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Newsletter of Crowfoot Baptist Church

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A Family Tradition

by Mandy Andrews

Each month in our newsletter we want to highlight people that make up the Crowfoot family so that we can get to know each other a little better. This month we decided to focus on a couple who have made Crowfoot their home for more than five decades, and the tradition of loving and serving God they have passed down through their family. They happen to be my grandparents, Walt and Beverly (Bev) Darling.

Ask Beverly about her life and she will tell you that she was born in Nyssa, OR on a little island in the Snake River. She lived in a big army tent that was cold and dark in the winter, where she could hear the coyotes every night. When her family needed to make a trip to town, they had to walk across a train trestle bridge with the water flowing swiftly below the open ties under their feet and hope a train didn't come while they made the trek. Once when Beverly was 5 years old, they barely got off the bridge in time, escaping being hit by the train by only a few seconds.

When Beverly was 6 years old her family moved to Lcomb where she lived until she moved to California with her older brother, Dan, after she graduated from Lebanon High School. That's when she met Walt.

Walt was born in Escondido, California. He grew up enjoying fresh avocados and oranges right off of the trees in his father's groves. He enjoyed spending summers riding bikes with his brother, Francis, especially to a lake where they would fish. When he was 20 years old, he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Japan during the Korean War.

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Pastor Jeremy Zderad

Gyroscoping

Remember gyroscopes? Pull the string, get this top-like contraption spinning quickly, and it stays up by itself even if it gets bumped.

Do you every feel like a gyroscope? You're always spinning, trying not to slow down for fear life might crash. When others bump you, you push back.

Gyroscoping (yep, that's a word) is an addiction to activity, an obsession with being busy. We're endlessly listening to the radio, reading books, texting friends, doing hobbies, solving problems, serving church folk, on and on. Gyroscoping is a common way we hide from God and others, and it perpetuates that dysfunction. And it's exhausting.

But Jesus offers rest to us gyroscopes.

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Jesus invites us to intimacy with him, to rest, instruction and lightness. This isn't a sedentary life, but it's a life of trusting Him with your life, your schedule and your energy. It's a life confident that He and His finished work for you—not your busy-ness—is holding you up. So, spend time with Him and let Him set your pace.



Pastor Jason Bigelow

Community

Here are a few key opportunities you can pray about and consider joining.

1. Praise God we had 23 students join us for our second Youth Advance at Black Butte Ranch.
2. We have officially started a Youth Group that meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, at the Klingler's house.
3. We will have a fire wood cutting day on Saturday, October 19, at Tadmor. If you are available, we would love to have your help. If you need some firewood, talk to Jason or Glen, and we can help you out.
4. Our Harvest Party this year will be Friday, October 25. We'll need help with food and invites.
5. Thanksgiving Dinner is coming soon. Start praying now about how you can help with this great outreach.



Sermons

- 10/6: Acts 2:44-47
- 10/13: Youth Led Worship
- 10/20: Luke 22:7-23
- 10/27: I Cor. 11:17-34

Prayer Highlights

- That God would direct our new Youth Group
- That our Harvest Party would be used by God to the Community
- That we would glorify Christ in all of our relationships in action and word

Missionary of the Month

David and Carolyn Salseth

Jr. Church

Verse of the Month

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." Luke 4:18

Big Picture

Why do believers share the Lord's Supper? Believers share the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' life and death.

Lesson Schedule

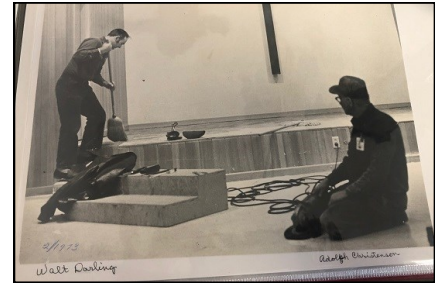
- 10/6: Jesus was Anointed
- 10/13: Jesus Cleansed the Temple
- 10/20: The Last Supper
- 10/27: Jesus was Arrested

A Family Tradition *(continued from front page)*

After the war, Walt drove cement trucks and enjoyed riding and racing motorcycles. The motorcycle club he was a part of would drive to Carlsbad after work in the evening to swim in the ocean and roast hot dogs on the beach. Beverly's brother Dan was a part of the same motorcycle club and introduced Walt and Bev. They started dating and were married at First Baptist here in Lebanon on December 28, 1957.

In 1958 they moved to Lacombe from Escondido where they started their family and attended Lacombe Baptist Church. They had two sons, Scott and Wally, and a daughter, Dana (my mom), who was affectionately known as Dana Rae at Crowfoot. I remember visiting often as a child and people would always say, "Oh, you're Dana Rae's daughter! I remember your mom when she was your age. You look just like her."

Soon after Dana was born, they moved into Lebanon, rented a house on Crowfoot Road, and started attending church at the Crowfoot Grange Hall. In 1962 ground was broken and construction started on Crowfoot Baptist Church. Walt helped with the construction and was up on a ladder working on the beams in the sanctuary after work each day. In 1963 Crowfoot officially became an independent Baptist Church, and Walt and Bev signed on as charter members.



Walt and Bev moved soon moved into the house right next door to Crowfoot. They had a 4th child, Todd, and raised their children at Crowfoot where Walt served at different times in various positions; including Deacon, Trustee and as unofficial groundskeeper. Beverly also wore many hats over the years as she played the organ, made the bulletins each week, taught Sunday School, and jumped in wherever she was needed. Walt, Bev and their kids were a constant at Crowfoot for the 21 years that they lived next door. In 1978, Walt got a group of his coworkers together and poured the floor for the Activity Center, at the time called the Play shed. In 1981 Beverly was hired as Secretary and held that position until 1986 when they moved back to California for Walt to find work during the recession in Oregon.

In 1992 Walt and Bev moved back to Lacombe, and in 1993 Bev was rehired as secretary — a job she kept until her retirement in 2004. Since then, she has continued to serve as bereavement coordinator, for a time she hosted Senior Lunches, and for many years she has taken on the task of serving our big Thanksgiving dinner.



Walt and Bev have built a family of 4 children, 14 grandchildren, and so far, 9 great grandchildren, as well as several honorary Darlings. They have lived a life of example to all of us and they are proud to have so many of their children and grandchildren involved in service to God. I get the honor of following in my Grandma's footsteps as the Administrative Assistant here at Crowfoot. I sit at the same desk she sat at for all those years and I often get to see bits of the work she did. She regularly comes to visit me, and I get to ask her for advice whenever I need it. I always have a sense of home and belonging when I come to church on Sunday mornings and see my Grandpa sitting in the same seat he has sat in since I can remember.

My grandparents celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Crowfoot last year. They are the last Charter Members alive who still attend Crowfoot and who signed that original role back in 1963. I'm so glad they did and for the tradition they started.



Youth Advance

Peter and April Klingler



It's Friday, September 13th and it's going to be a full moon. What else can you do but load up 3 vans to capacity with 22 teens and 5 adults and put them together in a big house for a weekend! We owe you one, Jan and Jerrid!

Yes, you read that correctly. Twenty-two teens chose to spend their weekend together for the purpose of advancing in their relationship with each other and more importantly, in drawing closer to Jesus. Church family, that should encourage us to see God at work!

These teens in 6th grade through 12th grade came ready to hear from God in His Word. Pastor Jason led them through the last part of Acts 2, challenging them to learn what devotion to God really is. What did the first converts to Christianity devote themselves to, how does seeing Jesus as our Lord and Savior affect your relationship with Him, what areas of your life are not devoted to Christ? These are a just a few of the questions these teens sought answers to in God's Word.



Another evening was spent sharing God's story in personal testimonies. God uses the humble words of His people to testify of His greatness. Jan and Jerrid's words really encouraged this group of teens, and prompted some of them to share their own testimonies of God's work in their own hearts. God was glorified, it was a great night together!



Of course no youth retreat is complete without smoothies made from pickle relish, easy cheese, and peanut butter. Or boys working together to act out The Little Mermaid in charades. Lots of card games, a little swimming, lots of laughing and a little sleep.

Saturday, they worked as teams to complete as many of the scavenger hunt challenges they could in 2 hours. The team that was able to do things like eat raw jalapenos, retrieve marbles from a bucket of ice water with their toes, eat pudding through a nylon mask, or sing "Baby Shark" to a stranger, earned themselves some Dutch Brothers! These teens were great sports especially the few that put a worm in their mouth! No one was injured in glow stick capture the flag either, so we'll call that a win.



Church family, the teens at Crowfoot are a gift to our church. Be encouraged that God is seeking their hearts to be devoted to His Word, to fellowship and to prayer. Continue to pray for them this year that Jesus will be the Lord of their whole lives. Teens, you are valuable, loved and prayed for. Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. God is so good.

October

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

02...Sheryl Angerstein
 07...Dennis Dahlgren
 07...AJ Modisette
 09...Tina McCammon
 11...Trevor Denu
 14...Alana Griffiths
 14...Don Shannon
 16...Christina Stevenson
 21...Clifford Spooner
 24...Walt Darling
 26...Rachel Danielson

Happy Anniversary

08...Peter & April Klingler
 12...Lloyd & Carolyn Radford



Revolution In World Missions

by K.P. Yohannan

Experience one man's journey to change a generation through the founding of Gospel for Asia.

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