

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Pests In Your Bird Feeders:

Pests come in all shapes and sizes. They range from the tiny ant to the large mammal from your neighbors yard. Don't forget about the nectar thieves waiting to filch the treats we provide for our birds. Some are more persistent than others, but all create challenges that must be overcome.

Ants:

Ants are a major problem for every hummingbird lover at one time or another. Once ants have found the sticky sweet nectar, they keep coming back for more and more. Most hummingbirds don't like to eat from a feeder that has more than a few ants on it, so a way must be found to keep the insect pests away. Because ants can't fly or swim, they are often easier to deal with than bees and wasps. You just need to put some kind of barrier along the path the ants use to access the feeder. Some feeders have a small basin surrounding the hanger, thus providing a water hazard for the ants. If your feeder doesn't have one, you can purchase a simple device called an ant guard that performs the same function. You can use cooking oil, petroleum jelly, or motor oil also can be used to create a barrier. Just coat a section of the pole, or wire your feeders hangs on. The coating will need to be renewed every week or so because it will get dry with exposure to air. NEVER use pesticides on or around the feeders and be sure that sticky or oily, substances cannot get on the birds feathers.

Bees and other insects:

Bees, wasps and other flying insects also enjoy sweet treats. Feeders that come with detachable bee guards can sometimes deter bees and other flying insects. Other types of feeders are designed so that insects have no place to land, and because they can't hover, they cannot gain access to the nectar. But hummers sometimes balk at using feeders with bee guards or feeders that exclude insects, so stronger measures might be required. You might try using traps to catch the bees and wasps. I use bee traps here in O'Brien and they seem to be very successful. You can find them in hardware stores and garden centers here in the valley and over in Grants Pass. A nonlethal method of dealing with wasps and bees is to remove the feeders for a week or two. In time, the pests will find another food source. Once the feeders are replaced, it will take several weeks before the flying pests return.

Bats:

Bats may seem to be an odd problem for hummingbird lovers and feeders, but we forget that bats love nectar as much as the hummingbirds. There are only a few solutions for you. You can use feeders with bee guards or you can remove the feeders at dusk. Of course, not everyone considers bats to be a nuisance. Some people like me just refill the feeders every morning. Cheryl and I love to watch the bats fly around. Remember they like insects almost as much as the nectar.

Larger Pests:

Squirrels and raccoons not only drink sugar

water intended for your hummers, but they also destroy the feeders. In places where they are a problem, it is recommended that large baffles be put on the hangers or on the poles from which the feeders hang to prevent the pesky mammals from reaching the feeders. We've found dogs love to chase the squirrels and that seems to be a deterrent.

You may see finches or woodpeckers using your hummingbird feeders, often spilling the contents as they come and go. Feeders without

perches exclude big birds by eliminating the landing platform. Bee guards will slow larger birds down a little, but the best solution is to provide them with their own feeders. All birds and will use feeders with open cups filled with nectar (sugar-water) or jelly.

Leakage:

Another problem you might encounter is feeder leakage. This often happens to bottle feeders when they are placed in the sun. Either hang them in shady places or switch to saucer type feeders, which do not leak. Sorry, I don't know of hummingbird feeder pampers. There you go, invent one and make millions. Feeder pest and problem can be a pain; but none should be so difficult as to keep you from enjoying your natural

treasures that abound in your backyard. If you wish to contact me you can do so by emailing me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net Here's another thing for you to think about. I meet bird lovers every Saturday morning at My Place Cafe in Cave Junction around 8:30. It would be a real treat to meet you and hear your bird stories.

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Church News

The Good Foundation

Community Bible Church has a Christian school, and I periodically speak at the school's chapel service. At one point this year, we talked about Matthew 7:24-27 sometimes called the "Wise and Foolish Builders." Jesus is speaking and says, "24Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26"But everyone who hears these sayings

of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Now like these builders mentioned, we all build our lives or "houses" upon something. We may not even realize on a conscious level that we are building something – but we are! Some people build their lives on money or possessions, some on personal esteem or what they want people to perceive them to be. For some it's all about some sport or activity, while some live to travel,

and others are wholly wrapped up in their work. I have seen folks who were so wrapped up in their children's lives that they felt completely empty when their children left home. Some build their lives on drugs, alcohol, pornography, or the pursuit of pleasure. Others build their lives on religion or on the following of no religion.

The whole point of this is that we all build our lives on something. What we build our lives on impacts our lives now, but more importantly and frighteningly it impacts our lives for eternity. Most of what people build their lives on doesn't even

satisfy in this life – let alone give anyone any hope for eternity.

Today I presented my last chapel message at the school, and it came from John 14:1-14. In verse 5, Jesus was asked about the way to heaven, and in verse six this is what Jesus said, 6"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Everything from money to religion and all the things we mentioned in between will let you down – Jesus, the Messiah, will not.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Sunday

Morning Worship 10:30 am
Praise and Prayer 6:00 pm

Wednesday

No AWANA until September

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – High School

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday's lesson had to do with the Holy Spirit. The role of the Holy Spirit, in conjunction with the Father (God) and the Son (Jesus), is not singular. First of all, the Holy Spirit reminds us of God's word and of those spoken by his Son, Jesus. It is our responsibility to accept that reminder and move to the next mission of the Holy Spirit.....helping us to understand

the word of God. If we aren't reminded and helped to understand, we can't move on to the next step.....sharing the word of God. This is the step that may often seem difficult for most to undertake. But if we listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance, we can, as Paul does in Acts, Chapter 16, go where the Lord directs and teach as He instructs.

And, as Jesus says in John, Chapter 14, ".....But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

The Holy Spirit is there for each of us, waiting to remind, helping us to understand and motivating us to share. If we only will listen.

Church calendar:

Thursday, May 9,
4 p.m., Good Shepherd Singers rehearse;

Sunday, May 12,
9:15 AM, All-Comers Bible Class,
10 a.m. Worship and Communion.

Places of Worship

BRIDGEVIEW
COMMUNITY CHURCH
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ
541-592-3923
"Come Join the Worship!"
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Sonny Moore
www.kbcc.us

7th DAY ADVENTIST
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Christian Martin
Church (541) 592-3218
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330

ILLINOIS VALLEY
PENTECOSTALS
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
541-592-4716 or 541-218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

IMMANUEL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 541-592-3896
Email: cbccca@cavenet.com
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
Pre-K to 12th grade
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
541-592-3658
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m

First Baptist Church of Selma
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
541-597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street
& Lewis Court, CJ
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 541-592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net

VALLEY EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
541-592-6160

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
541-592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Morning Worship
9:30 & 11 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ
541-592-2006
Rev. James Boston
Worship Service - 5 p.m.
1st Sunday of each month

THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY
SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. -
12:10 p.m.
Bishop G. Frank Sybrant
541-245-3394



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