

Florence Police warn of online rental scam

Florence Police Department (FPD) has become aware of a scam tactic being used locally in which Craigslist postings are advertising rental properties that are not actually for rent or under the control of the ad-poster.

The price advertised is often well below market price to attract even more prospective renters. Photographs of actual homes for rent or sale are often used in these ads.

When person's contact the ad-holder they are often directed to wire a deposit or application fee to the scammer, or

worse yet provide personal identifying information in order to proceed with renting the property.

Hopeful renters in turn lose their "deposit" and are also exposed to potential identity theft in the process.

Similar scams have been published in regional news recently.

FPD reminds prospective renters to use due diligence when conducting business in these type of online transactions, and reminds citizens, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Foursquare Church to hold garage sale today

Foursquare Church is hosting a garage sale today, May 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will purchase a

van to be used in the church's various ministries. Call 541-997-6337 for more information.



Do you ever wonder what your life would look like if fear didn't exist? For example, what if you had the confidence to pursue every passion God gave you? Just imagine for a moment what that would look like. Well, God gives us a special gift called faith so we can do amazing things for Him.

I want to encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and exercise that gift full time.

You see, faith gives us so much potential. It motivates us to move forward in the plans God has for us.

But fear is a feeling Satan uses to keep our focus inward. It makes us feel anxious, causes us to dread the future and it can keep us from saying and doing things that would reveal more of God's love to the world.

We need to learn to interrupt fear at its onset, before it begins to settle in our spirit. The choice is to either let Satan stop us in our tracks or to go forward in faith, believing God is in control.

The good news is, when we're struggling with fear, we can turn to God's Word for an inspiring, encouraging reality check.

Romans 8:31 (AMP) says, "If God is for us, who

Staying faithful, full time

[can be] against us?"

Psalms 27:1 says, "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation — whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?"

These scriptures are basically saying that if we believe God's Word, then we have already won.

Jesus tells us in Mark 11:22 that we are to have faith in God constantly.

God doesn't want you be fearful at any time. He wants you to be bold, confident, courageous and full of faith every day of your life — not just until you have a problem or until someone mistreats you.

There's no until. And no one can stop God from answering a prayer that lines up with His Word and His will for our life.

What faith does in times of waiting

Throughout the course of a lifetime, we spend a lot of time waiting. And that is often the case with prayer. We can spend years praying for something to happen.

And during that time, Satan will do everything he can to discourage us. He will try to convince us that God doesn't love us, that God's promises are for more worthy people, or that we didn't really hear from God in the first place.

But if we will just choose to trust God continually, we can keep moving forward in His plans for us.

The truth is, even if you don't see the fulfillment of every dream or desire of your heart here on earth, God will be pleased as you continue to believe in His perfect plan.

And in the meantime, your faith will fill you with hope, joy and peace. Isn't that wonderful?

Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing with hope."

Now if you knew me years ago, you would know that I wasn't always bubbling up with hope. In fact, I was in agony whenever God made me wait for anything, so I would always try to make things happen on my own. And it eventually wore me out.

I remember being on the floor sobbing, saying, "God, I've tried everything and nothing's working. I just give up!"

At that moment, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said: Really, Joyce? You mean, you're going to let Me take it from here?

You see, when we're ready to let go, God is right there to

fight our battles. We just need to learn to trust Him... and that comes through experience, as we take each new step of faith.

Overcoming opposition with consistency

Today, instead of trying to pray my problems away, I've learned to pray for things like strength and courage, and for the power to endure whatever comes with a good temper.

With God's help, I can choose faith every time I'm confronted with feelings of fear or intimidation.

Philippians 1:28 says, "And do not be frightened or intimidated in anything by your opponents and adversaries, for such will be a clear sign to them of destruction, but [a sure token and evidence] of your deliverance and salvation, and that from God."

With God's help, we can remain constant in the face of fear, putting one foot in front of the other... standing in faith full time.

Imagine again what it would be like to pursue your God-given passions in life. Don't let fear stop you! Keep seeking God.

Stir yourself up with scriptures on faith. And boldly say, "God is bigger. He's is working on my behalf, and I trust Him constantly."

Soups On to discuss medical treatment, pray

On Monday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from diverse spiritual paths who enjoy

discussing a variety of spiritual topics.

This week they will discuss medical treatment.

The Baha'i Writings say: "Do not neglect medical treatment when it is necessary, but leave it off when health has been restored. Treat disease through diet, by preference ... Abstain from drugs when health is good, but administer them when necessary."

The evening will begin with bowls of Thai chili, fruit, homemade warm bread and vegetables followed by the evening's topic

until 8:30 p.m.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The Heintz home is located at 875 Seventh St.

For more information call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.

Florence Universalists view film on stewardship, giving

On Sunday, May 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the group will be viewing a video of a talk given by Gini Courter to Walnut Creek's Mt. Diablo UU Church in California.

Courter's address focuses on the values people give and receive as Unitarian Universalists.

Humorous and insightful, Courter encourages all to appreciate who they are and what they offer our communities worldwide.

She also suggests how we

can support our churches financially and through volunteering.

"Stewardship is that desire to give back and pay it forward — to protect, preserve and maintain our churches, where we are held and where we hold others," Courter said.

All are welcome to attend each Sunday service.

The UU Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

For more information go to www.florenceuuf.org or call 541-997-2840.

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