

## Evangelical Church to host vacation Bible school

A Vacation Bible School will be held at Florence Evangelical Church.

Children entering first- to sixth-grade are welcome.

The school runs from Monday, July 6, through Friday, July 10, 9:30 a.m. to noon each day.

The VBS includes entertaining Bible lessons, crafts,

games and snacks.

There is a family program Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m.

The church is at 1318 Rhododendron Drive, one block west of Highway 101.

Pre-registration is encouraged.

For more information, or to register your child, call Annette at 541-997-5159.



The book of Genesis (chapters 37-45) tells the story of Joseph. He was the favorite of his father's 12 sons, and his brothers were very jealous of him because of it. One day when Joseph shared a dream he'd had of them all bowing down to him ... well, that was the last straw.

The brothers threw Joseph into a pit to leave him there to die. But later they decided to sell him into slavery to a band of traveling Ishmaelite merchants. They then devised a plan to convince their father of Joseph's death.

As you may know, this story ends much differently. Joseph becomes second in command to Pharaoh, is eventually reunited

## Between the pit and the palace

with his family and all is forgiven.

What happened to Joseph is proof that no matter what you go through in life, you can fulfill God's purpose for you. All things are possible with God.

But the part of his story we really need to focus on is what happened between the pit and the palace. Joseph's life took several turns during that time. But the one attribute of his character that brought him to this victorious end was perseverance. Because of Joseph's faith in God, he never gave up.

Quitting is not an option. We may fall into a pit every so often. It could be a pit of sickness, financial lack, relationship issues or other problems. Whenever that happens, you need to be determined that whatever the situation may be, you will not give up.

Remember that testimonies come by passing tests. Jesus even told us, "In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer. For I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 AMP).

It is inevitable that you will go through hard things. Sometimes you might even feel like giving up. But if you can just hold on and trust God through it all, He can restore you. He can take all the bad and make good of it (see Romans 8:29). He can even give you double for your trouble. (See Isaiah 61:7.)

In the meantime, your perspective while in your "pit" can make a big difference.

Remember, it's a time of testing, a time when your character is being developed.

It's vitally important for you to trust Him during this time, because He is working in your heart to make you more like Christ. And the good news is you don't have to flunk a test with God; you can get "do-overs."

So when you're in your pit and you're hurting, the best advice I can give you is, don't give up:

- Fight the temptation to think there's no way out of your situation. Jesus is the Way. This is your time to draw close and follow Him.

- Avoid blaming God or thinking He is punishing you for some sin. He is just using the situation to work in your life. And while it may not always feel good, His purpose will always be for your good.

- Do what's right even when you're hurting, when it doesn't feel right or when others treat you badly. Do something good for as many people as you can as often as you can.

- Don't withdraw and sulk or isolate yourself from others. Remember, you can be pitiful or powerful but you can't be both. Many times, God may use others to encourage you in this time.

- Keep your word. Honor your commitments. This is a character building time and you are being prepared to take your place in the "palace."

Shake it off.

Maybe you've heard the story of a donkey that fell into a pit. His owner thought about it and decided the pit was too deep and the donkey was old, so he would just go on and bury him there. He called some friends and neighbors to help and they began to shovel dirt into the pit.

At first the donkey cried out, obviously terrified of his situation. Later his owner noticed that he'd gotten quiet and thought he'd probably already died. But the donkey had not died.

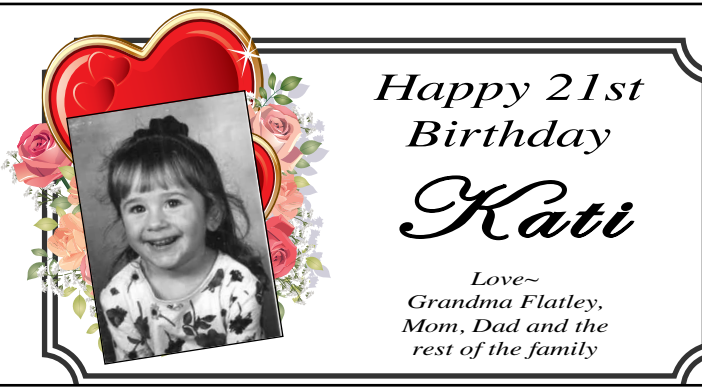
When the owner looked down in the pit, he saw that every time dirt fell on its back, the donkey would shake it off and step on it, packing it down under his hoofs. This continued for hours until finally, the donkey had packed the dirt enough to lift himself up — and out of that pit.

We can learn something from that donkey.

Life will throw dirt on us from time to time. It may be in relationships or our finances or health.

This is a time to learn how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

He will show you how to shake off the dirt and step up, giving you glimpses of His glory in each step you take from your pit to your palace.



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## Soups On to discuss war, women Monday

Monday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group of friends, world thinkers, artists, poets and misfits who like to chew on life's big questions.

This week the subject will be "War and Women?"

The Baha'i Writings state that "...war and its ravages have blighted the world; the education of woman will be a mighty step toward its abolition and ending, for she will use her whole influence against war."

The side effects of attending "Soups On" may include a change in the way you think about what it means to be human.

The evening will begin with bowls of tortilla meatball soup, fruit, homemade 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.

## UU to recap UUA General Assembly visit

Sunday, July 5, the worship service at Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will be led by UU members Walt Staton and April and David Dumas. They will share some of the experiences they had at the recently concluded 54th Annual UUA General Assembly held in Portland.

The theme for this conference was "Building a New Way."

Staton, the Dumas couple and thousands of other UU attendees from all over the world were inspired and encouraged with new ways of

participating in congregations, responding to the needs of community and living a life of authentic, courageous compassion.

All are welcome to attend each worship service. The UU Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101, at Heceta Beach Road, and is wheelchair accessible.

Each Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 11 a.m. with refreshments and fellowship.

For more information, visit [www.florenceuu.org](http://www.florenceuu.org) or call 541-997-2840.

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