

HIGHLIGHTS

You are not alone

LA GRANDE — “I Alone” will be the message Pastor Ray Smith will share at La Grande’s First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) during the 10 a.m. worship service. Referring to 1 Kings 19:13-21 and Galatians 5:13-25, he will explore how, like Elijah, we can sometimes feel all alone in our faith. But God tells us we are not alone. We are called to get out there and make a difference instead of whining. The Christian Women’s Fellowship is now taking orders for Cookie Grams. Stop by the church office and pick up forms.

The people marveled at Jesus’ words

LA GRANDE, ENTERPRISE — The sermon at Faith Lutheran Church this Sunday will consider how people reacted to Jesus as he began to proclaim his word. Luke 4 says that people “spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’” People became resistant with Jesus being one of them, especially when Jesus began to apply his word to their resistance. Services will be at 10 a.m. in La Grande and 2 p.m. in Enterprise.

Family Movie Night raises funds for youth trip

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Adventist Christian School invites the community to a Family Movie Night Jan. 26 at the school, 2702 Adams Ave. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the film, “The Mysterious Note,” begins at 6 p.m. The family event supports the Blue Mt. Rangers Pathfinder Club as they raise money to attend the 2019 International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Donations will be accepted for the movie, and there will be snacks for sale, including popcorn, pizza, nachos and veggie cups.

Words of the Buddha

One has broken the cycle, attained freedom from desire. The dried-up stream no longer flows. The cycle, broken, no longer turns. This, just this, is the end of misery. (Udana 762)

One who has crossed over the mire, crushed the thorn of sensuality, reached the ending of delusion, is a monk undisturbed by bliss & pain. (Udana 3.22)

This is to be done by one skilled in aims who wants to break through to the state of peace: Be capable, upright, & straightforward, easy to instruct, gentle, & not conceited, content & easy to support, with few duties, living lightly, with peaceful faculties, masterful, modest, & no greed for supporters.

Do not do the slightest thing that the wise would later censure. (Sutta Nipata 1.143, 1.144, 1.145)

In every virtue all-accomplished, with wisdom full and mind composed, looking within and ever mindful — thus one crosses the raging flood. (Sutta Nipata 1.176)

By love they will quench the fire of hate, by wisdom the fire of delusion. Those supreme ones extinguish delusion with wisdom that breaks through to truth. (Itivuttaka 3.93)

Wisdom springs from meditation; without meditation wisdom wanes. Having known these two paths of progress and decline, let one so conduct oneself that one’s wisdom may increase. (Dhammapada 20.282)

Let patience have its perfect work



LIVING ON PURPOSE
DR. BILLY HOLLAND

lems, we would not really need to pray or have faith in God. When everything is going smooth, we usually do not worry about adjusting our attitude or evaluating the way we think. However, when we run into obstacles and life becomes difficult, most of us are not prepared and immediately become overwhelmed with worry and fear. Some of our options include running from our troubles or denying them, or confronting them the wrong way and making everything worse — but our most favorable reaction is turning to God for help. When we make the decision to trust him completely, this will open up a brand-new way of comprehending what he is trying to do in our life. James continues in verse 12: “Blessed is the person who is patient under stress and stands up under temptation, for when they have stood the test, they will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love him.” Patience is a fruit of the

spirit that is demonstrated and developed when under extreme pressure. The word “patience” is associated with being steady, having composure, calmly enduring and tolerating delay while being devoted to seeing something through to completion. Sometimes when things are not going our way, we are tempted to take matters into our own hands, but it’s good to consider that God desires for us to submit and listen to him even though it may not make sense to our emotions. This type of response is not learned instantly; it’s like a muscle that builds strength when it’s used consistently. The more we allow Christ to control our thoughts, the more we will be like him. We can waste the opportunities within our trials, or we can embrace them and allow them to strengthen our faith. The Christian life involves perseverance to develop an awareness of God’s presence so that we might be transformed into his image. As we surrender our will to God and allow his character and nature to lead us, we will eventually evolve into the person he has called us to be. Included in our yielding to his wisdom and timing is to have the desire and respect to bow before him in repentance and humility. This is where our human strength comes to an end and our spiritual dependence in him begins. When the Lord answers our prayers and gives us our miracle, it not only increases our trust in his ability but also fills our hearts with confidence to know he truly cares and is always with us whatever we are going through. God loves us and has a wonderful plan for our life that includes a storehouse filled with spiritual abundance, but we can only advance into his peace and contentment according to how seriously we take our responsibility to become spiritually mature and eager to obey him. Yes, of course God can deliver us from our trials and troubles, but our attitude has more to do with us listening than our screaming and crying. Joyce Meyer is quoted, “Patience is not simply the ability to wait — it’s how we behave while we are waiting.” Learn about the free CD offer, “Keeper of My Soul” at billyhollandministries.com.

Don’t neglect the perfect morning pick-me-up

By Pastor Franklin Humber
Summerville Baptist Church

How do you get your day started each morning? What do you do in your morning routine to get your motor running after your night’s sleep? Some people get up and the first thing they do is exercise. They take a run, hit the gym or do some stretches and exercise to get their day started. Other people start a little slower than that with a smooth cup of coffee or hot tea and slowly get moving. I have a suggestion for you, especially if you claim to be a faith follower of Christ as personal savior. In the scriptures, there are several admonitions to start each day in worship before the Lord. Getting the day started with the truth of his word influencing our thinking, consciously dedicating ourselves to living his way to his glory, and spending time in prayer asking for his help through the day is a perfect start. This is a great habit to develop in order to live godly in an increasingly ungodly society. Shockingly, I have met many professing Christians who reject this admonition as too extreme. They think their faith is to be relegated to their Sunday exercise of faith and not part of the real world. Nothing could be further from the biblical reality of the Christian faith as presented in scripture. Living a segregated faith is exactly what Satan desires for any well-meaning, sincere believer, but is is not the will of God for any of his children. Just take a look at a few passages that speak to this matter: Psalm 5:1-3 says, “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning” and “in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.” Proverbs 6:20-24 talks about the benefit of God’s wisdom to help us avoid sin’s allurements says “when thou wakest, I shall talk with thee.” In Proverbs 8, God continues his admonition of gaining his wisdom in order to live life, and verse 34 says, “Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my door.” And in verse 17 of the same chapter it says, “I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me,” again referring to God’s wisdom, which is found in his word, the Bible. Days that I start in true worship before God in praise, prayer and pondering the truth of his word as he speaks it to my heart go much better for me than those I start any other way.



Northeast Oregon Directory of Churches



Services This Week

IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

440 RUCKMAN, IMBLER 534-2201
www.imblerchristianchurch.org

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

901 Penn Avenue 963-2623
lgdisciples@gmail.com

Worship 10:00 a.m.

~Join us at The Lord’s Table~

Cove United Methodist Church
1708 Jasper St., Cove, OR

North Powder United Methodist Church
390 E. St., North Powder, OR

JOIN US... *Catch the Spirit!*

Worship: 9:00 a.m. Cove
Worship: 10:00 a.m. N. Powder

La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church
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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
Learning for Today and Eternity

Little Friends
Christian Preschool/Childcare 963-6390
La Grande Adventist Christian School
Christian Education K-8th Grade 963-6203

SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Place for You

Sunday Services:
Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:45AM
Children’s Church & Worship Service 11:00AM
Family Worship Service 6:00PM

Wednesday:
Prayer Mtg, Children’s Bible Club, Youth Group 7:00PM

A church for your whole family

Visit us at summervillebaptistchurch.org

Amazing Grace Fellowship

1316 T St., La Grande, OR
541-568-4567
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

*2 Cor 12:9 My Grace is sufficient for you.*
— IS 40:31

GRACE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LCMC
667 N. Main in Union
“We are called to Serve”
Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Pastor Carl Seelhoff
Phone: 541-786-0447
grace.lutherancove@gmail.com

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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

VALLEY FELLOWSHIP

963-0340
507 Palmer Ave
(just east of city pool)
Sunday Worship 10:02 am
Come and share in a time of worship, prayer and the study of God’s word with us.
Worship includes communion on Sunday.
www.valleyfellowship.church
Email: vfchurch2@gmail.com

La Grande United Methodist Church

“OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS”
1612 4th Street – 963-2498
Pastor Al Trachsel
lgumc@eoni.com
www.lgumchurch.org
Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am-Noon
Worship 10:00 am
Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:00 am
• Nursery provided •

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FIRST LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1812 1st St. La Grande
Pastor Dave Tierce • 541-605-0215
We use the King James Version Bible
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Bible Study - 3:00 pm (Effective June 10)
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 pm
“Where you can find TRUTH according to the scriptures”
www.flmbclagrande.com

Zion Lutheran Church

(an ELCA church)



902 Fourth Street, La Grande, OR (541) 963-5998

9:30 am - Worship
10:30 am - Fellowship & Refreshments
11:00 am - Classes
Pastor: Rev. Colleen Nelson
www.zionlagrande.org

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

First Baptist Church

SIXTH & SPRING, LA GRANDE



541-963-3911

Sun. 8:45 AM - Bible Classes
Sun. 10:00 AM - Worship
Wed. 6:15 PM - AWANA