

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Do Woodpeckers take baths?

Ok, you all know I love woodpeckers. If it's not the Pileated, it's the Flicker. They both spend a lot of time around my house. In doing so, they give me lots of pleasure watching and listening to them. One question I've had is; do woodpeckers take baths? I started to think about it and realized I've never seen one in my bird bath. I get all kinds of birds taking baths in the bird bath in my front yard, but I've never seen a Flicker or any kind of woodpecker there. So, it's time to do some research and here's what I came up with.

When it comes to bathing, not all birds behave the same. Just as it is with people, some birds are constantly washing themselves while others don't do it nearly as much as we

wish they would. Take Robins, for example. There isn't a bird bath anywhere that they won't stop and use. I don't know what Robins did in a former life, but there is clearly something bad they are trying to wash away. Starlings must have a bit of Japanese culture in them because the entire flock often bathes at the same time. But unlike the Japanese, a Starling communal bath isn't a peaceful, relaxing affair. When a flock of Starling hit a bird bath, water splashes everywhere; it looks like a blender with its cover off.

Birds of prey are more human like in their bathing habits. Hawks will often walk into a pool of water and just soak for a few minutes before getting on with the actual washing. Swallows and Swifts do just the

opposite. They have no time in their busy schedule to be floating around in water, so they bathe on the wing. Swallows will skim over a pond, flying just low enough to allow the water to splash on them as they go. They want to take a bath, but hate getting into the water. Instead, they take a "leaf bath". No they don't roll around in a big pile of leaves. That behavior is exclusive to ten-year-old children. After rain storms or heavy morning dew, a lot of leaves are wet and the birds will hop and lay in them to wash off.

Woodpeckers use a combination of the above methods to maintain their feathers. Woodpeckers will not only use bird baths, but they will also take the aforementioned rain bath; in the winter they will take snow baths.

Woodpeckers have also been known to take dust baths. It seems like a major contradiction for birds to clean themselves by rolling around in dirt, but they do it. Experts think it has something to do with pest control. I wonder if it works on dogs too, my dogs are constantly rolling in the dust.

So, the answer to your question is yes and no. How is that for an answer?

I would love to meet other bird lovers. Come by My Place Café in downtown Cave Junction one of these Saturday mornings around 8:30 a.m. and meet us. I would love to talk to you about the birds in your backyard.

The above is from the *Bird Watchers General Store*, E-Bird and Harry Johnson in O'Brien.



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Ideas for a Better America:

by Glenn Mollette

America is experiencing some tough times, but it's not something new.

One friend now deceased used to tell me about The Great Depression. "Those were lean times. Our family really struggled but we made it," he said. Americans today still can recount family members fighting in previous wars and rarely, if ever, receiving a letter. Today, email and social media make it possible to stay connected in many situations.

There's a lot of evil today. ISIS, Taliban, radical Muslims, crazy religious people and criminals in general permeate the world. We've had evil

in the world for a long time. People have been killing, stealing and conniving since the beginning of time. The Middle East has been filled with violence since the days of the Old Testament writings.

America has always been a land of some turmoil. What we have experienced on the soil of this country in the past is hard to comprehend by most today.

How wonderful it would be if all of America could be like Mayberry and Andy Griffith. Most of America has never been like those classic feel good shows. They always seemed to have a happy and peaceful ending

that relaxed us at the end of the day.

Few televisions programs are that relaxing today. Many are about something heinous or very edgy. The news is filled with graphic murders, kidnappings, war, rape, violence and national unrest on every level. It's all sadly real. Few people have anything good to say about anybody unless they are in the same political party and even those who belong to the same party and same church sometimes backstab each other.

These are tough times in the world. They've always been here. What can we do? At least three things: First, be a good manager of

you. That's not easy. Managing our own lives and business can be overwhelming. However, nobody else can really do it but you. We spend a lifetime trying to manage us. Managing others and us is very difficult.

Second, try not to be stupid. It's easy to mess up. Don't drive 90 mph in your car. Lock your doors at night. Try to work a paying job as long as you can. Save a little money for a rainy day. Don't burn all your bridges. Don't ever let anyone in your house that you don't know.

Finally, be steady. If it's important stay with it and eventually you will get results.

These three rules are also vital to our country. We, as Americans must manage ourselves, avoid stupidity and stay steady. If we will do these three we can come back.

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Church News

Community Bible Church

Burning Fields

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptable with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." *Romans 5:3-5*

When the harvest came to an end on my uncle's farm, it was time to burn fields. I always looked forward to that end of the season job. The grain and grass harvesting would leave a lot of straw on the ground. While much of this was baled and used for winter feed or bedding, some always remained in the fields, not to mention the left over stubble on the ground. To help cut down on disease and insects and to remove what was left on the ground, the local farmers would get together and burn off the residue. I was lighting a field that had a gully up the middle of it, and as the fire climbed up that gully it resulted in a tremendous

whirlwind of fire. It was frightening and marvelous at the same time.

I think of that event when I read about God being likened to fire in the Bible. When that field-burning fire had finished moving over the ground, everything was laid bare and in the open. I believe that's a good picture of God's judgment of mankind. Nothing will be left hidden or concealed. We will have to answer to God for every word and deed. Fortunately, *Hebrews 8:25* says the following, "Therefore He (Jesus) is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." We are saved from the penalty of our sin. Have you come to God through Jesus?

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

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Feet Jesus washed

'Near the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, it was time to celebrate His last Passover & first "Lord's Supper" with His disciples. Now in those days it was the custom for a servant to wash the feet of the people before the feast began. However the disciples had over looked this detail in planning for the service. As everyone waited Jesus got up and began to wash the feet of His friends. *John 13* tells the story

of His loving deed. By this selfless act He showed that it is loving service, true humility, which shows true greatness. This action really opened the eyes of the disciples. Bitter shame filled their hearts. As Jesus acted out His love for them their selfish spirits were changed. Jesus did not hesitate to lovingly wash the feet of Judas. What was Judas thinking about then? Surely his heart should have melted at this time. When it was Peter's turn, he recoiled at the thought of Jesus washing his feet.

"You're not going to wash my feet!" he said. Jesus responded in loving tones, "If you won't let me wash your feet, you won't have any part with me." Then Peter impulsively blurted out, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" When Jesus had finished washing their feet the disciples had a change of feeling, and a union of heart, and a love for one another. No wonder Jesus said. "Now you are clean, but not all, for He knew who would betray Him." *John 13:10,11* Then He

asked them to follow His example: "You ought also to wash one another's feet...if you know these things you'll be happy if you do them.

That's why we practice the ordinance of humility (foot washing). It prepares our heart to partake of the Lord's Supper (communion).

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