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Garden Gleanings

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INTRODUCING

Weston George
KOHLS

September 24, 2025
8 pounds, 6 ounces
21.5 inches long



Parents: Kevin & Kim

Siblings: Karlee,
Harper & John

Library News

The middle cupboard in the teen library has been transformed into a new display shelf that will hold a featured genre each month. Thanks to Mel Graybill for making this possible!

This month, find allegorical favorites like *The Pilgrim's Progress* and plenty of knight tales by Chuck Black. If you're looking for something not set in the Medieval time period, try Priscilla Shirer's *The Prince Warrior*; it's both an allegory and portal fantasy where the protagonists enter a different, fantastical world to have their adventures.

Mom and Dad, these books don't have to be enjoyed alone! As Sarah Mackenzie, one of my favorite authors, says, "[reading together as a family] helps you make meaningful and lasting connections with your kids through books." And she doesn't just mean with little kids. The best part about teen novels is that they can be enjoyable for adults, too!

Happy reading!

~Carla Murphy

Building for Eternity

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

November 7-9, 2025

Friday Evening, November 7

5:30—6:15 p.m. Soup Supper—Come for supper in Fellowship Hall.
All food provided!

6:30—8:00 p.m. Missionary Roundtable—In Sanctuary
Learning to know who the missionaries are through testimonies, personal stories, & the cultural setting in which they work, Love offering for Echo Ranch Missionaries

Saturday Morning, November 8

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.—Meet in Foyer for cinnamon rolls & coffee and to be assigned to a small group. Rotating small groups will learn more about what each missionary does in their daily life and ministry.

Sunday Morning, November 9

9:00—10:00 a.m. Sunday School—Middle School and up meet in Sanctuary for field report from James & Angela Goossen. Love offering for James & Angla Goossen

Junior Department will have a special missions emphasis.

10:15 a.m. Worship Service—A special presentation and James Goossen preaching.

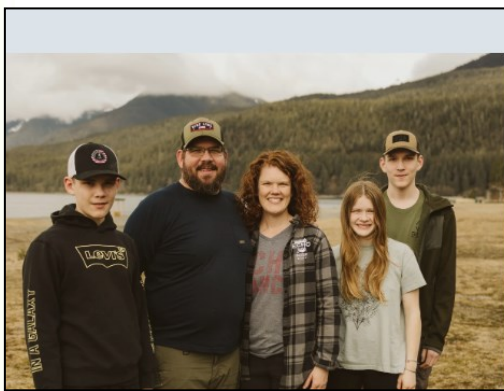
Following service—Potluck in fellowship hall. Please bring main dish, side and/or dessert.



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Joining us for Missions Weekend

All from Avant Ministries



Ryan & Angie Regier

Echo Ranch Bible Camp Maintenance Director/
Hospitality Coordinator

Ryan and Angie come from Hillsboro, Kansas. Ryan enjoys hunting, woodworking, and coffee. Angie enjoys being outside, games, and cooking. Their boys enjoy building things and their daughter enjoys gymnastics. All three are homeschooled by Angie.

Mike & Jamie Rempel

In-Town Coordinators *(Seasonal Volunteers)*

Mike and Jamie live in Kansas and spend their summers in Juneau as camp representatives in town at the Auke Bay office. They have been involved at Echo Ranch since the 1990s. They maintain the Auke Bay properties, coordinate accommodations for campers, work teams, and other guests. They transport hundreds of people to and from the airport and ferry terminal, and help out with whatever else is needed in town. In their free time, one of their favorite things to do in town is check out garage sales and look for goods that camp staff need.



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Austin Unruh

Echo Ranch Bible Camp Head Mechanic

Austin is from Goessel, Kansas. He enjoys reading, driving, building out of wood or metal, and doing almost anything outside. Austin came to Echo Ranch Bible Camp for the first time in 2017 with a work team that included Mel & Leda Graybill and Gerhard & Vonnie Fast and joined the full-time staff in 2020.

James & Angela Goossen

Local Church & Pastoral Hospitality

James and Angela both grew up in Brazil as children of missionaries and minister in Northeast Brazil.

James and his first wife, Molly, served for many years in Nova Russas, Brazil where they raised two sons. They worked alongside local churches, developed sustainable agriculture projects, evangelized and discipled. Angela served among the Gypsy community, building trusting relationships that opened doors for a ministry in Bible translation.

After Molly went to be with the Lord, James & Angela married in 2023. Together, they started **Point of View**, a rest & retreat ministry for local pastors and missionaries. They currently work with the church that James and Molly helped plant in Guaraciaba.



Vonnie's Views

Over the last 150 days, I've been reading one psalm each day alongside my regular Bible reading. Today, I finished. As I reached the end, I found myself lingering over Psalms 146-150. These last five Psalms feel like a breathtaking grand finale of a fireworks show—only these are a grand finale of worship. Each of these psalms begins and ends with the same phrase: **"Praise the Lord."**

In Hebrew, this phrase is **halal Yah**. *Halal* means "to shine, to boast, to celebrate," and *Yah* is a shortened form of God's sacred name. Put them together and you get a word we all know: **Hallelujah!** Hallelujah isn't just a word, it's an invitation. It's a call to worship, to celebrate who God is and what He has done. That's why the ESV (the translation I use) renders it: **"Praise the Lord!"**

As I spent time with each of these psalms over the last five days, I kept asking: *Why does the book of Psalms end this way?* What are these final five chapters trying to tell us? Let's take a look together:

Psalm 146 – The God You Can Trust. This psalm reminds us not to put our trust in princes or earthly powers. They are mortal and created. God, however, is eternal and the creator. He:

- Frees the prisoners
- Opens blind eyes
- Executes justice
- Lifts up the bowed down

He's the God who rescues us and who sustains us. That's a God worthy of praise.

Psalm 147 – The God Who Heals the Brokenhearted. God not only governs the universe, He cares deeply for His people. Psalm 147 shows us a tender God who: *"Heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds"* (v. 3). How powerful is this God? Look up at the night sky. He not only made the stars but has named every one of them! And still, *"The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love"* (v. 11). This is a God who loves us and longs for us to draw near to through worship.

Psalm 148 – The Creator God. Psalm 148 takes us on a journey through creation—sun, moon, sea creatures, mountains, animals, and people—calling all to worship the Lord. This psalm mirrors the creation story in Genesis and reminds us that everything created was made to glorify God. In other words, praise isn't just for people; it's the purpose of all creation.

Psalm 149 – The God Who Invites Worship. This psalm reflects on Israel's experience of worship in the temple, the music, the dancing, the joy. It reminds us of God's covenant with His people and how He designed their worship experience. There's a sense of both celebration and remembrance here: *"Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!"* (v. 2) We, too, are invited to rejoice and remember what God has done for us and in us.

Psalm 150 – The God Worthy of Praise. This Psalm is pure, unfiltered worship. There are no requests, no laments, just praise: *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"* (v. 6) Psalm 150 brings the journey through Psalms to a climactic end. After all the struggles, questions, victories, and promises of the previous 149 chapters, the final word is clear: **God is worthy. Praise Him.**

So, why end with praise? After walking through the laments, the doubts, the joys, the deliverance, and the promises, the final word is **praise**. Intentional praise. Whole-hearted praise. Praise is both the response to God *and* the goal of a life walking with God. In good times and hard times, praise reorients our hearts toward the One who is faithful, powerful, and good.

No matter what season of life you find yourself in, may these last five psalms remind you: there is always a reason to say Hallelujah! *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"*
Psalm 150:6



Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Psalm 28:7 - The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices and with my song will I praise Him.						1 Thank God for all the hard times & struggles He has brought us through.
2 Thank God for His abundant provision.	3 Thank God for good Bible teachers you have learned from.	4 Thank God for the beauty we see each day.	5 Thank God for broken hearts mended.	6 Thank God for children singing His praises.	7 Thank God for the depth & beauty of 4 part harmony	8 Thank God for a comfortable bed.
9 Thank God for freedom from want & fear.	10 Thank God for the promise of eternity with Him.	11 Thank God for all those who serve/served in the military.	12 Thank God for radios that broadcast God's Word.	13 Thank God for protecting you from harm all the times you don't even know it.	14 Thank God for missionaries willing to submit to Him.	15 Thank God for heat in the winter & cooling in the summer.
16 Thank God for His mercies every day.	17 Thank God for mexican food, pizza, chocolate & ice cream.	18 Thank God for compassionate & godly doctors & nurses.	19 Thank God for deliverance from things that control us.	20 Thank God for good families that love each other & stick together.	21 Thank God He is the God of the impossible.	22 Thank God sweet times shared with people you love & enjoy.
23 Thank God for quiet.	24 Thank God for co-workers that are upbeat & positive.	25 Thank God for all the tools He has given us to learn His Word & His Ways.	26 Thank God this world is not all there is!	27 Thank God for birds.	28 Thank God for His tenderness that surprises us.	29 Thank God for the body of Christ ministering to each other.
30 Thank God for the Holy Spirit that never, never leaves us.						

Future Kingdom Worker

On the job training

October 9, 2025



Greetings from Elkhart, Indiana. The picture is of me training Daniel, a young man who wants to learn electronics and radio. This is another exciting opportunity. Daniel comes to SonSet Solutions after work two times per week to learn and to help. He is already helping greatly with making parts for the TB1000 shortwave transmitter. The current transmitter in production is destined for Cusco, Peru. We will probably ship it next week.

These transmitters are a great tool we offer to our partners in ministry. They reach farther than an FM transmitter does. They cover 300 miles in all directions. These transmitters work with the SonSet® radios because the radios receive shortwave along with AM and FM.

Some of my time with Daniel is spent answering his questions. For example, "How does a transistor work?" I have drawn up simple circuits to build and modify, allowing him to learn how the various pieces work together. We love to encourage young people to use their skills and interests in the Lord's work. Please pray for Daniel to sense God's leading for his future.

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