

december highlights

Hanging of the Greens -Friday, Dec. 3, from 6-10 pm -Decorate the sanctuary and foyer for Christmas to the theme of Joy to the World!

DEEPER ROOTS

All Deeper Roots workers and their spouses are invited to wear their most festive holiday sweaters to a

**Christmas Party
Sunday, December 5
at 5 pm @ Terre and
Jennifer Tuck's**

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Jennifer 286-0750.

Starting in January **Sunday School** will move to **9 am studying Beth Moore's *Jesus the One and Only***

Kid's Church will be following with the church's **Fruits of the Spirit** sermon theme at **10:30. Helpers welcome.**

Contact Jennifer Tuck:
286-0750 or jtuck@bvcc.net

Boxing Day - Sunday, December 26 - Deeper Roots kids ask for donations of adult's and kid's new hats, socks and gloves to be brought to church which they will box up for Boise Rescue Mission as their birthday gift to Jesus.

All ladies are invited to the Women's Annual

Christmas Open House

Dec. 11 from 10 - 12
at Neil & Janet Wilton's
home (10187 W. Calico
St., Boise)

Come and enjoy lots of
goodies and
wonderful fellowship.

Registration for the women's Bible Study, *Nurture*, by Lisa Bevere beginning the week of Jan. 9, will be **Dec. 12 & 19**. Cost is \$20 for the book & workbook. "Our prayer is that you receive the nurture you need and experience a greater connection with your heavenly Father. As the gift of nurture is awakened in you, may you help awaken it in others—bringing unity and strength to the body of Christ, connecting with others and enabling them to truly flourish in their calling!" Classes will be offered at 9 am Sun., 9:30 am Tues. and 7 pm Thurs.

Christmas Eve 7 P.M. Service

Please arrive early to reserve a good seat! This one hour service is an opportunity to put Jesus at the center of this "Holy Night". There will be carol singing, special music and a brief message.

We will receive a designated offering into our Barnabas Fund to help those in need. Child care is not provided.

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excerpt from the ticket

A book chronicling the life-changing journeys of BVCC members.

Dan

"Let's get out for a while and walk," I suggested. It sounded good to Barb to get away from the casino. Fresh air would clear both our heads.

"There's a bookstore. Let's check it out." Barb, a bookstore enthusiast, motioned to a sign a couple of doors ahead of us.

"Sure," I shrugged. *What could it hurt? She's been good enough to come on this trip: I could let her enjoy some book hunting.*

It turned out to be a Christian bookstore, which was a first for me. I wouldn't have been caught dead in one back in Boise. I wandered among the shelves, but nothing caught my eye.

"Find anything?" I asked, hoping she was ready to go. "This looks interesting," she said, picking up a book from the table marked Discounted Books. "It's only a dollar."

I turned the small book over in my hand. How to Be Born Again by Billy Graham. "Could be good," she commented. We were both curious about what it meant to be born again.

Copies of The Ticket are available at the church.

the ripple

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BOISE VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNION

"Anything that cools my love for Christ is the world." - John Wesley
(English Evangelist, founder of Methodism. 1703-1791)

As I write this we are being hit with cold temperatures this week in the Treasure Valley. When we experience the reality of the cold as we step outside, often into a biting wind, we sometimes get cold on the outside, but with Christ in our hearts, we will be warmed on the inside. The physical elements that comprise the cold of the exterior world we live in should never cause us to lose our burning love for Jesus. There are many external things working against keeping this love alive so we need to be ever vigilant that we do not get cooled by the world.

How can this happen? As we enter the season of our celebration of the birth of Jesus it is often easy to get our eyes, hearts, and minds set on things that distract our attention away from the real reason for the season. Jesus!

Often during what becomes a frantic time of year, the pace of daily life can keep us plenty warm on the outside merely because we are moving so fast! But what happens when we slow down? Is the presence of Jesus still warming our hearts, or are we caught up in the stress of the season rather than experiencing an overwhelming joy? Our joy (a fruit of the Spirit we all have) can be rekindled by a few moments a day of contemplation on what this season really means to us and what it could mean to others in our sphere of influence who may be searching. Let's choose to not let anything cool our love for Christ, rather let us reflect the warmth of Christ's presence in us into a cold, intemperate world.

Father, let the warmth of Christ's love dwell in us richly for the purpose of expressing our gratitude for all you have given us in Him. May the joy of giving thanks for Your gift to us fill us up to overflowing and may it splash out on others! We have great cause to celebrate "...for today in the city of David there has been born for you (us) a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11) and for this we give You eternal thanks in the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son. Amen.

bvcc in action

Oct. 31st Harvest Party - Kids from our neighborhood, the Vineyard and Calvary Chapel enjoyed the story time with Rapunzel in her castle where the gospel message was shared along with fun activities and lots of treats.



Oct. 31 Curbside Youth Event

included live music, a skit, the prayer-booth, free food and a testimony by our youth leader, Brandon Kindelberger.

Somali Bantu Pantry Project Saturday, Dec. 18, at St. Stephen's Episcopal church from 9:30 to noon. Volunteers help with the set-up and food distribution. Contact Doug Clark with questions, 468-2300.

Christmas Community Outreach Opportunity



Gift Wrap Outreach

BVCC will be wrapping gifts FOR FREE for people who shop at Fred Meyer's at Franklin and Orchard between the hours of **10 am and 4 pm** on **Saturday, December 11!** This is the fourth year in a row that the BVCC family has had the joy of blessing Christmas shoppers by wrapping their gifts for free...no strings attached.

We'll need many people who are willing to take one or two hour shifts to wrap gifts. If you're not able to be there with us, consider making a small donation of wrapping paper ribbons, bows, and tape to the church office. Please check the church foyer before service to sign up to be blessed and bless others! (If you'd like further details, feel free to contact Marcia Gordon at 409-6547.)

*Details coming soon. **Women and Children in Crisis School** begins Jan. 15 at the Vineyard. Call Holly Majors for information 921-7976.*

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	W	t	f	S
	1 3 pm Book Buddies 7 pm Pressing Through to Victory 7 pm Youth Group	2 7 pm Divorce Care Growth Group 7 pm MMF Women's Bible Study	3 6 - 10 pm Hanging of the Greens	4 7 am Man to Man Breakfast
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19 9 am Youth, and Classes for Adults & Children 10:30 am Service FAMILY SUNDAY DR Christmas Program 4th Sunday of Advent	20	21 7 pm Men's Bible Study	22 7 pm Youth Group	23
26 9 am Youth Church, Saved by Grace 10:30 am Service	27 (office closed)	28 7 pm Men's Bible Study (office closed)	29 7 pm Youth Group (office closed)	30 (office closed)
			24 7 pm Christmas Eve Service (office closed)	25 Christmas Day
				11 7 am Man to Man Breakfast 10 am - 2 pm MMF Ladies Christmas Open House 10 am - 4 pm Christmas Gift Wrapping Outreach
				18 7 am Man to Man Breakfast 9:30 am Somali Bantu Pantry Project

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Andrew Kinsler	12 - Wes Newell	19 - Vikki Green
2 - Chad Purviance	13 - Abigail Keen	26 - DeAndre Shelby
- Sarah Radican	- Gabrielle Keen	28 - Doug Clark
3 - Roger Gossi	- Riley Keen	29 - Johna Barnes
4 - Dan Casey	14 - Kelly Guizzo	- Judy Holsclaw
5 - Jake Sanders	17 - Christina LaCelle	31 - Ryan Kuntz
8 - Brian Ashton	18 - Brian Grimes	- An Nguyen
- Aurora Ostolasa	- Jeff Harp	- Tyler Sigmont
10 - Gabe Campbell	- Michael Wilson	- Jeremy Wilson

January 2011

1 - New Year's Day	15 - Women & Children in Crisis School begins at the Vineyard
9 - MMF Women's Bible Study Begins (Sunday)	16 - Care Ministry Team Lunch
11 - MMF Women's Bible Study Begins (Tuesday)	24 - Congregational Meeting and Pie Social
13 - MMF Women's Bible Study Begins (Thursday)	30 - New Deacon Installment