

ROSS POINT BAPTIST CAMP

ROSS POINT REPORT

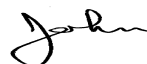
SPRING 2012

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The theme for this summer is 'Secrets of the Kingdom' and preparations are underway for our youth and family camps. Recently a dear friend was sharing her excitement about the summer season and the invaluable opportunity it provides to present a Biblical World view in a day when so many people are not even familiar with scripture and the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In many ways, our country can be compared to Hebrews in the time of the Judges when so many people just did whatever they wanted, instead of what God wanted. Even Jesus saw the harm in this and prayed that God's will would be done over His as He approached the cross for our salvation. Scripture calls us to be holy, as God is holy and to live our lives so that we grow closer to emulating Christ constantly. Certainly we will not attain that goal this side of heaven, but that does not mean we should be less vigilant in our striving toward that goal. She shared a wonderful portion of scripture that can serve as a guide for us: **Colossians 3:1-8** "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips (NIV)." Scripture also challenges us to live lives that will not be a stumbling block to others, not letting our freedom cause them to stumble. She shared too the awesome responsibility we have to teach and share our faith at camp along with the warning of James that *Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be **judged more** strictly.* A verse from Psalm 69 serves as a constant reminder to me: "Lord, the LORD Almighty, may those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me; God of Israel, may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me."

This summer many people will be choosing to serve God through Ross Point as full time staff, part time staff, volunteer counselors and directors, nurses, operations and maintenance. Others will choose to serve through donations for programs and scholarships which are increasingly needed. Still others will choose to regularly pray for the ministry of God at Ross Point. Perhaps you will respond to the call of God to serve Him at Ross Point this summer. For each of these people, I am grateful.

May God's blessings abound in your life,



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/8 Easter Sunrise Service
- 4/13-15 RP Youth Retreat
- 5/4-6 Pacific ABW Retreat
- 5/20 Camp Fun Day
- 6/17-22 Junior High Camp
- 6/22-23 My First Camp
- 6/24-29 Junior Camp
- 6/24-27 Middler Camp
- 7/1-6 Senior High Camp
- 7/22-28 Family Camp Alpha
- 7/29-8/4 Family Camp Omega
- 12/7-9 Fall Youth Retreat

Registration for all events available online at www.rosspoint.org!

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WOMEN TO WOMEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Women to Women Ministry Training is coming to the Northwest USA as an opportunity for women who do the good work of shepherding other women in their churches (or want to grow into this role) to participate in a week of **personal refreshment and ministry development** in the skills and perspectives of one who shepherds, leads, or disciples women.

During our time together we build confidence to do the work on our hearts, deepen our roots in the One who loves us, find refreshment in a beautiful place, and develop relationships that inspire and strengthen us to continue in the challenges and opportunities we face in our local settings.

These annual offerings for women in the Northwest are geared toward those of us who

serve or have hearts to serve, in a way that is accessible and practical for our busy lives. Plan ahead now to participate in this enriching experience!

This conference will be held at Ross Point on January 11-19, 2013.

For registration information, contact Wendy Wilson at 208-665-2367 or by email at wwmtww@gmail.com.



SUMMER CAMP

Ross Point Youth and Family Camps provide a unique and adventurous opportunity for initial Christian growth in an outdoor setting quite apart from the daily routine of home, school, work or other activities. These camps help individuals develop a personal relationship with Christ our Lord, love God, self, and others, live in Christian community as Christ intended, discover and develop

personal gifts, talents, and abilities, and practice good stewardship of Creation.

We offer three weeks of youth camps during the latter part of June and first part of July. Each camp provides a Christ-centered, safe, fun-filled week with trained staff, with a counselor to camper ratio of 1:5. Age appropriate activities, lessons and games are designed to deepen their understanding of God and life issues.

Family Camp offers an excellent opportunity for families to grow in Christ and engage in recreation and fellowship. We offer two weeks of Family Camp during the prime weeks of summer so families can enjoy spending time together, worshipping, learning, praying, swimming, canoeing and more. There are daily Bible classes for all ages, nutritious meals, planned activities and plenty of free time.

Online Registration:

www.rosspoint.org

Or contact us at:

rp@rosspoint.org

208-773-1655

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We would like to invite you to join us at the Easter Sunrise Service on April 8 to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will meet in the lagoon at 6:30 a.m. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in Ledbetter Chapel.

We will have the campfire going in the lagoon to warm up by and enjoy the sounds of the geese and ducks as we gather to celebrate.

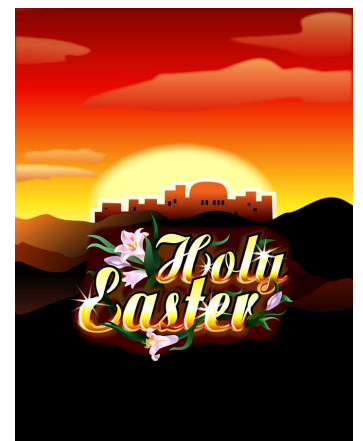
Pastor Sid Johnson of Spokane Valley Baptist Church will share a message with us from God's word. Following the message, we will gather in the dining room for a breakfast of waffles & strawberries, sausage, orange juice, coffee and hot chocolate.

Please call the office if you would like to join us for breakfast. The price for breakfast is: \$6.00 for 12 and older, \$4.00 for 5—11 and

no charge for 4 and under. We look forward to rejoicing together as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies"

John 11:25



SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

APRIL 13-15

Brandon Wheeler will be directing the Spring Youth Retreat this year. Micah Agnew is the speaker.

The theme is "Seeking the Lord Through Godly Relationships" We will be dealing with how can we have Godly relationships with other people? With our friends? With our parents? With God himself? Over the weekend, we will be looking at what it means to have a Godly relationship and how we can have a Godly relationship with

everyone we interact with. It is time to start making our relationships with friends, family, and God the type of relationships that God would love!

The Spring Youth Retreat is designed for young people grades 6-12. It is a fun-filled exciting weekend that may be a life changing time for the youth in your church. The cost is \$97.00 with a \$5.00 discount for those who register online and include their deposit by March 30th.

The retreat begins

on Friday at 7:00 pm and concludes on Sunday at 1:00 pm. Please contact the camp office at 208-773-1655 or your local church if you would like to help scholarship a young person to attend this retreat. Youth may register online at www.rosspoint.org or contact the camp office at 208-773-1655 for assistance with registration. Please encourage the youth of your church to attend. We look forward to a great weekend!



PACIFIC NW AB WOMEN'S CONFERENCE MAY 4-6

The Pacific Northwest American Baptist Ministries announces its annual Women's Conference, May 4-6, 2012 at Ross Point Camp and Conference Center. The theme is "*In the Potters Hands/En Las Manos del Alfarero*", scripture theme is Jeremiah 18:1-6 and Romans 9:17b-21.

The featured speakers are Ruth Alerte, National American Baptist GIRLS Coordinator as the Bible study leader and Barbara Anderson, National American Baptist Women's Ministries President as the mission speaker.

Come and enjoy a weekend of spiritual

renewal, worship, songs and praise, relating to others, workshops, recreational activities, scenic surroundings, overnight lodging, quality food service and FUN.

You need to know the following about coming to the conference:

- All WOMEN are encouraged to attend!
- GIRLS (middle and high school) are invited to attend—a designated adult onsite caretaker is needed.
- A Spanish speaking track is available for Hispanic women.
- The mission focus is: "***Break the Chains and Stop the Pain***"

Contact Lorna Flannery for registration information at 253-752-0024 or by email at flanbaker@aol.com.

For additional questions about the Women's Conference, please contact the co-coordinators: Alicia Luquin 509-895-7140 or by email at Luquin613@aol.com or Kathy Knight 509-452-1874 or by email at knight1874@msn.com. A registration form may be downloaded on the Ross Point website on the Adult Retreat page.



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Ross Point Baptist Camp and Conference Center

Ross Point Camp and Conference Center is a special place which is continually being developed to give God's People an opportunity to experience being empowered for strength, growth and service.

As a camp our mission is to provide a glimpse of God's universe through hearing the gospel, experiencing Christian community, and to reinforce the ministries for the church through spiritual development, education, social groups, and recreation.

As a conference center our purpose is to provide varied groups an affordable facility with high quality food service, overnight lodging, meeting rooms and recreational opportunities.

Ross Point Camp and Conference Center is a ministry of American Baptist Churches in the Northwest, serving American Baptist Churches and beyond.

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