

The Connection

*We are called to share Jesus in creative and intentional ways, through:
Connecting with God and His Church, Growing in Faith and Love,
and Serving Our Community and World.*

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Dear Church... from Pastor Matt

Last month we had a church potluck and check-in where we talked about where the church has been, and where we are going. For anyone who missed that meeting, I would like to tell you here what we talked about.

First, I want to celebrate some of the highlights from 2024 that were significant to me. So far in 2024, we have: moved the Food Bank to an awesome new location, held a fantastic church talent show, launched a new Thursday night service, worshiped together at Worship Reset, hosted a relationship workshop, and added new faces to the congregation and the staff! (We're also going to be adding another new face this month as we hire for the new groundskeeper position!) This is in addition to all the great things that have been happening on Sunday mornings and on evenings throughout the week. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteers and participates to make those things happen!

Going forward this year, I have three main priorities:

1. Sons' and Daughters' Ministries

As we head into the fall, we are working on developing our men's and women's ministries as the main place where adults get plugged in to grow and get discipled. There are a lot of benefits to mens' and womens' ministries: they include everyone, they are intergenerational, and they allow members to be vulnerable in ways they can't be in mixed groups. The reason we are calling them "Sons" and "Daughters" is because we would like these ministries to also include discipling boys and girls, in cooperation with the Family Ministry. Our hope is to have groups to launch in the fall that will be able to include anyone and everyone who wants to join. (To that end, all men in the church

are encouraged to take our Sons' Ministry Survey at <https://www.turnerchristianchurch.com/sons> to help us make our plans).

So keep an eye out for Sons and Daughters Ministries this Fall!

2. Mature Discipleship

Before I came here, this congregation chose a vision statement that defines discipleship using three parts: Connecting with God and his church, growing in faith and love, and serving our community and world. Everything we do as a church is meant to disciple people in one of those areas—Sunday worship connects us, groups help us grow, and service and ministry teams give us opportunities to grow.

Moving forward, I want to set as an intentional goal that we will move members of this church toward mature discipleship, meaning that we want as many people as possible to be participating meaningfully in all three areas: connecting, growing and serving. If this goal was achieved completely, it would mean that every single person who connects with us during a service is also growing through a group and serving in some capacity. (This, for instance, was one of the main reasons why we created the Thursday service: we wanted to make sure that our Sunday morning servants were still able to connect.) As we move forward, hopefully what you will find is that each area of our ministry encourages you to participate in the other areas. Our services, for instance, will encourage you to grow and serve. Our groups will encourage you to serve and connect. And finally, our service and ministry teams will encourage you to connect and grow.

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3. Focused, Passionate Service

Our final goal is to make it possible for everyone to serve in ways that allow them to be focused and passionate. One of the things they teach you about churches is the “80/20 Rule:” 20% of the people do 80% of the work. If about 20% of the people are helping, then they are each helping in about 5 ways. This means they are being pulled in about 5 directions. It also means that 4 of the ways they are serving are not the areas they are truly gifted or passionate about. The thing is, God has given 80% of the gifts to the other 80%. We would love to move that number so that more people are serving in fewer ways. Now, if you are one of the 80%, you may be thinking, “I’m not serving because I have nothing to offer.” If that’s the case, you couldn’t be more wrong! There are so many ways people can serve that are just as important as anything anyone does on stage with a microphone. For instance, we are looking for someone to unlock the building and make coffee on Sunday mornings. We can use people to help collect communion cups at the services. We can use people to lock up after church. We can use people to team-teach junior worship. We can use people to get trained on our booth tech (sound, projection, etc.). We can use people to send encouraging notes to people in the hospital. There are ALL KINDS of ways we can use anyone and everyone, no matter the gifts. If you think our church can’t use you, I would love you to give me a call at the church and challenge me to find a way. I am confident we can do it.

So those are the goals we have for the rest of the year. I am so excited to be doing this with all of you, and I am most excited to see what God’s plans are for us!

Camp Winema Week of Missions

July 28—August 3, 2024

Week of Missions is a time for the whole family to come and see how God is moving through missionary organizations around the world. We hear from current missionaries sharing about their work, offer training from experienced missionaries, encourage cross cultural missions, and challenge participants to minister to missionaries at the conference and beyond. Come join us as we join in God's worldwide mission!

For more information , including prices:

<https://www.winema.org/week-of-missions.html>

Operation Christmas Child Packing Day—August 18th

With our 4th Annual Community Packing Party quickly approaching, we are experiencing crunch time in getting all of our necessary items to fill the 1200 Shoeboxes. We've noticed many school supplies already on sale at many stores, so we're hoping to load up on those while we can get more for the money.

If you're interested in helping, you may purchase items and leave them in our baskets in the lobby or you may designate your offering for Shoeboxes or Operation Christmas Child. We'd also humbly ask for your prayer support during this time. Thank you!

Family Camp at Camp Winema Coming Up! Aug 30—Sep 2



VBS 2024
July 23—25
9:00-11:30 am

Through fun songs, crafts, dramas, and outdoor games, your child will get to be immersed in the world of Spark Studios, learning what it is to know, love and follow Jesus! And don't miss the extra-fun on Thursday night—the whole family is invited along for a barbecue dinner. It's all free!

Middle School Camp
July 7—12

All Middle School students are invited to register and attend summer camp at Grove Christian Camp! Located in Dorena, Oregon, it will be a week of games, worship, outdoor recreation and Bible teaching. Register at: grovechristiancamp.org (for Middle School 1) or contact Pastor Rachel for more information.

Summer Youth Group Meetings

For all Youth going into the 6th Grade through High School

Sunday Nights: 5:30 -7:30 pm
July 14th, July 21st, July 28th,
August 4th, August 11th

Ice Cream and Bingo Night!
Friday, July 12th
at 6:30 pm

An evening of fun for the whole family! Enjoy our delicious ice cream bar while you're trying to get a "BINGO." Yell it out loud as you can—cuz there are some great prizes!

**July 7th, 14th and 21st
are Going to be Church Family Services!**

On these three Sundays we want to bring the entire church family together, including kids and volunteers, for a special type of worship service that everyone can participate in! The services will be shorter, and everything will be designed to be accessible to the whole church. But remember, these are not "church services for families"—they are services for our whole church family together. We hope you'll all join us with open minds and open hearts!

Summer Sunday School Schedule

9:00 – 10:00 am

July 7th-21st: Church Family Services -
No Sunday School

July 28-September 1:
(No Childcare or Children's Programs)
"31 Days of Praise" with Carol George
Prayer Gathering with Gary Tiffin
Fall Semester Starts September 8th
(with Childcare/Children's Programs)

Seniors Game Day & Lunch
Monday, July 15th

Bingo, Monopoly, Uno, and many other games will be available to play with your friends. Lunch will be provided. Come ready to enjoy the games and fellowship. Doors open at 11:30 am.

Seniors Trip to Evergreen Aviation
Monday, July 22nd

The Seniors are planning to "fly" to the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville. The cost: Adults-\$22.00; Seniors and Veterans-\$18.00; Active Duty-Free; Youth (5-15)-\$12.00; Children (0-4)-Free. Tours are available at 11:00 and 2:00 We will be having a picnic. Please sign up or call Virginia Musgrave at 503-743-1500 or 509-254-3657. Leave TCC at 9:30 am.

Join the Team! Children's Ministry Fall Recruitment

Fall will be here before we know it, and we want to be ready for every child who comes into our building! We have team opportunities for all experience levels in nursery and kids programming. Whether you would like to be a sub, or a regular teacher, or something in-between—let's talk. To find out more information, or to begin conversations about getting involved talk to Pastor Rachel or schedule an appointment with her by using the QR code below.



Meetings are happening now through the first week of July. There are opportunities to be involved on Sundays and midweek. All volunteers will go through training and a background check.

NATE KLINGER

We rejoice with Nate, who was baptized into Christ on June 30th! Pastor Matt baptized Nate in Mill Creek after the Sunday Service of NW Christian Convention!

A Note from Lavonne Lundgren

Dear Church,
I do miss being an active part of your fellowship. May God continue to bless and use you to reach your area and to far places in the world with the good news of Jesus.

Please pray for our fellowship of believers here at Avamere in Keizer. We meet on Sundays at 2 pm. We have pastors from the area who share from God's word with us. Any of you would be welcome.

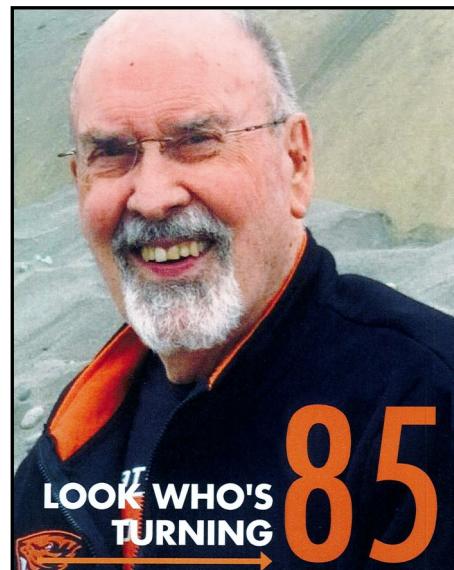
May the Lord bless you all with joy as you serve Him.

Love, Lavonne

New Address For Carol Davis
9115 154th Ave Ct NW Apt 209
Blakebay WA 98349



The congregation is invited to join Frank & Virginia as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary on July 6th, 1-4 pm at the Urban Granary, 5325 Denver St SE, Turner, OR. Please RSVP to Shannon Balmer at 541-556-1597.



Birthday Celebration for Bill Penhollow!
July 13th at 11:00 am
Powell Butte Christian Church
You are invited to join us for lunch—TACOS!

RSVP to Katie Penhollow-Miller:
503-508-4436
katiepenhollow@gmail.com

We would love to collect stories and memories for our dad. We will have materials available at the party, but if you are not able to attend, please email your story/memory to Katie.