

## Lifting Up Jesus So All Are Drawn to Follow Him

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## BACK TO BASICS

### Reflections

What a remarkable start we had for our Back to Basics emphasis. In addition to stirring messages from God's Word on Sundays, we are devoting ourselves to understanding "The Characteristics of God" in classes every week, and to actually live out the 10 Commandments in daily life! Here are a few reports:

- ◆ 13 brand new Back to Basics LIFE Groups!
- ◆ No less than 4 of the new B2B groups "maxed out" their attendance!
- ◆ Two classes had "standing room only" attendance the first week.
- ◆ A new Young Singles B2B group meets Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m., The House, with Rick & Brenda Cave. Pray for this brand new group.
- ◆ One couple came to their B2B group, having never attended The Naz, and stated, "We've got to learn how to get Jesus into our lives!"
- ◆ Some existing LIFE Groups that met a couple times a month have begun meeting weekly.

### 52 Week Prayer Challenge

I was quite moved by the statement from Missionary Robert Woodruff last Sunday during Faith Promise and his perception of what makes this church what it is, "The events of this church are bathed in prayer". He described the real sense of the Holy Spirit upon the service and the other meetings he attended and commended the church for its prayer life. The Lord makes the difference as we seek Him and others can recognize His presence as we pray.

- Pastor Jerry Miranda

You can go to <http://www.pray52.blogspot.com> to share what God is showing you and how God is answering your prayers. You will encourage others on their journey.



### 59th Annual National Day of Prayer

Join us for an hour of prayer on **Thursday, May 6, noon to 1 p.m.** **Worship begins at 11:45 a.m.** As we pray together in unity, God will be honored and will respond to our specific prayers. Pastors from multiple congregations will lead prayer on different focus topics; everyone will be involved in praying for each topic, alone or in a small group (your choice). Plan on joining the churches of the valley in united prayer for our nation.

### Spring Prayer Retreat - A morning with God

**Saturday, May 8, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ministry Center, Room 112.** We will have a great morning of fellowship, snacks, and quiet time alone with God. Please register by clicking on above link, calling the office, or leaving a message at the church for Pastor Gary.

### From the Loft - Music Ministry

We encourage you to participate in the Growing Choir. We rehearse the first Wednesday of each month (6:30 - 8 p.m., Worship Center), and sing on the following Sunday with the Worship Choir. Our goal is for you to experience what being part of the Worship Ministry is all about and get better acquainted with our musicians and various teams. Our next Growing Choir Rehearsal is set for **Wednesday, May 5.**

If you have any questions regarding the Worship Choir or the Growing Choir, please contact Peggy Atkinson through the church office, 541-779-7777. It is our delight to sing to the Lord, for He has done wonderful and mighty things and is worthy of all our praise!

## Saturday Night Worship

Every Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Worship Center  
Invite friends and neighbors who don't currently attend a church.  
Casual atmosphere - come as you are.  
Complete programs for kids, infants through Grade 6.  
Grades 1 - 6: Check in at Children's Booth  
Nursery Care for infants - Kindergarten: Main Building, Nursery



Monthly Letter from  
Senior Pastor,  
David Grinder  
[Click here!](#)

Join us Sunday mornings  
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

## Prayer Ministries



For a monthly prayer  
message from our  
Pastor of Prayer,  
Gary Morrison,  
[click here.](#)

### Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, May 1, 7:00 a.m.**

#### Hometown Buffet

Join Christian men from around the valley for our monthly men's breakfast. Tim Barnack, Jackson County Superior Court Judge, will be speaking on the Christian and today's legal environment. Take a buddy to breakfast.

### Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day weekend, May 29 & 30, we will be honoring all five branches of service with a historical display in our foyer. It is important to remember those who fought for our freedom and those who actively serve now. **The office will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.**

## Words From Worshippers - Mary Hixson

When Mary was asked what she loved about her church, she had a list of many loving things to share:

#1 reason - The authority of God's Word is consistently preached without reservation from our pulpit

- ❖ The many opportunities people have to participate and serve in a broad spectrum of ministries
- ❖ The diversity of ages in our church family
- ❖ Encouragement to grow in one's prayer life
- ❖ We seek ways to care for the community and world outside our walls
- ❖ Classes and small groups help us learn and grow in our Christian walk
- ❖ Marvelous, anointed praise, lifted by our musicians and choir
- ❖ Infants and toddlers loved, child 'quizzers' become strong in scripture memory
- ❖ A creative teen ministry
- ❖ Valley-wide women weekly delving into God's Word and sharing as we grow together
- ❖ Hearts touched by folks with physical difficulties and age issues who are still wanting to serve
- ❖ Enjoyment in the excitement of new believers
- ❖ Being blessed by the wisdom of those who have walked a long time with the Lord
- ❖ Loving the wonderful treasured friendships that will last into eternity
- ❖ My greatest joy has come from realizing the awesomeness of God's Word in new, clearer ways that deepen my love for our Savior



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## Freedom Riders Motorcycle Ministry May Rides

**Saturday, May 8** - Bikers Have Heart Yahtzee Run  
Register at D & S, 9 to 11 a.m.

**Sundays, May 16 & 30**  
Meet at 1:30 p.m., Leave at 2:00 p.m.,  
from Melello's Coffee (behind Costco)

All bikers and bikes are welcome.

For more details on all our rides and Freedom Riders,  
[click the logo at the left.](#)

## Guatemala Work & Witness Trip

Dates: July 19 - 31, 2010

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Approximate cost: \$1600.00 - \$1800.00

Possible projects: Medical clinic, dental clinic, mini VBS, and construction at two new planted churches. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Steve & Amanda Pettit, 541.951.5586.

Next Team Meeting - **Sunday, May 2, 12:30 p.m.**

## Guatemala Work & Witness Yard Sale

June 18 & 19

Donations are welcome. Please, no computers, or electronics. Items can be brought in Thursday, June 17, all day. Your support is appreciated.

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# Youth Ministries

Sunday Mornings

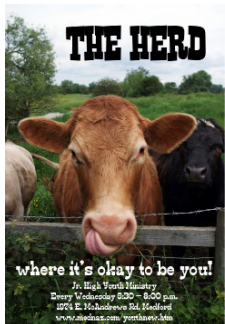
8:30 a.m. - Worship & Fellowship - Ministry Center, 3rd floor

9:00 a.m. - Junior High & Senior High - MC, 3rd floor

For Youth Activities,  
click logos

## All Youth Basketball

Mondays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., in gym  
**No B-Ball on Monday, May 31,**  
due to the Memorial Day holiday



## Junior High Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ministry Center, 3rd floor

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



## Senior High Youth Group

Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ministry Center, 3rd floor

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry sign-ups - Sign up  
online at [www.mednaz.com](http://www.mednaz.com), at  
Youth Group nights, or call Jonalyn  
at the church office. Check out our  
Facebook page!

## 2010 Summer Camp & Raft Trip Dates

Sign-up online at [www.mednaz.com](http://www.mednaz.com), click on Youth Ministry  
Applications and Information fliers available at Youth Booth and  
Ministry Center, 3rd Floor

### Junior & Senior High Camp.....August 2 – 6

Twin Rocks Camp, at Rockaway Beach, OR

Early Bird Registration - \$195, due Weds., June 16

Regular Registration - \$220, due Weds., July 14

### Junior High Raft Trip.... September 3 – 5

Klamath River, Northern CA

Cost: \$65 - \$25 non-refundable deposit due with sign-up.

Balance due August 25

### Senior High Raft Trip..... June 24 – 27

Trinity River, CA

Cost: \$65 - \$25 non-refundable deposit due with sign-up.

Balance due June 13

## Senior Blessing for 2010 Grads & Parents

Saturday, May 22, 5:00 p.m., Pastor Shawn & Amy's home

RSVP to Jonalyn, 541-779-7777, or [jfabrin@mednaz.com](mailto:jfabrin@mednaz.com)

## New 7th Grade Student & Parent BBQ

Wednesday, May 26, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Shawn & Amy's home

RSVP to Jonalyn, 541-779-7777, or [jfabrin@mednaz.com](mailto:jfabrin@mednaz.com)

## Ministry Center Update

Monthly we take time to share a snapshot of what is happening in ministry. Why do we do it? The answer is simple...so we never forget that God is doing great things in the lives of people. Regularly we give above and beyond our tithe to invest in our Ministry Center, knowing that we are impacting our community, knowing our investment is making a difference. We give above and beyond because we are committed to paying off the Ministry Center as soon as we can. We want you to know that our giving really matters and is impacting the lives of people.

It is about people! Because people matter! As you review the financial information pray for the ministries of Medford First, pray for our youth, pray for our children, pray for the adults that are being discipled. Our prayers and our giving impact people for the kingdom of God.

### Financial Update:

Monthly building payments: \$13,523.19

In April, \$2,751.46 was applied to the principal from our regular monthly payment - Additional principal payment was made of \$4,144.00

Original Loan: \$2,041,624.00 - Current balance of loan: \$1,878,802.83

Loan balance has been reduced from our original loan by \$162,821.17

## Come to the Holy Land

Our Adult Ministry is offering a "trip of a lifetime" to Israel. See the places you have read and studied about in the Word. This is a vacation that becomes a spiritual pilgrimage! It is being planned for **March 8-18, 2011**. Pastor Dave & Kathy Slamp will host their 8th group to the Holy Land. There is even an optional 6-Day Cruise to Ephesus, Patmos, Athens, Crete, and many of the Greek Islands!

- Baptismal service in the Jordan River
- Communion at the Garden Tomb
- Boat ride and worship service on the Sea of Galilee
- Walk the Via Dolorosa
- Float in the Dead Sea and see Masada
- Trace the steps to Calvary
- Licensed and experienced Christian Israeli guide
- First class five star accommodations
- Two buffet meals daily - air conditioned bus - round trip from New York

Three identical 45 minute Informational Meetings are available:

- **Sunday, May 2, 12:15 p.m., Chapel**
- **Wednesday, May 12, 5:30 p.m., Main Building, Room 110**
- **Wednesday, May 26, 5:30 p.m., Main Building, Room 110**





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## Primetime Ministries - for those 55+

**Sunday Nights in May - 4:30 p.m. Service** - What can we expect when God works through His church? Join us as we explore God's mighty deeds from the Book of Acts.

**Lunch Bunch** - Sunday, May 2, 12:30 p.m., Si Casa Flores Restaurant (N. Phoenix Rd., by Albertsons)

### Gospelaries Hymn Night - A Tribute to Fanny Crosby

Sunday, May 2, 5:00 p.m., Worship Center

We'll sing the great hymns of our faith and hear from our Gospelaires. Invite all those you know who enjoy wonderful traditional music.

**Golf Tournaments Begin** - Friday, May 14, 9:30 a.m., Cedar Link Golf Course

We begin with a shotgun start, so we will all finish together. Our golf tournaments are open to men and women. The cost is \$20, which includes 9 holes of golf, golf cart, prizes, and snacks at the end. Sign-up at the Adult Ministry Booth.

**Great Cats World Park Excursion** - Thursday, May 27

After a picnic in the park in Grants Pass, we'll travel to Cave Junction and the Great Cats World Park for a guided tour of the park's 10 acres. This is home to one of the largest and most varied collections of exotic cats on the West Coast. Sign-up at the Adult Ministry Booth.

Cost: \$15 per person for park and lunch.

**Camp-Out at Valley of the Rogue Park** - Thursday - Sunday, June 24 - 27

Camp sites are available for 2 or 3 nights (Friday - Sunday, or Thursday - Sunday). If you aren't able to camp with us, please drive up and join us for dinner Saturday! Sign-up at the Adult Ministry Booth. Cost: \$25 per night.

Remember to pick up your 2010 & 2011 Primetime Ministry & Event Book at the Adult Ministry Booth. We have some great outreach & fellowship opportunities coming this year!

## Lay Pastor Training Opportunity

**Saturday, May 15**, is the one day this spring we are offering Lay Pastor Training. Here at The Naz, personal spiritual care is placed in the hands and hearts of Lay Pastors. These dedicated Lay Pastors form LIFE groups, who grow together in their relationship with Jesus and with each other.

You are invited to this one day Lay Pastor Training event on **Saturday, May 15, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ministry Center, Room 112**. There will be fun small group activities, and you receive nearly \$35 worth of books and materials. Breakfast and lunch are included! Sign up at the Small Group Counter in the foyer!



## Children's Ministries

### Sunday Morning Activities

8:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Kidz Church

### Saturday Night Activities

Grades 1 - 6, 6:00 p.m.

Check in at Children's Booth

Infants in Nursery, Main Building

## Wednesday Night Activities

Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Check in begins at 6:15 p.m. Join us for fun with Pastor Chris and Pastor Paul!

## New Missionary Books for Kidz

Our new books are here!! Great reading for your child. Check them out from the children's library area, Ministry Center, 2nd floor.

## World Mission Offering Cards for Kids

Our kids have an opportunity to be a part of our Mission's Giving and Support by picking up a World Mission Offering card and filling it up with quarters! Return your filled card to the Mission's Booth for a special prize!! This is an on-going activity!

## Take a Kid Fishing Day

Saturday, June 12, Jackson County Expo Pond

## Vacation Bible School

For kids entering Grades K - 6 (in fall 2010)

June 21 - 24, Monday - Thursday, 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Children's Registration begins May 23

Volunteers are needed in many areas.

Director: Becky Abrams



## May Birthday Celebrations with Pastor Paul

Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m., Toast Bar



## Kidz Camp Dates for Summer - NEW DATE! NEW CAMP!

For kids entering Grades 3 - 6, fall 2010

July 9 - 11, at Mountain Lakes Bible Camp (Hwy. 140)

Early Bird Registration \$85 - **Due June 6** Regular Registration \$95 - **Due June 30**

Registration forms available at Children's Ministry Booth and Check-in Area

Blossom Hills  
child development center

Infant - Grade 6, and After School Programs  
Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.