

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Birding Projects
Every year, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology holds its annual bird count. It's called "Project Feeder Watch" and it starts Nov. 12. It can be a fun project for families and the young. It's a great way to learn what birds are visiting your feeder each day. I've done this in years past and enjoyed it. What you do is pick a feeder or two that are close together and easy to watch at the same time. You pick an hour during the day and you count the birds that come to your feeder. You'll document when and what kind of birds are feeding. You'll do this for several weeks. It's fun and like I said, it's a great way to learn about your birds in your backyard.

If you're interested go to feederwatch@cornell.edu and read all about it. You need to register and they will send you a research kit. It's easy and fun.
There's another bird counting project coming up that may be fun for you bird lovers. It's called "The Big Sit." That's right, "The Big Sit." Don't try saying that three times real fast. I get myself in trouble every time. It starts on Oct. 9 and you need to register for this one also. The simplicity of the concept makes "The Big Sit" so appealing. You find a good spot for bird watching. You want one with good views of a variety of habitats and lots of birds. Next, you create a real or imaginary

circle 17 feet in diameter and sit inside the circle for 24 hours, counting all the bird species you see or hear. It sure sounds like fun.
There's a real challenge in doing the "The Big Sit". Spending 24 hours or as many as you can do, watching birds from inside your circle really sharpens your senses and bird watching skills. Your eyes will be scanning the horizon and sky overhead looking for birds. Your eyes and ears get attuned to the smallest chip or snippet of bird songs. I've found that we're so busy looking at the birds in our trees and feeders we miss the ones flying overhead. This project will help you learn the skills needed to be a good bird watcher.
So, mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 9. Here's the link to register for this bird counting fun: http://www.birdwatchers-digest.com/bwdsite/connect/bigshit/register.php?sc=birdwire_sept2011&j=367597&e=cherhar@frontiernet.net&l=2724_HTML&u=3069803&mid=1052923&jb=0.
Please remember if you have any questions about this or about your birds you can write to me at www.birdwatching@frontiernet.net.
The above is from Bird Watchers Digest Magazine and Harry Johnson.



Cardinal (left), sparrow and a nuthatch at a backyard feeder.



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Church News

Community Bible Church

Insanity lurks just around the corner
Romans 1:21-22 (NKJV) 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
"They had received the knowledge of God, and yet did not give Him the glory or gratitude which are His due as God; their reasoning landed them in sheer frustration, and their mind, deprived of true understanding, became shrouded in darkness. They claimed to be wise, but were led into folly." *Romans 1:21-22* (FF Bruce, Expanded Paraphrase of the Bible).
FF Bruce, who died in 1990, was an English Bible scholar with a tremendous grasp of the Greek language (the language in which the New

Testament was originally written). I believe his paraphrase/exposition of the above verse is right on the mark, and I also believe it is a description of the confusion that is currently taking place in the USA. We are divided over so many things and can't seem to find any ground upon which to have a civilized debate. We have become confused about simple matters of right and wrong. Our media, politicians, popular culture, and even many religious organizations can't seem to understand that it is wrong to tell a lie. I'm guessing they figure the ends (the goal they're trying to reach) justifies the means they use (lying). Where is the national outcry against this type of mental treachery?
We are experiencing a similar cultural disconnect when it comes to stealing, murder, faithfulness in marriages, and most of the other areas

that make a culture stable and strong. It is my opinion that these problems are epidemic in our culture because we are in the process of rejecting the foundation of any sound standard. Our culture is trying to push God aside, and in the process have shown the sheer folly of a godless society. FF Bruce, in the paraphrased verse above, puts it this way: "their mind deprived of true understanding became shrouded in darkness." What is the end of violation of the standards that were foundational to our nation? It is chaos, violence and ultimately ruin. A lie will always be a lie, stealing will always be evil, immorality will always be a betrayal, murder will always be an abomination. Not only do these acts damage our culture, society and nation, they destroy the one who does them. There is right and wrong, and it's found in the absolute – that is God.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC
Sunday
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – 12th grade

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Light Your Own Fire
I love the picture that the parable of "Lazarus and the Rich Man" paints for us: Abraham tells us that even the fires of hell can't light a spiritual fire under some people. They're stuck in lives of little faith and nothing's going to move them.
From time to time all of us have been there. I've been spiritually stuck. We tend to be stuck people. We get distracted, pulled down, undone. God feels distant and irrelevant. That's where the religious folks that Jesus was talking to in this parable were at. Even the fires of hell weren't enough to inspire them to change.
Seasons of spiritual darkness are common — even though many of us pretend they're some kind of an exception that only affects a few. Even when indifference steals our most pious intentions, and we surrender ourselves to isolation in our lack of holy zeal, don't be deceived: gloom in the Christian's heart is common.

But how does that happen? How do we end up on the opposite side of the chasm from God?
Day after day, sermon after sermon, small group after small group, we're discouraged and frightened by a widening gap between our desired self and our real self. We feel the tension pulling between our desired relationship with God — the desired emotions, the desired disciplines, the desired relationships — and the real. Even the threat of hell doesn't seem to light a fire under us, and it certainly doesn't inflame our hearts.
It feels like the solution should be simple — another round of repentance, a worship song, a special devotion. Something. Anything. But those things either don't feel effective or mysteriously elude us.
Here's a place to start — intentions to experiment with — when you feel spiritually stuck and alone:

Be honest about your heart. *Psalms 1-2* says: "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure."
Well, then. What a wonderful experience for David. But not all of us have been pulled from the bog yet. So what does it look like for us to encounter Christ when we can't yet praise God for pulling us out of our emotional marshland? It begins with honesty. Ask yourself, "If I had absolutely nothing to lose, what would I say to God?" Honesty is difficult, because sometimes it's buried beneath our own spiritual pretensions. Find the honesty in you — sift through your own heart like you're sifting for gold.
Honesty softens the heart and keeps us from becoming like the rich man in the parable. It's always better to light our own fire than to wait for others to do it for us — and not in a good way.

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Great Expectations
Excitement is in the air at the "Little Brown Church in the Wild Wood." Our church family is really looking forward to the "Unlock Revelation" Seminar. Greeters are being chosen, advertising is being done, and special music is being planned.
Most of all lots of prayers are going up

to our Wonderful God to bring precious people on Monday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. for the opening night of the seminar. Our speaker John Weston has been spending much time in Bible study for several weeks to be able to present each night's subject in an easy to understand way. We've heard him make the Bible come alive before, and know this will be no exception.

People who attended the Recovery Program will remember John as a likable friendship group leader.
We all need a Revival at times in our walk with the Lord, and this seminar will be just that. The days we are living in are solemn and important. Calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war

are great. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. Great changes are soon to take place in our world. Thinking men and woman have their attention fixed on events taking place around us, and recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place. The world is on the verge of a huge crisis.

Places of Worship

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541-592-3330

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
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Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
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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.

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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
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www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
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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 S. Redwood Hwy.
(in the County Building)
Pastor Steve Root
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
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Friday Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM



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