

# The Proclaimer

Pierce Park Baptist Church

MAY

2015

Dear Pierce Park Family,

What is the legacy you will leave from your life? A legacy is defined as anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor. Again, what will we leave? I want to share this story of the legacy that was left by Colby Inzer's grandparents. Hope you enjoy.

## The Power of a Fish

Matthew 14:15-17(NASB)--**15** When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." **16** But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them *something* to eat **17** They said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

Every Easter, the Southern Baptist Association uses this time to get support for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and with this support helps struggling Southern Baptist missions around the country. What follows is how giving can help.

This is a story that has shaped the way that I grew up. My Grandparents, LaVern and Elva Inzer, are heroes to many. They did not ever have money (LaVern is now a retired Southern Baptist home mission pastor), but the impact of their lives will stretch for generations.

The back-story of my grandfather and his experiences during WWII are interesting, but are subjects for another time. In 1954, the Inzer family was a missionary family in Oroloma, California at a Southern Baptist Church plant. LaVern and Elva ran many VBS sessions and church lessons for the migrant workers of the area, as well as pastoring the local SBC there. About March of 1959, LaVern was asked to come up to Winnemucca, Nevada to help with a revival that the First Baptist Church of Winnemucca was holding. Elva was left at home fighting a nasty bug that particular week, and toward the end of that revival, the church asked LaVern if he would pray about coming to Winnemucca to be pastor.

When LaVern arrived home and told Elva about the request. Elva looked at his face, and knew that the hand of God had already moved LaVern's heart. She started packing. They moved to Winnemucca in May 1959, and between the packing, move and settling in, were shown a map of Northern Nevada. Leonard Siegle, The Southern Baptist Associational Missionary, told them, "everything you see on this map from Winnemucca Northward will be your mission field." At the time of their calling and move, First Baptist of Winnemucca was the only Southern Baptist Church between Salt Lake City and Reno and between Hawthorne and Boise. During their 11-year tenure, my grandparents established 9 missions including McDermitt, Paradise Valley, Battle Mountain, Reese Antelope Valley, Crescent Valley, Carlin, Elko, and Austin.

Because the church could not pay him a full-time salary, Grandpa was a bi-vocational pastor. Besides starting (and pastoring) the missions above, he was a substitute teacher, a cattle-drive chaplain, and a reporter. As substitute teacher, his teaching duties would stretch anywhere between McDermitt and Winnemucca (see the partial list above). One of the students he had an enormous impact on (for a two week sub job) is now a teacher at Cole Valley Christian School.

In 1970, FBC of Winnemucca grew to a point that they wanted to hire Grandpa on as full-time pastor. LaVern felt then, as he does now, that his mission is to plant churches for the glory of God. Because of this, he and my grandmother chose to leave the pastoral position in Winnemucca and base his mission work in Carlin, Nevada. From there, missions were established in Mountain City, Valmy, Owyhee, and Wild Horse Reservoir. Every time a mission church was established, he would drive to that church and minister to each congregation until a pastor was called to take his place. It was not uncommon for a Sunday to start with a service in Battle Mountain, followed by services in Valmy, Carlin, Wild Horse Reservoir, Owyhee, Mountain City, an afternoon service in Wild Horse Reservoir and an evening ending back in Carlin for evening service. As a traveling pastor, it was not uncommon for his vehicles (never new) to rack up over 100,000 miles per year and every mission that he ministered to also included Sunday School every week and VBS every year.

Shortly after 2000, God finally led Grandpa to let his pastorate in Carlin and the missions, be given over to others. In 2003, LaVern and Elva moved to Dallas to be with family. There grandpa continued to be the Bible teacher he has been since being ordained by his church at the age of 17. He still leads Bible studies and preaches when asked for by his local church.

By the time Elva died in 2010, we determined that Grandma had taught over 15,000 Sunday school lessons, 500 weeks of VBS, and had served over 10,000 meals to hungry families, summer missionary workers, and church members in need. In addition to these numbers, LaVern and Elva also held over 450 "rough camps" camp-outs for children around their churches.

The gift that Peirce Park Baptist Church gives to the Annie Armstrong offering may not be very much, in the grand scheme of things, but the above is what one family was able to do under the Lord's direction. Never underestimate the power of a fish in the hand of God.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bill

The Prayer Team  
meets on Wednesday  
at 5:30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome  
to join us.

## PRAYER TEAM

Pierce Park is blessed with an awesome Prayer Team! If you would like to be added to the email prayer list, Lori Young needs your email address. We would also love to have you join the group that meets on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to pray in silence or out loud over the requests that are submitted and other known needs. If you have a prayer concern and would like to have the team pray for you, please contact:

**John Hotchkiss** 208-336-5620 w7cni@yahoo.com

**Lori Young** 208-863-7382 lyoung9463@hotmail.com

## LADIES BRUNCH-NEW TIME!



Date: May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Golden Corral Buffet  
8460 W. Emerald Street, Boise

For more information contact Laura Johnson, Gail Mullin or Amy Hardy.

## LADIES-COFFEE & CONVERSATION



Join us on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

For the month of May we will be discussing the following:

- 5/7 What does it mean to grieve the Holy Spirit? How might we do that?
- 5/14 As Christians, in what ways do we obey Christ's command to "take up our cross daily"? What does that mean and how does it look?
- 5/21 The Bible mentions that even Jesus does not know when the end of times is, not even the angels. How can this be since Jesus is God?
- 5/28 TBA

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

## MISSIONARY PRESENTATION



Pierce Park Baptist Church will be hosting an evening with a missionary couple who has been serving in Southeast Asia.

Come hear them share their experiences and testimonies of working primarily with Muslim people groups where God has placed them.

A dessert fellowship will follow the presentation.

**Date:** Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pierce Park Baptist Church  
5350 N. Pierce Park Lane, Boise  
208-853-0447

**THE AMAZING RACE**

Thanks to all who have been giving. God will bless you for it. Approx. total given to date: \$162,259.00. The balance of our church loan was \$111,748 on March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have a question as to which team you are on or if you aren't on a team and would like to be included, please see Shirley Tinstman, Fred O'Brien or Chris Johnson.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**



Date: Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 8:30 a.m.  
 Place: PPBC  
 Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**IRONMEN-MEN'S GROUP**



IronMen-Men's Group meets every other Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. Join us at The Original Pancake House 5900 W. Fairview Ave., Boise. Mark your calendar for the May dates: 5/12 and 5/26. We meet for a devotional, fellowship and breakfast.

The May business meeting will be on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service.

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR PIERCE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



For the month of May we will be collecting the following items for the Pierce Park Elementary School's Food Pantry:  
 Breakfast Cereal  
 and Canned Fruit (in natural juice or light syrup).

**MAY POTLUCK**

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> following the worship service.  
 Last names beginning with A - H, please bring a dessert.  
 Last names beginning with I - P, please bring a main dish.  
 Last names beginning with Q - Z, please bring a side dish or salad.  
 Volunteers needed for set-up and clean up. Please contact Kevin Chipman.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

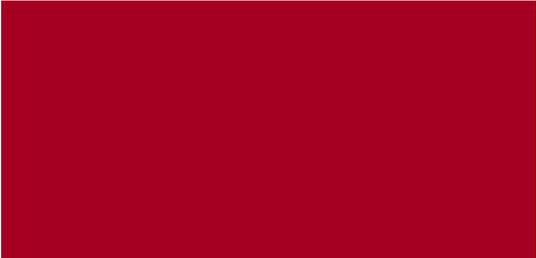


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| 5/1 Janet Hrico         | 5/13 Katey Johnson    |
| 5/5 Angie Young         | 5/14 Lynnaya Luttrell |
| 5/7 Wesley Johnson      | 5/17 Shirley Tinstman |
| 5/11 John Stuart Mullin | 5/21 Bob Tinstman     |
| 5/11 Dani Young         | 5/24 Daphne Park      |
| 5/12 Nathan Hopkins     | 5/26 Jim Kennedy      |

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“Bringing the Joy Within to the World Without”



PPBC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Sunday**  
8:30 am Worship Team  
9:30 am Fellowship Time  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

**Tuesday**  
6:30 am IronMen-Men’s Group  
Every other week we meet at:  
The Original Pancake House  
5900 W. Fairview Ave., Boise

**Wednesday**  
5:30 pm Prayer Time  
6:30 pm Groundwork with Pastor Bill

**Thursday**  
10:30 am “Coffee & Conversation”