

# The Path

Newsletter of Crowfoot Baptist Church

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## Greetings from Miranda Smith



I was born and raised in Lebanon, but even with a Lebanon address I grew up just outside of town, in Lacombe. I loved growing up in the country. We had a couple of acres and a river in our backyard. So as kids my brother, Jaryn, and sister, Aubrey and I grew up running, swimming, biking, gardening, and taking care of our various animals. We have raised cats, dogs, fish, hamsters, chickens, turkeys, ducks, pigs, and goats over the years. I thoroughly enjoyed growing up in the small community of Lacombe. We had neighbors who loved to have us over, teachers who cared about our education and people who cared about our relationship with the Lord. I loved going to Good News Club every Wednesday and we had a very loving neighbor who would drive us to the local Awanas Club every week.

I have been going to Crowfoot Baptist ever since I can remember. When we first started coming and for most of my childhood we were some of the only children in our church. However, I still had faithful Sunday School teachers who taught me who Jesus was, and I accepted Him into my life at a very young age. Crowfoot also helped me grow in that relationship by allowing me to go to Camp Tadmor, starting a youth group aimed for girls my age, and encouraged me to fully commit my life to Christ.



My Junior year in high school the Lord called me to serve at Camp Tadmor. This was one of the most life-changing summers I have ever had. The Lord really revealed Himself to me and opened my eyes to who He is in my life and what its like to live in a community of fellow believers.

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Pastor Jeremy Zderad

## Seeing Christ in Each Other

**1 Corinthians 12:18, 27**

*“God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be....Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”*

There is a huge, beautiful two story house around the corner from where we live. It sits vacant most of the year but a few people have said it looks like a resort inside with incredible artwork, winding staircases and designer furniture. Besides once or twice a year when it’s opened up, us neighbors don’t get to see inside—unless we sneak around and look in the windows! Don’t snitch, OK? But the more windows we peak into, the more angles we can spot what’s inside, the more glimpses of opulence we see.

Our Lord Jesus’ glory is so variegated—he is so powerful, loving, beautiful and grand—it takes a wide variety of personalities, ethnic backgrounds, life stages and spiritual gifts to show him off. That’s one reason we need the local church. And that’s one reason God designs local churches to be diverse groups of Christ followers who are centered on him and on the non-negotiables of the faith. That kind of church is a great gift to its members and to the world.

So, instead of gravitating toward those who are most like you at Crowfoot and avoiding those who maybe even rub you the wrong way, ask yourself, “What unique view of Jesus do I see through them? What key spiritual need do I need them for?”

### Voice of the Martyrs *by Anna Bigelow*

Recently, the Lord has really been opening my eyes to the persecution of His global Church and the hardships of many of our brothers and sisters around the world. Through a series of events, I started receiving the Voice of the Martyrs monthly publication that highlights several individuals each month that are being persecuted for their faith. Almost all are in countries where the government is restricted or hostile to the Gospel. It has broken my heart and yet made me so joyful that the Gospel is being proclaimed amidst such suffering and even thriving because of the persecution! What an amazing testimony these brothers and sisters have of living out Acts 20:24, “But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” I am so challenged by their example.

Our family put up a world map that shows all the countries that are hostile to believers. Together, we have been praying for these countries. Many times, the only thing we know about a country when we pray for the people there is its name. And yet I know the power of our prayers for our fellow believers and am convinced that God is using our prayer to accomplish His plans. Our hearts have united with theirs though we know not their names or circumstances. What a rich blessing God has given me in these past few months as we have lifted up His people before Him! Will you consider praying with us? For more information or to receive a prayer guide, you can visit Voice of the Martyr’s website: [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)



### Sermons

- 2/2: Luke 4:14-30
- 2/9: Luke 4:31-44
- 2/16: Luke 5:1-11
- 2/23: Luke 5:12-26

### February Gospel Partner

David & Carolyn Salseth

### Jr. Church

### Verse of the Month

Acts 1:8

*“You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.”*

### Big Picture

God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus.

### Lesson Schedule

- 2/2: The Message: “Christ Alone”
- 2/9: Paul’s Second Journey
- 2/16: Paul Preached in Europe
- 2/23: Paul’s Third Journey



Take time this month to check out the Library!

There are a wide range of topics and videos to enjoy.

## Greetings from Miranda Smith *(continued from front page)*



Over the next seven summers I have continued to serve at Tadmor in many various ways from serving, and working to counseling and even leading a team of counselors. It has been amazing to see the ways God has shown up in my life and used me to speak to others. And I am excited to see the ways that He continues to use me here.

Working with kids at camp gave me a passion to work with kids full time, so when it came time to graduate, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. So I went to Northwest Christian University. There I met some loving and passionate teachers who loved the Lord and their students, this inspired me even more to pursue this career.

However, God called me back home after one semester at NCU. Even in my short time there I gained life-time friends and some teaching skills I have used to this day. Coming back from college I wasn't really sure where to go, or what to do, so I moved to Bend with my Aunt for a while...but I felt unsettled.



After yet another summer at Tadmor, I knew I wanted to start working in a school. I started out working as a substitute and was quickly hired on for recess duty and within a year I was hired on as an Instructional Assistant in Title 1. I fell in love with the kids outside and now I am able to really make a difference in their education.

It has been four years working in Title 1 and have loved teaching kids and watching them have lightbulb moments of understanding.

That's the absolute best part about the job. I hope to continue in this job for a while and have even more lightbulb moments and more opportunities to share the Lord with the kids.



## Children Extra Curricular Activities

### ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN!

Is your child involved in any extra curricular activity? What would this include, you ask? It could be basketball, baseball, football, soccer, swimming, archery, shooting, singing, acting, gymnastics or anything that would allow an audience. There are those of us who enjoy getting out for an afternoon or evening, and what better thing is there than to support our church family? If you would like to share in this, you are welcome to post your child's schedule or event on the bulletin board. Those interested can check the board and attend the event of their choosing.



## Gospel Partner of the Month

David and Carolyn Salseth  
Missions Door

As the year 2019 ends, it's a great time to reflect on all the gifts God has lavishly given to us.

Our family is close by and experiencing life with them is such a gift. Elianna is almost 7 and enjoys gymnastics. Toma is almost 5 and enjoys Taekwando. Maple is 6 and enjoys art classes and Juniper is 3 and enjoys helping her mommy take care of all their animals.



*Toma, Juniper, Verna, (Carolyn's Mom), Carolyn, Maple, Elianna, David*

After 41 years, ministry is still a gift. Sharing with international students, helping orphans and widows in Congo, serving at our home church and Missions Door blesses our hearts. God has been so gracious, kind and loving to us and we want to continue to share that with the world.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that God would open internationals' hearts and minds to respond to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Pray that God would raise up additional FOCUS staff and volunteers to serve and make His name known among international students.
3. Pray that God would continue to guide and shape us as we consider how to best employ our abilities, experience, and interests in His service to His glory.
4. Pray that God would continue to provide for the needs of our ministry among international students and scholars at Portland State University and also OHSU.

### ABOUT MISSIONS DOOR:



On May 22, 1948, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Missions Door was birthed for the purpose of preaching the Gospel and planting churches across the U. S. and the North American continent.

Early ministries were launched in Alaska, and among Jewish people, Native Americans, Chinese and Hispanics in the United States. Soon missionaries were sent to Honduras, Mexico, Costa Rica and French Canada. U.S. ministries were developed to focus upon suburban and rural church planting, ministry among Mormons in Utah, urban ministry in major cities across the country, and campus ministry among students at secular colleges and universities. Later campus ministry expanded to internationals, effectively reaching students from around the world, many from nations where missionaries are restricted.

**Now in our seventh decade of ministry,** Missions Door remains committed to the task of assisting local churches and Christ followers in their efforts to evangelize, disciple, train leaders, and plant churches among the unreached of our world.

## February



- 01...Lexi Dahlgren
- 01...Harold McCammon
- 03...Benjamin Klingler
- 03...Micah Zderad
- 07...Seth Winn
- 08...Amelia Meek
- 11...Jakin Lee
- 13...Jacob Danielson
- 13...Pam Doan
- 13...Gordon McFee
- 15...Daniel Stevenson
- 16...Pamela McClimans
- 18...Dan Stevenson
- 18...Hazel Bigelow
- 18...Violet Bigelow
- 20...Joel Marble
- 25...Trey Weller
- 27...Sandy Anderson
- 29...Al Angerstein



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Don & Colette Smith
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Todd & Divina Weller

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