

HIGHLIGHTS

Plans for mission trip to Haiti under way

LA GRANDE, ENTERPRISE — The sermon at Faith Lutheran Sunday will investigate the struggles mankind has in understanding the death and resurrection of Jesus. Services will be at 10 a.m. in La Grande and 2 p.m. in Enterprise. Following the Divine Service in La Grande will be an inquirer's meeting for those interested in going on a foreign mission trip to Haiti the summer of 2019. Please call 541-963-2831 if you are not able to attend but would like to know more.

Pilot for LifeFlight shares his spiritual journey

LA GRANDE — A pilot for LifeFlight will be the guest speaker tomorrow, Saturday, at La Grande's Seventh-day Adventist Church. He will share his spiritual journey along with some Scriptures that are important to him and our world at this time in history. Bible study will be at 9:30 a.m. and corporate worship will be at 11 a.m.

Church choir practices after worship service

LA GRANDE — "A Great Light" is the title of the message Pastor Ray Smith

will share Sunday at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It will reference Isaiah 9:1-4 and explore how the light of God illuminates our lives. The service will be at 10 a.m. Those wishing to join the church choir are invited to stay after the service for practice.

Adult Bible study is followed by worship service

UNION — Grace Community Lutheran Church and Union Methodist Church will meet together in worship and fellowship Sunday in Union. Adult Bible study will begin at 9 a.m. and the

worship service will be at 10 a.m. Pastor Carl's sermon title will be "A Way to the Top," focusing on Mark 9 where the disciples of Jesus are arguing about who is the greatest. Fellowship will follow the service.

There will not be a senior meal on Tuesday.

Zion Lutheran serves dinner to EOU students

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church in La Grande will worship Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Colleen Nelson. The theme will be "Do You Dare to Be Last?" Fellowship and coffee will

follow the service.

ZLCW Bible study will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Zion will join other churches on Thursday to serve dinner at the K-House to Eastern Oregon University students.

Sermon teaches benefits of being a servant

LA GRANDE — The La Grande First United Methodist Church will celebrate the 18th Sunday of Pentecost at 10 a.m. with Pastor Al Trachsel preaching from Mark 9:30-37. The title of the sermon will be "Wrong About Christ." Jesus explains that to

be great, we must first become a servant to all. Fellowship will follow the service.

Pastor continues teaching on 'armor of God'

LA GRANDE — Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene, followed by a worship service at 10:30. Pastor Al Mortimer will continue his series from Ephesians 6:13-15 on the Armor of God: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness and the feet fitted with readiness. Holy Communion will be served.

A major part of our happiness and contentment depends on right decisions

Decisions are a part of life that we face every day. With everything from what we wear to purchasing a new washing machine, our choices are key components of our success and failures, which are also directly connected to our peace and joy. Sometimes we are strongly influenced by the mesmerizing sparkle and emotional excitement that pulls us into a hypnosis, and this crossroad can be a dangerous place to make a long-term commitment. It's also common to experience regret after making a decision that did not turn out like we thought it would. For example, it would be miserable to buy an expensive sports car and then discover it's uncomfortable to drive and is constantly breaking down with outrageous repair costs. Even more deflating would be to realize no one else wants it, and we owe more than it is worth.

We can go down the list and see many different areas of life where people are disappointed and feel hopelessly trapped. Things like a huge house mortgage that is more like a ball and chain than home sweet home, a boring job they dread every day, or maybe a relationship where they feel



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like they made a mistake. Whatever the case, we do not have to search very far to find individuals who have learned how to fake a convincing smile while behind the mask there is much disappointment and agony.

So, if a major part of our happiness and contentment depends on right decisions, how can we improve our selection process from this point forward? This is an important question because we are talking about our mental, emotional and spiritual state of being and it will take more than a horoscope or a fortune cookie to help us.

Some may be thinking life is similar to rolling the dice and taking random chances as the only option any of us have, which is the old "you win some and you lose some" philosophy. This haphazard attitude might be the way a non-Christian operates, but it's not the way God intended for his people to function in this life. The Lord is always offering his compassion and power but is sometimes hesitant about fixing our problems until we are ready to follow his

instructions. I believe we have the freedom to select and make choices, but I also feel strongly that God can intervene however and whenever he wants. Have you ever considered maybe the Lord did not open a door that you were pushing on because he knew there were dangers on the other side that would harm you? When things do not work out like we planned, maybe we should stop and at least consider that possibility we are being protected from further heartache and discouragement.

Christ invites us to ask for wisdom, to pray, study and research the situation thoroughly before we continue forward because there is no excuse for not listening to his advice. When things seem too good to be true, take your time, analyze the details carefully and pray about it. Yes, God does open doors and can guide us into amazing blessings, but it's usually as a result of us being spiritually prepared and having the right attitude.

When we learn to depend on God for everything, he fills us with joy and peace, and this will always change our outlook on life.

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We are a culture in crisis

Conquer video series can help overcome sexual addiction



FRANKLIN HUMBER

We are a culture in crisis. Our nation is being consumed by addictions in a day and age of lasciviousness and licentiousness. We have jobs going unfilled or constantly rotating workers due to too many in the workforce who cannot consistently pass a drug test. We are destroying ourselves as a society with addictions to alcohol, intoxicating drugs, tobacco, gambling hoarding and consumerism. All of these issues are bringing people into bondage and injuring relationships.

In addition, sexual addictions are destroying lives, marriages and children's innocence and even driving the human trafficking industry of our depraved society. According to Webroot Smarter Cybersecurity (www.webroot.com), 28 percent of employees in our nation are viewing pornography in the workplace, cutting into their productivity and costing their employers more than \$16 billion annually. They also report 25 percent of all searches on the internet are porn related every day,

and 116,000 queries are related to child pornography daily. Forty million Americans visit porn websites regularly and one-third of them are women. Pornography exposure among teens increases the odds of pregnancy, increases the occurrence of depression and distorts sexual expectations.

According to the same report, 68 percent of divorces involve one spouse meeting a new "paramour" on the internet, and 57 percent involve online pornographic obsession. We, as a nation, are destroying ourselves by these addictions, by the finances spent on them and the cost of treating them.

It is undeniable we are in a moral crisis as a nation. One report I read said 47 percent of internet users has had unsolicited pornographic images come to their screen. Our children are often losing their innocence by these random pictures or videos that come to their screen or by a friend unexpectedly showing them porn on their phone. The younger these addictions start, the more

damaging they are and harder they are to defeat. There are many good companies that have developed filtering and reporting systems for smartphones, computers, and tablets that can help address these issues in our families and our businesses. There are also several good Bible study resources and counselling centers trying to help people find healing and victory over these issues in their lives and their families.

Summerville Baptist Church is committed to helping people have victory in their lives through the grace, mercy and truth of God. If you are wanting to, trying to or are struggling to break the bondage of sexual sin, we want to be a support and help to you. We are preparing to host the Conquer video series to help people deal with or even prevent the issue of sexual bondage in their lives. Our first group will be held in La Grande on a weekday evening for men 18 years old and older. The class size will be limited to 10 and the cost will be \$15 for the workbook. To register, contact us by phone at the church office 541-534-9155, online at www.summervillebaptistchurch.com or by email to pastorfranksbc@gmail.com.

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<p>IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH 440 RUCKMAN, IMBLER 534-2201 www.imblerchristianchurch.org</p> <p>Sunday Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>First Christian Church <i>(Disciples of Christ)</i> 901 Penn Avenue 963-2623 lgdisciples@gmail.com</p> <p>Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>~Join us at The Lord's Table~</p>	<p>SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH <i>A Place for You</i></p> <p>Sunday Services: Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:45AM Children's Church & Worship Service 11:00AM Family Worship Service 6:00PM</p> <p>Wednesday: Prayer Mtg. Children's Bible Club, Youth Group 7:00PM</p> <p>A church for your whole family Visit us at summervillebaptistchurch.org</p>	<p>Amazing Grace Fellowship 1316 T St., La Grande, OR 541-568-4567 Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>2 Cor 12:9 My Grace is sufficient for you.</i></p> <p>IS 40:31</p>	<p>GRACE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC 667 N. Main in Union <i>"We are called to Serve"</i> Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:00 am Pastor Carl Seelhoff Phone: 541-786-0447 grace.lutherancove@gmail.com</p>
<p>COVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1708 Jasper St., Cove, OR</p> <p>NORTH POWDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 390 E. St., North Powder, OR</p> <p>JOIN US... <i>Catch the Spirit!</i> Worship: 9:00 a.m. Cove Worship: 10:00 a.m. N. Powder</p>	<p>ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES La Grande - Our Lady of the Valley 1002 L Avenue Saturday 5:30 pm Mass Sunday 10:00 am Mass Weekdays 8:00 am Mass Union - Sacred Heart 340 South 10th Avenue Sunday 8:00 am Mass No Weekdays Elgin - Saint Mary's 12th and Alder Sunday 12:30 pm Mass No Weekdays</p>	<p>VALLEY FELLOWSHIP 963-0340 507 Palmer Ave <i>(just east of city pool)</i> Sunday Worship 10:02 am <i>Come and share in a time of worship, prayer and the study of God's word with us. Worship includes communion on Sunday.</i> www.valleyfellowship.church Email: vfchurch2@gmail.com</p>	<p>La Grande CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 109 18th Street • 963-3402</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>LA GRANDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"</i> 1612 4th Street - 963-2498 Pastor Al Trachsel lgumc@conl.com www.lgumchurch.org Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am-Noon Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:00 am •Nursery provided •</p>
<p>La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church <i>A Place where hope is found in Jesus</i> Join us in Fellowship & Worship Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study/Fellowship 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 2702 Adams Avenue, La Grande • 963-4018 Pastor: Mike Armayor www.lagrande22adventistchurchconnect.org <i>Learning for Today and Eternity</i> Little Friends Christian Preschool/Childcare 963-6390 La Grande Adventist Christian School Christian Education K-8th Grade 963-6203</p>	<p>FIRST LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1812 1st St. La Grande Pastor Dave Tierce • 541-605-0215 <i>We use the King James Version Bible</i> Sunday School - 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday Evening Bible Study - 3:00 pm (Effective June 10) Wednesday Evening - 6:30 pm <i>"Where you can find TRUTH according to the scriptures"</i> www.flmbclagrande.com</p>	<p>Zion Lutheran Church <i>(an ELCA church)</i> 902 Fourth Street, La Grande, OR (541) 963-5998</p> <p>9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship & Refreshments 11:00 am - Classes Pastor: Rev. Colleen Nelson www.zionlagrande.org</p>	<p>Union Baptist Church 1531 S. Main St., Union 541-562-5531 www.unionbaptistoregon.org Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Sunday Night 6:30 pm Thursday AWANA 6:30 pm Knowing, Loving and Proclaiming Jesus Christ</p>	<p>First Baptist Church SIXTH & SPRING, LA GRANDE 541-963-3911</p> <p>Sun. 8:45 AM - Bible Classes Sun. 10:00 AM - Worship Wed. 6:15 PM - AWANA</p>