

# Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

## Feeding your birds from your hand

Having bird seed feeders in your front or back yards can be fun for everyone in your family. I would like you to try feeding your birds from your hand. Yes, it can be done.

Your backyard birds can be landing on your shoulder and taking food from your hand. With a little encouragement, some birds will accept you as a natural part of their environment. It's not difficult to win the trust of the guest in your front or back yard feeders.

Begin by filling your feeders at the same time every day, preferably in the early morning, when birds actively seek food. Include a few chopped walnuts or pecans to your sunflower seed, which many birds relish and then put them where birds

can get at them immediately. These guys are smart and they'll catch on very fast.

Start by standing or sitting quietly for a few minutes about 10-15 feet away from the feeder after you put out their food. It's ok to talk, in fact the birds will learn to associate your voice with the food, but avoid sudden movement.

After a bit of scolding by the birds and a few false starts, the birds will come to the feeder. The first bird will get the treats all to itself. This is the nature of these inquisitive species to investigate novel food opportunities.

It's important that you are consistent to the times and location. Do the same thing on the following day and at the same time. Try not to close the gap too quickly. You may want to try doing this over a 2 week

period. The birds will accept your presence there. It's ok to skip a day or even a week, but the more often you repeat, the faster the birds will get used to you.

Once the birds are coming to the feeder while you stand right next to it, put your open hand on or next to the feeder. It's ok to wear gloves, provided they're always the same color. When the birds have become comfortable eating near your hand, remove all the food from the feeder and offer the nut pieces on your palm. Be patient. One of the birds will land on the feeder and take a piece of the nut from your hand. It may even hop into your fingers.

You'll find that Chickadee, Nuthatch and Junco's will likely be your first takers. They seem to be the most inquisitive of the birds in my front yard. The best time of the year

is fall and winter. That's when the Chickadee and Nuthatches are here in the Valley in full force. During the winter time, the cold seals away much of the natural food for these beauties. The birds will be especially eager at those times to get what you're offering. So, bundle up, put on warm socks and boots and go out and have fun.

An additional piece of advice from Cheryl – the hummingbird caretaker in our home: If you are interested in feeding hummers, put about a tablespoon of nectar into a small red or bright pink lid or small container (she used a 2 ounce plastic container). Stand outside with the container resting in your palm and hold your hand steady. Cheryl has fed many hummers in this manner. It is amazing to see how trusting they become, very quickly. She has

had them stand/perch on her fingers, while they take a rest and dip into the container for a drink. It is an amazing experience.

Try these methods and you may see the birds in new ways and observe things you never noticed before.

I hope you enjoyed this week's article. If you want to talk to me about this or any of the other articles I've done, you can come by My Place Café in Cave Junction on Saturday mornings. I have breakfast with bird lovers there each week around 8:30 a.m. Come on by and meet new friends.

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# Church News

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

### Spiritual Life Preservers (Matthew 14:22-33)

Last week, we read about the feeding of the 5000. Jesus had been teaching all day and now the crowd was hungry. So He told Philip that THEY (the disciples) should feed the crowd. Of course, they didn't have enough food, or the money to buy enough food, to feed all these people. But the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus "asked this only to test (Philip), for He already had in mind what he was going to do." *John 6:6*

It was a test. Jesus' intention in that test was to stretch their faith in what He could do. BUT now, comes an even bigger lesson. And like every good teacher, Jesus sets the stage for what He wants His students to understand.

Jesus had been gradually intensifying the level of His disciples' education: starting sim-

ply with turning water into wine, then healing the sick, and even raising the dead. At the feeding of the 5,000 he even had the disciples participate in the miracle.

He kept turning up the volume with each new lesson; building one experience upon another. And that makes sense. If Jesus had walked out on the water when He first recruited His disciples they would have scattered to the four winds and never come back.

It was only after they'd seen and experienced everything else that had gone before that they were ready for this challenge. It was only after He'd built up a relationship with them and given them an opportunity to see His power in a non-threatening way.

And that's how God works with us. He gently draws us into deeper and deeper walks of faith. In the KJV, *2 Corinthians 3:18* says "we all, with open face beholding as in a glass

the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." The Revised Standard Version of that verse tells us that we are "...changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another" *2 Corinthians 3:18*

It's like we're climbing a set of stairs. We all start out on the same level: we believe in Jesus Christ, we repent of our sins, we make the decision to accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior of our lives, and we're baptized for the forgiveness of our sins and risen up to a new life. But then God starts remaking us in His image.

We take one step up the stair case... and then another. And the further up we go, the more "changed into His image" we become. And that means that lots of people are going to be on different levels of maturity. Some are going to be further up or down the staircase than we are.

We've got to realize that not everybody

is on the same level in their relationship with Jesus. Some have only come up the stairs a few steps and others have been privileged to have gone a great distance in their faith. Our objective as Christians is not to segregate ourselves from those who aren't on our level, but instead to find ways of gently reaching down and helping them in their struggles.

That's why Paul wrote that we should "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." *Ephesians 4:2*

Jesus spent an entire night in prayer before He gave this object lesson to the apostles. He cared about them so much that He prayed for hours before He tried to move them further along on their spiritual journey. So how can we do any less? We need to be ready to act as spiritual life preservers, just as Jesus did on the Sea of Galilee.

## Community Bible Church

### Thinking About the Farm Again

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." *Romans 3:23*

One thing about my Uncle Ralph and Aunt Thelma's farm was that there were many ways to get dirty. The soil there in places was a type of red clay, and you only had to walk in it to raise that red dust. On the farm there was always a percentage of the fields that were left fallow. Fallow ground was that which was plowed or worked up with a disc or some other farm implement and left unseeded. This was usually done when a field had enough encroachment by weeds to make it unprofitable. You would rework the soil with the tractor and appropriately implement every so often to kill the weed sprouts. After working those fields you would come in covered with dirt from head to toe. Moving hay was also a dusty, dirty job. When feeding the calves, it was impossible to stay clear of cow manure, likewise with cleaning the pens in which the cattle were sometimes kept. During the harvest, the dirt and dust would

drift over you, or the wind would blow it swirling around your head until you were covered. Cutting wood, building fence, working in the garden, gathering eggs all involved getting dirty. There was a remedy for this, only one – soap and water, and boy did that end of the day washing feel good!

It's the same with sin; there are many ways to get dirty from sin. We are faced with it every day, and often we don't even have to go looking for it – it comes to us and leaves us oh-so-dirty. Over the years I had people come to me in complete despair over the dirt they have accumulated over the years. They feel so filthy, so tired of it, so very weary. I have the blessing of telling them that they can be clean again, because Jesus willingly forgives their sin. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." *Isaiah 1:18b* Do you need to wash?

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave  
Ministry at CBC

Sunday, August 17  
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Praise and Prayer at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13  
Prayer 10:00 a.m.

Free Senior Exercise Class  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
9:00-10:00 a.m.  
Dining Room

Community Christian Academy  
Preschool – 12th grade  
Now accepting applications – school starts September 3rd

# 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: cbccca@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. Bryant Bechtold  
Sunday Worship  
Service 10:30 a.m.

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.  
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  
Larry Hammersmith  
541-592-3919

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  
10343 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

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.



**It's The Berries!**

**Saturday, August 16, 2014 ~ 8 am to 4 pm**

We are now accepting applications for Vendors  
Inside and outside spaces are available  
Outdoor spaces must bring your own tables.  
\$20 with a \$5 refund for a cleaned space.  
Place: RCC/Belt Building  
24353 Redwood Highway, Kirby, OR  
Reservation Deadline is August 12, 2014  
Last day for refunds is August 14, 2014  
Contact Hazel Griffith—541-592-6433  
Or Jean Shubert — 541-592-6150