

HIGHLIGHTS

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will hold a virtual conference Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, for members in the John Day, Baker City, Pine Valley, La Grande, Elgin, Union and Enterprise wards and branches. Elder Jeremy Jaggi, a General Authority Seventy, will be presiding remotely.

The Saturday evening adult session will start at 6 p.m. and the Sunday session is at 10 a.m. Members who have not received an email from President Chadwick with links to the conference may contact their local leader-

ship or Chris Panike at chrispanike@gmail.com for access information.

The "Come, Follow Me" lesson for the week of May 17 will be on Doctrine & Covenants sections 51-57, which are revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1831 regarding church organization, along with instructions for some individuals and families to settle in Independence, Missouri, rather than Kirtland, Ohio.

Submissions

Churches and faith-based groups are encouraged to submit Highlights for the Spiritual Life page by 4 p.m. Tuesday for publication Thursday. Submit by email to news@lagrandeobserver.com (with Highlights in the subject line).

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

LA GRANDE — La Grande's First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will welcome the congregation's new pastor, Archie Hook, and his wife, Vicqui, into ministry with them on Sunday, May 16. Pastor Archie's message, "Let's Take on the Work of Christ," will reflect on Matthew 11:28-30. Worship begins at 10 a.m. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced.

Being content never grows old

I remember as a kid how the days seemed so long. I recall in the summertime after breakfast, I would shoot baskets until the sun became too hot, and then I would ride my bike to cool off. Our

neighbors had five children and we would play kickball until it was too dark to see. Life was fun, and I was always excited to do it all over again the next day.



BILLY HOLLAND
LIVING ON PURPOSE

I can still recall the simple joys of running through clover as fast as I could for no reason except to feel the wind on my face. I loved to lie down on our picnic table in the backyard and watch the clouds pass by. It was interesting to see them transform into amazing images that looked so real, and I always wondered if anyone else was noticing this awesome display.

On those lazy humid days when the temperature would soar, I would turn on the garden hose and run through the water sprinkler and then play with my trucks and bulldozers under the cool shade of the trees. I remember climbing our cherry trees and sitting high in the branches sharing the delicious fruit with the numerous birds

that had the same idea. I would pick cherries and my mother would bake pies that were so delicious. I cannot recall being stressed or anxious about the future. I just believed everything would always stay this way and be alright.

Well, we all grow up and discover that our journey has seasons and is always moving forward. I've had a blessed life and I'm learning that living in the awareness of God's glorious presence will provide the courage and faith we need to endure whatever may come. As we grow older, it seems that time passes more quickly. Maybe this is because we are spending too much of it watching others instead of focusing on what we need to do. When we allow ourselves to become overly absorbed and entangled with problems we cannot change, it can overwhelm us with sadness and discouragement.

However, learning to live a productive yet uncomplicated lifestyle can help us rediscover the simplicity and contentment we enjoyed when we were young. When is the last time you went hiking and enjoyed the beauty of God's creation? It would be fun to play in the snow and feel the rain on our faces and maybe in the evenings

we could turn off the television and take a quiet walk, as talking with the Lord always brings peace and calm into our soul. Maybe if we realize that age has more to do with attitude than years, we could experience life on a higher level and have more joy and contentment. It is said that we are as young as our faith and as old as our despair.

I was in a restaurant the other day and noticed an elderly couple sitting together in a booth. The woman's hands were shaking and her food would not stay on the fork. After several attempts, she put the fork down. Her husband quietly reached over and took her fork, cut the pancake and gently started toward her mouth with a bite. She opened her mouth and accepted without even changing facial expressions. He returned to his plate and then began the compas-

sionate process of taking turns.

This scene touched me deeply and reminded me of how life seems to return full circle. Choosing to live in a disposition of child-like trust and hope in God allows us to remain happy and in his favor. Matthew chapter 18 talks about obedience and humility as a result of being spiritually converted and restored to the way we observed and contemplated life through our conscience as a young child. The innocence of children is precious in God's sight and he desires that we maintain this attitude and perspective of purity and a character of forgiveness, sincerity, and love no matter what age we are.

Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky with his wife, Cheryl, where he is a Christian minister, author and community chaplain. To learn more visit billyhollandministries.com.

Law Enforcement Memorial Day — Honor those who have earned it

The month of May is known for Memorial Day when graves of loved ones are decorated and those who have served our nation and given the ultimate sacrifice of service are to be remembered. Unfortunately, we are living in a generation that is not being taught much of the accuracy of our nation's history, and we are losing appreciation for our heritage as a nation. We live in a culture where many young people do not know the basis of how or even why our nation was founded, much less the Constitution upon which it was built.



FRANKLIN HUMBER
FROM THE PULPIT

Saturday, May 15, is another significant day of memorial and remembrance that is being forgotten by many who live in our nation: Law Enforcement Memorial Day has been set aside to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty. Sadly, we are living in a day that we are seeing the numbers of officers killed in the line of duty on the rise. Recently, two officers in our nation were shot and killed coming out of their homes on their way to go to work.

In the past decade, we have seen a dramatic deterioration of respect for those who serve to protect us and an increase of hostility against those who serve with honor. Some want to focus on the small percentage of bad officers at the expense of the vast majority who serve with honor. Initial news reports inflame the public but the results of thorough investigation are rarely given as much press because it is not nearly as sensational. It is not surprising to most individuals that the result of much of the defunding of police in many metropolitan areas has resulted in a sharp increase in violent crimes and a long delay in response times to crime.

We all need to realize there are bad representatives of every field of work. There is isolated corruption in every line of work. Sadly, this is true in my line of work as a pastor and whatever line of work you do as well, even in politicians as we all know full well. The Bible still says to show honor to whom honor is due (Roman 13:7) and that there is no greater love to show than to lay down your life for your friend (John 15:13).

Those who serve honorably and lay their life down every time they go to work should be given the honor they are due. Those who sacrifice their very life in service should be remembered with honor. Join with me this week to pray for and express appreciation to those who serve to protect us from the evil around us so we can enjoy a peaceful life.

Franklin Humber is the pastor of the Summerville Baptist Church.

Words of the Buddha

Generosity, kind words, doing a good turn for others, and treating all people alike: these bonds of sympathy are to the world what the linchpin is to the chariot wheel.

— Jataka 20

Difficult to detect and very subtle, the mind seizes whatever it wants; so let a wise one guard one's mind, for a guarded mind brings happiness.

— Dhammapada 3.36

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

— Source: www.pariyatti.org



GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL AND CLINICS CELEBRATES OUR EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND ASSOCIATES DURING THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK.

HAPPY NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK!

MAY 9-15, 2021

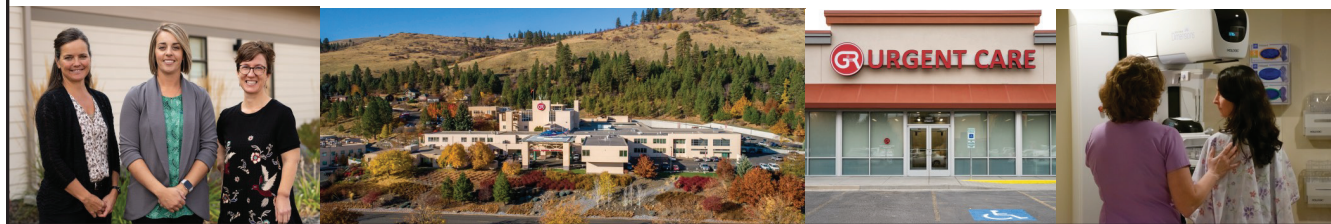
GRH employees continue to serve our region with our core values at heart:

Compassion, Creativity, Collaboration, and Credibility.

They embody strength, dedication, and courage by continuing to support the health of our community through a turbulent year.

For this reason, we want to give our employees an enthusiastic THANK YOU.

We honor each and every one of you, and look forward to celebrating with you.



Northeast Oregon Directory of Churches

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

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~

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The Place
62848 Philynda Loop in Island City
"We are called to Serve"

Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Phone: 541-568-4230
grace.lutheranove@gmail.com

IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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www.imblerce@gmail.com

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

CHURCH Service DIRECTORY

SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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LA GRANDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

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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
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A Place where hope is found in Jesus

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Saturday Worship 11:00 am

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Christian Preschool/Childcare 963-6390
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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.