



January 10, 2008

Bits & Pieces E-Newsletter

Ministry Workshop January 28-29, Corban College, Salem, OR

It's Crunch Time!

Early Registration Discount!

Register by January 15th to get the early bird rate of \$50.

Mail in registration card with \$50 check payable to:

"BNN" c/o Emmanuel Baptist Church 2200 - 11th Ave.

Lewiston, ID 83501

Or online at www.baptistnetworknw.org

Conference Coordinator - [John Stroupe](#) (208) 746-1211

Main Speaker -- Dr. Art Azurdia, Western Seminary

Dr. Arturo Azurdia III is Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of Pastoral Mentoring at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon. Art is the author of *Spirit Empowered Preaching* (Christian Focus Publications) and a contributing author in two additional volumes: *The Compromised Church* (Crossway) and *Reforming Pastoral Ministry* (Crossway). He is a frequent speaker at various national and international conferences.

His interests include film, literature, baseball, and the music of Arturo Sandoval.

Art and his wife, Lori, have two children, Katherine and Jonathan.



Conference Schedule

MONDAY - January 28

3:30 PM Registration/Check In

4:00 PM General Session #1

5:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM General Session #2

TUESDAY - January 29
8:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship
9:00 AM General Session #3
10:15 AM Break
10:30 AM Workshop #1
Noon Lunch

1:30 PM General Session #4
2:45 PM Break
3:00 PM Workshop #2
5:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM General Session #5
Heading for Home!

Here's a good "piggy back" conference for those working with our youth. Follow the links.



We're coming to your area January 26th

Join us for this relevant and important seminar.

2 out of 3 kids quit going to church after high school.
What are you going to do about it?

Mel Walker addresses the issues that face the church today and that will impact the church tomorrow in a hands-on training seminar for youth workers. This interactive seminar will help you formulate a big-picture strategy that prepares teens for a lifetime of godly living.



Mel Walker, President and founder of Vision for Youth and Director of RBP Student Ministries

Register Today! You have until tomorrow to get the early rate.

Seminar Date: Saturday, January 26, 2008

Seminar location: Bethany Baptist, Salem, Oregon

Sponsored by [RBP Student Ministries](#)

Speaking of Youth... Here are some 2007 TLC Memories

2008 theme announced

From Steve Reed



"This is just a quick note to let you know that I have the TLC web page up and running. You can go and view pics and videos from 2007's conference. You will also be able to view and download the promo video for 2008. Feel free to use these however you want. There will be a few new features added over the next couple of days that will allow you and your youth to keep in contact with those you met at the conference. Please use this web page to promote TLC for next year.

[Our theme is "Overhauled" and our theme passage will be 2 Corinthians 5:17. We will be looking at what it takes to be a new creation as followers of Jesus Christ.]

The address is: www.teenleadershipconference.com "

Quote from the blog

TLC "GO"

Pastor Ben Jacob's workshop was one of the most effective workshops at TLC this year. TLC totally made me know that God's decision for me is to serve in another country. I would never have known that if Buser didn't use such powerful messages. I can't wait to go back next year.

Western States Conference

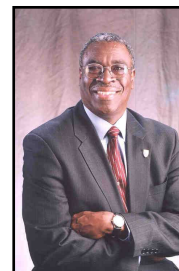
April 17-19, 2008

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside



Located at the ferry landing, this picturesque spot is only a 45 minute ferry ride from downtown Seattle. It should give our California friends the chance to experience the beautiful setting Puget Sound area residents enjoy daily. It's also conveniently located and priced for our Northwest folks as well. After a great "reunion" atmosphere in Reno, this location offers another opportunity for the same for all of us. Plan now to attend.

Dr. Dolphus Weary, LABC and LABTS (NBS) graduate will be our speaker. He is Director of Mission Mississippi, a ministry to effect reconciliation between the races. You can also anticipate some excellent workshops on children's ministry, seniors' ministry, health tips for pastors, effective small groups, youth discipleship, worship, and others. Full details will be published this month.



Dr. Dolphus Weary

News of Interest

Religious Freedom Day January 16

Did you know that our nation has a day dedicated solely to religious freedom? Every year since 1993, presidential proclamations have decreed January 16 as official day in honor of the efforts of Thomas Jefferson to ensure religious freedom for all Americans.

The tradition of this important day goes back to the passage of the statute by the Virginia General Assembly in January of 1786.



Our Founding Fathers, and Thomas Jefferson in particular, worked to ensure our religious freedoms. Image courtesy of the National Portrait Gallery.

Missionary Statesman Wendell Kempton with the Lord

From Dr. Michael Loftis, President A.B.W.E.

January 7, 2008

Dr. Wendell Walker Kempton, who served as President of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism from 1971-2001, died at home in Lititz, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, January 6, 2008, following a brief battle with cancer.

Dr. Kempton's ministry was worldwide, impacting lives not only through his three decades as ABWE President and his continued representation of the mission as President Emeritus following his retirement in 2001, but also through his many years of service at Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania and his ministry to professional sports organizations across the United States.

A funeral service for Dr. Wendell Walker Kempton will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 11, 2008 at: Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 560-2341
www.calvarychurch.org

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial gifts be given to the "Wendell Kempton Memorial Fund." Memorial donations should be made out to "ABWE" and mailed to PO Box 8585, Harrisburg, PA 17105, designated to the "Wendell Kempton Memorial Fund." Gifts may also be made online at abwe.org, and are fully deductible for tax purposes as allowed by law.

Retired BMM Missionary Marjorie Hoover in Heaven From Connie Hoover

"Marjorie Hoover went home to be with her Lord at the age of 86 on Dec 31. She suffered a stroke 2 years ago and has been bedridden since. Her mind was sharp but her body was weak. Her memorial service will be Saturday, Jan 12 at 1:00 at Galilee Baptist Church of Kent. Thank you for your prayers on her behalf during her illness. The Hoover Family"

Marjorie and her husband, Frank, were stalwarts of the faith serving God's chosen people in Seattle through Gatewood Baptist. Their quiet, loving testimony for the Messiah and love for all his people will not be soon forgotten. Continue to pray for the family. Ed.

New Associate at Sleater-Kinney Road Baptist

From Paul Pierce

"I've taken the following excerpt from a letter we sent out yesterday" [1/9]

We have prayerfully sought God's leading to the man of His choosing to be our associate pastor. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness, and His continued work in the life of Sleater-Kinney Road Baptist Church, as the vote to call Troy Harvey as Associate Pastor was nearly unanimous (80 votes yes, 1 vote no) and Troy has officially accepted the call!

"It's now official—Troy will move here near the end of February and his first "official" Sunday is February 24th."

NW Missionaries in your prayers



Ken and Mary Waldock

BMM Bangalore, India

The New Year comes with many challenges that I would like to share with you.

1. We have to tighten our belts as the dollar has depreciated against the Indian rupee and prices have been steadily rising.
2. While we rejoice in the ministry of the seminary, we have some real concerns. We are facing a difficulty in bringing in the support funds that come from abroad. It is a real challenge to recruit students of quality and commitment. Also, it is proving to be more difficult than expected to transfer the leadership of the seminary to Indian hands. I know that you will be praying.
3. As the political atmosphere continues to change the persecution of Christians is more in evidence than ever before. Will the faith of Christians prove genuine and strong? We take confidence in a sovereign and almighty God and with your prayers we will see the furtherance of the gospel despite these concerns

Our new church plant is doing well. We are beginning to see more visitors as those who attend are inviting friends and acquaintances. We have even begun talking about the need to find a bigger meeting place!

Jim and Allene Latzko, ABWE the Philippines

Allene and I are set to return to the Philippines this Saturday, January 12. We are in the midst of packing suitcases, and cleaning the home so graciously provided to us by First Baptist Church in Richland. Our daughter, Carrie, is still in the process of finalizing where she will move.

Also: Answered Prayer for Fern Agard

Friday, January 4, Fern experienced chest pain. We drove her immediately to Kadlec Hospital in Richland, WA. After observation, she felt better and was sent home. Last night, January 6, the chest pain returned. Doctors did an angiogram on her heart and found one artery 99% blocked. They immediately inserted a wire mesh tube or stent in her heart. This morning, she felt well enough to sit up and talk. Allene's brother, Tim, is here to help her. They plan to return to California on Thursday. [Today]

Tim and Esther Neufeld ABWE Togo

ACTION AFRICA
January 8, 2008

I left for Togo on November 26, just after Thanksgiving, and returned to Seattle on December 12, in time for Maryann's birthday (December 13). The heat in West Africa is uncomfortable for someone coming from the wintry Pacific Northwest, but it wasn't unbearable. I enjoyed meeting with missionaries to plan for our move north to the city of Mango. I also had opportunity to travel north for several days to look for a house in Mango. Esther and I plan to return to Togo in May, and expect to move north by mid-summer.



As you can see, Mango is not as developed as other cities in Togo, but we found the people to be very friendly, and there is an open door for ministry. What we can't show in the picture is the extreme heat. Mango has the reputation for being the hottest place in Togo. I'm thankful for the trees that keep things green. We visited after the rains had ended, and already the grass was turning brown. You will note that the city has both electricity and running water. So while there is very little shopping available, we expect that we will be able to settle in

and make a home. We look forward to the challenge.

Tim and Donna Wells, NBHM

Pray for the Wells as they seek God's leading for a new place of ministry. They are still in Hermiston until their boys finish the school year. A number of opportunities are before them. If you wish to contact them, their phone number is (541) 564-8824. Their address is: 624 E. Autumn Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838

Last chance for Israel tour

Darrell and Ruthanne Beddoe, BNN Dir/Rep

**<Only one seat left.
Hurry!>**



Randy Cook teaching on the southern steps of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

This tour leaves Seattle for Israel on May 21 and returns on June 4. Our guide is Randy Cook, former ABWE missionary to Brazil and now professor at the Israel Bible Extension (IBEX) of The Master's College.

Call either of us for information: (208) 371-0237 (Darrell); (208) 371-0230

(Ruthanne) or email darrell@baptistnetworknw.org



Note: Dr. Greg Trull's group is full.

New web site of illustrations from Keith Kaynor

Take a look at historyillustratesthebible.com where Keith has posted 120 pages of historical illustrations. Included is a 25-page index to help find a specific subject. The website is fairly easy to navigate and could be helpful in your sermon prep.

For those of you familiar with Keith's "magnum opus" on the life of David, it has been reprinted by *Focus Publishing*. Keith says, "It is a better book now because: (1) I've preached on the life of David for another 17 years; (2) it has more application than the original 1989 version; (3) it has more illustrations; (4) some missions thoughts are included; (5) side-bar articles right in the text coordinate the biographical material in Psalms with what was happening in I & II Samuel; (6) it is more relaxed, and (7) I put it on a diet and reduced it from 332 pages down to 259 pages. *Focus* has advertised it in the December 29 issue of *World* magazine (page 29)." Check it out!

Pray for our churches without pastors

FBC of University Place, WA
Puyallup Community Baptist, Puyallup, WA
Faith Baptist, Salem, OR
Meridian First Baptist, Meridian, ID
Bonney Lake BC, Bonney Lake, WA

NBHM Revolving Fund Needs Investors

Current interest rates are a very good investment!

Demand notes now yield 3.5% per annum, 3-year notes yield 5%, and 5-year notes yield 6.5%. All are compounded semi-annually or paid semi-annually. Our need is a sign of growth in many of our churches. Let's get behind them with our financial resources. Pass the word along.

If you want to invest for eternity through our churches, **contact David Thompson at: PO Box 477, Burbank, WA 99323; (509) 544-6607. All financial matters for BNN/NBHM are handled through him.**

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Sharing in "Bits and Pieces"

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