

COMING EVENTS!

TODAY, following our morning service, we will be having a brief reception in the fellowship hall for the **Stoddard family**. Join us to **celebrate with and pray for** Scott, AJ, and their family as they prepare to depart for their mission work in Papua New Guinea.

Register for our **Women's Retreat** in Newport, January 31 - February 2! Come hear 6 of our ladies speak to us on the Names of God. Enjoy worship, fellowship, and free time. Hotel special rates deadline is December 31.

Cost: \$60 plus your room rate (flyers to take are in the lobby), or sign up online at <https://silvertonfirst.breezechms.com/form/e4434f51>
Contact us if you need help with costs or have any questions.

Weekly Opportunities (here at S1B)

WEDNESDAYS Ladies' Bible Study at Margaret Ghiglia's 10am-noon
Youth Group (6-12th grade) in Youth Building 6:30-8:00pm.
AWANA (3years-6th grade) meet in Sanctuary 6:30-8:15pm

THURSDAYS 7 to 8pm Join in prayer with other believers in fireside room.
"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (Colossians 4:2)
(These ministries are on break and will resume in the New Year)

SUNDAYS 9 to 10am Youth and Adult Sunday School classes

- Raoul Robles "5 Minor Prophets" in room #111
- Duke Ricketts "A walk through Exodus" upstairs in room #207
- Zach Richman 6th-12th grade in Youth Building
- Pam Warmack Ladies' class "Book of Luke" in room #110

Office Hours: Monday & Thurs from 9:00am-3:00pm.

OFFICE CLOSED 12/31 & 1/1 for New Years

(These are the best times to find someone in the office to assist you.)

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WELCOME

12-29-2024

Garrett & Jessica Berk



Garrett and Jessica have been serving with Campus Ambassadors ministry for almost twelve years. Garrett has worked at Willamette and Western Oregon, prior to returning to Chemeketa Community College as ministry director in the fall of 2022. Their ministry work includes training and developing student leaders, taking students through their year-long discipleship course, equipping students to connect with non-

Christians and people of different faiths, and helping students to partner with other ministry organizations for Kingdom service, just to name a few. One of their biggest passions is seeing students equipped to answer the challenging questions that our culture often poses and encouraging them in the reliability of the Christian faith in the midst of a hostile campus environment.

Their two sons Jason, 10, and Cole, 7, are loving school at Salem Academy, where they are active in band, football, basketball, and the literature team. In addition to serving with the ministry, Jessica is also active in substitute teaching and tutoring, while also serving on the finance committee at their home congregation, and teaching Sunday School. Garrett has served with the Salem Leadership Foundation, teaches adult ed. and serves on the worship team at Evergreen Presbyterian, and enjoys golfing, swimming, hiking, and cooking in his spare time.

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All New Roads Lead to Dead Ends

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11 - Garrett Berk

1. Quotheth doesn't simply pose a series of hypothetical questions and step back from them. Rather, he personally enters into the _____ of life.
2. The atheistic physicist Stephen Hawking asks the question, "Why does the universe go to the bother of _____?"
3. Suicide rates are disproportionately high among the extremely poor, but also among the extremely _____.
4. The first stop Quotheth makes in his search for meaning under the sun is down at the _____.
5. When wisdom doesn't provide ultimate meaning, he then decides to check out the _____.
6. Laughter doesn't get it done, so he then heads down to the _____.
7. When he still hasn't found satisfactions, he decides to try _____.
8. The _____ and _____ return to dust just like the _____ and _____.

Questions to Ponder:

1. What is an avenue that you were certain would provide satisfaction, but ended up leaving you more empty than before.
2. How has God placed the idea of eternity on your heart recently?
3. In what seemingly ordinary actions and circumstances do you feel God's pleasure?