

B&G Club director to speak at FUUF Sunday

This Sunday, Jan. 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Chuck Trent, the executive director for the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, will be the guest speaker during the worship service.

"Today, our youth face seemingly insurmountable odds. Nationwide, one in four will not graduate, one in five live in poverty and 170 juveniles are arrested each hour," Trent said. "The top three issues teens say they are facing today are bullying, substance abuse and violence."

Trent will be sharing how the Boys and Girls Club provides a safe, positive

environment in which kids have fun, participate in life-changing programs and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

"We have an opportunity to help give the gift of a great future to our kids in Florence. All it takes is one person to care," said Trent.

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

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

For more information, visit www.uuflorence.org or call 541-997-2840.



The Bible repeatedly tells us that God is our helper. The question is, do we really trust God to help us? It's easy to respond right away that we trust Him, but when it comes to practically applying this truth to our everyday life — leaning on the Holy Spirit to help us in every area of our lives — we often struggle to do it.

As born-again believers in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit — God's Spirit — lives in our spirit.

In John 16:7, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is our "Comforter" and that He wants "to be in close fellowship" with us (AMPC).

It's so important for us to

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know that we can have a close, intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, that He will communicate with us.

I went to church for many years and had no idea that I could overcome my problems and live with real peace and joy because the Holy Spirit lived in my spirit. It was life-changing for me when I got the revelation that He wanted to lead me in God's will for my life and He would enable me to do everything I needed to do.

The truth is if we really believe God is our helper and He's willing to help us no matter what situation we're in, then we have no reason to worry or get overwhelmed.

I'll let you in on another secret: You need to ask God for help because the Holy Spirit is not the type to barge into your

life and take over.

The Holy Spirit knows the answer to every problem, and He will even help you through each one. But He won't give you His advice unless you ask for it. In other words, the humble get the help.

God not only wants to help us with our big problems, He also wants to help us with the little things in life. That's wonderful news because sometimes we allow the little things to get us frustrated and upset. One of the best ways to go through the day is to pray often, "Help me, Lord. Help me. Help me!"

In the Psalms, we frequently see King David going to God for help. For example, Psalm 40:13 (AMPC) says, "Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me!"

Notice that David was not only bold enough to ask God for help, but he was also confident that God would answer his prayers. We can learn from that too.

In Psalm 43:5 (AMPC), David says, "Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the help of my countenance, and my God."

You and I have so many opportunities to feel sad or discouraged and have a bad atti-

tude, but God wants us to stay strong in Him, like David did. Those who do will eventually come out on top, because there's no way the enemy can hold you back if you will trust God and keep your hope in Him.

It's comforting to know God will help you get through the hard times of life. His grace and strength will sustain you while you're waiting for your breakthrough.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) says we can "approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Psalm 23:3 (AMPC) says, "He refreshes and restores my life; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

When you're hurting, in trouble, or waiting for answers in your life, you need to believe that your Helper, the Holy Spirit is with you and He wants to help you. Stay in close fellowship with Him and ask Him for the help you need. No matter what the circumstances may look like, believe He is working on your behalf.

He is your Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby.

He's everything you need, and He's just waiting for you to ask.

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On Monday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from diverse spiritual paths that enjoys discussing a variety of spiritual topics.

This week it will discuss humility.

A Baha'i Prayer says, "I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to worship Thee. I testify, at this moment, to my powerlessness and to Thy might, to my poverty and to Thy wealth. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-sustaining."

The evening will begin with bowls of clam chowder, warm homemade bread, fruit 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.

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