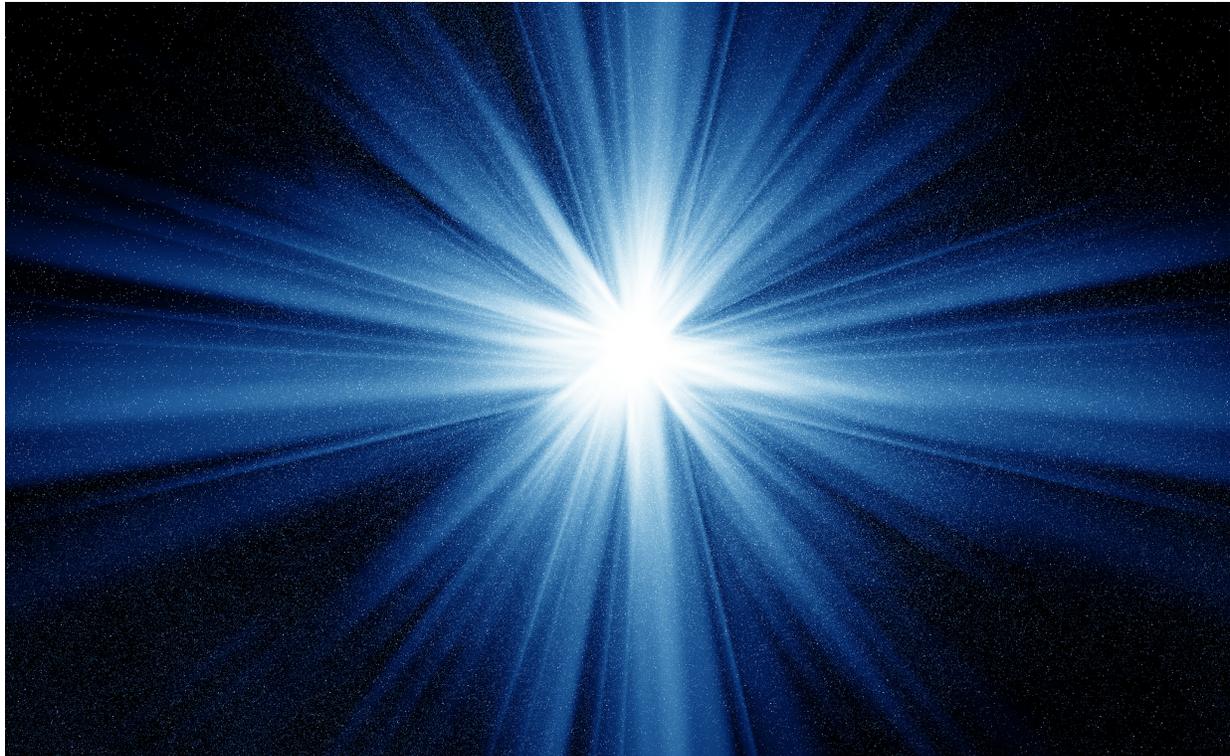


THE CLOVERDALE CONNECTION

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

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"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:2 ~ NKJV

"Oh come let us adore Him. Oh come let us adore Him. Oh come let us adore Him...Christ the Lord." Various authors

As Christmas is right around the corner, many of us have mixed emotions. We are in the midst of a pandemic that threatens humanity. Perhaps more from social isolation than from the disease itself. We see chaos & violence on every side. But...let's stop for a minute and reflect on what this season is all about. It is about Christ...not us! Christ has come to this earth to save man. He has come into our hearts. He has promised and HE IS FAITHFUL! Look up...your redemption draws near! May you enjoy this holiday season in peace...that only Jesus provides.

Merry Christmas!

Men's Retreat

Recently, Men's Ministry held their annual retreat at Camp Ida-Haven. It was unlike any other retreat. Friday night kicked off the weekend with a double dose of prayer. Sabbath was overflowing with faith-based speakers and attendees sharing spirit-filled testimonies with one another. The food? Oh yes...the FOOD! BBQ'd Brisket, Chicken & other delights kept everyone filled to the brim! Six speakers with over 30 attendees felt the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit leading their worship. A truly memorable experience.



Hub365 - Second Chance Community Thrift!

These Pictures Paint a Thousand Words!

This is the heart of Cloverdale...helping others. What began as a small idea, in the mind of Jerrine Bennett-Smith to support the church building fund...has morphed into a full-blown community outreach ministry through the endless efforts of Jill Cornforth and many others. Check out the lineup!

We have a food pantry! Meet our director...Linda Easley.

Check out our Community Thrift store! We are so blessed to have people like Susan Seale at the cash register. Jill Cornforth, Jere Webb, Debbie Lang and many others continue to volunteer in this vital ministry.

Christmas at Cloverdale has been very different this year. Usually the church is packed...but many have not returned due to COVID-19. People are hurting and lonely. Many are struggling financially, so we decided to take Christmas outside of our church building. This was the year of the big "Christmas Bag Drop-off". It was a way to bring joy & smiles to our friends throughout the Treasure Valley.

Cindy Kaufman, Debbie Lang & Vanessa Chavez quickly caught the vision of where this ministry could go. They volunteered countless hours to make sure this endeavor went smoothly. Many others have contributed. The transformation was astounding! Jere Webb helped organize 42 teams to deliver nearly 300 Christmas bags to about 250 homes in the Treasure Valley.

Jesus opened doors in a big way. The response...smiles, tears & prayers on door-steps with people in need. "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40 ~ NKJV



Feeding the Community



FAMILY



SABBATH SCHOOL

Lianna Bergherm has begun a "Family Sabbath School" in the cafeteria of BVAS. It is open to ALL ages! Seating is in family groups. Parents...please accompany and remain with your children. Bring your own comfy camping chairs, blankets & pillows...whatever you wish for comfort. We want this to be a relaxed environment filled with music, stories and CRAFTS! Sounds like fun! Join us from 10:30-11:05 each Sabbath.

PASTOR'S CORNER

What part of the Christmas season is your favorite? Maybe it is decorating the tree? Listening to Christmas music? Perhaps you love the smell of fresh-baked Christmas cookies! Wait...what about exchanging gifts?

If you are like me...I love them all. I am often mesmerized by the almost miraculous transformation of Poinsettias as they change from green, to red, yellow or pink...adding an extra layer of resplendency. Change is great! I love change, but... more importantly I am happy that there is One who does not change. Malachi 3:6 reminds us that God does not change.

He is just. He is kind. His love is everlasting. He never gets tired of watching over you. And that is worth celebrating! That constant is one of many things that I love about God.

As you come together with friends and family during this Christmas season...fellowship in the best and safest way that you can. Allow yourself to be lost in the hope of Glory, sealed by the Father's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas to you and yours ~ Pastor Jason

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