



# Monthly Milestones

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## Come ...



## Step into Foll with Us



*Children's Ignite! Tuesday Evenings*  
*Student's Wednesday Night Study & Fellowship*

*Seniors Lynchwood Annual Harvest Potluck, Oct. 20th*  
*Youth Corn MAiZE, Wed., Oct. 26th*  
*Community Trunk or Treat, Mon., Oct. 31st*

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# To Love Revere & Respect

*1 Peter 2:17*

As we start the new school and work year my mind is turned to a question that I feel is important. What does it mean to honor someone?

The word honor (spelled "honour" in the King James Version) as used in I Peter 2:17 instructs followers of Christ Jesus to honor *all* men, implying that we are to separate the wrong that a person does from the person and then honor the person but not the wrong they have been committing. That is complicated isn't it?

*"Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" I Peter 2:17 (NIV)*

In The Message it says:

*<sup>17</sup>Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government.*

The word "honor" used twice in this verse translates the Greek word "timao," which means to set a price on, value, esteem, honor, regard, or respect. In other words, Peter is urging us to treat all people with respect. It is simply another application of "love your neighbor as yourself."

If I saw a person walking unaware into a dangerous situation, which course of action are we to consider doing if we are treating him as a valued person: ignoring him and letting him walk into danger or warning him and trying to keep him from danger? I would hope that we see the priceless value of every soul

and seek that which is best for them.

*"So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup>Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience." (II Corinthians 5:9-11).*

It is not that we separate the bad choices of a person from the person because that could imply that we accept people as they are, even when they are endangering themselves with

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sin. We ought to love people so much that we can't stand the thought that they won't make it to heaven; and thus, we won't leave them in sin. To honor someone is to care about that person and to care so much that we will refuse to allow them to hurt themselves or the ones they love by making bad choices over and over again.

One night while riding home from Ignite Summer Camp at the church my grandson, Luke, was talking to me and I asked him if he liked Ignite Summer Camp. He said he did. Some how the conversation moved on to loving people and he told me that his mommy and daddy loved him very much. Then he said this, "I love them and they love me, that is when I make good choices. Some times I don't make good choices and mommy or daddy say, "Luke, you didn't make a good choice! You need to make better choices!" His voice was stern and bold while he was speaking about what his parents said to him. He smiled and the conversation went on.

I believe with all of my heart that Luke knows his father and mother love him dearly. I also believe that Luke wants to live up to the expectations they place upon him. He may fail at times but he keeps on trying. Most people are the same way.

To honor others is very important. Our parents as they

love us unconditionally. Our spouses as they stand with us while we make silly mistakes. Our co-workers as they do things we can't believe and bear with them in silence. Our bosses as they pile it on and seldom give us words of encouragement. Our pastors as they serve the Lord and do things most of the participants don't even know about to get the task done. People all around us give, serve, love and do whatever it takes to make life happen. We need to honor them! Throughout the year there are special months, days and events that give us this opportunity. Why do we need to wait until someone says something or a special day comes? Why don't we honor people more readily? We should!

Recently Pastor Devin and Laurie went out of town after several weeks of hard work during the summer months to be at a wedding for a friend. While gone many of you contributed to a gift for them and it touched their hearts deeply. That is honoring people! Doing, saying, giving, loving others and demonstrating how great our love and appreciation is. It doesn't have to wait until an official day, month or time is upon us it can happen at any time and should.

*"Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (I Peter 2:17)*

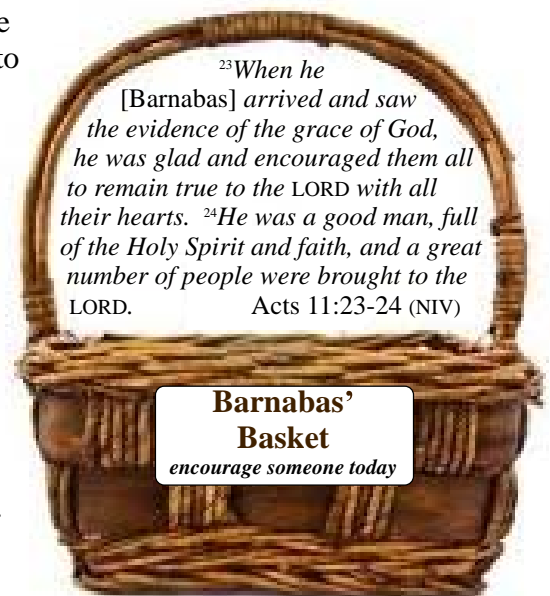
*<sup>17</sup>Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government."*

As I close these thoughts I want us to re-read what Paul said in II Corinthians at the end of that passage,

*What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.*

I don't know about you but this is a sobering thought to me. I don't think we need to interpret the passage any further than it is. Love the spiritual family, revere God and respect the government. This is a tall order for some. See you next Sunday in His house and as you enter come with a heart that asks, "How can I honor someone today?"

*In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Milt*



# Ministry Matters

A quick look into some of our areas of ministry.

## Sunday Mornings



### Sermons

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Warner Pacific Sunday**  
*Mark 2:1-11,*  
 Fellowship of the mat!
- 9<sup>th</sup>,** *Galatians 2:1-10,*  
 Accepted!
- 16<sup>th</sup>,** *Galatians 2:11-21,*  
 Do as I say, Not as I do!
- 23<sup>rd</sup>,** *Galatians 3:1-14,*  
 Faith or the Law!
- 30<sup>th</sup>,** *Galatians 4:8-20,*  
 Known by God!



### Children's Church

Come join us **at 10:15am** for Sunday School. *Old Testament Creation Story* is the current topic.



### Adult AM Study

There are two **9:00am** Sunday morning Bible Studies:  
***The Pursuit of Holiness*** in the *Admin. Bldg* with Pastor Ward  
***One Body, One Mind***, in *Waiting Room* with Pastor Milt.

**Watch for *NEW***  
**Sunday Morning classes**  
*coming soon!*



### Contemporary Music

Beginning at **11:20am** every Sunday morning, following the message, is a time of *modern contemporary Christian music* for worship.

## Week Days



### Children's Ignite!

*Every Tuesday Evening*

- 4<sup>th</sup>,** Moses is given the Ten commandments
- 11<sup>th</sup>,** 1st, 2nd & 3rd of the Ten Commandments
- 18<sup>th</sup>,** 4th & 5th of the Ten Commandments
- 25<sup>th</sup>,** 6th, 7th & 8th of the Ten Commandments

*Sign-up at the*  
**INFORMATION CENTER**  
*for the opportunity to make a meal in support of the Ignite program.*



### Choir

Practices every **Wednesday evening** at 7:00pm.



### Journey Students

Grades 6 thru 12 meet every **Wednesday evening** beginning at 6:30pm to study the Creation Series.



### Men's Group

Men of all ages are gathering in the *Admin. Bldg.*, studying the Book of Romans, every **Tuesday evening** at 7:00pm.

## Other Areas



### Church Finances

*From August (a complete month)*

General Giving	16,784
Designated	510

*Note: See From the Council, page 9, for further details.*



### Missions & Outreach

**Trunk or Treat** will be on **Monday, October 31st** with beginning time TBD. We desire to have 25 cars participating.

**Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will be served on **Saturday, November 19th**, time TBD.

*Look for Sign-up sheets at the*  
**INFORMATION CENTER**  
*to help with these fun*  
**Community Outreach Events**

### October Birthdays

- 2nd - Dean Richards
- 4th - Bonnie Schumacker
- 9th - Jeri Kuns
- 10th - Lorna Nelson
- 16th - Mel Propst
- 22nd - Chuck Olin
- 26th - Jane Whitehead
- 28th - Claudie Buttram
- 31st - Dave Dobbins



# Upcoming Events

## Warner Pacific Sunday

Join us on *Sunday morning, October 2nd* for a special time with some Warner Pacific students.

## Journey Students to the Corn Maize

Hey youth, come and join us for a fun time in the *Corn Maize at The Pumpkin Patch on Sauvie Island*. Come for *dinner at 6:00pm Wednesday, October 26th*, then to load into the van and *leave by 6:30pm*. The Maize hours are 7-10pm and cost is \$10. See Devin Burton for more details.

## All Church & Community Trunk or Treat

*Monday, October 31st* beginning at 6:00pm in TCOG's parking lot. A great community outreach event! Plan on signing-up to decorate your car's trunk for fun and treat our neighborhood children to a treat.

## Our Larger Christian Community

### Calibration Worship Conference

*Saturday, October 1st, 9am - 6pm at Newberg Christian Church*  
[www.calibrationworship.org](http://www.calibrationworship.org) - 6 breakout sessions to attend from a choice of over 100 - providing the tools for each person to grow in their passion for the LORD and their lifting in the worship arts..

### Women of Faith

*Friday & Saturday, October 7th & 8th at Rose Garden Arena*. This year's theme is "Over the Top". "God loves us more than we know. He gives us more than we can ask or dream. He's unrestrained... excessive... outrageous... Over the Top." Go to [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com) to register.

### Prep 4 Kids Fundraising Dinner

See the **INFORMATION CENTER** for details of this important event occurring on *Saturday, October 22nd*, from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the *Lloyd Center Double Tree Hotel*. RSVP by October 7th, Register online. See Devin Burton for more information.

## A Glance Ahead

Future Dates to Keep in Mind



### NOVEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup>, Youth to Jeremy Camp Concert
- 5<sup>th</sup>, Women's Progressive Dinner
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Communion Sunday
- 10<sup>th</sup>, Senior's Chili Cook-Off
- 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup>, Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27<sup>th</sup>, Advent Begins

### DECEMBER

- 2-3<sup>rd</sup>, Community Christmas Bizarre
- 10<sup>th</sup>, Choir's Cantata Dress Rehearsal
- 11<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Cantata Performance
- 16<sup>th</sup>, Senior's Dinner @ Old Spaghetti Factory for Christmas Boat Parade
- 17<sup>th</sup>, Women's Christmas Event  
Christmas Food Boxes Delivery
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Service
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day
- 27-30<sup>th</sup>, Ntn'1 Inspirational Youth Conv
- 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve Celebration

### JANUARY 2012

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Year Years Day

# Meeting Jesus Over a Cup of Cold Water



Sometimes we are so focused on bearing the image of Christ to others that we forget that "the other" just might be sharing Christ with us!

Is it possible to encounter Christ in the simple act of sharing a cold cup of water? Several years ago, during a local mission trip, my youth group and I spent an afternoon trying to hand out bottled water to people in the city.

Near the river, were some people huddled under one of the bridges. We decided to see if they might want some water and we began arguing over who would bring it to them. Let me be clear; we weren't arguing because everyone *wanted* to do it. In fact, *no one* wanted to do it. It was a little scary, walking up to strangers who were hidden in shadows of an over-pass, not knowing what sort of reception we might find. Finally, two youth and one

adult stepped forward. One teen asked, "What do we say to them? Do we have to talk about Jesus?" Our reply: "No. You don't have to talk about Jesus. You will be Jesus." So off they went, with a cooler of bottled water. One of the youth reported that as they approached the people, one appeared to be pointing something at them. "A gun?", he wondered. No. The person was simply pointing out that our group was entering their "space." The three homeless persons welcomed our three, graciously accepted the gift of water, and as our group turned to leave, one of the strangers said, "God bless you."

Wow! Here we thought we were the ones coming to share God with them, but in fact God was already there! And they were sharing God's blessing with us. It was a reminder that even as we Christians engage in mission to help those in need, we'd better be prepared to encounter God in the most unlikely places and to

receive Christ's hospitality in the guise of people we would least suspect. And sometimes this profound learning can happen over an act as simple as sharing a bottle of water.

*Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward. -*

Matthew 10: 42

One of my prayers each morning is that God would continue to put me in situations where I might be able to show His love to those I meet. You might think this is an easy prayer but often the answer to this prayer is met with very difficult situations, where my pride must be swallowed, my patience is tested and my courage must be found. But as a result of these difficult situations my faith and trust in God grows exponentially.

When we allow God to use us the blessings flow both ways. My hope and prayer for the students in Journey Student Ministries is that their lives will be lived as a beacon of hope and love and forgiveness as they enter a new school year. We share with our students on a weekly basis that there are hurting, confused and hopeless people all around them, not just those sitting under a bridge. Be a blessing to someone and watch as God blesses you.

*Taking a Drink of Living Water*  
**Devin Burton**

# So ... How Did it Go ... ?

## Service On The Green & Church Family Potluck, August 28th



We were blessed with beautiful weather and wonderful turn-out to this annual event. The musical performances were fun and inspirational, a motivating speaker followed by our church families great food and fellowship.



*Thank you to all who worked at putting together such a wonderful time together!*



## Seniors on the Mt. Hood to Parkdale Train excursion, September 10th



It took 3 vehicles for 22 to take the Mt. Hood train ride to Parkdale and be part of a robbery enactment. Most bought sack lunches, a few ate "in town" (across the street). A few folks got cooled off from farm sprinklers through open train windows. The smiles on all the faces in the pictures says it all - *It was fun!!*



# From Our Council

## Financial Report Summary, FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date (July/August):

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<i>(monthly average)</i>	
General	40,253	40,568		
Designated	1,289	0	*	
Youth/Chld Min	7,641	1,366	**	

\* Designated giving income is not a revenue budgeted item. Designated funds received are expended as designated by the giver and in accordance with TCOG policy for such gifts.

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>		
General	37,478	41,936		
Designated	700	0	*	
Youth/Chld Min	1,512	1,366	**	

\*\* Youth/Children's Ministry funds come from specific fund-raising activities and not from general giving funds.

### TCOG Designated Giving - Policy, Project, Process

At TCOG designated giving is not included in the annual budget for the simple reason that it is an unknowable amount in any one year. Historically it has varied as much as \$10,000 from year to year. We do, however, account for funds contributed by persons and expended on identified non-budget projects.

Funds contributed for specific projects are held in trust until the amount needed to complete the project has been secured. At that point, the project is put into motion and finished in as timely a manner as possible. When a person indicates a willingness to completely fund a project, TCOG will put that project into motion and complete it as soon as possible. Please know that some projects (especially those that deal with property and buildings) may be dependent on factors ranging from weather to any issues that may need approval from an outside agency (i.e., City of Tigard).

If you are interested in contributing funds in addition to your regular tithes (which support the general revenue and expense budget), some needed projects and interests are listed below. In addition, you may talk with the Pastor (Milt Culver) or Council Chair (Ed Whitehead) if you have specific questions about any special project.

Designated Project Suggestions (list is not prioritized, but one which enhances and/or expands TCOG ministry):

- Mortgage reduction (additional principle payments)
- College scholarship fund (given as per policy).
- Sound system (completion of project begun last year)
- Hearing aid system
- Building upkeep and repair (specific needs, non-budget)
- Benevolence fund (assistance to TCOG community members in times of emergency or difficulty - administered by Pastor)
- Special ministry activities (Trunk or Treat; Thanksgiving Dinner; Christmas Food Boxes; Back Pack project for the homeless; Easter Brunch; etc.)
- Special TCOG mission projects approved by TCOG Council

# Little Challenges

## Coloring Corner



## Look It Up

God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.



As Christ was sent to fulfill God's commandments, look up these other New Testament references to Old Testament texts:

- Matthew 12:39 \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark 10:8 \_\_\_\_\_
- John 3:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 4:18 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 10:27 \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 2:17 \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 21:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark 13:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 27:46 \_\_\_\_\_

*Answers below*

## Answers

### Look It Up

Ten Old Testament texts referred to in the New Testament:

Matthew 12:39 - Jonah; Mark 10:8 - Genesis; John 3:14 - Numbers; Luke 4:18 - Isaiah; Luke 10:27 - Deuteronomy; Acts 2:17 - Joel; Romans 1:17 - Habakkuk; Matthew 21:5 - Zechariah; Mark 13:14 - Daniel; Matthew 27:46 - Psalms