ELDER NEWSLETTER 11.1.24

Dear Canby Alliance Family,

WE HAVE A NEW LEAD PASTOR! You can view the announcement and a video message from Pastor Ryan on the live stream from November 3, 2024.

Pastor Ryan made a candidating visit at the end of September. The Pastor Search Committee unanimously agreed that he was the one God was leading us to. As Pastor Ryan sought God, he likewise felt that God was calling him to Canby Alliance Church! His first service with CAC will be at our Christmas Eve Service!

Pastor Ryan Doughty is originally from the Northwest area and he is currently in Tennessee. He has over 20 years of pastoral experience. His strengths are teaching and shepherding. He is passionate about equipping people to do ministry and in discipleship. He loves engaging with his community. He loves being creative in how we interact with his community. He is trained in Soul Care and Spiritual Formation. Pastor Doughty is widowed and he has 2 sons, Ethan and Carsten. This is like getting a new Christmas present and getting to know everything about the present over time! We are all excited about getting to know Pastor Ryan, Ethan and Carsten once he arrives.

When you hear Pastor Ryan speak of Canby Alliance Church, it is truly an understatement that he is super excited about coming and excited to see what God has in store for CAC!

CAC Family, thank you so much for praying diligently for the PEAK process and the pastor search process. GOD IS SO FAITHFUL! Please continue to pray for the relocation process and that God will provide a place for him to live in Canby.

WHAT A JOURNEY WE HAVE BEEN ON! Last night I had some time to read through all the Elder Newsletters that started in February 2023. What an amazing journey we have been on. It is so exciting to see God's thread of faithful purposefulness from February 2023 to the present! God is faithful! God is intentional! God has an exciting future for Canby Alliance Church! I hope each of you believe this!

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind us about the summary of PEAK (**P**reparing to **E**xpect the **A**dvancement of the **K**ingdom). I hope we can all take time to pray about this and really seek God about how to implement what your PEAK Group worked on for over 6 months.

PEAK SUMMARY INFORMATION, 3/24/2024

- 1. <u>PEAK THEMES</u>:
 - Intentional discipleship process:
 - Empower leaders

• Evangelism training

Loving community:

• Welcome for non believers

Gospel demonstration and proclamation:

- Demonstration of the gospel in word and deed
- Local neighborhood
- 2. <u>COMPASS DEFINITIONS (leadership, mission, discipleship):</u>
 - a. **LEADERSHIP:** Leadership: Committed Godly servants who help and inspire others to pursue our mission.
 - b. **DISCIPLESHIP:** Discipleship is an authentic intentional connection for the purpose of passing on a growing relationship with Jesus.
 - c. **MISSION:** Mission is to advance God's kingdom in Canby by welcoming, connecting, loving and serving our neighbors in a relevant way to introduce them to Jesus Christ.
- 3. CGI STATEMENTS:
 - a. The Critical Gospel Impact of CAC is,...our unique building facility...for youth and community opportunities,...to share the love of Christ.
 - b. The Critical Gospel Impact of CAC is,..equipping our youth outreach for improving mental health to see lives transformed by Jesus.
 - c. The Critical Gospel Impact of CAC is,...our facility,...for the continued work of the great commission, reaching youths and the community and to provide a place for other ministries and groups as are allowed.
- 4. THE 3 R's (Repeat, Redeem, Restore):
 - A. REPEAT:
 - a. Generational Continuity: Family members of multiple generations have made CAC their home church.
 - b. Youth and Children: There is something about youth and children that CAC has an apparent legacy of success.
 - c. Generosity: CAC is known for not just financial generosity but attendees seem to be generous with their time.
 - B. REDEEM:
 - a. Leadership Transitions: There have been leadership transitions that have been done but there have been a number that have not been done well.
 - b. Handling Conflicts: Conflicts are inevitable and they are not necessarily unhealthy. How we deal with conflicts in a healthy manner is important to allow conflicts to cause personal and spiritual growth.
 - C. RESTORE:
 - a. There may be a pattern that we need to break. The spiritual realm does not follow the same rules and the natural world so we may need to address this on a spiritual level.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY BIG BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT: As a reminder, the Willamette Valley Big Band Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 13, 2024, Friday starting at 6:30 pm.

Remember that we had a great WVBB Spring Concert where over 200 community members came to CAC to enjoy the concert! We were able to greet, serve and love these concert attendees. We provided them with cookies, lemonade and, most importantly, connections!

In addition to providing cookies and beverages, we want to continue to have greeters and minglers in the crowd (not to mention to be able to enjoy an excellent Christmas concert)! One of our crafty church members has designed a cute Christmas ornament that we will be sharing with the congregation soon. We plan to have a **mass** ornament making party! Yep, you heard me right! We would like to make 250 of these ornaments before the concert! You are probably asking WHY?

As a special gift from CAC, we want to give each attendee one of these homemade ornaments. The purpose of this gift is multifold: (a) We want to express our love to our visitors; (b) We want to say, "thank you" for coming to CAC to enjoy the concert; (c) We want to give them something to remember what the true meaning of Christmas is; and lastly (d) We want this ornament to remind them of the theme for Christmas 2024 at CAC: HOPE. In this day and in this season, people are looking for HOPE!

Once again, please reach out to any elder or staff to let us know if you are interested in helping in any of the following ways:

- 1. If you are interested in making these ornaments. The first ornament making time will be Sunday November 24th immediately after service.
- 2. If you want to be a greeter or mingler at the concert. The more people we have, the more we can love and interact with our concert attendees.
- 3. If you love to bake and would like to make cookies again, that would be fantastic. You just have to make an extra dozen for your elder or administrative board meeting!
- 4. If you would like to help direct traffic, great! Sign up!
- 5. If you love praying, sign up to pray for this event.
- 6. If you love visiting with neighbors, sign up to distribute invitations to the concert.

We will need lots of help but I am confident that the Canby Alliance Church family can once again make this a successful event!

Thank you again Canby Alliance Church Family. The staff, elders and leadership team love each one of you more than you imagine!

Your faithful servants,

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