

Church News

Community Bible Church

Sept. 23
Matthew 24:3 (NKJV) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

What will happen the week of Sept. 23, 2017? The Jewish Feast of Trumpets falls in this week, and there is a unique stellar conjunction involving Jupiter. There are many who are excitedly proclaiming that this event will herald the end (at the risk of being redundant because we just had the solar eclipse event Aug. 21). Many are saying that this event is going to have a cataclysmic impact. I was trying to remember how many “events” over the past 40 years or so have actually had any major impact – except to get people excited.

Do I really believe there will be a heavenly sign portending the end of the age? Yes, I do; it was part of Peter’s message on the day of Pentecost. (*Acts 2:19*) I don’t know if this current heavenly event on Sept. 23 will come to anything, and even if it has cataclysmic consequences we can only observe.

There was a sign that occurred some years back (alright, many years back), and it affects every man, woman, and child. It was such a momentous event that it literally changed the world. It was an event which was prophesied, anticipated, rejected, and men tried to stop it. It was accompanied first by great sorrow and then by great joy. Millions of people rejoice in it and celebrate it across the world. It is the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, there would be no Christian faith as we know it. The apostle Paul put it this way in *1 Corinthians 15:14-20*: And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Everyone gets to make their own choice, but the Lord Jesus’ resurrection is a sign that should be of great importance to everyone. Just one more thought on cataclysmic events: I do believe that some major “event” is coming upon the whole earth – I just don’t know when. See you Sunday.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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

A.W.A.N.A. Wednesday, 6:15-8 p.m. PK - Grade 6

Community Christian Academy, Preschool – 12th grade

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

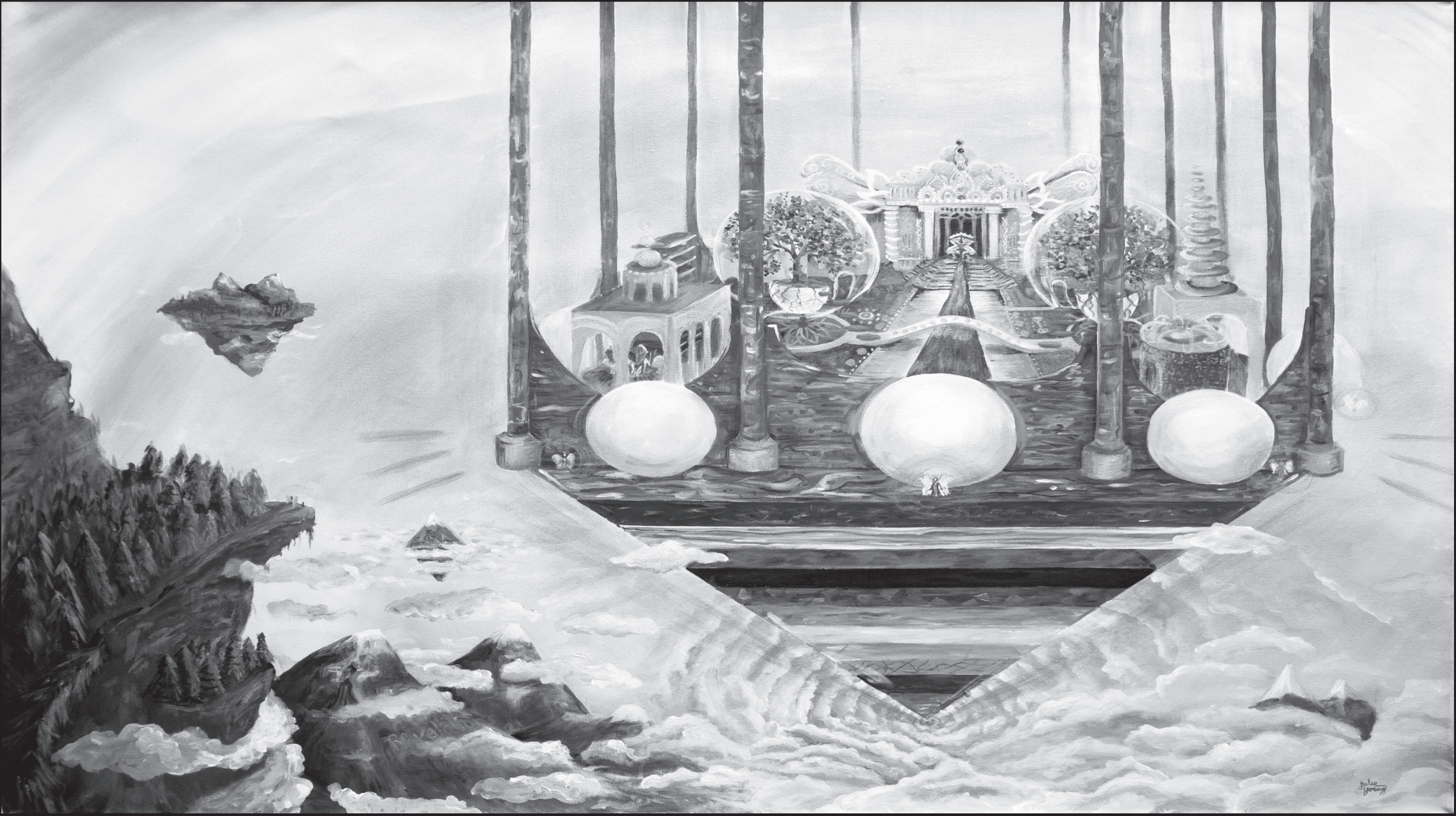
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Forgiveness
The forgiven can refuse to be forgiving. How often do we see that today? We see people hurting each other; failing to show mercy; and quick to bring suffering to those they think have done them wrong. Sad to say, it’s a common human reaction. People who are hurting can lash out and end up hurting other people. Those who are suffering can be quick to share the pain.
How many times have we heard friends or family members say: “I’ll never forgive him,” or “You don’t know what they did to me.” But as Christians, God expects more from us. God expects us to forgive.
It’s not surprising, and it’s not an unrea-

sonable request when we consider how God has forgiven us. Christians need to keep in mind the great value of our salvation; the price that was paid for our forgiveness. Winning salvation for humanity wasn’t easy. Jesus paid the ultimate price for our forgiveness. To mark ‘paid’ to our debt, it took Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross. Our forgiveness cost Him his life.
That sacrifice deserves more than some superficial, perfunctory kind of forgiveness. It deserves real gratitude because we’ve come to Jesus with a debt we couldn’t pay and been forgiven. And it deserves translating our gratitude for the forgiveness we’ve received into forgiveness for others. We need to pay it

forward and offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us.
Anger and lack of forgiveness only hurts us. When it comes to resentment, jealousy and prolonged anger, we make – or fail to make – the decision about whether to let it go. That’s why forgiveness is so important. God who knows us, who made us, who created us, understands that we can’t carry resentment and still maintain our relationships; either with Him or with others. So, He offers us a way to let it go.
We can forgive because God is in charge. We don’t need to make excuses for it, or try to forget it or get over, we can turn it over to God; confident that He will take charge of it

and handle it. It’s not easy to forgive, but God in His grace gives us the power to do it if we give it to Him.
I know that some of you are thinking, “How can I let the person who injured me off the hook? They have some responsibility here, too.” I’m not telling you to let them off the hook. I’m telling you to put them on God’s hook. Put them in God’s hands, and say, “God, I can’t handle this. You can. I forgive them and I leave it to You.”
Sometimes forgiveness seems bigger than we are; more than we can handle on our own. But we don’t have to handle it on our own. Lay it on the Lord. He’s ready to help. Just ask Him.



This painting by Julie Young is about the City of Love. “It is a new world that rises up and allows all with acceptance and an abundance of love. This beautiful new world is where we want to be in our hearts. The world we are living in has much fear and hate drifting around, and we need more love for each other in our hearts to help mend the tears of the hate.” To view this painting in its abundance of color and to find the word *Revelations* hidden in the painting you can visit www.artbyjulieyoung.com.

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.bridgeviewcc.org

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

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

Illinois Valley Praise Center
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ
Non-denominational
Bible-believing Church
Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Seekers 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
11911 Redwood Hwy.
Wonder, Ore.
Sunday worship 10 a.m.
Non-denominational Bible
believing Church
Sunday School Nursery
Youth group meets
Sunday 6:30 p.m.

Wonder Bible Chapel
11911 Redwood Hwy.
Wonder, Ore.
Sunday worship 10 a.m.
Non-denominational Bible
believing Church
Sunday School Nursery
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Sunday 6:30 p.m.

BINGO FOR AGES 8 & UP
Wednesdays
Early Bird 6 - 6:30PM
17 Games 6:30 - 9:30PM
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open to the public

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