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Getting Acquainted with the Radford's

by Carolyn Radford



We began life very far from each other. Lloyd was born on May 12, 1941 in El Paso, TX. There was a fire in the hospital the day he was born. I was born July 1, 1942 in Salem, OR. It was the hottest day of the year. Lloyd's Dad was a signal maintainer for Southern Pacific Railroad, so they were moved a lot between New Mexico, Arizona and California. In Watsonville, CA, Lloyd graduated from high school, then attended BIOLA (now BIOLA University) for 2 years. He then went to Cabrillo Community College for only one term because he ran out of money (no available student loans, etc.). An old BIOLA roommate told Lloyd about an opening for someone to run the print shop at Multnomah School of the Bible (now Multnomah University). He applied, got the job and moved to Portland, OR.

I grew up on a farm between Aumsville and Stayton, OR, and accepted Christ at the Aumsville Community Church (later Bethel Baptist) during an evangelistic meeting when I was 6 years old. The speaker spoke very plainly about heaven and hell, and I sure didn't want to go to hell. I attended Aumsville Grade School for eight years and four years at Cascade Union High School. After I graduated in 1960, I attended Multnomah School of the Bible for 1.5 years until I ran out of money (almost no student aid). I worked for a year earning more money for school, which included some farm work hoeing and training pole beans, marionberries, etc. Most of the money was earned working at Stayton Canning Co. where I stood scouring rust off cans of beans, corn, etc., that had gotten rained on when the roof blew off the cannery during the Columbus Day storm...an actual hurricane on October 12, 1962.

I finally got back to college for a second semester in 1963.

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Pastor Jeremy Zderad

New Beginnings

There is something fresh and exciting about the new year. We deep clean the house after the holidays, we put up a new calendar on our fridge and are already putting together our plans for 2020. Even the buds on the cherry trees are already starting to swell!

But, with God we live in a moment by moment newness, a freshness of relationship with him by his grace. God's great love and compassion for us are "new every morning" [Lamentations 3.22-24]. Our new self in Christ is "being renewed" as we grow in our knowledge of him [Colossians 3.9-11]. Even through suffering, our inner "us" is "being renewed day by day" in ways that will count for eternity [2 Corinthians 4.17].

Let the "newness" of the New Year remind you of God's fresh, renewing love.



Pastor Jason Bigelow

Community

1 Timothy 2:1-4

"Pray for the Leadership of our city, our state, and our country, that we may lead quiet, godly, and dignified lives."

I recently had the joy of watching my brother graduate from basic combat training. At the ceremony, the base motto hung over the Army graduates as a badge of honor:

"Victory Starts Here. This We'll Defend." As I peered over the 1,200 graduates, I couldn't help but wonder about their lives prior to this moment. Who were they before? What were they doing?

Regardless of the answer, as they marched in unison with heads held high and stalwart faces, it was clear that they had forsaken their old lives to follow a new path. They had a new identity. A new mission.

As I took in the scene, 2 Timothy 2:4 kept ringing in my head. *"Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him."* I had to ask, "Lord, what civilian pursuits have I become entangled in?" Civilian pursuits aren't always blatantly evil. Sometimes they are good things that subtly distract us from remaining completely committed to the Mission we have been given by our Lord Jesus. But our Lord, who enlisted us, has given us a new identity. A new mission.

We cannot afford to become entangled in worthless endeavors that only distract us from our God given purpose in life. I would encourage you to ask our Lord the same question. Then set your gaze on Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

Victory starts here.



Sermons

1/5: Luke 2:41-52

Jesus' Self Understanding

1/12: Luke 3:1-20

John the Baptist: One Who Goes Before

1/19: Luke 3:21-38

Jesus: One Who Comes After

1/26: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus' Victory Over Temptation

Jr. Church

Verse of the Month

I John 4:9

"God sent His one and only Son into the world."

Big Picture

Jesus was born to rescue us.

Lesson Schedule

1/5: **The Ethiopian Official Believed**

1/12: **Peter Visited Cornelius**

1/19: **Paul's Conversion and Baptism**

1/26: **Paul's First Journey**



Take time this month to check out the Library!

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

Getting Acquainted with the Radford's *(continued from front page)*

Shortly after I got back to school, a young man by the name of Lloyd Radford arrived from California to run the print shop. We met at Mrs. Samuel's dinner table (the Dean of Women). When dating, I still remember one morning while parting ways after breakfast at the school cafeteria, I met a friend of mine, Kathy Fish, on my way to get my books for class. She asked, "Where did you find him?" I told her and she commented, "What a hunk of a man!" I guess I remember this because every woman likes to know other women think the guy she is dating is a "hunk." 😊



We met in February, became engaged in June, and were married at Aumsville Bethel Baptist Church on October 12, 1963. I never made it back to school because they would not allow newlyweds to attend classes for one year after they were married.

By the time the year was up we had realized we could not make it on what Multnomah paid. We moved to Salem where Lloyd got a job doing printing for the State of Oregon. He soon learned of a job running the print shop for the Oregon National Guard. He ran their print shop for 32 years as a civilian state employee. As with many companies, being on the top of the pay and benefits scale is too costly, so his position was eliminated. He went on to work for Lazerquick, drove a school bus and did janitorial work until he could retire.

We have two children, Stephen and Lanae. Stephen and his wife, Shirley live in Troutdale. She works at CBNW and is often involved with Tadmor. Stephen works on a free-lance basis in television production for the Blazers, Microsoft and many others. His job has taken him all over the states, China, Amsterdam and a few other places. They have three children, Robert, Austin and Sabrina. Our daughter, Lanae, and her husband, Rod, live in Lebanon. They have adopted 2 boys, Timothy and Isaiah. Timothy turned out to have a rare chromosome disorder, often known as Dupe 15. Lanae and Rod have been through some very difficult times, but it has opened up a ministry among families with disabled children of many sorts.

I went back to college when our daughter was a senior in high school. I have worked as a victim advocate for the Marion County D.A., then I spent a couple of years as a full-time paid worker on a crisis hotline in Salem. I also worked in the English As A Second Language Program for Chemeketa Community College.

We belonged to Salem First Baptist Church for over 25 years then changed to Grace Baptist Church. In both churches, Lloyd served as a deacon and Carolyn as a deaconess. Both of us have served in various Sunday School and Children's Church ministries. At times we have led small adult groups.

We have been married for 57 years. There have been many struggles and many joys along the way. Perhaps our greatest blessing is that our children and grandchildren have remained faithful to the Lord. We have always enjoyed camping with our family and with the two of us. Lloyd has enjoyed photography and some woodwork. I have enjoyed sewing, doll making and oil painting.

Lloyd has had two kinds of cancer and has been cancer free for several years. Four years ago, I had a heart attack caused by aortic stenosis, and underwent aortic valve replacement surgery.

Through all the hills and valleys of life, the Lord has been with us all the way, and I am sure He will be with us until the end.

Ways to Get Connected

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for all ages on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., at the church and activity center.

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

A time for the whole family Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m., at the church. (No fellowship on January 19 or 26.)

WEDNESDAY WARRIORS PRAYER GROUP

A time to get together to pray for the needs of the church family on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., at the church.

MEN'S COFFEE TALK

A time of fellowship, Bible study and great food! Lyle Stephenson is the contact (cell: 503-930-2652). They meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m., at J & C BBQ and Catering, 940 South Main Street.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Gather with other moms to pray for kids in Lebanon Schools on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., at the church, in the nursery.

PRIMETIMERS

A potluck lunch and a time of fellowship for our seniors on Wednesdays at noon monthly, in the activity center. Check the announcements in the Sunday bulletin for other details.

YOUTH GROUP

An awesome group of teens meet weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., at the Klingler home, 620 East Sherman Street.

A Fun PrimeTimers Christmas Luncheon

Held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019

A great big "THANK YOU" goes to Elaine and Glen Walker for coordinating this fun luncheon. There were close to 30 people present along with a wide variety of delicious food! Following lunch, Ruby, Hazel, Violet and Rose Bigelow sang as Dan Lee accompanied them on the guitar the song, "Away in a Manger." Ruby also read us a fun poem, and Dan led us in a few Christmas carols. After singing we all got in a circle and enjoyed a "White Elephant Gift Exchange" with a bit of a different spin. Don't forget to ask Grace Purkerson about her gift...she just may model it for you! 😊



January



03...Elizabeth Bates
 04...Mikey Korcek
 08...Jim Doan
 12...Benjamin Danielson
 14...Daryl McClimans
 15...Isaiah Danielson
 16...Daria Danielson
 17...Caleb Wynn
 19...Bobi Marshall
 24...Jason Bigelow
 24...Gloria Modisette
 24...Karissa Burreight
 24...Gloria Modisette
 25...Eva Dahlgren
 25...Jonah Klingler
 31...Joe Andrews
 31...Danielle Hoglund



1/11
 Gordon & Shari McFee
 1/12
 Joel & Melissa Marble
 1/14
 Harold & Elizabeth Bates
 1/22
 Al & Sheryl Angerstein
 1/27
 Mitch & Kim Wynn

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