



FAITH

Cottage Grove Faith Center welcomes new pastor



Pastor Kevin Pruett and wife Deana come to Cottage Grove Faith Center.

Kevin Pruett was destined to become a pastor from the day he was born in Wichita, Kansas nearly 48 years ago. He grew up in a family with parents who spent 40 years in Christian ministry. In his junior year of high school his family moved to Salem where he graduated in 1987. Five years earlier he sensed God's call to follow in his parents' footsteps.

"I grew up in the church. When I was 13, I felt God's call into ministry at a summer camp," Pruett said. "I ran from the call for several years until I fell in love with youth ministry at my church in Salem."

It was in the church high school youth group he met Deana, his future bride-to-be. The first spark of love between them occurred while sharing an Oreo Blizzard at the Lincoln City Dairy Queen on a youth outing and they soon became high school sweethearts. After graduating they married and his parents moved to Oklahoma.

"Whenever we visit Lincoln City we always point out the Dairy Queen to the kids and tell them that's where it all started. This year Deana and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary."

Family is very important to the Pruetts. They have four sons and a daughter. The family tradition of serving in ministry now continues with the next generation. Their 28-year-old son Kenny and his wife Holly live in Salem. They have two young children, Cate and Charlie, and serve in leadership roles in their church.

Daughter Natalie and son-in-law Jacob are graduates of New Hope Christian College and serve on the worship team at New Hope Church in south Eugene. Son Kraig is a junior at George Fox University. Another son, Kaden, is a senior at Waldport High School. They are currently home-schooling their 8-year-old son, Kohen.

Kevin and Deana enjoy working with youth and love the 15 years they served as youth pastors in Salem, Keizer, and as lead pastors in Dayton, a rural community west of Salem.

In 1993, after surrendering his will to God's call on his life, Pruett enrolled in the two-year ministry leadership program at Salem Bible College. After graduating in 1995, he spent three years as the youth pastor at an Assembly of God church in Keizer.

The next stop on their ministry journey was at the Dayton Assembly of God Church as lead pastors from 1999-2005. From there they spent six years as high school youth pastors at the West Salem Foursquare Church. In 2012, they accepted the lead pastor position at the Foursquare Church in the coastal community of Waldport before answering the call to come to Cottage Grove.

In a bit of a geographical twist, former pastor Isaac Hovet, who grew up in Creswell, and his wife Donia resigned last year to accept a position at a Salem Foursquare church. Their successors are a pastoral couple that grew up in the Salem area.

Once he settles in to his new position, Pruett plans to take online courses to complete his Bachelor's Degree in ministry leadership at Northwest University.

"We have learned so much during our time in ministry, Pruett said. "Our ministry philosophy has always been to 'Love God, Love People' – and that will never change."

The Foursquare Church is a Pentecostal denomination that began in Southern California in 1923. Its founder, Aimee Semple McPherson, was a Canadian-American Pentecostal evangelist and media celebrity in the 1920s and 1930s.

The name "Foursquare Gospel" comes from McPherson's explanation of the Prophet Ezekiel's vision in the first chapter

of that Old Testament book. Ezekiel saw God with four different faces: a man, a lion, an ox and an eagle. In an early revival message, McPherson compared these four faces to the four phases of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was a Gospel that faces squarely in every direction thus the name, "Foursquare Gospel."

The four symbols most identified with Foursquare today are the cross, cup, dove and crown which stand for Jesus the Savior, Jesus the Healer, Jesus the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, and Jesus the Soon-Coming King, respectively.

Kevin and Deana's newest position as Lead Pastors at Cottage Grove Faith Center began on December 18. Finding a house in Cottage Grove was challenging. They have commuted from Waldport each week until recently finding a home here.

After completing the first month of their newest pastoral assignment, Pruett says he's impressed with the tremendous amount of love and grace Faith Center members have for one another and with their passion to share the love of Christ in this community. The church's primary goal this year is increasing discipleship opportunities for men, women and youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. The current membership is about 200 so they plan to return to two Sunday services later this year.

"Our family has received such a warm welcome here," Pruett said. "I especially love the community's historic areas and find the people to be very friendly and gracious. We look forward to all God has planned for the Cottage Grove Faith Center and for this newest chapter in our lives."

Church briefs

LOCAL WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Methodist Community Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. Participants select Biblical text to study

334 Washington Ave. (Use kitchen entrance from alley behind the building)
Calvary Chapel Midweek Study: Wednesdays at 7 pm; The Gospel of Mark; 1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)

Calvary Chapel Women's Study: Thursdays, 6-8 pm; (Village Plaza)

CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMUNITY DINNERS

Mondays – United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. (2nd & 3rd Only)

Tuesdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays – Covered Bridge Church of The Nazarene at 6 p.m.

Thursdays – Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY PROGRAM – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Chapel hosts this balanced, Biblically-based program designed to help those struggling with "hurts, habits and hang-ups

by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process. Celebrate Recovery is now in more than 29,000 churches worldwide. For additional information contact Harvey Epperson at 541-520-8071 or send an email to harvey.epperson@ariinc.com

WEEKLY FAITH-BASED YOUTH PROGRAMS

AWANA CLUB MEETINGS – Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

AWANA is a weekly Christian education program for ages three through high school. Hosted by the Cottage Grove Bible Church, the group meets weekly during the school year. The cost includes the purchase of handbooks and uniforms and dues are 75 cents per week. Children enjoy memorizing Scripture verses, games, Bible lessons and dressing up for special theme nights. More information can be found on the church website: www.cgbible.org or call 541-942-4771.

CAMPUS LIFE CLUB – Mondays & Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

This Lane County Youth for Christ non-denominational youth outreach program meets during the school year. Cam-

pus Life's weekly club meetings blend food, music, games and a short Bible-based "talk" that ends with a prayer. Middle School students meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Riverside Community Church, 1255 S. River Rd. High School students meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the game room above Domino's Pizza (next to the post office). More information available on Facebook at Cottage Grove Campus Life or by calling Director Tim Sinclair at 541-285-4812.

MOTHERS PRE-SCHOOLERS [MOPS] – Mondays from 6-8 p.m.

An outreach ministry designed to support mothers and help them be the best moms they can be. MOPS is for mothers with children from birth to kindergarten. MomsNext is for mothers with school age children. Both groups meet at Calvary Chapel in the Village Shopping Center, 1447 Hwy 99. For more information visit www.cottagegrove-mops.org or call 541-942-6842.

SUNDAY MORNING LIGHT WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM

Each Sunday morning from 7-10 a.m. KNND 1400-AM pro-

vides three hours of inspirational programming with a Christian world-view. All genres of Christian music are interspersed with community information, local church news, and devotional readings. Host Cindy Weeldreyer invites you to tune in and become part of KNND's Sunday Morning Light family. Listener line: 541-942-5548.

WEEKLY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

The Sentinel prints a weekly worship directory to provide greater awareness of the diversity of our local faith community. If you want your specific information available to Sentinel readers each week, please call 942-3325 for more information. [If you have a listing please verify the weekly information is current.]

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY FAITH PAGE

The deadline for the next monthly Faith Page is Thursday, February 16, at Noon. Drop off information to the Sentinel office or email it to weeldreyer@aol.com.

Events

Please call The Sentinel or local church for more information.

CALVARY CHAPEL MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-A-LONG – Friday, Feb 10 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT SDA MONTHLY PRODUCE AND MORE GIVEAWAY – Monday, Feb 20 from 1-3 p.m.

CALVARY CHAPEL GUEST SPEAKER: BEN COURSON – Sunday, Feb 4 at 9 and 10:45 a.m.

COTTAGE GROVE CAREGIVERS NETWORK MEETING – Monday, Feb 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Helping our community

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church

100 S. Gateway Blvd.
PO Box 102
Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424
www.hopefellowshipupc.com

Pastor Dave Bragg
Phone: 541-942-2061

Church Schedule
Sunday 11:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

"Finding Hope in your life"

Worship Directory

WORSHIP WITH US

DRAIN:
Gateway Family Fellowship
Church of the Nazarene
337 "C" St. Drain, OR
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
Living Hope Free Lunch
Wed. at 12:30pm
541-836-7051 www.drainnaz.org

HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Bible Study: 10:45am
Potluck Lunch: 11:45
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcvalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4.tv
Summer Schedule: Sunday Service 10am
Full Children's Ministry available

Covered Bridge Nazarene Church
152 S. M St.
541-942-4422
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Grove Community Church
77820 Mosby Creek Rd.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
541-942-0123
Pastor: Bryan Parsons
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K
Kid's Church: K to 5th grade

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
www.hopefellowshipupc.com
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Living Faith Assembly
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor Rulon Combs
Worship & Children's
Church 10:00 am
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave * 541-942-8928
Preachers: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravecc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
820 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Join us in Traditional
Christian Worship

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi
Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 10:30am
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:
552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
"Church with the flags."
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Seventh-day Adventist Church
334 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
tlccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
cottagegroveumc.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
"WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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