtvedt-Youth & Missions

The PYG families of the Church were given books for Christmas this year!

The Families were given: When Christians Get it Wrong by Adam Hamilton. A short description on the publisher's website states- "(this book) tackles the issues

that young adults have with Christianity and the church-judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith and being anti-homosexual--and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.”

I picked this book for several reasons. I found it on Al’s desk after he borrowed it from Jaunita Bergacker (of our neighborhood Methodist Church) and it came with good recommendations. It is a fast read and each chapter stands alone, especially after reading the book’s introduction. Most importantly, I think it is a good dialogue starter between congregation members and their friends who don’t associate with a church. Adam Hamilton addresses some common societal misinterpretations of religion in today’s society, and he addresses them with scripture and insight. He also fleshes out several sides of an issue. I feel that when many of our peers are afraid of ‘religious people’ this book offers a new way to see their point of view and possibly introduce them to ours in a new way.

Here is an excerpt from an independent review of the book on Amazon.com – *“In his book When Christians Get It Wrong, Adam Hamilton takes a look at perceptions and actions that chase people away from organized religion. There are some parts of this book that I agreed with. I nodded my head, recognizing the error. Or I saw it for the first time in myself, and bowed my head in shame. But there are other parts that made me raise an eyebrow. Parts that had me thinking, “Is that really scriptural?” Notice, I’m not telling you which parts are which. That’s up to you to decide for yourself. I think it’s natural that a book meant to point out error can cause controversy. Most people who read this book won’t agree with everything in it. But it definitely provides a great starting point for some lively conversations about theology, doctrine, and (most importantly) the love of God”*

It is my hope that the book will be a conversation starter and bridge builder in the new year.

The PYGs were given Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman. I thought this book would dovetail nicely with all the PYGs devotion to sports, as it is a sports metaphor throughout. This book is another one that I hope gets conversations started and self-examination too. I think it will prove to be a motivating and interesting book that brings readers deeper into relationship with Jesus.

Here is what one Amazon.com reviewer said (unedited):

“Here’s why I loved this book: 1. His heart.

Idleman time and time again displayed the authenticity and transparency my generation (20s) love. I respect him for his willingness to share his authentic self, not just the pastor self who occasionally says bad words. 2. His humor. This was easily the most surprising aspect of the book. I found his footnotes and off-handed side comments to be hilarious and refreshing. 3. His message. More than anything, I believe his message is one that needs to be heard time and time and time again. As a pastor of the 5th largest church in American, I imagine it can be tempting to not want to offend people and therefore lose “customers.” But Idleman makes it clear, he is no longer going to just create fans (people who stand on the sidelines, know about Jesus, and cheer for him). He is going to help create followers (those who are in the game of becoming more and more like Jesus by KNOWING him).”

A few copies of Chicken Soup for the Christian Family went out as well, and one Anime style Bible.

So to all interested, please borrow a book from a PYG family near you or pop on down to Betty’s and Carolyn can order them for you! Let the discussion begin.

Nursery Attendant Schedule

Jan. 1	No Nursery today
8th	Clarissa Talbot
15th	The Lehman Girls
22nd	The Wards
29th	Kyra and Shannon Moon



If you would like to obtain a digital copy of the church photo taken on December 11th, send an email to rgrembold@q.com

Service reservations: If you are unable to work on an assigned Sunday please trade with another or call Trish Nichols 523-9416. If you are uncomfortable with an assignment, please call Trish.

	<u>USHER/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
JAN 2012			
1	EDDIE MCKIM/DENNY GROSSE	ARLITA JEWELL	
8	MILES FAMILIES	SHARON DEFREES	
15	TALBOTT FAMILY	GINGER Ellingson	ELLINGSONS/BOB & SHARON MCKIM
22	KUHL/KULOG	NOVA HARRISON	
29	FESSEL FAMILY	GINGER Rembold	
FEB			
5	MOON FAMILY	LINDA MOXON	
15	ROMTVEDT	LAVONNE YEOUMANS	
19	LEE/HARRYMAN	CANDI ARLEDGE	BILL F. /SHANNON M/GARY Y./DENNY G.
26	TIM SMITH FAMILY	CAROLYN KULOG	
MARCH			
4	LEHMAN FAMILY	NANCY AMES	
11	AVERTT FAMILY	RICK REMBOLD	
18	COOK/SWANN	BILL FESSEL	CLARISSA/EDDIE M. /MARYALYS/CANDI
25	KAUTH FAMILY	MARK FERNS	

From the Parish Health Advocate

Arlita Jewell

This month I am writing about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD. PTSD affects my life because my oldest son suffers from this affliction. I hope this article will help anyone who has or knows someone with PTSD.

PTSD is a real illness. It can occur after witnessing or living through a dangerous event such as war, a hurricane, or a bad accident. PTSD causes the sufferer to feel stressed. The affects of PTSD can include bad dreams, flashbacks, or feeling worried, on edge, guilty, sad, and/or alone. It can cause trouble sleeping or angry outbursts. It can also result in thoughts of hurting oneself or others.

Children who have PTSD may have other types of issues. They may behave as a younger child, be unable to talk, have complaints of stomach problems or headaches, and/or refuse to go places or play with friends.

When does PTSD start? It starts at different times for different people. Signs of PTSD may begin soon after one gets the illness or may be delayed for several months or years. Women tend to get PTSD more often than men. PTSD can be treated, and then a frightening event can cause it to reoccur.

PTSD can be treated by a doctor or mental health professional that has experience with this disorder. Treatment may include “talk” therapy, medication, or both. Treatment may take 6-12 weeks or longer for some people. Treatment is not the same for everyone. What works for one may not work for someone else.

Drinking alcohol or using drugs will not help PTSD, and may even make it worse.

Sufferers should realize they are not alone. Victims considering hurting themselves should call their doctor, or if in crisis, call 911 for more immediate help. Also, a trained counselor is a phone call away at the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255, or TTY: 1-800-799-7889.

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New Pastor Update

Our new pastor, Katy Halliburton, arrived in Baker City on December 31st. She is busy moving into her new office, meeting with staff, and with her husband Will, moving into the manse. She will conduct her first worship service on Sunday January 15th. On January 8th at 4:00 p.m. there will be an installation service conducted by the Eastern Oregon Presytery. All are welcome.

Thank You

Thank you to a church of Marys and Marthas
and Everyone In Between,

I feel so welcomed, and I am so thankful:

From a picture of you all in Oregon to me at
Ordination,
to the sending of representatives to be part of the
worship service,

to flowers sent with a note to St. Andrew in San
Antonio,
to the thoughtfulness of a necklace and pictures of
this beautiful place,
I was humbled and amazed.

From boxes upon boxes unloaded with caring
hands,
to a home filled with food and gracious
'necessities,'
to folks asking how I am adjusting and how they
can help,
to a sermon about being welcoming for a year,
I am comforted and feel so cared for.

I thank you all.

In Gratitude,
Pastor Katy