

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

What should you do now that spring is coming?

Well, it's still cold here in O'Brien, but spring is on the way. With the warmer temps comes the promise of the end of winter. What are some of the things you can do to prepare for spring?

First, you need to clean your feeders. If you've been using them through the winter, there might be mold on them. It's always a good idea to change out your feeders from season to season. If you don't, you need to give them a good cleaning. Use a stiff brush and 8 to 1 water to bleach solution and give it a good scrub. Be sure to let it dry completely before putting it back out and filling it with seed.

Second, you need to bring out your birdbath from storage and get it ready. You should give it a good cleaning using the same 8:1 solution as you used for the feeders. Remember that bath will bring birds to your backyard. They really love it. When the heat of summer comes, the birds will spend even more time taking baths. I've spent hours watching birds bathing and having a fun time in my birdbath.

If you've been feeding your birds the winter feed mix of nuts and seed. I suggest, you may want to change back to your summer mix. During autumn and winter, birds need protein. They usually get protein from insects around your house. During the colder months, that source drops off. For spring and summer the insects are out in full force and you don't have to use seed mix with nuts in it. I use cracked corn and black oil sunflower seed during the spring and summer, no nuts mix. Save your money and buy only the non-nut mix.

Remember fruit. Start using some cut up fruit in your feeders. I nail a half of an orange to the side or top of our platform feeder. They will love it. Any fruit with nuts in it works.

If you like birds as much as I do and want to talk about the birds in your backyard, you can come to My Place Café in Cave Junction every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. Spend some time with other bird lovers like yourself. We would love to meet you and have a cup of coffee with you.

Harry Johnson, O'Brien



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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Live Your Baptism!

Matthew 3:16-17 "16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

In Baptism, we become God's chosen ones. In the pouring of the water and in the saying of the words, we become God's children. We are chosen by God. He acts, he comes to us

through the water and the word to make us his. God does all the action in Baptism. God claims us for eternity.

In our baptism, we're also anointed with the Spirit. A sign of the cross is made to seal the covenant agreement made through the water and the word. Our sins are forgiven as it says in Titus 3:5 "He saved us not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit."

So our sins are forgiven. But a covenant is an agreement between two parties. So at the same time God is forgiving our sins, we're making

an agreement with Him to fight against sin and to confess our sins so that He might drown them and raise out of the waters of our Baptism a new person. Baptism is not a magical rite that Archie Bunker might describe as "a little religion just to be on the safe side." Baptism is a lifelong agreement made between us and God.

From the first moment of our Baptism God agrees to forgive our sins, and we agree to fight against sin. And when we do sin, we promise to ask God to cleanse us and renew us again in the waters of our Baptism. That's not to say we need to be Baptized each day, but each day we relive our Baptism in that God drowns our sin-

ful self and raises up a new person. This daily reliving of our Baptismal promises is indeed the spiritual 'pause that refreshes'.

So Baptism happens once, but we live it daily. And if we don't keep our part of the agreement, to confess our sins and to seek God's forgiveness, then the promise of Baptism means nothing; because by forsaking our part of the bargain we also turn away from God's action of forgiveness.

The baptismal covenant made between us and God is one of the most important things in life. Live your baptism!

Community Bible Church

When the Pain Won't Go Away

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

There is a saying, "I have come to the end of my rope." The picture is a clear one of someone slowly, or not so slowly, sliding down a rope that hangs over an abyss. You must cling to that rope and hope that your strength holds out. Over the years I have talked to people who felt that they were in a hopeless situation, and the weight they carried and the pressure they felt was so extreme that it threatened to crush the very life out of them. I remember someone who had quit sleeping to a large extent because of the pressure they felt. They could not disengage their minds and were overwhelmed as it consumed their

thinking processes. There are those who try to escape through drug use, or alcohol, or some other means that temporarily offers diversion. But the mind always seems to revert to that seemingly insurmountable problem or difficulty that just won't go away. And so we "cling to that rope" hoping we won't come to the end of it. Jesus understood the problems we face and promised us rest if we would come to Him. Peter, who denied Jesus three times just before Jesus was crucified, carried a heavy weight of guilt and failure. Yet, when he wrote a letter to encourage other believers in Christ, he said, "Casting all your cares upon Him for He cares for you." I Peter 5:7 That's good advice for all of us – give those burdens to the Lord and don't take them back. May the Lord bless you as you seek Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC
Sunday, January 19th
We welcome Kevin & Yulia Brubaker
Missionaries to Russia
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
A.W.A.N.A. 6:30-8:00
Age 3 – Grade 6

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – 12th grade

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	COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH Pastor Dave Gordon 113 S. Caves Ave., CJ Office: 541-592-3896 Email: cbcca@gmail.com Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Christian Academy Pre-K to 12th grade Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ Annemarie Richardson Lay Pastor. Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10 a.m. Church Phone: 541-592-2290 www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net	ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ 541-592-2006 Rev. James Boston Worship Service - 5 p.m. 1st Sunday of each month ***
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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	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	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	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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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	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	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	

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