

Church News

Community Bible Church

The God Box

“20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Most of the world believes in a small god – one that is fashioned after the physical and mental characteristics of man. This is a god that can do very little but watch the world travel along to whatever destination man brings it to. The Bible tells us about the God of the universe – a God who is all powerful, all knowing, just, and yet a God who loves His creation. This is a God who is present everywhere, who in a massive display of power and wisdom created not just this planet and this galaxy but the whole universe. This Almighty God also is so intimately acquainted with His creation that He knows the number of hairs on our heads and notices even when the sparrow falls. *Matthew 10:29-30* “29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one

of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”

I have a box – it’s a nice box with a yellow flower painted on it – I call it my God box. Sometimes in my life I look at things and think, “This is impossible, it can’t be done,” and there’s my God box. I just put God in a box that fits my limited thinking and knowledge. God is greater than any box or for that matter, greater than anything. Our problem is that we fail to acknowledge His greatness; we even fail to comprehend it. The Bible tells us in *Luke 1:37* that “with God nothing will be impossible,” but it also tells us in *Hebrews 11:6* that “without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Maybe in 2018 we should seek Him! See you Sunday.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Wednesday, Jan. 10
A.W.A.N.A.
6:15 - 8 p.m.
Preschool to Grade 6

Saturday, January 13
Planning Your Garden for Preserving
2 p.m. – Dining Room
Free - All are welcome to come

Sunday, Jan. 14
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – 12th grade

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



Seventh-day Adventist Church

Buried Treasure

Back in the days of Jesus it was a custom for people to hide their treasures in the ground. There were many thefts and robberies. Also when there was a change in the ruling power, anyone that had lots of money and possessions would be taxed heavily. Then there was always danger of marauding armies. As a result people who had money and riches tried to conceal it. The earth was looked upon as a safe hiding place. Often the hiding place was forgotten, or the owner died, or maybe they were in prison or in exile where he was separated from his treasure. And often the wealth he had taken such pains to preserve was left for the fortunate finder. In Jesus’ day it was common for people to discover hidden treasure in neglected land.

For instance a man could rent a field to cultivate. One day while he was plowing with his oxen, his plow hit something hard and stopped. When the man tried to dig around it, he realized it was a wooden box. When he finally unearthed the chest, and was able to open the lid, his eyes bugged out in surprise as he saw an expensive treasure in the chest.

When reality sank in, he realized that a fortune was within his reach. Restoring the gold to its hiding place, he returned home and to the amazement of his wife and family sold their home and everything they had so he could gather enough money to buy the field.

His family and friends thought he had lost his mind, but he knew what he was doing. When he finally had the deed to the property in his hand, he claimed the treasure he had found.

In this story Jesus told in *Matthew 13:44* the treasure represents the Holy Scriptures. The deepest treasures of the gospel are hidden. The Bible is the mine of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Many people think that human wisdom is higher than the wisdom to the divine Teacher and God’s lesson book is looked upon as stale and uninteresting. But those who are made alive by the Holy Spirit see its priceless treasure, and will sell all to buy the field that contains it.

As we study the word of God more deeply, we will discover the inexhaustible treasure. The greatest treasure we will uncover is more about Jesus. Our minds will be made

alive by the Holy Spirit. Those who want to find treasures of truth must dig for them as a miner digs for the treasure hidden in the earth.

As we study the Scriptures, we should pray for the light of God’s Holy Spirit to shine upon the Word, that we may see and appreciate the treasure.

What are the rewards for searching scripture? In Jesus’ prayer He says “This is life eternal that they might know You (Father God) and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” *John 17:3* Knowing Jesus and His Father God is eternal life!

This treasure may be found by everyone who will give all to get it. “If you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding; if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures, then shall you understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” *Prov. 2:3-5*

In this new year let’s take the opportunity to unearth God’s word and dig deeply for the blessings He wants to give us. We will not be disappointed!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Come On In! The Water’s fine!

In Jesus’ Baptism, we are given a do-over. Have you ever had one of those days when you wanted to take a mulligan and start again? I remember someone telling me one time, “You know, I’ve had a bad decade. There are so many things I wish I could go back and do differently.”

Whether it’s a day or a decade there are times when we wish we could back up and do things differently. Choose different words to speak, or act in a different way.

Wishing we could do things differently, and the deeper wish to be a different creation,

is really the wish for a first day. First days are filled with light, and hold the promise of everything that might be. There is an excitement, a newness, and innocence; they are vibrant, alive, full of dreams and possibilities. I imagine that is how God looked at the first day of creation.

Sometimes I hear people say, “Oh, I wish I could go back and” They’re looking for that first day. But we can’t go back to the way it was. First day wishing, however, isn’t about turning back time. It’s about becoming a new creation, a new being. Ultimately, it’s about returning to the waters of Jesus’ baptism.

Through Jesus, our humanity was present there in the Jordan and was baptized as well. In that act, our humanity was recreated; a new first day. We became a new creation, a new being.

Every time we return to the baptismal waters we claim our identity in Jesus as beloved sons and daughters. God again manifests and reveals himself in humanity. Every time we return to our baptismal waters we return to that first day of light, love, life, and the promise of all that might be.

Whatever your life has been or might now be, the baptismal waters await you. So,

return to the water. Let the waters of God’s life wash and rid you of fear, resentment, and despair.

Cannonball into the mercy of God. Immerse yourself in the water of God’s love. Splash in the waves of God’s forgiveness. Backstroke through the pool of God’s grace. Dive deep into the gift of having been created in the image and likeness of God. Drift in the stillness of God’s peace. These are the waters of new birth.

It’s time to remember the waters of baptism and immerse ourselves once again. So, come on in; the water’s fine!

The group in the narrative at the Cross, may be different than usually told. The Christ says in *Math 26 v 31* and *Mark 14 v 27*, the apostles will all scatter. The only record of Christ seeking a home for His Mother is told in the Apostle John’s book. The story on the streets is that Christ gave His Mother to the Apostle to take care. John’ story in his book, has the only narrative of the Christ raising Lazarus from the dead. John wrote further how much Jesus loved Lazarus, *John 11 v 36*. The evidence for this investigation, we are using the words of Christ. We are using the story of the raising of Lazarus, submitted by the Apostle John. The fact that he related the story how much Christ loved Lazarus, we are considering as evidence. Other notes on this investigation, we are not using your understanding of the search for the caretaker. Other entries not used, *Psalms 88 v 8, Zech 13 v 7, Luke 23 v 49, Job 30 v 10, Math 4 v 21*, James and John left their father and the fishing boat and followed Christ. They had no job. John followed Christ for three years, there is little likely that he was able to amass enough for a home to harbor the mother of Him. Christ was ten years the senior of John. The passage *John 13 v 23* may be John. Christ had great love for the young man, he had taken the vow of celibacy. John is the scribe that always was in the spiritualism of the narrative. Example is when dying on the cross, Christ said “it is finished.” This alludes to the Baptist moving in his mother’s womb when he heard the mother of Him had conceived. The plan the Father in Heaven had made for this group was accomplished. The forgiveness of sins.

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541-592-3330

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200 Watkins St., CJ
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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
Located in the old Chapel
on Lister St.
(between Caves Ave
& Junction Ave)
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer
& Youth Program 7:00 PM
Ladies Bible Study
Call for info

Wonder Bible Chapel
11911 Redwood Hwy.
Wonder, Ore.
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