

HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday Potluck held at Faith Lutheran

LA GRANDE — At the 10 a.m. Sunday service at Faith Lutheran Church in La Grande, the sermon will recount Jesus meeting his disciples by the Sea of Galilee. Simon Peter and his companions received a great catch when they followed Jesus' instructions. After the service will be the First Sunday potluck and an elders' meeting.

St. Anne's Guild meets next Friday

LA GRANDE — St. Peter's Episcopal Church in La Grande will offer Morning Prayer Rite I at 11 a.m. Sunday. Fellowship and coffee hour will follow the service.

Centering Prayer will be held in the chapel at 8:30 a.m. and the Altar Guild will meet at 9 a.m., both on Tuesday. Morning Prayer will be offered at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, and St. Anne's Guild will meet at 2 p.m. Friday.

LDS Church conference is this weekend

LA GRANDE — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' La Grande Stake Conference takes place this weekend at the ward on Gekeler Lane. An adult session begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and a family session will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday. The conference will be broadcast outside of the valley and is open to the community.

The LDS Church has a new curriculum called "Come Follow Me." It is used at home and also as the foundation for Sunday school and primary lessons. This course of study is available to anybody www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/study/come-follow-me?lang=eng or from a free mobile app called "Gospel Library."

Service includes learning about hymns

COVE — The United Methodist Church in Cove will worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vicki Hill Brown's message — "Our Favorite Hymns: Did You Know?" — will share stories behind some favorite hymns, and the congregation will sing and celebrate these familiar songs. Communion will be served. Fellowship with treats, coffee and juice will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Every Tuesday, the church hosts Cove's Fresh Alliance, offering free perishable food to the community, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Also at the church, the Cove Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the fourth Saturday of the month.

Jesus: our only hope

LA GRANDE — First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in La Grande will celebrate the third Sunday of Easter at 10 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Ray Smith's message, "Our Only Hope," will be drawn from Hebrews 4:14-16.

The Christian Women's Fellowship annual rummage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, offering household items, sporting goods, tools, holiday decor and clothing for men and women.

People who are healed can heal other people

I recently heard a quote twice, from two different sources in two different settings on two different days: "Hurt people, hurt people." It is a truth about humans that we see lived out in the life experiences of others and ourselves every day. We see it in families, churches and our communities — people hurting other people in the same ways they have been hurt in the past.

As I have been thinking about this phrase, I have been analyzing it for its biblical accuracy and merit. As I have been doing this, God has burdened my heart with the fact that it is not merely humanistic, psychobabble, but rather biblical truth given to man from God in his word. The scripture God spoke to my heart on this subject was 2 Corinthians 1:2-4: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father



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of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

As I have been meditating on this text and this truth, God has given me another quote that continues the truth to a promising conclusion of the fact, "healed people can help heal people." When we experience the grace, peace, mercy, comfort and love of God in our lives to see healing take place through the power of God's spirit and word at work, we are equipped to be used by God to offer help

in the healing of others.

Salvation is an instantaneous event in the life of a repentant sinner. When we come to faith in Christ and trust Christ as our personal saviour to cleanse us of our personal sin, we are instantly cleansed of sin, given the righteousness of God, adopted and born into the family of God, indwelt by the spirit of God and given an eternal home in heaven. We are given all the tools we will ever need to achieve emotional and relational healing from the hurts we have experienced in life the day we get saved — healing takes time.

If you have ever had a broken bone or had surgery, you have experienced this same reality in your physical body needs to be experienced in our soul. Hurts take time to heal like broken bones that have been set or surgeries to fix a prob-

lem internally. I had an injury to my knee and decided it was time to get it fixed. After I had the surgery, I did not feel back to normal for almost a year. I felt good enough that I knew the injury had been corrected, but I could not do all I hoped to do for about a full year.

Healing takes time physically and emotionally and relationally. It is reported in medical journals that it takes five to six times longer to heal mentally, internally and emotionally than it does physically from a major surgery. Be patient and allow yourself to be healed. According to 2 Corinthians 1:2-4, God wants us to experience healing from him, and then we can be used by him to help others experience healing from their hurts through God's grace, peace, mercy, comfort and love, and from the power of his spirit and word.

Waiting on a miracle? Pray with faith, patience and humility

I received a letter the other day from a reader who wanted to know more about praying for miracles and how long a person should keep asking. There are many people including myself who are seeking and waiting on miracles for everything from financial breakthroughs to physical healing.

Most Christians understand that God is not to be seen as a genie in a bottle, but at the same time, the Bible encourages us to step forward and not be afraid to present our petitions for needs that are important to us. Hebrews 4:16 reminds us, "Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Before we approach any situation with prayer, let us seek discernment and invite God to speak to our hearts as we listen and advance according to his directions. Every circumstance is unique, and once we have his instructions we can confidently



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press forward, knowing that he is orchestrating control of the situation.

When praying for miracles, some believe we are to ask God only for something once and never mention it again. The idea is that he heard us the first time and will make his decision when he's ready. Others are convinced we should keep asking until we receive an answer because we believe God honors perseverance. In Matthew 15, there is an interesting account about persistent and relentless prayer. In verse 22, we find a woman begging Jesus to heal her daughter, but the Lord did not immediately acknowledge her. She kept following him and crying even louder saying, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" The disciples told Jesus to send her

away because she was getting on everyone's nerves, but he did not. She continued to worship and plead with him to intervene. Finally, Christ spoke to her and announced, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto you as you desire." The text concludes with confirming that her daughter was healed from that very hour. May we notice here that persistent intercession has nothing to do with God growing weary of our constant asking, but has everything to do with the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

When planting seeds of prayer, it's the individual's responsibility to water them with constant confessions and affirmations. The nail is not driven in with one blow, but rather with a steady and continual driving force of focus and determination. We can increase the intensity of our prayers even more with fasting, which will draw us nearer to his presence

and enable us to have a magnified spiritual clarity.

There is nothing wrong with approaching our creator and acknowledging his sovereignty. Jesus prayed with this spiritual awareness when he was in the garden just a few hours before he was arrested: "And he ... knelt down and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:41-42).

May we consider that an important aspect of prayer is humbly agreeing with God's decision. This does not cancel the concept of submitting our petitions or speaking God's word boldly with faith and authority, but instead emphasizes the need to respect his plans and to hear his voice before we proceed and react. "Jesus looked at them and said, with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

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~

SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
A Church for All

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

Service

Directory

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

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 Seventh-day Adventist Church
A Place where hope is found in Jesus
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

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

9:00 am - Worship
10:00 am - Fellowship & Refreshments
10:30 am - Classes
Pastor:
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. 9:00 AM - Worship
Sun. 10:30 AM - Exploring the Bible
Wed. 6:15 PM - AWANA

CALVARY CHAPEL
1433 Jefferson Ave. 963-5884

Contemporary Worship
Expositional Teaching

Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
Studying The Book of Romans
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.
Studying The Book of Revelation
Wednesday Night Youth - 6:00 p.m.

Tune in to Calvary Radio 88.1 CSN

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

La Grande CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
109 18th Street • 963-3402

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 •