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Newsletter of Crowfoot Baptist Church

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My Faith Journey

by Trent Weller



I've grown up in Lebanon pretty much all my life but was born in the Philippines. My parents, Todd and Divina Weller, met during a mission trip. I'm the oldest in my immediate family and have four siblings. I also lived across the street from my grandparents most of my life. I went to Sand Ridge Charter School from kindergarten through 8th grade. For high school I went to East Linn Christian Academy and recently graduated in June of 2019.

I loved sports and music growing up. My first sport was tackle football, which I started in the 5th grade. My father signed my brother Trey and I up without us knowing. I was pretty nervous at first but I'm happy he did this because sports kept me in shape, taught me a lot about work ethic, and helped me learn to contribute to a team. Since then I've played basketball and competed in track and field for East Linn. God gifted me the experience of becoming boys state champions with my fellow brothers at East Linn this year.

I started playing guitar in the 4th grade. I think my uncle Tim who already played guitar was the person that inspired me to get into it. Then my Dad and I went to a local pawn shop and bought a cheap guitar. I started taking lessons and from there I've become pretty good at it. Then God gifted me with the chance to use the skill at church, school, and youth group when I was about 14.

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Pastor Jeremy Zderad

Stay Watered

The verbena in our flower pot is still vibrant purple. My neighbor’s lawn, bright green. The tomatoes, brilliant red. But my brown and withered curly willows look pretty sad. The difference? The flourishing plants have been watered consistently this dry summer. The sick ones have been neglected.

Similarly, growing in our relationship with Christ is always a sovereign miracle of God (1 Cor. 3:7; Ps. 104:30) but it also requires habitual “watering”.

“His delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” (Ps. 1:2-3)

“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” (Psalm 62:8; Lam. 2:19)

When we drink deep from God’s life-giving Word and we pour out to God whatever is inside, alone and with other believers, the Spirit refreshes us, grows us and uses us. I know it sounds simple, but so is watering plants.

So, this fall, let’s commit to stay watered. You’ll tell the difference.



Pastor Jason Bigelow

Community

“You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.” (Matt. 6:14-16)
Here are a few specific opportunities to let your light shine in our community.

John Classen will be moving into a new home when he is released from Avamere and may need help. Until then, he is bored and would love some company.

Serve on the A/V Team-We want to increase the number of people who can serve on our Audio/Visual Team. This is a critical part of our ministry.

7 Oak Support-We want to regularly encourage the teachers at 7 Oak Middle School. This could mean providing snacks, buying a gift, volunteering or perhaps you have another idea.

Let me know if you want to engage in any of these opportunities.



Sermons

- 9/1: Deuteronomy 33
- 9/8: Deuteronomy 34
- 9/15: Acts 2:42
- 9/22: Luke 8:18
- 9/29: Guest: Kurt Lenhoff

Prayer Highlights

1. That Christians who have walked away from Christ would return to Him.
2. Healing for many health struggles in our congregation
3. Comfort for many grieving hearts

Jr. Church Lesson Schedule Primary Class

- 9/1: God chooses David
- 9/8: David & Goliath
- 9/15: David & Jonathan
- 9/22: David hides from King Saul
- 9/29: King Saul’s defeat & David crowned king

Junior Class

- 9/1: Jesus Anointed
- 9/8: Jesus Cleansed the Temple
- 9/15: The Last Supper
- 9/22: Jesus Arrested
- 9/29: Jesus’ Crucifixion

My Faith Journey *(continued from Front Page)*

I grew up serving in mission trips and in the church but I don't think I understood what following and trusting in Jesus meant to me personally until I was around 14. Up until then I was kind of a work based type of person. In my mind I thought that being good was how I got to heaven and I made that my goal. Anytime I saw sin inevitably rear its head in my life I was pretty afraid of going to hell. Then God did a lot of work in my life around the end of 8th grade and the beginning of my freshman year of high school.

My family started going to Crowfoot Baptist in 2013 and I was baptized there by Pastor Jeremy on the Easter 2014. I think that was the day I was saved. I can't quite tell though because I still had a lot of maturing to do and God really started to become most real to me around Freshmen year of high school. I learned a lot about the gospel very quickly around that time and by His grace a desire to know him more and more grew in me. He brought many things in my life to draw me closer to him like my grandmother passing away, godly teachers/coaches, and even a girl I liked that inspired me to pursue becoming a godly man. As I matured in my knowledge of Christ, God presented me with various leadership opportunities in sports and through leading worship.



Looking back I'm incredibly grateful for the people that have raised me into the young man I am today. I don't know where I'd be now if it wasn't for my parents, teachers, friends, and church family at Crowfoot who have supported and encouraged me. Most importantly I thank God for breaking into my life when He did and for all the gifts He's given me to use for His glory.

Now that I've graduated high school, I will soon be moving to Flagstaff, Arizona and will be attending college at Northern Arizona University. I have felt God calling me to join the military for various reasons and am joining an Army ROTC program there so I can serve after I graduate. The plan right now is to get a bachelors in Nursing. I'm ready to roll with it if God has other plans though. I'm extremely excited for this next chapter in life but am going to miss my friends, family, and town I grew up in. Please be praying that God would help me find a church to get plugged into there and that God would help me shine for Christ's glory in the new environments He puts me in.

Archery Contest *(August Sunday Evening Fellowship)*



Thank you to Glen and Elaine Walker for providing the bows, arrows, and all the other items to have an amazing archery contest. We had such a good time, and as you can see, children of all ages participated! 😊

Our winners were: Karl Helwig / 1st place, Hadassah Zderad / 2nd place, and Stan Wilkinson / 3rd place.

Announcement, Events and Updates

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will start up again Tuesday morning, September 10th at 7 am. This group meets every week at J & C BBQ in Lebanon and will be studying the book of Acts.

Youth Advance Trip

Anyone who will be in the High School/Middle School Group starting this September is invited to join us September 13-15th in Black Butte. Permission Slips are required and can be found in the foyer, talk to Jason or Peter to sign up.

Sunday Night Fellowship

Sunday nights will resume on September 22nd at 6pm. Join us in the main auditorium for a time of worship and instruction followed by smaller groups for encouragement and prayer. AT 7 pm we will head to the Activity Center for an open-gym activity. We hope you can make it!

Library Book of the Month -

Hind's Feet on High Places

– By Hannah Hurnard

A beautiful allegory dramatizing the yearning of God's children to be led to new heights of love, joy, and victory.

Kid Zone!



SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS is a place for children ages 3 years and up to play games, have a snack and learn some fun, new stuff. This summer we have been focusing on countries around the world. Every Sunday we have "traveled" to a different country. We have learned some unique facts about each country, including animals that come from there, how to say "hello" in their language, their unique food, etc. We have also looked at the spiritual

condition of each country - what percentage of the population has never heard about Jesus and what unique challenges Christians face. We also try to look at a missionary that is serving there. We then pray for that country and missionary. The kids have a snack that is usually a typical food there, and we either do a craft or game that relates to that country. It has been a super fun way to connect with the kids at Crowfoot, and a way to help them connect to other believers around the world. Sunday Night Kids will resume on September 22nd at 6pm.



September



- 06...Don Flaming
- 09...Nancy Ross
- 10...Dana Kosmala
- 11...Greg Musil
- 12...Chad Linville
- 12...Pat Williams
- 13...Marilyn Denué
- 16...John Cornell
- 18...Emma Kosmala
- 20...Allie Andrews
- 22...Mary Ann Raschke
- 24...Patience Davis
- 25...Silas Marble
- 25...Shari McFee
- 26...Ron Wallace
- 26...Emily Straw
- 27...Layla Danielson
- 27...Thieda Koontz
- 28...Vicki Presley
- 30...Bob Farrell
- 30...Aubrey Smith



- 30...Trevor & Kassandra Denué

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