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LAVERNNE THOMPSON - 100 YEARS Of Living Life Fully

Article by: Joe Sanders

Our dear sister in Christ, Laverne Thompson, recently celebrated her 100th



birthday! What a joyous achievement, so let's learn more about this remarkable woman. Laverne was born on Feb 12, 1923, in the town of Nipawm, Saskatchewan, Canada. Her parents were Everett and Grace Mattoon. She had one brother, Glenn. She lived on a 160-acre parcel of land; if her father cleared and lived on the land the family would eventually own the land as part of a Canadian government plan.

Because the family lived so far from the town, Laverne's early education consisted of homeschooling by her mother. In subsequent years her schooling included correspondence courses (can you imagine taking algebra and biology by correspondence); she also had some years in a small schoolhouse and riding a horse to school. As a result of this mismatched education, Laverne did not graduate from High School until 1960 the same year as her daughter Carole.

However, the lack of formal education did not stop this remarkable woman from a varied and interesting career. She obtained her pilot's license. Laverne worked in a department store, bookkeeper for a chiropractor, an oral surgeon's office and also a stay-at-home mom for her two girls. Laverne was a success at every career choice.

Laverne met her husband Howard at a school dance in 1940 and they were married April 15, 1942. They moved to Vancouver for Howard's job. Their daughter, Carol, was born Jan 18, 1943. Eventually Howard obtained employment at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Their second daughter, Barbara, was born Feb 4, 1944 in Oakland.

After the war the family settled in Northern California as Howard was running a sawmill. Eventually the forest which provided the lumber was slated to be under water as part of a new dam. Howard and Laverne bought a Big O tire store in Chico and lived there

until 1961. The family then moved to San Lorenzo. Lavernne worked in an oral surgery office in Oakland for a total of 38 years until retiring at the age of 80.

Howard suffered a massive stroke and died in 1984. Lavernne bought her home in San Lorenzo in 1965 and sold it in 2003 when she retired and moved to Trilogy to be near Barbara who was working at Travis AFB.

Lavernne has been attending Windborn since 2003. She sends birthday and anniversary cards to everyone in the Church and has hosted a bible study in her home for many years.

Lavernne came to the Lord when she was 13; because she lived in rural Saskatchewan the church was held in a home and Lavernne was baptized in a bathtub. **Psalm 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.** This is the way Lavernne has lived her life and we are blessed as a church family to have her in our congregation.

Missionary Updates

We received this update from the Valentines who we support as one of our missionary families:

Dear Family and Friends,

Valentine's day 2023 is upon us and we hope you are finding many moments filled with joy and love. It's been a while since we sent a letter with our Valentine card, so we decided to add one this year. I hope you enjoy reading about all that's been going on in our lives over the past year.

Since last year, Steve and I have found ourselves in a variety of moments – such joy and a lot of love but moments of deep sadness and challenging circumstances. The one thing that we hold to is the hope we find in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We know that in all things He is working out everything in our lives for our good and His glory: in that we can celebrate. Some of the ways we are celebrating God's goodness in our lives include the special time we had together as a family during our Summer in America, watching our children continue to thrive both in their academics and extracurricular activities, the addition of new members to our team of people serving here in Poland, and God's continued provision as we rely on Him for our support-based needs in ministry.

Steve continues to work on his doctoral project he began back in 2021; his project revolves around answering the questions on how to disciple people into leading movements of disciple making. He has completed three of the five stages of this process and hopes to complete his work by October 2023. I am incredibly proud of how hard he works, not only in taking on this endeavor but also in how well he continues to care for our family and lead the team of workers placed in his care with Converge, the mission organization that we serve with here in Poland.



Karis is 12 and in 7th grade, attending her second year with Wilson Hill Academy. We are thankful for the faith-based education that she receives through this hybrid homeschool model. When she's not studying History and Latin (her two favorite subjects) she is dancing and taking sewing lessons.

Isaac will be 11 at the end of February and is currently in 5th grade and also participates in the Wilson Hill Academy hybrid homeschool program. He loves to read, spend time outdoors, and play the piano. He is a deep thinker (like his dad) and very curious.

Olivia will turn 9 at the end of February and is our most extroverted child! She is not shy, loves to have a good time and laughs loud (wonder where she got that from!) She started acrobatic dancing this year alongside her big sister and enjoyed her first performance this past Fall. She is in the 3rd grade (in a local Polish school) and it's fun to see her thrive in this environment.

Milo is 4 and keeps us all on our toes! He is the stereotypical baby of the family – loves the attention, loves to snuggle, and loves to make you laugh; He knows just what to say to get everyone in stitches! He is in a local preschool and doing a fantastic job at learning Polish, it's fun to hear all the new phrases he comes home saying. I'm not ready for him to be in extracurricular activities, so he spends his free time playing in our backyard, watching Bluey on Disney+ or riding his bike. He tags along for all the big sibling adventures and is a good sport about it.

As for me, I get to try and help manage all the above and when I do get some free time, I enjoy finding new coffee shops in town and reading a good book. I also get to work with the team of people serving in the TCK's in our region (Third Culture Kids – missionary kids are TCK's), and love on the women who serve with the 15:5 West Initiative (that we lead for Converge)/ I enjoy meeting other moms here and talking about the highs and lows of motherhood and how to best show love to those God has entrusted in our care.

Some exciting things ahead include the arrival of the Kids' Christmas present. Next week, we will be picking her up... her name is Poppy and she is the cutest little Bichon Frise you've ever seen (of course I'm biased!) We are all excited for this new adventure, so be sure to follow along on social media for the cute doggy posts to come! In March, Steve and I will be celebrating our 15th wedding anniversary and we thank God for His faithfulness to us in marriage. It's a blessing to walk the journey of marriage, parenthood, and life alongside my favorite Valentine!

All our love, Jenny and the rest of the Valentines.

Living Missionally



Article by: Victoria Munoz

Thank you to all of the Victorians supporters! The MS Walk held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, in the park at Trilogy was a success! I am so grateful to my Sponsors: The Davis Family, Windborn Church, Lira's Supermarket and Raul's Striper Cafe for supporting the Victorians. I am also grateful to those who registered as Victorians, attended the event on April 23rd and donated. It meant a lot to have

40 Victorians come to the Walk. How great is that and I appreciate it! Together we raised \$5,668, which would not have happened without the support of all of you.

As you may know, for the past three years Windborn has sponsored Victoria Muñoz and the Victorians team in the annual MS Walk to raise awareness and funds to find the cure for multiple sclerosis. Last year, rather than drive to Sacramento, the Victorians decided to hold their MS Walk at Trilogy. Everyone had a great time and said they'd like to have it at Trilogy every year!

On SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH they'll be meeting in the same park at Somerset and Sand Hills and start the Walk at 10am sharp! Everyone should arrive between 9:15-9:30 to get signed in and ready for the team photo at 9:45. Then they'll walk around Trilogy or enjoy hanging out in the park to cheer for the Walkers as they start and return.

SEND A TEXT OR EMAIL to Vickie at victoria.munoz@att.net or (925) 330-1838 for more info or to let her know that you'll be joining the Victorians in person or making a donation. It's a great way to make a difference!

Delta Loop Ministry

The next Delta Loop Ministry meal day is April 29th. On the last Saturday of every month, we take a meal out to one of the parks out on the Delta Loop. It is a great opportunity to build relationships and share Jesus' love. Larry Albert and Bart Porter will be leading the ministry. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Larry at 925- 238-1724.

Life is Happening at Windborn Church

Church Bass Derby Booth

Windborn Church had a booth at the festival hosting Delta Club Crafts and the Windborn Living Room. Children stopped by throughout the day on Saturday, October 8th and made crafts as the adults took a break from the celebrations and had a cold bottle of water or a cup of coffee and some fellowship. We had a table of material and resources available that many people partook of.



Community Thanksgiving Meal

Our free Community Thanksgiving Meal took place Saturday, November 12th under the direction of Arnie Price. Instead of a sit-down meal this year we made meals to go. We gave away over 100 meals that day. We had a wonderful group of people helping to prepare the meals the day before on Friday and put together and hand out the boxes on Saturday.





Windborn Church Choir

"Come sing unto the Lord! Sing a new song!"

The choir has been meeting on Sunday Evening with rehearsals: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Do you love to sing? Come join us as we lift our hearts and voices in praise to the Lord! We have been enjoying the choir performing on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Questions? Contact Cheryl McDill at 408 - 836-5559.

Good Friday is April 7. Our service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Easter is April 8! Lighthouse Church (Pentecostal) here in town is organizing a city-wide sunrise service at the foot of Main Street.

Our services will be held at our regular times, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with no Sunday School. If you are able to come to the 8:00 a.m. service to make room available for those who will be visiting, we would greatly appreciate it.

Also, Children's Church and the Nursery will be available at the 10:30 a.m. Service.



Sunday School, Women & Men's Bible Studies, and Youth

Ongoing Christian education is important for our Spiritual development because we never stop growing in grace and the Holy Spirit continues to renew us in the image of the Son! Windborn has opportunities for Spiritual development for all ages.

Adult Sunday School meets downstairs in the Social Hall from 9:30–10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This class is a book discussion format, and we are presently studying AW Tozer's classic *The Knowledge of The Holy!* Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Dustin with any questions.

Youth Sunday School meets downstairs in the Children's Church room from 9:30 – 10:15 on Sunday mornings. The youth are going through an overview of the Bible with the help of they study *Seamless* by Angie Smith. If you have any questions, contact Kathey Chellsen.

Women's Bible Studies meet Tuesday morning online and in person at 10:00 a.m. This is a sermon-based study as we dig deeper into the previous week's message. The Thursday evening study meets at 6:30 p.m. and we are presently studying the book *Captivated:*

Beholding the Mystery of Jesus Death and Resurrection. For more information contact Kathey Chellsen.

Men's Bible Studies meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. They are currently going through the Proverbs. For more information contact Pastor Dustin.

Youth meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Daniella Butler.



Delta Club Started back up on September 14th meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:15 – 7:45. We have a wonderful group of children and an awesome team that has been serving each week to bring the Good News of Jesus through Song, Bible Stories, Skills Activities and Games.



This year's curriculum has been focused on Knowing God's Love. We have had a Monthly Family Meal Night which has given us an opportunity to get to know the families better. We have also had some silly, crazy fun nights such as Crazy Hair Night and Holiday Celebrations for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Our end of the year Awards Ceremony will be Wednesday, May 24th, if you are interested in attending to see and hear more about our Delta Club program or for more information on how you can serve, contact Kathey @ 925-550-9667.



Windborn VBS (Vacation Bible School)
July 17th – 21st
5:45 - 8:30 p.m.

This summer, take your children or grandchildren to SonRise National Park and get them started on a life-changing journey that will last the rest of their lives. Children will know that no matter what extreme challenges may come their way in life, they will have the indescribable, all-powerful, unchangeable, unwavering Jesus to guide their way.

At SonRise National Park VBS, kids will discover the true treasure described in Philippians 4:19, "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus". VSB is one of our biggest outreach activities within the community. If you are interested in helping or want more information on how you can help, please contact Kathey Chellsen at 925-550-9667 or katheychellsen@gmail.com.

Contributions

We want to give credit where credit is due: In the July 2022 Edition Bob Monaco shared the Article on Memorial Day Reflections. Thank you for your contributions. Newsletter and articles written by Kathey Chellsen unless otherwise noted.

There are many important events that have happened in our lives that may not be noted here. Keep us updated. Please email your news and pictures to katheychellsen@gmail.com to be included in the next issue of The Breeze.

We're also looking for original or favorite, God-centered poems, songs, quotes, words of encouragement and so on. If you take pictures of Windborn events or have an update on an event you oversee or participate in, we would love to include them.

Poetry Corner

This overwhelming change in life
on the physical and mental level
will not depress me for I choose,
in gratefulness to revel
and as I praise my God I find,
release from all my worries
enjoying instead myself refreshed
in copious joyful flurries

Joelle Swift

