

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Bird meteorologists
If you know me, you know I love my birds and I love following the weather here in the Illinois Valley. Cheryl and I have a wireless weather station that downloads to our computer every minute of the day and I love it. I’ve been reading about how birds react to weather changes and realized the birds are pretty good at weather forecasting. If you watch your feathered friends and compare their forecast and watch your TV and see who’s right. What I’m seeing is that the birds aren’t far off in their predictions.
Here are some sayings about bird meteorologists:

- Birds fly lower before a storm.
- A busy bird feeder means bad weather is coming.
- Birds singing in the rain, means the rain will soon stop.
- Birds eat more just before a storm.
- When birds stop singing and the trees start swinging, a storm is on the way.
- When birds eat a lot and then disappear, a terrible storm is very near.
- If a crow hollers in the morning, expect rain by night. I’m not so sure about this one... My crows seem to holler all the time.
- If crows fly in pairs, expect fine

weather. A crow flying alone is a sign of foul weather.
•When the grouse drum at night, there will be a deep fall of snow.
•Hawks flying high means a clear sky. When they fly low, prepare for a blow.
•Cranes aloft, the day is soft. Swallows soar, good weather more.
•A robin singing at dawn while facing west means a change in weather by noon.
•If the robin sings loudly from the topmost of trees, expect a storm.
•When woodpeckers peck low on the trees, expect warm weather.
•The loon calls loudest before the

storm.
Well, what do you think? Yeah, some of those were pretty good and there were some that had me scratching my bald head and asking “WHAT?”
I hope you enjoyed this week’s subject. Just remember to watch the birds and you won’t get caught in the rain.
If you want to email me, you can reach me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.
The above is brought to you by Harry Johnson in O’Brien and the Bird Watcher’s Digest.



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Church News

Community Bible Church

Coming apart at the seams
2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV) 1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
Paul’s warning to Timothy truly fits with our study of some of the biblical passages that deal with the last days of our age. The warnings given in this passage have been true to some extent in all ages, but seem to be more pronounced today. In fact, I don’t believe it would be too great a stretch to say that to the degree those characteristics increase in our day we are watching our culture nationally and globally come

apart at the seams. The unraveling of our culture is astounding to watch, and it goes all the way through our government down to the personal level.
The conflicts and contention we see in our current elections, the dishonesty and immorality we have to put up with in our elected officials would have been hard to imagine 50 years ago. The entertainment industry (movies, books, video games, music) constantly bombard all of us – but particularly our children and teens – with violent, immoral, dishonest themes that have to impact our thinking and social interactions. I believe if we could all resurrect our grandparents and let them watch all that is going on for even just a week, they would find it completely unbelievable – seeing things like the migrant crisis in Europe, the migrant crisis in the United States, and the worldwide battle with terrorism and extremism of every sort.

The statement in verse 5, “having a form of godliness, but denying its power” says a lot all by itself. I find that many people are locked into their religion (including Christians) or they state that they are not religious but spiritual, and they have no idea that religion or their supposed spirituality is as big a dead-end as humanistic secularism (which means having no God). The power of God is displayed in Jesus Christ, His resurrection, and the life changing power of a relationship with Him – not in religious actions or dogmas.
You decide – is the world safer, healthier, and more stable than 30 years ago? I don’t believe anyone could honestly answer yes. How far will things come apart? That remains to be seen, but if something doesn’t change drastically, the coming years could be extremely difficult.
In Christ,
Pastor Dave

- Ministry at CBC**
- Wednesday, March 30
A.W.A.N.A. 6:30-8 p.m.
Preschool to grade 6
Adult Bible Study 7-8 p.m.
- Sunday, April 3
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer and Praise 6 p.m.
- Community Christian Academy
Preschool – High school
- Senior Exercise Class
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

Seventh-day Adventist Church:

A tribute to Darlene

Some of you may remember that fatal Christmas Eve accident that happened on a snowy day in Selma. The dear one who lost her life that day was our friend Darlene Varney.
Her husband Ron and daughter Kay were also seriously injured.
They have been waiting to have her service until her family would be healed enough to attend. The Varney family decided to have her service at the Grants Pass SDA Church so that it would be easier for her friends and family to attend. The service was held Sunday, March 20. People came from all over Southern Oregon and beyond to honor Darlene. Pastor Christian Martin welcomed everyone and opened the service with

prayer. Then Pastor Hyland read Psalm 23. Pastor Tony then gave some comforting words.
As Board Chairman for our Madrone School, Darlene was very much involved with the children there, so it was very fitting that the children would sing “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”.
Then Pastor Christian gave his comforting message. He gave us the hope that we will get to see our friend Darlene again when Jesus comes. At this time people began sharing their memories of Darlene.
It was amazing how a talented lady like Darlene, had spent time in an orphanage and in a foster home. Even as a child she was fixing things for people, like her foster Mom’s

toaster.
Darlene used her many skills and talents to help our church run smoothly. Here are only a few hats she wore: PA system, School Board Chair, Social Committee, Church Treasurer, and much, much more. We miss her!
Patty Hyland wrote and read a special poem for Darlene. Then her son, Major Stephen Hyland, in full dress uniform told about how Darlene made a big welcome banner when he came home. He then saluted her picture. In closing we sang “Soon and Very Soon We are Going to See the King”. A delicious meal was served to all.

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
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Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Christian Martin
Church (541) 592-3218
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330

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.
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Illinois Valley Praise Center
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ
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Sunday school – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Seekers
Meeting – 7 p.m.
Youth Group Thursday – 7 p.m.
www.ivpraisecenter.com
- 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.

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
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

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
Annemarie Richardson
Lay Pastor.
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.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.
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. Bryant Bechtold
Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 a.m.
- 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

Illinois Valley Baptist Church
541-592-6149
102 South Redwood Hwy
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