

february highlights...



Book Buddies
needs **you!**
Thursdays from 3:00–4:00

If you would like to volunteer to help a child grow in their reading ability, please call Idona Majors 938-6127. Book Buddy volunteers meet for this after-school literacy program at Jefferson Elementary on Latah Street. The more buddies we have, the more children will be blessed and given individual attention in reading and comprehension.

Wednesday Night Prayer
Seek God for the City
Feb. 17–Mar. 24 from 7-8:30 pm
A time of worship and seeking God using the *Seek God for the City* prayer guide to pray for revival, offering up persistent, life-giving prayer for others, which will lead to opportunities to care and display God's love and open the way to share the Gospel to declare God's love.

Corporate Prayer
Sunday, Feb. 21
5:30–6:30 pm
Childcare will be provided.
A time of Listening Prayer as we draw near to God to hear His voice and release His power through Holy Spirit led prayer.

Mary Martha Fellowship

As she transitions off of the Leadership Team, many thanks go to **Cyndi Ashton** for her ten years of loving service to the women of Christian Communion. We heartily welcome newest team member, **Deana Durfee!**

Girls' Morning Out Bowling
Feb. 27 - 10 a.m. at Emerald Lanes -\$6



Jr. Hi Winter Camp
Feb. 12-15 in Cascade
Questions?
Holly 921-7976

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excerpt from the ticket

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

diana

"Is it a boy or . . ." the happy conversation went on without me. Unconsciously, I turned away before anyone saw my tears, threatening to spill over. *Will I ever be the one telling the good news?*

God, do you hear me? I wondered, even as I answered my own question. Of course he does. But three years or thirty-six months or 1,095 days seemed like forever. Every day, I saw mothers and children laughing together and I turned to the sound of every baby's cry. Not a day passed that my mind didn't go there, my heart didn't ache and my arms didn't feel empty."

Even as a child, being a mom seemed like the best thing in the world to me. . . I knew someday I would have my own houseful of active children.

Copies of The Ticket are available in the foyer.

the ripple

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BOISE VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNION

The Discovery Forum - Montie Ralstin

Christian Communion is in the process of launching "The Discovery Forum". The Discovery Forum is a model of proactive communication that provides a venue for a united voice to emerge from the church. It will provide a time for us to discover what others see as needs, opportunities and possibilities that may move the church toward advancing the Kingdom.

The Discovery Forum is not to be used as a place for the public airing of grievances or settling disputes and misunderstandings. If there are unmet needs or areas of inefficiencies in the church, we want to bring those into focus, and then connect the dots that will unleash God-inspired creativity into this Body so we can become God's 2010 and beyond model for Kingdom work.

The goal of the discourse at "The Discovery Forum" is to allow an open source of innovation from all of us who are the participants in this Body. It has been said by Cindy Anderson that **"The keenest insight and effective ideas come from those who are actually using what we have to offer as a church."** That supports the Scriptural model of combined wisdom. *"Without consultation, plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they succeed."* (Proverbs 15:22)

We are all partners with those in service / leadership positions and we want to extend an open invitation for everyone to contribute at "The Discovery Forum" in order to facilitate collective insight that will lead to innovation. Participants are asked to bring their individual passions and experiences to share along with their keen observations about what we do, or don't do at BVCC, that impacts their lives along with any unanswered questions or needs. Bring your gifts, expertise and insight and let's connect the dots together!

Pray that "The Discovery Forum" will eventually lead to seeing with new eyes what the Spirit is unfolding for us through innovation, development, advancement, increase, and greater effectiveness.

bvcc in action

Celebration of Prayer 2010 - Over 150 people gathering together on a Friday night for a prayer conference. Unheard of? Not at BVCC on January 15! Hunger was evident as we purposed to learn how to “draw near so we could hear,” equipping us to minister encouragement to others and release God’s power. More than 170 passed through our doors over the weekend learning how to cultivate a listening heart, learning the language of the Holy Spirit and making listening prayer a lifestyle. Tom White challenged us to abide in Christ, ask according to His will, and be available for His assignments. Thank you to all who helped the Prayer Team make it happen - the Men’s Ministry team, the Worship team, Deeper Roots, Envision Arts, and the office staff along with their volunteers for the many hours of preparation!

-Robin Meacham

Two February Prayer Fronts – Montie Ralstin

What a great response we had to the Celebration of Prayer in January. This is not the time to rest on what we learned. February will be an important month for prayer on two fronts at BVCC. First, we all need to pray for up to five names of people we have frequent local contact with who are not yet followers of Christ. Bookmarks will be distributed to each person with five lines to record the names of those on your list. On Sunday, February 7th, we will “Go to the Wall” that will be specially constructed in the sanctuary and write names on it. These names then become the Prayer Care Share focus for us in the coming months. When one of these pre-believers comes to faith, we will put a white “dot” next to the name and rejoice that a new name is written in the Book of Life. The church will provide you with follow-up material for personal discipleship in the basics of their new-found faith. We are joining in this focused prayer for the lost along with several other congregations from Ontario to Boise.

The second emphasis will tie into “Go to the Wall” Sunday by the congregation engaging in prayer for the forty days leading up to Palm Sunday using the *Seek God for the City* 2010 prayer guide. These guides will be available on Sunday Feb. 14th. On Wed. the 17th, we will begin the forty-day prayer journey by joining with other churches in one location to pray together. This is a time of prayer for God’s people in the city, believers and pre-believers, and we will collectively be asking God to bring life to the churches in our communities as well as our own church. The first eleven days of prayer will focus “toward the hope of God reviving His people with spiritual life.” There will be additional weekly gatherings with other churches during the forty days of prayer. Let’s join together with others in the Body to pray toward what the Lord will do in shaking up the lost in the city that they might be moved to secure their place in eternity with Christ.

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	1	2 9:30 am MMF Women’s Bible Study	3 7 pm Prayer Gathering, focus: Forward Motion 7 pm Youth Group	4 3 pm Book Buddies 7 pm Divorce Care	5	6 7 am Man to Man Breakfast
S	7 Communion Sunday 9 am MMF 9 am Barnabas & LeaderSHIFT classes 1 pm Deeper Roots Team Lunch	8	9 9:30 am MMF Women’s Bible Study	10 7 pm Prayer Gathering, focus: Elders 7 pm Youth Group	11 3 pm Book Buddies 7 pm Divorce Care	12 13 7 am Man to Man Breakfast Jr. High Winter Camp
	14 Valentine’s Day 9 am MMF 9 am Barnabas & LeaderSHIFT classes Jr. High Winter Camp	15 President’s Day office closed	16 9:30 am MMF Women’s Bible Study	17 7 pm Prayer Gathering, focus: Seek God for the City 7 pm Youth Group	18 3 pm Book Buddies 7 pm Divorce Care	19 20 7 am Man to Man Breakfast
	21 9 am MMF 9 am Barnabas & LeaderSHIFT classes 5 pm Marrieds 20/40 5:30 pm Corporate Prayer Time	22	23 9:30 am MMF Women’s Bible Study	24 7 pm Prayer Gathering, focus: Seek God for the City 7 pm Youth Group	25 3 pm Book Buddies 7 pm Divorce Care	26 27 7 am Man to Man Breakfast 10 am MMF Girl’s Morning Out - Bowling (Emerald Lanes)
	28 9 am MMF 9 am Barnabas & LeaderSHIFT classes 1 pm Care Ministry Team Lunch					

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Mike Madison	12 - Sharon Jacobs	23 - Edith-Ann Ross
3 - Jackie Ford	- Jared Nelson	24 - Gabriel Cook
5 - Braedon Cain	13 - Lucille Adams	- Ann Ralstin
- Larry Halstead	- Larry Pifari	25 - Rakael Glenn
6 - Stuart Carty	14 - Pat Loftus	- Ryan Pipal
- Leanne Clark	- Ruth Pipal	26 - Debbie Roam
- Samuel Rowe	17 - Rebekah Russell	27 - Randy Majors
8 - Andrea Heidt	18 - Cherish Nguyen	28 - Cindy Anderson
- Bob Holsclaw	20 - Brandi LeMesurier	- Dwayne Radican
- Betty Wilmot	21 - Heather Guizzo	- Margie Reese
10 - Hannah Hendricks	- Dylan Waugh	- Tana Smith
11 - Alice McKee	22 - Samuel Fritz	

March 2010

5-6 - Youth “Acquire the Fire”
Event
21 - Corporate Prayer
28 - Palm Sunday

April 2010

2 - Good Friday (office
closed) - Service at 7 pm
4 - Easter Sunday
18 - Corporate Prayer
23-25 - MMF Women’s Spring
Advance