

# LIVING WATERS

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# FEBRUARY

### SCHEDULE

#### Sunday:

Worship Services  
8:30am & 10:30am

#### Tuesday:

Worship & Intercession  
8:00-9:00am

#### Wednesday:

Youth Group  
6:00-7:30pm  
Campus House

Worship & Intercession  
6:30- 8:30pm

### CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 5th**  
-Communion Sunday

**Sunday, February 12th**  
- Missions' Sunday

**Sunday, February 19th**  
- Baptism Sunday

## LOVE MEANS...

In 1971 I was trying to impress a girl named Janice Parry, so I asked her out on a date to see the movie, "Love Story." The movie, starring Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal, was a sappy chick-flick that my roommate and I thought girls might like to see. My roommate also asked Janice Parry's best friend out. It was a double date. In the movie a line emerged that has become iconic over the last 40 years - "Love means never having to say you're sorry." The girls cried during the movie. My roommate and I kept checking our wristwatches to hasten the end of the movie.

A few years after that first date Janice Parry became Jan Elkins and for the last 38 years we have been an item. Over the years of growing in the Lord, Jan and I have learned that real love requires asking for forgiveness. In fact, when people ask why we have the marriage we do we answer, "God's grace and lots of forgiveness." The Word of God says that godly sorrow leads us to repentance. Is there anyone you might need to open up a conversation with by simply saying, "I'm sorry." That expressed sorrow will lead you to ask for forgiveness and when it is all over you might experience a supernatural healing as significant as cancer being healed.

Saying sorry more and more,

*Garris Elkins*

## WRITING WORKSHOP

**Writing in the River: The Poetry of Presence**  
**Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 from 10:00 am - 12:00pm Cost: \$15**

Poetry can be called an expression of experience. By experiencing our God, we all—whether a novice or published poet—have poetry in our souls. From the Psalms to contemporary free verse, poetry can beautifully celebrate truth and point toward the Creator. This poetry workshop will combine the tangible (tools and tips for the writing process) with the intangible (writing from His presence). We have His Word within us. Let's write in the river of the marvelous wordsmith, the Holy Spirit. Sign-ups at the Welcome Desk.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Please join us from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Sanctuary for an unstructured time focused on releasing a full expression of creative worship.

## MEANINGFUL WAYS TO SERVE AT LW

If you are looking for places to jump into effective areas of ministry where your gifts can be utilized, we have spots for you. We would love nothing more than to meet with you and help you get plugged in so you can start changing lives alongside us! There are too many places to list where you could be serving right away! Please grab a **Connect Card** from a seat-back in front of you, fill it out and drop it in the offering and we'll call you right away!

## GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is a 12-week, video-based program with direction and purpose for those adults suffering loss through the death of a loved one. Meetings will start on Monday night, March 5th, from 5:30 - 7:15PM at Living Waters. This will be a private setting where hurting people can find healing and hope. Size will be limited, so please pre-register at the Welcome Desk or by using a Connect Card. The cost for the workbook is \$20. Feel free to call Carol Fong with any questions at 1-541-390-5532.



The mission of Refuge is to restore that which has been damaged, broken, or stolen by the enemy by inflicting God's people, or their loved ones, with depression or other mental health struggles.

Refuge will be meeting February 8th and 22nd at the Perkins' home at 1563 Hancock Ave, Medford at 6:30 PM.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

### Break the cycle!

Come join us at Celebrate Recovery and become free from any hurt, habit or hang-up by utilizing a proven "Christ-centered" step program - an amazing journey into the light of God's grace and healing. Meetings are confidential and protected. We meet Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Living Waters. Feel free to stop by the Welcome Desk and pick up a flyer.

## WATER BAPTISMS

Our next water baptisms will be held during our morning Worship Services on Sunday, February 19th.

If you are interested in being baptized, please sign up at the Welcome Desk, pick up an info card and one of our pastors will be in touch with you.

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## KIDS' CORNER

It is always an awful feeling to have something that you have been working on simply disappear from your computer by the simple act of hitting the wrong key. Alas, that is my sad story this month. I will simply give you the short version, because I'm late as it is, getting this in before the deadline.

I have heard it said over the years and have experienced it with my own family, how valuable it is for families to eat together regularly. Research from Harvard as well as Focus on the Family and numerous other sources have proven this to be true. Children of families who have a regular dinner time together are less likely to drink, do drugs, struggle with asthma, get depressed or have eating disorders. I want to encourage you parents with these findings, no matter what your schedules look like, to sit down together as a family, which will strengthen the bonds between you and your children and create an environment that helps your children thrive. If you are at all interested in more information on this, just contact me @ 772-9502.

Oodles of love,

*Janis Nelson*

Children & Family Pastor

## SPIRIT LIFEGROUPS

gather in homes to encourage and minister to

one another in prayer, God's Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. These small groups are vital for our growth as believers - we need each other. Our Spirit LifeGroups are a place where people who are at different places in their relationships with God can share a common bond - the desire to go deeper into a true and authentic relationship with God and each other. As we come together in our Spirit LifeGroups we experience the empowering presence of God's Spirit that is released as we learn to love, trust and encourage each other.

### Leaders: Mark & Tammy Rhodes

Fridays @ 7pm  
1722 Kidsway, Grants Pass  
541-761-9492

### Hosted by Dan & Rebecca Strong

Every 3rd Sunday @ 1 pm (potluck)  
704 Elm Way, Eagle Point  
541-826-6615

### Leaders: Dennis & Sharon Browning

Every 2nd Sunday @ 4:30pm  
33 S Modoc, Medford  
541-734-2380

### Leaders: Trevor & Kate Bruce

Hosted by Andy & Andrea Southmayd  
3rd Saturday of each month  
February 18th 6:00-8:15 childcare provided, bring a food or snack.  
3592 Bursell Rd,  
Central Point  
541-944-5773 (Andy Southmayd)

### Leaders: Dennis & Sharon Browning

Every 2nd Sunday @ 1:00pm  
33 S Modoc, Medford  
541-734-2380

### Leaders: Elliot and Carolyn Stone

2279 Siskyou Blvd., Ashland  
(Please email or text if interested, and for more information about meeting times.)  
carotstone@gmail.com  
541-301-2753

## HAITI UPDATE

We are continuing to minister in Haiti as we partner to see the power of Jesus bring new hope, life and opportunities. We believe the work that we are doing, along with our Foursquare partners in Haiti, is bringing effective and sustainable change. It is a joy to be sending more teams back there to continue the work. **If you would like to join a team, now is the time to jump in and get involved!**

Stephen Hannah and Thomas Bice are continuing to work at the Foursquare base camp in Port au Prince from thru April 9th. Stephen and Thomas are both graduates of our Anthem program, and Thomas has spent the last two years on the Anthem staff. Stephen and Thomas both have a heart for Haiti and have been there on trips in the past. They will be helping coordinate and lead teams from other churches on the ground in Haiti. This will be a powerful time for Haiti, for the Foursquare base there, and for both of these men. Please join us by praying for and supporting them.

For more information about how you can support Thomas and Stephen or our teams traveling to Haiti, please fill out a **Connect Card** and drop it in the offering or by the Welcome Desk.

## CONNECT CARDS

You will find Connect Cards in the Sanctuary on the back of the chairs and at the Welcome Desk. If you want more information about anything we mention in service, want to get plugged into meaningful ministry at Living Waters, desire to join a Spirit LifeGroup, or simply have a prayer request, please fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering or by the Welcome Desk. **Also, please use these as a way to share testimony of what God is doing in your life so that we can celebrate with you. Testifying of God's goodness brings faith to all of us. We want to pray for you, and we want to hear the stories of what God is doing!**

### MESSAGES ON THE GO!

Did you know that there are now three ways to access our Sunday morning messages? You can still order CD's for \$3. at the Welcome Desk or you can hear the messages via our website at [www.livingwatersmedford.org](http://www.livingwatersmedford.org) or through iTunes at no charge.

**LIVING WATERS** is a member of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, a world-wide church movement committed to the message of Jesus Christ as our Savior, Healer, Baptizer and Coming King. You can find us online at [www.livingwatersmedford.org](http://www.livingwatersmedford.org) and on Facebook by searching Living Waters Medford.



We have been doing the Skate Co-Op now for almost two years, and have seen more than 100 participants come through. When we meet it is our goal that every person knows they are loved and accepted for who God has made them to be, not how the world defines them.

It has been amazing to get to know the core group of guys who have been there for the whole time. It is such a privilege to be there for these guys and show them that they are accepted and loved no matter what is going on in their lives, good or bad. Thank you for your prayers. We feel them and know they are changing the lives of these young people for Christ.

*Tim Stickrod*