

# Church News

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

### The Reformation – A Revolution of Faith

Grace is a tough subject, because we expect – or even demand - it for ourselves, but we're far less gracious when other people get it instead of us. Speeding tickets are a great example. An overwhelming majority of us are upset when someone else manages to get out of a well-deserved ticket. Instead of recognizing the concept of grace, we're deeply offended that someone else would receive mercy, especially if we haven't received it in a similar situation.

We feel that, somehow, we've been on the receiving end of an injustice, even though we've been treated in accordance with the law. "It's not fair," we whine, cops should either let everyone off, or not let anyone off at all!" But equal application of the law isn't really our point. We just resent grace when other people get it!

The Corinthians understood grace: unmerited forgiveness offered freely as a gift. But they abused it. They thought that, since they were under grace, they could do anything they wanted. NO

MORE LAW! The apostle Paul rebuked them for abandoning the commandments of God, and becoming just as corrupt as the pagans they lived among.

The Galatians, on the other hand, believed in salvation through works. But like the older brother in the Prodigal Son Parable, they resented grace as "getting off easy" and demanded obedience to the law while they worked for their heavenly inheritance.

So, in *Galatians 3:19* when Paul asks the rhetorical question of what purpose the law serves, he answers

it by saying that in terms of the history of redemption, the law was intended to be the schoolmaster to drive people to Christ. It's purpose is to show us our shortcomings and sins. And by showing us our sin, to show us our need for a Savior.

As we focus on Christ, and his holiness our unworthiness is cast into even greater relief. The problem for most of us, though, is we like to evaluate our performance by looking at those around us. "I'm better than that guy," or "I'm not as nasty as she is." But we're just fooling ourselves. That's why God gives

us the Law as an absolute standard. Not because we can fulfill it on our own (WE CAN'T!). But to help us to understand just how far short we really fall and to make us truly thankful for God's gift of grace.

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it's good to remember that, through his word and Sacrament, grace is exactly what God offers us today. That's what Martin Luther understood 500 years ago. And that's what started a revolution of faith that continues even today.

## Community Bible Church

### Noah

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

*Genesis 6:8*

There is currently an expedition that is either being conducted or will soon be conducted as part of a search for Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat in Turkey. The flood of Noah's day is one of the most contested of biblical accounts. In our Sunday morning church services we are looking at the biblical account of Noah and the conditions in the days in which he lived. The Bible records in *Genesis 6:12*, "So God looked upon the earth and indeed it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth."

The implication of this verse is that there was a right way to live on the earth, a way approved by God. All the people of earth had followed a corrupted way, not God's way. *Genesis 6:9* says in part, "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generation. Noah walked with God." Perfect does not mean sinless – no one is sinless except Jesus – but it means that Noah sought the Lord with his whole heart.

Why the destruction of "all flesh"? I believe that God, who knows all things, saw that there was no hope for mankind at that point in time, and rather than allowing a

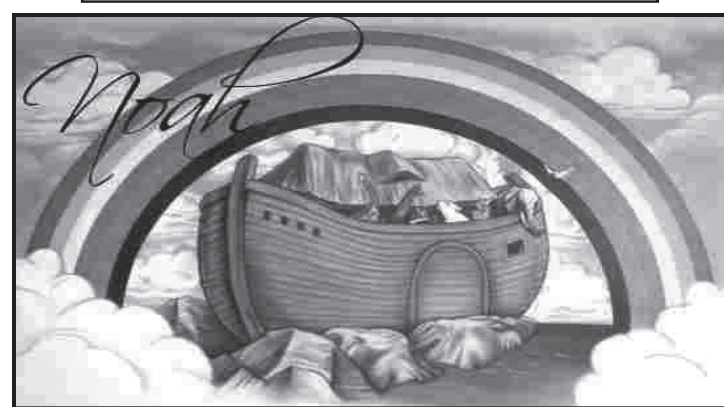
slow, agonizing death for those alive then and in generations to come, God made an end to that which could not be redeemed and chose to preserve Noah, who walked with Him. Now I realize that there are those who believe the flood never happened and that it's all a fantastic tale. There is evidence that is worthy of examination. There are flood accounts recorded in many – at least 200 – of the world's cultures. There are several accounts of ark sightings from ancient times. One ancient historian, Berosus, who was also a Chaldean priest, speaks of the ark; Josephus, a Jewish historian, speaks of others who knew about the ark. Even in our time, there are those who claim to have seen the ark. Jesus spoke of Noah and the flood as historical and true in *Matthew 24:37-39*. Jesus also said that the end times would be like the days of Noah. If you want to know the truth about Noah, read the chapters 5-9 of Genesis in the Bible. Hope to see you Sunday.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

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

Wednesday Prayer 11:00 a.m.  
A.W.A.N.A. Wednesdays  
6:15-8 p.m. PK to Grade 6

Community Christian Academy  
Preschool – 12th grade



## Seventh-day Adventist Church

### Fresh Day Music

*inspire. hope. share.*

Scott Michael Bennett is an inspirational young singer whose sincere goal is to dramatically inspire people of all ages to reach for a higher life with God as its center and other people as its focus. He began to sing at the age of 15 and then worked hard to earn his associate degree in the Liberal Arts with Music Emphasis at the age of 18. He graduated a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude with high honors. He learned his father's trade in Information Technology Network Support and worked for nearly 7 years in this field. He was a member of the acclaimed and Grammy Award winning Phoenix Symphony Chorus and Arizona State University's debut of its Men's Chorus. While a member of ASU's Men's Chorus, he was an officer with responsibilities that included advertising and recruiting.

In 2001 he won the National Young Artists' Competition in the Vocal Performance category singing two Shakespearean songs with full-orchestral accompaniment. In 2002, at the age of 19, Scott recorded

and released his debut album "O Glorious Love", recorded at Gaither Studios. This album contains fresh reinventions of some familiar hymns as well as some lesser known songs and is a favorite among Scott's fans. His second album, "Come As You Are" is a deeper creation that many listeners describe as "moving" and "inspirational." Many have shared that they would listen to this album and find themselves moved to tears as they envisioned the messages conveyed in his songs.

Though Christian focused music has been his passion, Scott has a powerful voice and shares a love and special ability to sing inspirational music ballads, classical opera, and lighter styles; and though his style is very personal and unique, he is always noted for his very passionate musical expression. In his own words: "I feel every emotion one can feel, when I sing."

Scott also has a love for kids and this led him to provide aid for and visit orphan children in Honduras, Cuba and 250 refugee children in the Republic of Georgia. He was a loved camp counselor for nearly 5 years teaching Science classes to 150 campers

each week here at home in Michigan.

Currently, Scott has chosen music to be his career path and life calling. In the summer of 2008, he quit his IT job, and since then, has focused solely on building his life around music. He has traveled across the United States sharing moving concerts in churches, gymnasiums, and performing arts centers. His music has traveled the country and even taken him to Hawaii, and the Cayman Islands. He has shared concerts with nearly 600 teenagers and their staff at a youth retreat in Grayling, Michigan. He has been featured on It Is Written, Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) Hope Channel

(Hopem), SafeTV, Olelo Studios (Hawaiian Channel), and Amazing Facts.

Scott is very patriotic and sometimes includes a brief tribute to the men and women in Law Enforcement, EMTIEMS, Fire Fighters, Emergency Services Personnel, Veterans, our troops both here and abroad. He has sung at the Pentagon and sings annually for a local Veterans Day program and September 11th memorial program.

Recently, Scott married his best friend and sweetheart... a friend he's known for over 5 years before they realized a mutual interest in each other. Heather Bennett (formerly Kincaid) is a sweet, bubbly, and vibrant young person who is excited about every challenge around the corner. Scott and Heather's deep commitment to each other and to their spiritual growth has created a dynamic duo in ministry. Fresh Day Music grows everyday with Heather and Scott working side-by-side to inspire hope, and share deep and meaningful messages to people everywhere through use of passionate music, multimedia, and presentations.

We are currently booking concerts and would love to share our testimony at your church or event. Please contact us at Fresh Day Music if you are interested in more information. Feel free to visit our website at [www.scottmichaelbennett.com](http://www.scottmichaelbennett.com).

**Don't miss the Free Concert Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Cave Junction SDA Church, 265 S. Old Stage Rd.**

## 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](http://www.bridgeviewcc.org)

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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

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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

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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](http://www.ivpraisecenter.com)

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Office: 541-592-3896  
Email: [cbccca@gmail.com](mailto:cbccca@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Academy  
Pre-K to 12th grade  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

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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

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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

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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](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net)

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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](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
541-592-6160

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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

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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

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Illinois Valley Baptist Church  
541-592-6149  
102 S. Redwood Hwy.  
(in the County Building)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer  
& Youth Program 7:00 PM  
Ladies Bible Study  
Call for info

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Wonder Bible Chapel  
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.



The fallow minded Christian is an interesting lot. Little does he understand the size of the multitudes in the biblical stories. Especially when they were with the disciples for three days. *Mathew 15 verse 32*. The number of the multitude is not given, *Mathew 15 verse 38*, only the ones they counted. The small boy with the fishes and loafs was not counted. How many more were there not counted? This is interesting, *Mathew 14 verse 21-Mark 6 verse 44-Luke 9 verse 14-John 6 verse 10*, all record 5,000. This number is chosen for some reason by the scribes. In *Mark 8 verse 14 to 21* Christ chides the disciples for not understanding the feeding 5,000 and picking up 12 baskets of refuse, and feeding the 4,000 they picked up only seven baskets of refuse. More numbers in the stories that have meaning, *Mathew 14 verse 17-Mark 6 verse 41-Luke 9 verse 13-John 6 verse 9*. To be clear on the numbers *Mathew 16 verse 9*, Christ notes five loafs for the 5,000, and seven loafs for the 4,000. Do you discern the meanings of the numbers in the stories?

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